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Bryan, Tan top BSHS Class of 2018



Courtesy photos

Big Spring High School 2018 Valedictorian Abbey Bryan, left, and Salutatorian Britney Tan.

Special to the Herald

Walking into BSHS as a 14 year old freshman can be highly intimidating. The sheer size of the school, coupled with the more than 1,000 students and over 100 faculty and staff are enough to scare any student.

As the four years of high school progress, the challenge of balancing coursework, extracurricular activities and a personal life takes its toll. Some break under the weight of this pressure, while others thrive in it.

For seniors Abbey Bryan and Britney Tan, thrive is an understatement. Bryan and Tan were named the BSHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of

2018, respectively.

Bryan is the daughter of Susan and Larry Bryan. She will be attending Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas in pursuit of an engineering degree.

"I'm really happy," Bryan said with a large grin across her face. "I've wanted this for so long."

Bryan is no stranger to the dedication that is required to become a valedictorian. "My mom and brother were both valedictorians," she said. "I wanted to follow in their footsteps."

The race for the top spot was a close one, and Bryan admits to being nervous about the outcome.

"I never wanted to try and call [who won valedictorian]," she said. "Britney is

good competition and could easily pass me if I made a mistake."

Bryan would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her through all of the stress and anxiety that came with earning the top spot for the Class of 2018.

During her tenure at BSHS, Bryan has been very involved. She participated in band for four years, earning the position of drum major for three years. She is a three time solo and ensemble state qualifier, three time All-State clarinet player, four time All-Area qualifier, and 2016 gold medalist at the State Wind Ensemble.

She competed in number sense where she is a former

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Considering Campus Carry

BSISD to hold public meetings on Guardian Plan

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Given the recent proliferation of deadly school shootings, should school faculty and staff have the option to protect themselves and their students by carrying concealed firearms?

It's a question many school districts are grappling with. In fact, two of the three school districts in Howard County already have provisions in place which allow some faculty and staff members to carry firearms in the course of a regular school day. The third - Big Spring Independent School District - will hold two "Campus Carry" community meet-

ings this month, the first tonight at Goliad Elementary School, 1801 S. Goliad St.; and the other May 9 at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place. Both meetings are scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

According to a post on the BSISD Facebook page, "The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the possibility of allowing some of our staff members to carry firearms on our campuses. We will go into detail discussing the research done on this program, as well as the discussions that have taken place in previous school board meetings."

The post invites everyone in the community to attend

one or both of the meetings and listen to or participate in discussion on the topic.

"It's been discussed by our board," said Big Spring ISD Assistant Superintendent George Bancroft. "They're going to have a couple of public meetings where people can come and express their opinion on the issue. I know our board is exploring that as an option to better insure the safety of our students. My understanding is that Forsan and Coahoma already do it. The Guardian plan. That's exactly what we're looking at."

Currently, more than 170 of Texas' 1,031 school

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Amphitheater meeting considers future of historic venue



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

About 15 people showed up at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater Tuesday evening to discuss and share their opinions on proposed improvements to the venue. Here, architect Kelly Cook, designer of the Historic Spring Restoration Project, talks about the project and what will be required to make it a reality.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

About 15 people, including several community leaders such as County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Director Debbye Valverde, Big Spring Community Services Director Debbie Wegman, and United Way Director Meghan Bias, showed up at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater Tuesday evening to hear about proposed improvements to the 80-year-old structure, originally built by Public Works Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps crews in the 1930s.

Concert Promoter Barney Dodd of Big Spring's BAD Events is heading up the push to provide a roof, air-conditioned green room/dressing room, and wrought-iron fencing for the amphitheater. He

plans to raise money from private sources rather than requesting public tax money for the project, selling temporary naming and signage rights at the amphitheater to businesses that contribute to the improvements.

"We are going to sell the naming rights, so it will be the 'Comanche Trail so-and-so company Amphitheater,'" Dodd said. "That will not be perpetual. They will have to renew it, just like the AT&T Stadium, so after each period that's designated, if they want to continue to have the naming rights, they'll have to re-enlist. That way, we can continue making improvements. We're also going to have sponsorships available, where we're going to have some signs. It's not going to look like a Little League ballpark where you

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SMMC Hospital Week events

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has been moving and shaking things up this past year and with the National Hospital Week coming up, there is an opportunity for the community to find out what is going on inside the local hospital.

"We have been busy recruiting quality providers, adding new service lines and improving processes in an effort to improve the patient experience. We understand that when our visitors come and see us, they are not in the best state - whether it's visiting a friend or making a visit for their own health - and we want to make sure that the experience they have is the best possible," SMMC CEO Emma Krabill, said.

Meeting the community healthcare needs is a big focus for Scenic Mountain. During

this year's celebration of National Hospital and Nursing Week, SMMC has scheduled a week filled with activities focused on celebrating the employees who are tasked with providing quality, compassionate care to the community. In addition, there are opportunities that will allow the community to take part in the celebration and see firsthand the changes that have been taking place.

"In a time of change in health care, Scenic Mountain Medical Center's staff continues to accept new challenges as opportunities to better serve the needs of our patients, to develop innovative approaches to providing quality health care services, and to positively influence patients and their families along their health care journey," Krabill said. "We invite the community to join us in our events this week, especially our open house which will allow for tours, and an opportunity to ask questions about the different services offered in Big Spring."

The Open House will take place Wednesday, May 9 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Directors will be available to answer any

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Obituaries

Raymond Lee Swafford



Raymond Lee Swafford, 64, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family on April 30, 2018. There will be a Celebration of his life at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 3rd, at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring with Chad Mitchell and Mark Umstot, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 31, 1953, in Big Spring, Texas. He was a resident of Big Spring most of his life and was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. He later resided in Midland and recently relocated to Abilene. He was employed by Superod in Big Spring. Raymond lived life to the fullest. It was not uncommon to find him picking away at his guitar, singing his favorite songs and making jokes with his friends. He loved every second he spent with his family, but above all, Raymond loved his Savior.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Swafford of Abilene; his son, Cash Rainer and his wife Whitney of Gunter; and three daughters, Mitzi Umstot

and her husband Mark of Lubbock, Mindi Lambert and her husband John of Pflugerville and Tracy Barnett of San Angelo; his mother, Neoma J. Clanton of Big Spring; two brothers, Bill Swafford and his wife Jane of Coahoma and Larry Swafford and his wife Jennan of Big Spring. He was loved tremendously by ten grandchildren, one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his late wife Janie Swafford, his daughter Cheyenne Rainer, his sister Ruth Graham and his father Vernon Swafford.

Following the ceremony, the family will receive visitors at the Big Spring Country Club at 2401 Driver Road.

The family would like to thank Dr. John Mathews and his staff, as well as the nurses at Medical City Dallas Cancer Unit, for their wonderful care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: The American Cancer Society, 2438 Industrial #143, Abilene, Texas 79605.

Pallbearers will be Bill Swafford, Larry Swafford, Don Hopson, Pete Robinson, Scott Emerson and Russ Rutledge.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Karen Ruth Cox

Karen Ruth Cox, 64, of Lubbock, formerly of Garden City died Friday, April 27, 2018, in a Lubbock nursing home. Graveside inurnment services will be 1 p.m., Saturday, May 5, 2018, at the Garden City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, May 4, 2018, at the funeral home.

She is survived by two sons, Jason Cox of Sterling City, and Michael Cox of New Braunfels; a daughter, Collene Cox of Muleshoe; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JACKIE JOE-KYLE KIRKHAM**, 24, of 2410 Old West Hwy 80, was arrested on warrants of speeding in school zone, bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **MICHAEL RAY GRIEGO**, 23, of 1201 Mulberry Ave., was arrested on a warrant with another

agency.

- **JOANNA HERNANDEZ LOPEZ**, 50, of 1504 Sycamore, was arrested on warrants of failure to identify, two counts theft of property, failure to appear, and on a warrant with another agency.
- **TRACEY DAWN JUAREZ**, 26, of 511 NW 8th ST., was arrested on a warrant of theft of property in between \$750 and \$750.

- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported on 5th and Park.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of S Birdwell Lane.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of W I 20.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.

Take Note

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families.

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

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791.

Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in 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 foreclo-

sure help, call the hotline.

- Legal Aid of North-West Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support 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.

- 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.

Dalton "Dogie" White

Dalton "Dogie" White, 98, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 1, 2018, in a Lubbock hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory

Tommy Dwain Sullivan



Tommy Dwain Sullivan was born Oct. 13, 1959, to Caleb Joshua Sullivan and Gwendolyn Jean Bayless in Big Spring, Texas. He died Monday, April 30, 2018, at his home surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Valerie Sullivan; his three children, Ginger Herrod and husband, Dustin, Joshua Sullivan and wife, Louann, and Shawna Privett all of Big Spring; five grandchildren; three sisters; and two brothers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2018, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local Volunteer Fire Department or to Pancreatic Cancer Research.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

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- **JOANNA HERNANDEZ LOPEZ**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of failure to identify, two counts theft of property, failure to appear, and on a warrant with another agency.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on I 20 and MM 172. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 4900 block of US Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 3rd and Owens. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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district champion and two-time regional qualifier.

Bryan is a member of the National Honor Society, currently serving as President of the BSHS chapter.

