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Commissioners not happy about property valuations

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Several Howard County Commissioners expressed displeasure with recent property valuations during a workshop at their Wednesday afternoon Commissioner's Court meeting.

The workshop was part of the regular bi-weekly meeting held at the Howard County Courthouse.

Commissioner Jimmie Long spoke against companies that "game the system" by setting their production esti-

mates based on a single day of production.

"It used to not be that way. It used to go on the tax rolls and all production was counted from that day," he said. "Now they don't do that. If they make 1,000 barrels for six months, and January 1 comes and they make 200 on that day, it goes off of 200. Whatever it is on January 1. I'll just say it, that is raping the public, because they are getting that tax-free income, and they're not paying their fair share to help maintain and help do what's right. The oil companies, by

that legislative act that they got passed and got done - and don't tell me they didn't lobby for it, because they did - they are raping the taxpayers."

Danny Howard, Howard County's representative on the state-run Howard County Appraisal Board, said the problem is an old one.

"It's been like that a while," Howard said. "I was on the school board, and I said, 'That doesn't even make sense. Pick an average. You know? Then you've got to go



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Howard County Commissioners and County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek discussed implementing a county administrative fee for pipeline crossings, among other topics, at the Commissioners Court meeting Tuesday afternoon.

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BSISD holds Campus Carry meeting

Second meeting scheduled May 9



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Big Spring Superintendent Jay McWilliams and School Board President Tony Kennedy discussed the district's plans to allow some administration, faculty, and/or staff members to carry concealed firearms at Big Spring schools during an informational meeting Wednesday at Goliad Elementary School. About 30 people attended the event.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Student safety in an era of rampant school shootings was the topic of discussion at an informational meeting Wednesday evening.

Big Spring School Superintendent Jay McWilliams led the public meeting at Goliad Elementary School, at which he discussed the district's intention to implement the Guardian Plan by the beginning of the next school year, allowing certain hand-picked, tested, and trained administrators, faculty, and staff members to carry concealed firearms at school to defend against school shooters, should the need arise.

About 30 people attended the meeting. Another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9; the second meeting will be at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place. Big Spring school board members Tony Kennedy and Fabian Serrano were present at the meeting, as were Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams and Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker.

"Across the United States, many, many schools have already implemented this, and many more are looking at it," McWilliams told those present. "The reason they're doing that is obviously because of what has happened in our country over the last several years. Since 2013, since then, we've had 290 school shootings. 290. We've had 17 just this year. Just this year alone. We live in a great country, we live in a great world, but there are disturbed individuals who think a school building is a place to prey upon people who are, number one, unarmed; and number two, they are not ready, they are unsuspecting, and somebody just walks in the door."

McWilliams credited the Big Spring School

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FISD and Cosden put on Budget Reality Fair for students



HERALD photo/Jordan Parr
Students of Forsan High visit each of the booths at Cosden Federal Credit Union's CU 4 reality budget fair on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

By JORDAN PARR
 Sports Editor

Forsan High School hosted Cosden Federal Credit Union's CU 4 Reality budget fair on Wednesday in the Forsan gymnasium.

The Reality Fair concept is a unique opportunity

for students to experience some of the financial challenges they will face when they start life on their own. It's a hands-on experience in which students identify their career choice and starting salaries, then complete a budget sheet requiring them to live within

their monthly salary which paying for basics such as housing, utilities, transportation, clothing, and food. Additional expenses such as entertainment and travel are factored in as well.

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Summerfest to put new spin on Cinco de Mayo

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Cinco de Mayo is Saturday, and Big Spring's North Side Movement is celebrating with an annual event with a new name.

"We've been doing Cinco de Mayo for about three years, and we changed it to 'Summerfest' to make it more inclusive... I'm looking for the best word," said Event Coordinator and North Side Movement Secretary Eddi Saldivar. "That, and when we say 'Cinco de Mayo,' the bands that we get like to charge three to four times the amount. So when we named it differently, they went back to their regular prices for some reason. So we found that little loophole."

Summerfest will be at Ryan Hall and St.


Thomas Square on the North Side of Big Spring. The event runs from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, and from noon to 1 a.m. Saturday.

The event is the North Side Movement's biggest fundraiser of the year, and provides money for all of the group's projects and programs, Saldivar said.


"All of the proceeds go to all of our programs throughout the year; like, we'll have some summer education classes for the younger kids," she said. "Right before school starts, we'll have free haircuts, throughout the summer we do movies, and then at Thanksgiving we feed the veterans Thanksgiving meals, and at Christmas we do something. Basically it's our biggest event that funds all our events"

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Obituaries

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, Valarie Sullivan; his three children, Ginger Herrod and husband, Dustin, Joshua Sullivan and wife, Louann, and Shawna Privett all of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Austin Herrod, Syllas Privett, Esan Sullivan, Lorelei Herrod and Wyatt Sullivan; three sisters, Claudia Turner of Bangs, Lou Parady and husband, Doug of Murray, Kentucky, and Gwen Ray and husband, Pat of Big Spring; two brothers, Robert Sullivan and wife Ila, of Cedar Hill, and William Sullivan of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Caleb Joshua Sullivan, Jr.

Tommy attended and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1978. He held many jobs from oil-field electrician lineman, security guard at the V.A., security supervisor at the Fina Refinery, and

Christine Taylor

Christine Taylor, 93, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 2, 2018, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, 2018, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born June 9, 1924, in Lecompte, Louisiana, to Ivy Lee and Ruby Brady Hanks. She married Dr. William Taylor and he preceded her in death.

Christine lived in Little Rock, Arkansas, most of her life and moved to Big Spring in 1997. She was a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Nursing and had worked as a Registered Nurse for many years. She enjoyed gardening.

as director for Howard County 911. He joined the Volunteer Fire Department in 1983 and worked his way up to Chief in 1993, where he remained for 25 years.

He has many accomplishments, but most notable was his role in extinguishing the Alon Refinery fire in 2008. He was known by family and friends as "Chief". Chief Tommy Sullivan was a leader of the community, giving his time to serve the citizens of Howard County. His beautiful heart and amazing strength through adversity poured into the Howard County community day in and day out. Everyone who met him found a hero in him in some way or the other; whether it was through the fire department or as a paramedic. He will be missed.

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.

Paid Obituary

She was a member of First Baptist Church and The Chapel Sunday School Class.

Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Shroyer of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Deborah Shroyer of Reston, Virginia; and two sisters, Vera Wackerly and Alice Barton both of Forest Hill, Louisiana.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Raymond Hanks, Ivy Lee Hanks, Jr., Phillip Hanks, Rodney Hanks and Eugene Hanks; and two sisters, Hazel Appel and Ileene Hutto.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Linda Paredez and Visiting Angels and the staff at Parkview Nursing and Rehab for the excellent care given to Christine.

The family suggests memorials First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy Dr., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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Paid Obituary

Jack N. Parrott

Jack N. Parrott, 87, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 02, 2018, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dalton "Dogie" White



Dalton "Dogie" White, 98, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 1, 2018, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born June 28, 1919, in Eastland County, Texas, and married Virginia Dare Yeager in March of 1940. She preceded him

in death in August of 1987.

Dogie worked as a welder at Cosden Refinery before joining the United States Navy and serving during World War II. He worked as a dairyman for over 30 years.

Survivors include three sons, Don White and wife, Debbie, and Ron White and wife, Sherry all of Big Spring, and Terry White and wife, Sue of Kingman