Bryan led the Lady Steer golf team, advancing to state this year and qualifying for regionals every year. She has earned all-district honors four-times. Bryan will continue her golf career at Harding University.

In addition to her academic and extracurricular achievements, Bryan is a frequent volunteer in the Big Spring community, volunteering with HEB's Feast of Sharing, Lamun Lusk Retirement Home, Happy Day Humane Society, VA Medical Center, and the Howard County Library.

Tan is the daughter of Tantika and Cheng Tan. She plans on majoring in media studies at Pomona College in Claremont, California.

"I'm grateful that all of my hard work has paid off," Tan said. "I'm excited to see what the future holds for me."

While being disappointed in coming just short of the Valedictorian title,

Tan looks forward to the opportunities that await her as a media student.

Similar to Bryan, Tan also gives credit to her parents for pushing her to succeed.

"No one pushes me as hard as my parents," Tan said. "It may have been frustrating at first, but I appreciate it. I wouldn't do what I'm doing now without them."

Tan is active in many activities throughout BSHS, including Interact Club and Art Club.

Tan is the leader of the Student Media department, serving as the Editor-in-Chief of both the El Rodeo yearbook and The Corral newspaper.

In her tenure in these positions,

Tan has helped transition the department into an online format, while ensuring that the program can compete on a national level.

Tan also leads the Journalism academic team, leading them to a district title several times throughout her high school career. This year, Tan will compete at the UIL State Academic Meet as the sole state academic qualifier for BSHS.

This is in addition to her outstanding performance as a member of the award-winning speech and debate program advancing to state in CX debate and Congressional Debate.

With girls joining the ranks, Boy Scouts plan a name change

By DAVID CRARY

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For 108 years, the Boy Scouts of America's flagship program has been known simply as the Boy Scouts. With girls soon entering the ranks, the group says that iconic name will change.

The organization on Wednesday announced a new name for its Boy Scouts program: Scouts BSA. The change will take effect next February.

Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh said many possibilities were considered during lengthy and "incredibly fun" deliberations before the new name was chosen.

"We wanted to land on something that evokes the past but also conveys the inclusive nature of the program going forward," he said. "We're trying to find the right way to say we're here for both young men and young women."

The parent organization will remain the Boy Scouts of America, and the Cub Scouts — its program for 7- to 10-year-olds — will keep its title, as well.

But the Boy Scouts — the program for 11- to 17-year-olds — will now be Scouts BSA.

The organization has already started admitting girls into the Cub Scouts, and Scouts BSA begins accepting girls next year.

Surbaugh predicted that both boys and girls in Scouts BSA would refer to themselves simply as scouts, rather than adding "boy" or "girl" as a modifier.

The program for the older boys and girls will largely be divided along gender-lines, with single-sex units

pursuing the same types of activities, earning the same array of merit badges and potentially having the same pathway to the coveted Eagle Scout award.

Surbaugh said that having separate units for boys and girls should alleviate concerns that girls joining the BSA for the first time might be at a disadvantage in seeking leadership opportunities.

So far, more than 3,000 girls have joined roughly 170 Cub Scout packs participating in the first phase of the new policy, and the pace will intensify this summer under a nationwide multimedia recruitment campaign titled "Scout Me In."

The name change comes amid strained relations between the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America.

Girl Scout leaders said they were blindsided by the move, and they are gearing up an aggressive campaign to recruit and retain girls as members.

Among the initiatives is creation of numerous new badges that girls can earn, focusing on outdoor activities and on science, engineering, technology and math. The organization is expanding corporate partnerships in both those areas, and developing a Girl Scout Network Page on LinkedIn to support career advancement for former Girl Scouts.

"Girl Scouts is the premier leadership development organization for girls," said Sylvia Acevedo, the Girl Scouts' CEO. "We are, and will remain, the first choice for girls and parents who want to provide their girls opportunities to build new skills ... and grow into happy, successful, civically engaged adults."

allows the school district to permit faculty and staff to carry weapons during the school day. Guardians undergo a 16-hour training program and must pass a live-fire qualification and simulation training course. The School Marshal program requires an 80-hour training course by a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement licensed instructor and follows strict state requirements and rules.

For more information about the "Campus Carry" discussion meetings, contact Big Spring School Administration at 432-264-3600.

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districts allow staff and/or school board members to carry firearms on school premises.

By default, school campuses are gun-free zones, by state and federal laws. School districts can choose one of two exceptions to the general rule, the Guardian Plan and the School Marshal Plan. The Guardian Plan, which is currently in place in Coahoma and Forsan school districts,

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asset and part of the unique identity of Big Spring.

"When we get ready to market it, we really need to have that research in place and market the whole area," he said. "When I was growing up this park was a gem. Everybody went to the park. Over the years, it's kind of lost its glory. Well, we've kind of started bringing it back. We put a little shine on the diamond over there at the spring. We see this as a continuation of it."

For more information, contact Dodd at Big Spring's BAD Events, 432-755-9529.

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questions and provide tours for those wanting to visit a department.

"We want to make sure the community not only sees the new services that we are bringing, but understands the need for those services and then chooses to use them," Krabill said. "We want to continue to bring quality providers, new services lines that make sense and meet the needs of the community, but for us to be able to do that

we need the community to support us. Just as with anything else, we need to remember that if we don't use it, we run the risk of losing it."

For more information about the new services at Scenic Mountain Medical Center or to find out about upcoming events, visit www.SMMCCares.com or call 432-263-1211.

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In this March 1, 2018, file photo, Tatum Weir, center, carries a tool box she built as her twin brother Ian, left, follows after a Cub Scout meeting in Madbury, N.H. Fifteen communities in New Hampshire are part of an "early adopter" program to allow girls to become Cub Scouts and eventually Boy Scouts. For 108 years, the Boy Scouts of America's flagship program for older boys has been known simply as the Boy Scouts. With girls soon entering the ranks, the BSA says that iconic name will change to "Scouts BSA." The change will take effect in February 2019.

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Perry Kirklen Ewing, 57, died Sunday. Services are pending.

Billy Joe Mitchell, 80, died Monday. Services are pending.

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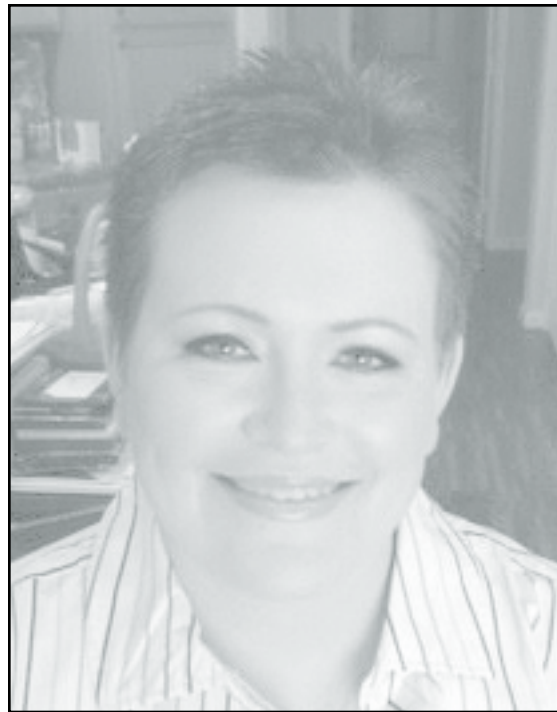
Meet our local American Cancer Society's new Community Development Manager

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

It's almost Relay time again, and our local American Cancer Society has a new face since last year's event.

"I always say it was a 'God thing,' because I was actually running my own business," said ACS Community Development Manager Candice Escamilla. "I originally worked for United Blood Services, and they had done away with my position. So I was running my own business doing fairly well, but I had put my resume on one of those, like, Indeed job boards. I got a phone call one day from a recruiter for the American Cancer Society, and they had read my resume and said, 'You know, I think you'd be a great fit.'"



Candice Escamilla

Escamilla took over the position a year ago when former Community Development Manager Manny Negrón left to accept a job at the Howard County Library.

An Alaska native, Escamilla said after leaving UBS, she worked freelance as a figure skating coach and ran a successful pet sitting business. She doesn't regret giving up the life of an entrepreneur, however.

"It's been actually wonderful. I got rid of my business and started doing this full time, and it's been one of the best decisions I've ever made," she said.

Escamilla said her family's relationship with cancer has been a big part of the job for her.

"That's definitely a driving factor. My father died of lung cancer in my early 20s. That's the most close-to-home, but I have several family members that are currently battling," she said. "One's bat-

ting breast cancer and another one's battling esophageal cancer, and I have one that's battling bone cancer. It's rampant, unfortunately. It can be very discouraging some days, but I'll tell you, it's not the death sentence it was thanks to what we do. That's what keeps you going. That's what keeps you fighting."

Her first year on the job has been great, Escamilla said.

"It's been wonderful. You learn a lot. It's a roller-coaster ride. But I tell you I have met some amazing people. These survivors and volunteers and people, I always say they bleed purple (the color associated with the Relay For Life and American Cancer Society)," she said. "They are just wonderful. It's

giving me a chance to, and I love to, just interact with the community. Unfortunately, just about everyone's been touched by cancer. It's very rewarding, but it also makes you realize how short life can be and you just have to value every moment you have. I can't complain. You have your stressful times, but it's been very rewarding."

Escamilla said her first Relay on the job, set for this Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, is shaping up well.

"We have quite a few teams, and hopefully they'll all show up. That's what makes it cool," she said. "But I'll tell you, Big Spring is really awesome in the sense that, even though we're only about halfway to our goal for the year, they usually pull it out, even if we don't make goal until December, for

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Audrey's fight



File photo

Laura Liphim, Audrey Liphim's mother, walks her daughter along the runway of the Home Hospice Brunch and Fashion Show held last month. Audrey has been battling with cancer since she was 16 months old, and is still standing strong.

who are battling cancer, and things that she has learned since Audrey's diagnosis.

"When Audrey was diagnosed she was only 16 months old," said Laura. "Her cancer was so dangerous and advanced that when her pediatrician found out, we were immediately rushed to Cooks Hospital in Dallas." Laura went on to tell about Audrey's journey and how she responded to her treatment.

"Audrey's journey through all of this wasn't a normal one. She is a miracle child with how amazing she responded to the treatment, and that it was able to get rid of the cancer," said Laura. "Most children aren't so lucky. Everyday, about 36 children get

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May the cure be with you

By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

If someone ever happen to tell you that walking for one night, all night long, would bring us that much closer to a day where everyone could walk in a world without cancer, would you do it? Well, that's exactly what Relay for Life is asking for during the 2018 Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock counties.

Relay For Life is the main fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and is an all-night fundraiser that brings people together in hopes of walking towards the elimination of cancer as a deadly disease.

Taking a note from Star Wars, this year's theme for Relay for Life is "May

the Cure be with You," and is scheduled on Friday, May 4. The event is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College, located at 1001 Birdwell Lane.

"We encourage everyone to come walk for cancer survivors, and also for a better tomorrow. Volunteers are what makes Relay for Life successful. Walk the track and let's bring the fight to cancer," said Beverly Grant, long time volunteer for Relay for Life.

Traditionally, Relay events last anywhere from six to 24 hours with teams of survivors, caregivers and supporters taking turns walking around a track or designated path.

"There is something about walking

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By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

Cancer is one of the few days things that is both terrifying and uncontrollable, but one of those things that is unfortunately, a part of this world that we live in. Big Spring local, Laura Liphim, knows all too well about the struggles of illness can bring, not because she herself was diagnosed with cancer, but because of her daughter.

At the Home Hospice Brunch and Fashion Show in April of this year, Laura spoke on behalf of her three year old daughter, Audrey, who was diagnosed with cancer when she was only 16 months old. She told her story and shared with the audience some difficult information about children



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the track and getting cheered on by your fellow citizens, knowing you can do something to make a difference by just walking that feels good to the soul," said Grant. "Register for Relay today and help for tomorrow."

Also during the relay, there will be an array of events that happen throughout the evening to keep the spirit of the relay going. With all of the different goings in this Star Wars themed Relay, you're not going to want to miss out in participating for the cause. There will be lots of games, different foods, a silent auction and much more going on throughout the night.

"We will also have a survivors supper at 5:30 p.m. on the Sonic Floor there in the Coliseum. It will be provided by the college, the 'Great Western Dinner,' who will cook up a free meal for the survivors of cancer and their caregivers," said Howard Stewart, event coordinator and who has been apart of Relay for Life for years. "Survivors need to park along Kentucky Way or in the West little parking lot. They can come in the building and go to the West side and ride the elevator up and down to the Sonic Floor. Even if they have not registered, they can come and sign up at that time and get their purple shirt and a free meal from Western Dinning."

There will be many ways you can donate to the cause at the event. There will be booths set up selling food and baked goods, craft items, etc. and there will also be items for auction. These donations go straight to the cause, and are greatly appreciated by many.

"All monies go to our team's Relay for Life fundraising," said Grant. "We just want to say thank you to everyone who does come out and support this cause, because it effects everyone."

Nobody faces cancer alone, and we can support each other and celebrate the ones fighting and honor the survivors.

Go to <https://www.relayforlife.org.au/> and register today to fight for tomorrow.



Candice Escamilla has been on the job as the local Community Development Manager for the American Cancer Society for about a year, and she's about to head up her first Relay For Life. Here, a young Candice poses with her father, Robert Briggs. Briggs passed away of lung cancer in 2001.

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instance. They really do come together. I see it in the numbers from year to year. The community tends to come out in droves. It's awesome to see that. I'm actually very impressed. Big Spring is the

example for a lot of the Relays across the nation, because they are so small and yet they bring in so much money, as small as their community is."

Escamilla said the familiar survivor's lap, auction, and luminaria ceremony will be on tap for this year's Relay, as well as entertainment such as Folkloric dancing and a disc jockey.

"It's hard to say for sure, but I sure hope that it's going to be bigger than last year and the year before," she said. "It is shaping up that way. I really think it's going to be pretty big."

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diagnosed with cancer, and everyday, three children die from cancer. In the past 20 years, there have been 190 new cancer medicines for adults and only three new ones for children. "We need to donate and raise funds for our children, and to stop thinking of cancer as just something adults get," Laura said. She also stated that she couldn't

believe the measures the doctors go to to insure that nobody touches the chemo drugs that is used to treat Audrey's cancer.

"I remember one time, by accident her medicine spilled on the floor, and the nurses and doctors were almost in a panic to make sure no one touched it," said Laura. "And all I can remember thinking is, we can't even touch it but it's being put inside my baby's body."

According to Laura, most of the funds generated by Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society go back into research for adults and only a small portion goes to funding advances for children's cancer.

"We need to do more for the children who have cancer. They don't need medicine that is meant for adult cancer inside their body, and all the parents can do is pray that they get rid of the cancer without the medicine having devastating effects in the process, which can last a lifetime," said Laura. "Audrey is three now, and fortunately she has not yet suffered any side effects and is cancer free. All you can do when something like cancer rocks your world is pray and surround yourself with God's love and your family, and fight."



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File photo
Laura Liphim, Audrey Lipham's mother, speaks at the Home Hospice Brunch and Fashion Show held last month about her daughters story. Audrey has been battling with cancer since she was 16 months old, and is still standing strong.

Texas mother gets 20-year terms for toddlers' hot-car deaths

WEATHERFORD, Texas (AP) — A North Texas mother whose two toddlers died in a hot car last May has been sentenced to two 20-year prison terms to be served simultaneously.

A Parker County jury in Weatherford sentenced 25-year-old Cynthia Marie Randolph to the maximum sentences Monday. The same jury convicted her of two second-degree felony counts of recklessly causing injury to a child hours earlier.

Randolph's charges were reduced. She had faced two first-degree felony counts of knowingly causing serious injury to a child. A conviction on those could have led to life sentences.

An arrest warrant says Randolph told police she locked 1-year-old Cavanaugh Ramirez and 2-year-old Juliet Ramirez in the car for several hours to teach them a lesson because her daughter often got out of the car without permission.

2 Texas teens dead in apparent drowning

GRANBURY, Texas (AP) — Police say two high school students have died in an apparent drowning in a North Texas reservoir.

Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds says that 18-year-old Oscar Rios and 17-year-old Julio Espinosa-Guerrero died Monday while swimming with a group at Wheeler Branch Park, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Fort Worth. Deeds says the Granbury High School students had skipped school for "senior skip day."

The sheriff says some students tried to rescue the drowning teens before first responders arrived.

Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens found the students. The two teens were airlifted to a Fort Worth hospital, where they were pronounced dead.

An official cause of death hasn't been reported as of Tuesday.

The school district says counselors and administrators are available to speak to students and staff.

Smugglers abandon tiger cub in bag along Texas border



AP photo

This April 30, 2018 photo provided by U.S Customs and Border Protection shows a male tiger in a duffel bag that was seized at the border near Brownsville, Texas.

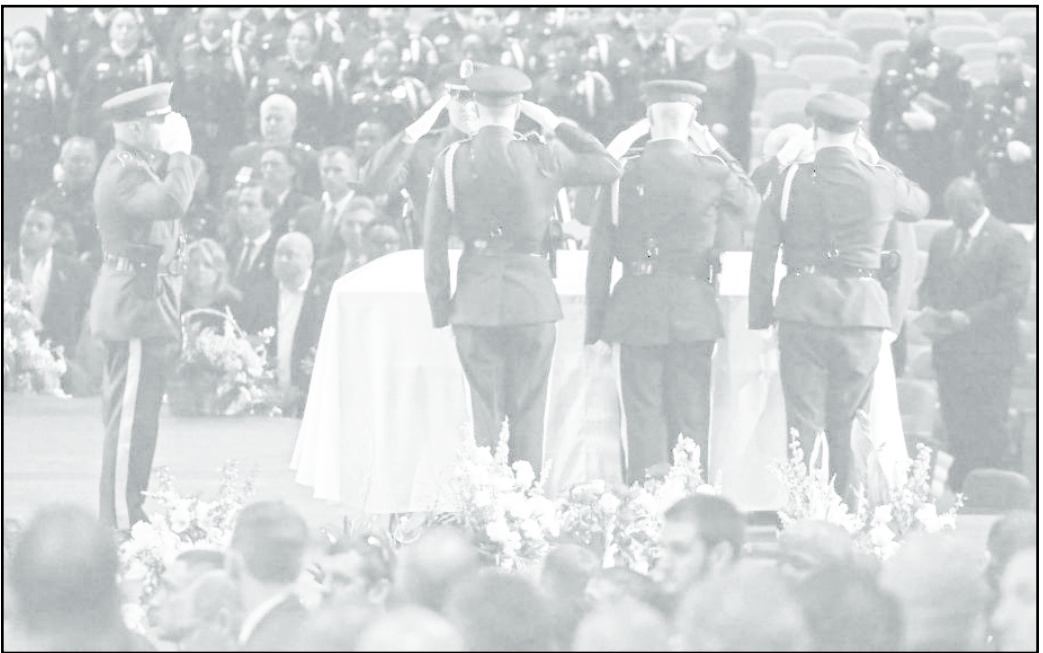
BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Smugglers left behind a live tiger cub in a duffel bag when they fled back to Mexico after attempting to cross the Rio Grande into Texas.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials on Tuesday said the male tiger, believed to be three or four months old, has been placed at the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville.

Border Patrol agents patrolling Monday along the river near Brownsville saw three people trying to enter the U.S. illegally. An agency statement says the trio abandoned a bag and returned to Mexico.

Officers discovered the cub stuffed in the bag. Agent Robert Rodriguez said Tuesday that the tiger appeared calm and was possibly sedated.

Slain Dallas officer a man of character, discipline



Colleagues salute their fallen comrade at the funeral for Dallas Police Officer Officer Rogelio Santander at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, Texas on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Santander was shot and killed at a Home depot in Dallas last week.

DALLAS (AP) — The bishop of Dallas' Roman Catholic Diocese has told hundreds of mourners that a slain Dallas police officer

was a man of character and discipline who put his family first.

Bishop Edward Burns spoke during the funeral Tuesday for

27-year-old Officer Rogelio (roh-HEE'-lee-yoh) Santander (san-TAN'-dur). He was fatally shot last week while questioning a suspected shop-lifter at a Home Depot store.

The bishop says that as a boy, Santander wanted to fight crime like Batman. He says the officer "wanted to save a city."

Hundreds of law enforcement officers from across the country gathered for the funeral in Rockwall, just northeast of Dallas.

Another officer and a store employee were injured in the April 24 shooting.

The suspect, Armando Luis Juarez, is charged with capital murder. He's being held at the Dallas County jail.

May Day protests focus on Trump's migrant record, elections

By DEEPTI HAJELA and AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Immigrants say President Donald Trump's administration has become almost everything they

feared, but while they rally across the United States on May Day, their focus is less on huge turnout Tuesday than on the first Tuesday in November.

People were marching and holding other demonstrations for labor and immigrant rights from New York to Georgia to California on International Workers' Day, amid similar actions worldwide.

"The Trump administration has made very clear that they've declared war on the immigrant community on all levels," said Javier Valdes, co-executive director of the advocacy group Make the Road New York.

Immigrant rights groups have joined in May Day activities for more than a decade, initially to push back against harsh legislative proposals and later to clamor for reform and legal status for immigrants in the country illegally who

were brought to the U.S. as children or overstayed their visas.

Now, they want to drive turnout in the midterm elections. Advocates hope voters target lawmakers who have pushed for measures that hurt immigrants and replace them with immigrant-friendly policymakers, said Angelica Salas, executive director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles.

"Elections have consequences, and the consequences for our community have been dire, and if we do not change the balance of power, we question our ability to remain free in this country," she said.

Protesters still are taking aim at policy changes under Trump, including a country-specific travel ban, the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, high-profile detention and deportation efforts, and proposals to cut back

the overall numbers of people allowed to immigrate permanently.

Trump and his supporters say the enforcement and policy changes are needed for national security and economic benefits. Some of the new policies have gotten tangled up in court, and Trump hasn't secured funding for his coveted border wall with Mexico.

After the rallies, immigrant rights groups will join LGBTQ, African-American and women's organizations this summer to push for the election of new leaders, Salas said, adding that they hope to see more support from Americans who aren't immigrants.

"It is really a fundamental question about what kind of a country we're going to be," she said. "For us, the question of immigration is a question about race, and it is also a question about real equality in this country."

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Pension problems help drive US protests for teacher raises

By BRIAN EASON

Associated Press

DENVER — The loudest rallying cries from Colorado teachers protesting for more education dollars were about dwindling paychecks that are steadily losing ground to the state's rising cost of living. Teachers usually say a

persistent funding shortage, which has cost public schools \$6.6 billion since 2009, led them to walk off the job and close down schools last week.

Among the biggest reasons for lagging pay is one of the least understood: The rising cost of state pensions. Colorado isn't the only state

where an underfunded retirement system has played a role in a teacher uprising sweeping the U.S. In Kentucky, educators in at least 20 school districts walked out of their classrooms after the GOP-led Legislature in March passed a measure reducing retirement benefits

for future teachers.

Elsewhere, pay and other benefits, such as health care, have been at the forefront of teachers' demands, including in Arizona, where a historic statewide strike has closed down schools for four days. But that doesn't mean rising pension costs are not a factor behind the scenes.

Public pension systems nationwide face record levels of debt, totaling \$1.4 trillion, according to a recent Pew Charitable Trusts study. That puts downward pressure on wages and benefit checks as governments struggle to close the funding gap. It suggests the recent outcry over teacher pay could spread in coming years, whether pension costs are widely acknowledged as a driving factor or not.

"I think what you see happening in the state and local and municipal sector is it has now become very, very clear how expensive defined benefit plans are. I think we're headed for a big crisis across the country," said Olivia Mitchell, executive director of the Pension Research Council at the University of Pennsylvania. "Pensions are now becoming the tail that wags the government dog, if you will."

In Colorado, school district payments to the public pension fund have roughly doubled since 2006, to 20 percent of payroll.

That has squeezed budgets when the state also was cutting funding during the recession.

In that time, average teacher salaries have grown 21 percent, to \$53,768, according to salary data from the National Education Association. But inflation in the greater Denver area has outpaced it, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said, leaving teachers with an 8 percentage point drop in buying power.

Since the recession, Colorado school districts have shed staff, frozen pay and cut programming to make ends meet. Some have shifted to four-day weeks.

Pension costs have played a role in the financial woes at Cheyenne Mountain School District in Colorado Springs, Superintendent Walt Cooper said. Since 2009, the district has shuttered an elementary school and frozen pay twice. Other years, it could only offer minimal raises that fell short of inflation, he said.

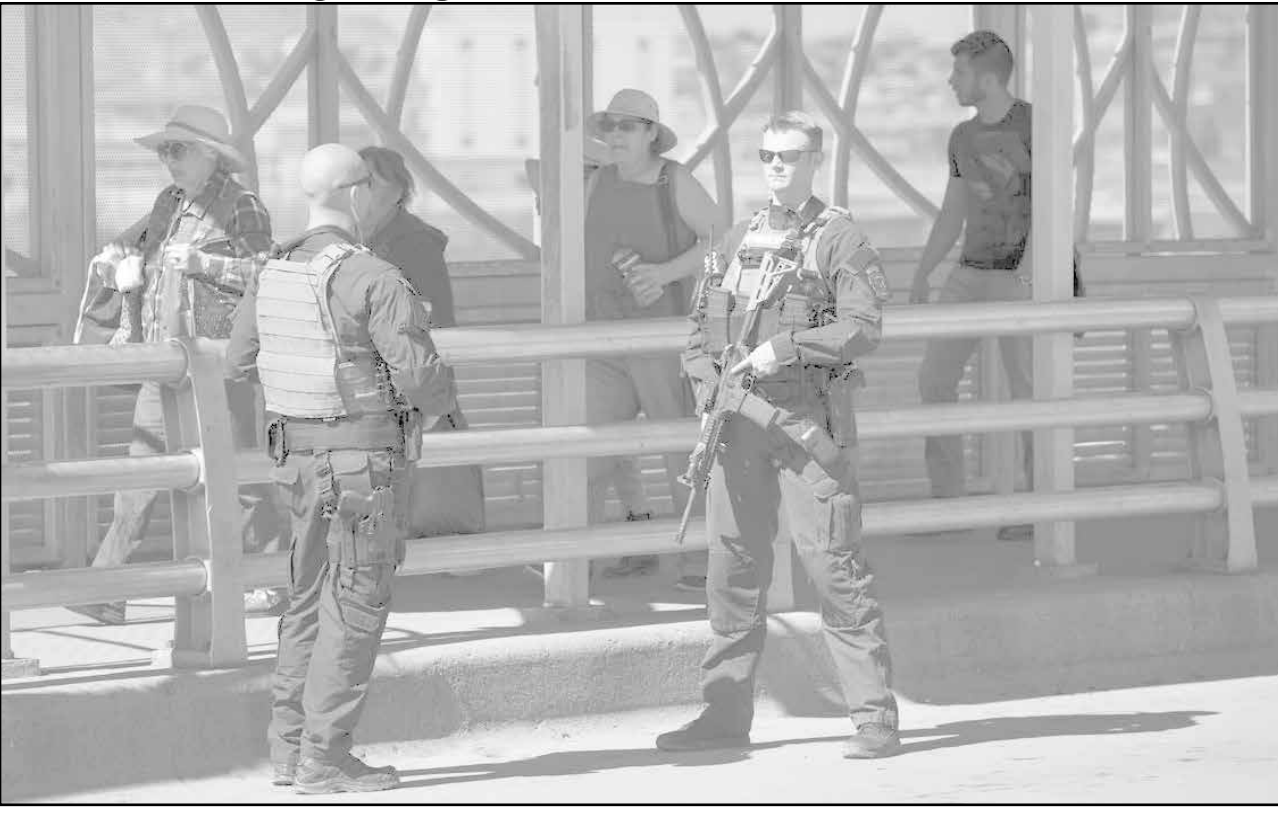
"Technically, it did come out of raises," Cooper said. "Because if we knew we were going to have to increase our (pension) contributions by \$250,000 the next year, for us, it's all coming out of the same pot."

For Colorado teachers, the pension's role in school funding struggles adds insult to injury.

Additional contributions are not padding the benefits of current teachers. The bulk of the money that school districts spend on the Public Employees' Retirement Association is paying off \$32 billion in benefits previously promised to public-sector retirees but never properly

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US border agency tests body-cam use by agents in 9 locations



AP photo

In this Feb. 16, 2016, file photo, pedestrians cross into Juarez, Mexico as U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers of the Special Response Team unit, patrol the Paso del Norte Port of Entry in El Paso, Texas.

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — U.S. Customs and Border Protection on Tuesday began testing the use of body cameras by its employees at nine locations, potentially leading to a broad rollout by the nation's largest law enforcement agency that would make it the first federal agency to use the devices on a large scale.

Customs and Border Protection previously concluded in 2015 after a yearlong study that body cameras were not yet suitable for widespread use due to cost, technological challenges and the need for labor union approval. However, it said the cameras had potential in limited circumstances.

The agency's review also found that cameras used in field tests did not function well in the rugged, remote conditions in which many Border Patrol agents work.

"Some fared better than others," said Austin Skero, director of the agency's law enforcement safety and compliance directorate.

Customs and Border Protection officials said technology has evolved since the 2015 test, and the cameras used in the current field tests will build on lessons learned in the previous test. The equipment was provided by several manufacturers the agency declined to name.

Officials also said the potential benefits of the cameras include providing evidence in criminal cases, improved training and strengthening of job performance and accountability.

Employees will be expected to turn the cameras on and off during incidents involving use of force and encounters that "are likely to become hostile, adversarial or confrontational," Skero said.

Congress agreed to fund the tests by allocating \$5 million in the Obama administration's final year.

The tests during under then-President Barack Obama came amid mounting scrutiny of employees using excessive force. Customs and Border Protection employees used firearms 55 times in 2012, a number that dropped to 17 last year.

Nearly every large U.S. police department has equipped at least some officers with body cameras, and many publicly

release footage following high-profile shootings and other encounters.

A 2015 survey of 70 of the largest law enforcement agencies around the country by the Major Cities Chiefs Association and Major County Sheriffs' Association found that 95 percent had either implemented body cameras or had committed to moving forward with body-worn camera programs.

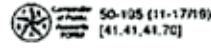
Following the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, Obama pledged funding to equip 50,000 officers across the country with body cameras in three years. Police departments have varying policies about how long they must retain the video, when cameras have to be turned on or can be turned off, and whether video can be released.

Customs and Border Protection said practical policy and privacy questions would need to be addressed, as well as costs, maintenance, storage and training, before widespread deployment of the cameras could occur.

The testing will not use facial recognition technology and it will end in October.

The locations are Detroit and Eagle Pass, Texas; Atlanta's Hartfield-Jackson International Airport; the Long

Beach, California, dock; by an aerial patrol unit in Tucson, Arizona; a maritime patrol unit in West Palm Beach, Florida, a maritime surveillance team; and by Border Patrol agents in Campo, California, Kingsville, Texas, and Las Cruces, New Mexico.



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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the appraised (market) value of your property
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxing units taxing your property
- the property ownership
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, county appraisal district (CAD) or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

For an informal review, please contact the Glasscock County appraisal District at 432/354-2580.

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, *Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest*, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person or you may by telephone conference call or submission of written affidavit to present

your evidence, facts and argument. If you decide to participate by telephone conference call, you must provide your evidence to the ARB with a written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, *Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board*, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented by both parties. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you choose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you choose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your CAD at

Glasscock County Appraisal District
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You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a

protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

If you believe the CAD or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

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Lady Steer softball standout signs with Western Texas College



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Big Spring softball player Ashley Gonzalez poses with family members and teammates following her signing ceremony, to play for Western Texas College. Her signing ceremony was held in the high school foyer on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

Lady Steer senior softball player, Ashley Gonzalez, signed a letter of intent Tuesday at BSHS to play softball for Western Texas College in Snyder. Ashley is a four year starter and has contributed greatly to the success the team has had in recent years. Ashley, who's GPA is in the top ten percent of her class, will be studying business as she continues her education at Western Texas.

According to Ashley, she chose Western Texas because "the atmosphere there is great, everyone is really friendly and helpful. Plus, it's close to home, but not too close". "Ashley has a great heart and a great work ethic. She's done everything right inside and outside

of the building (BSHS). All her hard work and vision has paid off, and we are fortunate to share it with her" said Big Spring High principal Mike Ritchey.

The Lady Steers have already won the district and bi-district championship this year with Ashley providing key leadership and skilled play throughout the season. The team has another opportunity this weekend to continue their post season run, and Ashley will play a pivotal role in continuing their winning ways just as she has for the past four years.

Congratulations to Ashley and the Gonzalez family from all of Steer Nation, you and your family have represented your school and your community with class, made them proud, and left them better than you found them.



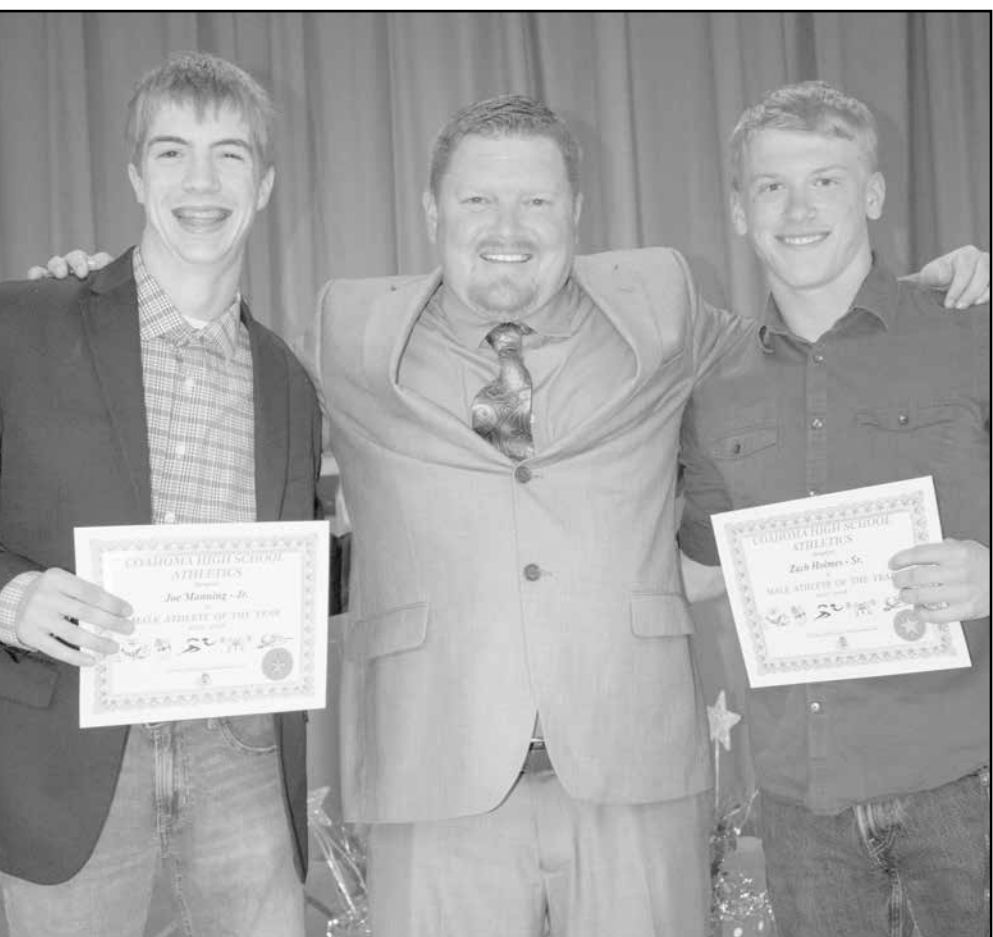
Big Spring senior Ashley Gonzalez gets a hit during the Lady Steer's senior day Friday, April 6, 2018.



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Big Spring softball player Ashley Gonzalez signs a letter of intent to play for Western Texas College. Her signing ceremony was held in the high school foyer, surrounded by friends and family, on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

Coahoma High honors its athletes



Courtesy photo

Joe Manning, left, CHS AD Fred Dietz, and Zach Holmes pose for a photo. Manning and Holmes were named CHS 2018 Male Athletes of the Year during a banquet held April 30, 2018.

Special to the Herald

Zach Holmes and Joe Manning were both named Outstanding Male Athletes of the Year and Caitlyn Corley and MaKynlee Overton were named Outstanding Female Athletes of the Year at the 2018 Coahoma Athletic Banquet held Monday.

CHS honors one male and female athlete of the year but when the votes came in for both categories, it resulted in a tie.

The following awards were presented:

Outstanding Female Athletes of the Year: Caitlyn Corley and MaKynlee

Overton

Outstanding Male Athletes of the Year: Zach Holmes and Joe Manning
Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Winners: MaKayla Overton, Alyssa Cardona, Mason Moore, and Logan Franklin.

Football: MVP - Adam Clark, Offensive MVP - Zack Schneider; Defensive MVP - Caimon Billingsley; Offensive Lineman of the Year - Rolando Ortiz; Defensive Lineman of the Year - Keegan Dobbs.

Volleyball: MVP - MaKayla Overton; Offensive MVP - Julia Mashburn; Defensive MVP - Julia Cox; Most Improved - Caitlyn Corley; Fighting



Courtesy photo

MaKynlee Overton, left, CHS AD Fred Dietz, and Caitlyn Corley pose for a photo. Overton and Corley were named the 2018 CHS Female Athletes of the Year during a banquet held Monday, April 30, 2018.

Heart - Naughtia Rockwell; Newcomer of the Year - MaKynlee Overton.

Cross Country - MVP - Austyn Montgomery; Fighting Heart - Chris King.

Boys Basketball: MVP - Mason Moore; Offensive MVP - Bryson Cline; Defensive MVP - Gage Clark; New Comer of the Year - Gaiage Hill; 6th Man - Zack Schneider; Hustle Award - Brice Martin; Most Improved - Joe Manning.

Girls Basketball: MVP - MaKynlee Overton; Offensive MVP - MaKayla Overton; Defensive MVP - MaKynlee Overton; Fighting Heart - Caitlyn Corley.

Powerlifting: Most Valuable Lifter

- Girls, Cailey Glover; Most Valuable Lifter - Boys, Zach Holmes; Most Improved Lifter - Girls, Megan McDonald; Most Improved Lifter, Boys - Shane Deel.

Track: MVP Boys - Joe Manning; MVP Girls - Austyn Montgomery
Tennis: MVP - Girls, Cassie Gutierrez; MVP-Boys, Felix Cruz; Newcomer of the Year - Patrick Gutierrez

Golf: MVP - Boys, Mason Moore; MVP - Girls, Providence Dickson

Please note: Baseball and Softball awards will be given out following the end of the playoff season.

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Pursuant to Statewide Rules

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26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Sandra Musallam at (713) 366-5106.

#9785 April 25, May 2, 9 & 16, 2018

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0310807 DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 1, 2018 Status/Permit No. 837886 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 5, 2018 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 25, Bk. 33 T1S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-370, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 4.72 miles SW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

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

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entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Sagittarius Moon Tests Assumptions

The human mind has a strong need to believe in its own rightness. However, the fact is that we are often wrong and our thoughts are often untrue -- a paradox that can make human life very complicated. As the Sagittarius moon "likes" Mercury and then "unfriends" Neptune, the need to check the correctness of our assumptions will arise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are people you keep returning to over and over in one form or another. It's as though all of the turns eventually lead you back to each other. Your thoughts, intentions or lives will once again intersect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The reason you're not sure you want to leap at the chance for more power is that you realize the implications.

To accept authority over others is to accept responsibility for their well-being.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many people have the courage of their convictions without ever checking to make sure that they are indeed in the right. Not you. You'll put it to the test. If you have to fight, you want to be sure you're fighting for the right side.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Perhaps the idea of a peaceful world is too far into fantasyland to be a reasonable possibility, but what about peace in your own heart? Whatever is keeping that from happening, it can be overcome.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In an effort to be understood, some will explain so much of the process that it actually makes things a lot more complicated. As you go about your day, seek simplicity. Simplicity needs less explanation, not more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're conscientious and you want to help, so you think about what you're going to say. Maybe you don't need to worry so much about this. The right words follow the right thoughts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a point in which the knife cannot get any sharper. If you keep

sharpening it past that point, it will blunt. Know when your work is done, and then don't work past that point.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are things you would like to be certain of, but even if you were, it still wouldn't bring you the security you seek; it would give you only the illusion of security. So consider letting go of your questions and the need to predict life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People sometimes oppose one another without knowing why and then look for faults and other reasons that will delegitimize the opposition. It's a game. Take the high road. Don't play.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've had advocates and champions in your life, so you know what the role is and how it's best played. Take it on for yourself today. Be the support you need and deserve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Relationships get interesting -- and maybe even spectacular. This is, in no small part, because of your expectations. You either didn't know what to expect or weren't expecting much, and now it's all a delightful surprise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a

coin toss feel to the day. Though you're interested in the outcome, you don't have a preference about which way it lands. You don't mind what happens because you're covered regardless.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 2). Your greatness requires nothing more than what you already have. Polish that and you'll wind up shining brighter than ever. A special relationship will improve your domestic flow and your health, too. Deals will favor you in July and November. Because you do well on a test, new opportunity opens in September. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 39, 1, 25 and 40.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "Do you think it's possible that I could have been my husband's sister in a past life? Our relationship has been more like two siblings than like anything romantic for many years now. He's a Gemini, and I'm an Aquarius. We share a fascination with Vikings. My theory is that we were siblings in a Viking family. Is there any way to strike up the romance again, or should I just accept that the next phase of life will be less passionate or not passionate at all? Signed, Spiritual Sibling." Your creative,

open-minded Aquarian intellect inspires you to entertain a wide array of possibilities in every situation. Your husband is an air sign just like you. Your conversations are more interesting than most people's, something you take for granted as you bounce from topic to topic, riding the surprising twists and turns into fascinating hypothetical universes. Perhaps your mental connection is so strong and satisfying that neither of you thinks to put work into the physical and emotional aspects of your relationship. Whether or not you were past-life Vikings together, this is the only life you can do anything about today -- so take the helmet by the horns and tell him how you feel!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Dwayne Johnson is a tough Taurus and can appear manly even while swapping recipes with Martha Stewart or playing the tooth fairy. Born under the first earth sign of the zodiac, Johnson's nickname, "The Rock," is astrologically fitting. His having Venus, Mars and Saturn in Gemini reveals a witty, spontaneous, flirtatious and communicative nature.

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Annie's Mailbox

Handling a Depressed Mate

Dear Annie: I'm a man in my late 40s living with my 40-year-old girlfriend of five years. I just found out she's been dealing with depression for years. She is on medication for it, but maybe it's not helping. Today is the fourth straight day she hasn't gotten out of bed, let alone gone to work. Of course, my main concern is her and her health, but now I'm starting to worry about our income. Our budget is pretty tight as it is, and I don't make enough money at my job to support us both. So now I'm really worried about her and the reality that our bills may not get paid. I would never talk to her about my concerns; I don't want to add any stress to her. I want to do what's best for her and what's best for us. I want to continue being with her, but I'm getting dangerously close to full panic mode. Could you give me some advice on how to handle this situation? -- Panic Mode

Dear Panic Mode: I know that this situation is hard, but it's not hopeless. Depression is not something one can will her way out of, so be patient. Though it's ultimately up to your girlfriend to want to seek help, you're in a position to provide encouragement. The most important thing you can do right now is get her to a doctor. If she seems like a danger to herself, dial 911. If you're not sure how to assess the situation, you can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, at 800-273-8255. Trained crisis workers are there to take your call 24/7.

In addition to helping her over the initial hurdle of seeking professional help, you can play an active role in her recovery long term. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, "mental health professionals are increasingly recommending couple- and family-based treatment programs," sometimes even enlisting partners as co-therapists who can assist with "homework" they assign to their patients. You can find more tips by visiting https://adaa.org and entering the phrase "spouse or partner" into the

search bar.

Regarding the financial aspect, if your partner's depression has been documented, she might qualify to receive money from the Supplemental Security Income program or Social Security Disability Insurance. Visit https://www.ssa.gov or make an appointment at your local Social Security office for more information.

Dear Annie: My husband always carries

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, there was an error in placing Saturday's puzzle and answer's to last week's puzzle.

Here is the correct puzzle with answers.

a handkerchief, as many men do. When he sneezes, blows his nose or just needs to wipe it, he pulls out his hankie, uses it and then folds it back up neatly and puts it back in his pocket. It is always when we are at Mass or at a restaurant. I cringe, get all sweaty and shake my head. What does etiquette dictate that one do after using a hankie? I never notice other men folding theirs after using them. Am I being too critical? -- Yuck

Dear Yuck: The proper etiquette for blowing one's nose, whether into a handkerchief or into a tissue, is to do so in the privacy of the bathroom (though that might be hard during Mass). As for your husband's folding the handkerchief after using it -- yes, it

Answer to previous puzzle
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COWBOYHAT
SUNK OAK CARBO
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DEIMOS IRS PGA
EAVES ISLA WAIT
PRESENTTENSESDO
OTTO BEER UTTER
THEN AMPS ESSAY

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seems a bit odd, because

Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell

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- ACROSS**
1 What water softeners exchange
5 At the extreme of retiring
11 Pill-bottle protector, perhaps
14 Subject to prosecution, per Article III
16 Endorser of vitamin D in milk (1933)
17 Marine animal named for a gourd
18 Vinification location
19 Loses vitality
20 Still buggy, perhaps
22 Yuletide injunction
23 What an AC cuts down on
25 Burlesque on
26 Migrated upstream
27 Crowded
29 Sour look, from the French
30 Travel channel
32 Scrappy instruction?
33 Centers for drawing classes
36 Emulates a pacifier
37 "Please remove shoes ..." (Hawaiian doomat message)
38 Opposite of "contrary"
39 Legendary robotlike creature
40 Useful part of aloe vera
43 Subdued
44 Federal supporter of "citizen science"

- 45 Bolívar Square city
48 Tries to swat
50 Washed up
51 MLB team with Sedona Red on uniforms
52 General Washington subordinate
55 Glue ___
56 "I'm rarin' to go"
57 What MIT hasn't a major in
58 Stars portray them patriotically
59 1998 film with Stallone as a soldier
- DOWN**
1 "To the barricades!"
2 It offers a Cajun Totchos recipe
3 Prepare for inspection
4 Part of the NYSE's GS
5 Cobble together
6 Heavy charge
7 Root for November
8 Shore leave?
9 Toboggan cousin
10 Aleutian wintering off Indonesia
11 Indoor surfer's venue
12 Newbies
13 Object of computer manipulation
15 What much soap is made from
21 Fast-growing grass
23 Vino center
24 Mental structure
28 Staple of wax commercials
30 Professional hagglers
31 Temp monitors, at times

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he should launder it soon after using it. It'd be like folding dirty clothes for the hamper. But I'm afraid it's his handkerchief, his pocket and his rules. Perhaps it's time to get a handkerchief of your own for when this habit starts you sweating. In all seriousness, try to let this one go.

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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	5	4	3	2	1	6	8	7
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7	1	4	7	8	2	3	6	5
6	8	2	7	3	5	4	9	1
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4	6	8	5	7	3	1	5	9
1	9	3	5	4	8	2	7	6
7	2	1	5	7	6	9	8	3

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ Q 9 6 5 3 2
- ♥ K 9 7 3
- ♦ 4
- ♣ 7 2

WEST

- ♠ 10 8 4
- ♥ Q J 8 5 4
- ♦ 10 8 6 2
- ♣ 3

EAST

- ♠ J 7
- ♥ 10 6 2
- ♦ 5
- ♣ K Q J 10 9 6 5

SOUTH

- ♠ A K
- ♥ A
- ♦ A K Q J 9 7 3
- ♣ A 8 4

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 4 ♣ 6 ♦
Opening lead — three of clubs.

KMID 3 Midland	UNI 4 Spanish	KPEJ 5 Odessa	KOSA 7 Odessa	KTLE 8 Telemundo	KWES 9 Midland	KMLM 12 Odessa	KPBT 13 Odessa	KWWT 14 Odessa	KWES2 15 Midland	WTBS 33 Atlanta	TNT 34 Atlanta	ESPN 35 Sports	ESPN2 36 Sports	FSN 38 Sports	USA 55 New York	A&E 58 New York	DISC 60 Discovery
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WEDNESDAY **MAY 2**

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10:30 AM	The View	La Tempestad	The Real	The Price Is Right	Today-Kathie	Shepherd's Heart	Sesame Super	Diagnosis Murder	Jerry Springer	Seinfeld	Friends	Supernatural			Drag Racing	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Misfit
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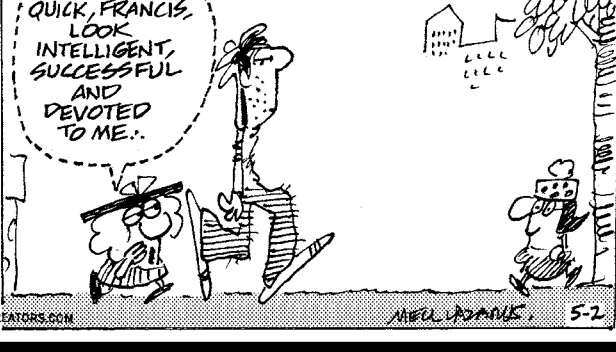
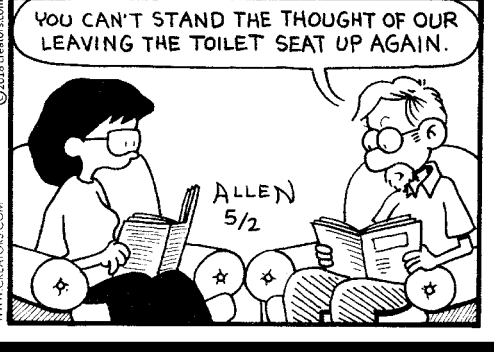
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 2, the 122nd day of 2018. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On May 2, 1908, the original version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," with music by Albert Von Tilzer and lyrics by Jack Norworth, was published by Von Tilzer's York Music Co.

On this date:
 In 1536, Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII, was arrested and charged with adultery; she was beheaded 17 days later.
 In 1670, the Hudson's Bay Co. was chartered by England's King Charles II.
 In 1863, during the Civil War, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Virginia; he died eight days later.
 In 1927, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Buck v. Bell*, upheld 8-1 a Virginia law allowing the forced sterilization of people to promote the "health of the patient and the welfare of society."
 In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.
 In 1946, violence erupted during a foiled escape attempt at the Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay; the "Battle of Alcatraz" claimed the lives of three inmates and two correctional officers before it was put down two days later.
 In 1957, crime boss Frank Costello narrowly survived an attempt on his life in New York; the alleged gunman, Vincent "The Chin" Gigante, was acquitted at trial after Costello refused to identify him as the shooter. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.
 In 1968, "The Odd Couple," the movie version of the Neil Simon comedy starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, opened in New York.
 In 1970, jockey Diane Crump became the first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby; she finished in 15th place aboard Fathom. (The winning horse was Dust Commander.)
 In 1982, the Weather Channel made its debut.
 In 1994, Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa's first democratic elections; President F.W. de Klerk acknowledged defeat.
 In 2011, Osama bin Laden was killed by elite American forces at his Pakistan com-

pound, then quickly buried at sea after a decade on the run.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush sent lawmakers a \$70 billion request to fund U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan into the following spring. Tropical Cyclone Nargis struck Myanmar, leading to an eventual official death toll of 84,537, with 53,836 listed as missing. Mildred Loving, a black woman whose challenge to Virginia's ban on interracial marriage led to a landmark Supreme Court ruling striking down such laws across the United States, died in Milford, Virginia, at age 68.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama arrived in Mexico City on his first trip to Latin America since winning re-election. Dutchman Robert-Jan Derksen shot a 6-under 66 to take the first-round lead in the China Open, while 12-year-old Ye Wocheng opened with a 79 at Binhai Lake; at 12 years, 242 days, Ye became the youngest player in European Tour history, breaking Guan Tianlang's mark of 13 years, 177 days. Jeff Hanneman, 49, a founding member of heavy metal band Slayer, died in Hemet, California.

One year ago: Michael Slager, a white former police officer whose killing of Walter Scott, an unarmed black man running from a traffic stop, was captured on cellphone video, pleaded guilty to federal civil rights charges in Charleston, South Carolina. (Slager was sentenced to 20 years in prison.) United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz apologized on Capitol Hill for an incident in which a passenger was dragged off a flight, calling it "a mistake of epic proportions" as frustrated lawmakers warned airline executives to improve customer service or face congressional intervention. Disgraced preacher Tony Alamo, who was convicted in Arkansas of sexually abusing young girls he considered his wives, died at a prison hospital in North Carolina; he was 82.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Engelbert Humperdinck is 82. Former International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge is 76. Actress-activist Bianca Jagger is 73. Country

singer R.C. Bannon is 73. Actor David Suchet (SOO'-shay) is 72. Singer-songwriter Larry Gatlin is 70. Rock singer Lou Gramm (Foreigner) is 68. Actress Christine Baranski is 66. Singer Angela Boffill is 64. Fashion designer Donatella Versace is 63. Actor Brian Tochi is 59. Movie director Stephen Daldry is 58. Actress Elizabeth Berridge is 56. Country singer Ty Herndon is

56. Actress Mitzi Kapture is 56. Commentator Mika Brzezinski is 51. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is 50. Rock musician Todd Sucherman (Styx) is 49. Wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne Johnson (AKA The Rock) is 46. Soccer player David Beckham is 43. Rock singer Jeff Gutt (goot) (Stone Temple Pilots) is 42. Actress Jenna Von Oy is 41. Actress Ellie Kemper is 38. Actor Robert Buckley is 37.

Actor Gaius (GY'-ehs) Charles is 35. Pop singer Lily Rose Cooper is 33. Olympic gold medal figure skater Sarah Hughes is 33. Rock musician Jim Almgren (Carolina Liar) is 32. Actor Thomas McDonell is 32. Actress Kay Panabaker is 28. Princess Charlotte of Cambridge is three.

Thought for Today: "Like ships, men founder time and again." — Henry Miller,

American novelist (1891-1980).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sector
 - 5 Houston baseballer
 - 10 Can't stand
 - 14 Farmer's place, in a kid's song
 - 15 Roamer
 - 16 Ireland nickname
 - 17 Monotonous regular routine
 - 19 Tie tightly
 - 20 Convene after a break
 - 21 Ill-mannered
 - 22 Sunlit lobbies
 - 24 "Steady as ___ goes"
 - 25 Astronomer Sagan
 - 28 Capitol Hill VIP
 - 33 Disney mermaid
 - 35 Hosp. sections
 - 36 Keogh plan alternative
 - 37 Do better than
 - 38 Silver or sulfur
 - 41 Documentarian Burns
 - 42 Australian bird
 - 43 Verdi opera
 - 44 Movie snippet
 - 46 100+ beats per minute
 - 50 Poems of praise
 - 51 ___ Moines, IA
 - 52 Manicurist employer
 - 54 Tonic water, at a bar
 - 57 Disappear quickly
 - 60 Gumbo vegetable
 - 61 Black belt's blow
 - 65 Shut tightly
 - 66 Mental picture
 - 67 Suffix for billion

BLENDER BUTTONS by Fred Piscop
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- DOWN**
- 1 Tack on
 - 2 ___-view mirror
 - 3 Writer Wiesel
 - 4 With tenors and basses only
 - 5 Enrages
 - 6 Air combat mission
 - 7 Texter's "Didn't need to know that"
 - 8 Tried to get elected
 - 9 Quirky
 - 10 Language of Israel
 - 11 43 Across solo
 - 12 Sardine holders
 - 13 Remnants
 - 18 So far
 - 21 Containers for toys
 - 23 Lions and tigers and bears
 - 24 Astonish
 - 25 Provide a banquet meal
 - 26 Nasal appraisal
 - 27 Tear to shreds
 - 29 Highest poker card
 - 30 Walked in the wilderness
 - 31 Greek peace goddess
 - 32 Glass sheets in windows
 - 34 One in charge
 - 39 Places for gloss suffix
 - 45 Shaped like a tepee
 - 47 Noble goals
 - 48 Uncivilized person
 - 49 Makes very happy
 - 53 ___ of these days (eventually)
 - 54 Rolling stone's supposed lack
 - 55 Swedish furniture chain
 - 56 Dental exam picture
 - 58 Muslim sect
 - 59 Trumpet or bugle
 - 61 Do-it-yourselfer's buy
 - 62 Doctors' org.
 - 63 Gavel sound
 - 64 Wooden pin

Answer to previous puzzle

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James has triple-double, Cavs beat Raptors in OT in Game 1

By IAN HARRISON

Associated Press

TORONTO — This time, LeBron James didn't have to do it all by himself.

James had 26 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds for his 21st career playoff triple-double. J.R. Smith scored 20 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Toronto Raptors 113-112 in overtime on Tuesday night to win Game 1 of their second-round playoff series.

Kyle Korver scored 19 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer in overtime after Cleveland never led in regulation. Tristan Thompson had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who have eliminated Toronto in each of the past two post-seasons.

"My teammates were unbelievable tonight," James said. "They stepped up when I wasn't at my best."

Jeff Green scored 16 points and Kevin Love had 13 rebounds.

James, who topped 40 points three times in seven games against Indiana in round one, shot 12 for 30 against Toronto, going 1 for 8 from 3-point range, and called it "probably one of my worst games of the season."

Still, James came through when it counted, tying the score with two baskets in the final 92 seconds of regulation to complete Cleveland's comeback from a double-digit deficit.

"It got to a one-possession, two-possession game," James said. "That's what I like the most."

Toronto's Fred VanVleet missed a 3-pointer with 3.4 seconds to go in overtime that could have won it for the Raptors, who couldn't hold on after taking a 10-point lead early in the fourth quarter.

"He got a heck of a shot," Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan said. "I'll live with him shooting that shot 10 times out of 10. We got a good look and it just didn't fall."

Jonas Valanciunas had 21 points and 21 rebounds, Kyle Lowry had 18 points and 10 assists, and DeRozan scored 22 points for the Raptors, who host Game 2 on Thursday night.

The Cavaliers beat the Raptors in six games in the Eastern Conference finals in 2016 before going on to win their first NBA championship. Last year, Cleveland swept Toronto in the second round.

Korver's 3 early in overtime gave the Cavaliers their first lead of the game, 108-105.

Lowry's three-point play made it 113-112 with 57 seconds to go and, after the Cavs were called for a shot-clock violation, Toronto had one more chance to win, but VanVleet couldn't come through.

"We feel good about the win but I think we were also very fortunate," Korver said.

VanVleet was one of four Raptors to miss in the final seconds of regulation. Toronto got four looks at the potential winning basket but missed all four, including a wide-open 3 by VanVleet, giving Cleveland the ball with 0.6 seconds remaining. Green inbounded to James, but his shot bounced off the rim.

The Raptors shot 5 for 24 in the fourth quarter, with Valanciunas

missing six of seven attempts. Toronto missed its final 11 shot attempts in regulation.

"I don't know if it was nerves or yips or what," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "Just things that shot ourselves in the foot when we had a 10-point lead."

DeRozan scored 11 points in the first, connecting on five of eight attempts, and Lowry had eight points and five assists as Toronto led 33-19. James was 3 of 5 in the first but the rest of the Cavs shot 4 for 18.

James, who averaged more than 41 minutes in Cleveland's first-round series against Indiana, checked out with 3:31 left in the first. With James on the bench, the Cavs scored two points the rest of the quarter.

Green and Smith each scored 11 points in the second and the Cavs found their shooting stroke, connecting on 14 of 22 attempts. James had five assists in the period as Cleveland cut the deficit to 60-57 at halftime.

VanVleet took exception to a shove from James at the end of one play and made an attempt to get at the Cavs star, but was restrained by teammates.

Valanciunas had 13 points and eight rebounds in the third, but Korver scored 10 points and James had eight to keep the Cavs close. Toronto led 87-82 heading to the fourth.

"He was kicking our butt in the third quarter," James said of Valanciunas. "Luckily, I just felt like he wore down a little bit in the fourth."

TIP-INS

Cavaliers: James is second only to Magic Johnson (30) in career playoff triple-doubles. ... James dove into a courtside broadcast table in search of a loose ball late in the fourth. ... Love missed all four of his shot attempts in the first went 1 for 7 in the first half. He finished 3 for 13.

Raptors: Toronto had 10 assists on 13 made baskets in the first. ... The Raptors had nine turnovers in the first half, leading to 15 points for the Cavaliers. They finished with 14, leading to 21 Cleveland points. ... Actor Wendell Pierce attended the game.

LEAVING IT LATE

According to ESPN, the Cavs are the second team in the past 20 post-seasons

to win a game in which they never held a lead in regulation. The only other team to do it was Dallas, which won at Oklahoma City on May 23, 2011.



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James celebrates after the Cavaliers defeated the Toronto Raptors in Game 1 of an NBA basketball playoffs Eastern Conference semifinal, Tuesday, May 1, 2018, in Toronto.

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Lady Hawks basketball team receives Team Top GPA award



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Shown above is the Hawk women's basketball team pictured with their academic advisor Lauren Barber. The Hawk women's basketball team recently received the Team Top GPA award for the 2017-2018 academic year at Howard College. Their average GPA was 3.34. Congratulations to these hardworking student athletes!

Texas Tech's Cheer Coach, Cheerleaders Take Top Honors at STUNT Competition



AP photo
Texas Tech Stunt Cheer Team after winning National title. The team members are Rylee Freeman, Maddi West, Madi Durham, Tanner Jones, Taylor Harrison, Keely Ehlers, Kayla McFarland, Lexi Atkinson, Sam Smith, Decklyn O'Neal, Brooke Henry, Whitney Wheeler, Ashley Grissom, Karsyn Hunt, Jessica Stiglmeier, Hannah Sheaffer, Paxton Barber, Savannah Mize, Jade Brown, Mindy Gilbert, Kendall Billstone, Hunter Heck and Coach Bruce Bills

Associated press

Members of the Texas Tech University Spirit Program wrapped up an award-winning season last week with back-to-back championships and three more honors to add to their list of accomplishments over the past year. "It was very impressive," Bills

said. "They did a great job. They're working with the best cheer athletes in the country, making up the best team, and they fit right in. They are very talented and represent not only the university and program well, but also the country. Their performance was a great routine to watch."

RAISES

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funded. Meanwhile, teachers are being asked to work longer hours at lower pay than their predecessors.

Current teachers indirectly paying for their predecessors' retirement is not unique to Colorado. A 2016 study by Bellwether Education Partners found that \$14 of every \$20 that school districts contribute to the pension of each educator nationally are paying off unfunded debts, with just \$6 going to the worker's retirement.

The disparity is about twice as stark in Colorado. Just \$3 of every \$20 spent per teacher goes to their retirement, according to an analysis by the retirement system.

The costs of those debts are likely to get worse. Colorado's pension is among the worst funded in the U.S., and lawmakers are considering several solutions to shore it up.

Democrats and Republicans disagree on what taxpayers should con-

tribute and the extent that employees should pay in. But both sides agree on cutting retirement benefits more deeply.

A Colorado teacher making about \$70,000 who retired in 2016 after 30 years of service receives an annual pension of about \$56,000, according to the fund's financial reports. But the average pension benefit in 2016 was far less — about \$37,000 a year for the typical retiree who worked until 58.

Cutting future benefits worries teachers. Public sector workers in Colorado don't receive Social Security checks, so proposed cuts to cost-of-living raises would leave them more vulnerable to inflation. Its members don't contribute to Social Security, which was created after the state fund.

"We don't have another option. So what happens to PERA affects us for the rest of our lives," said Suzanne Ethredge, president of the Pueblo Education Association, whose members recently voted to authorize a strike following three straight years of difficult contract talks.



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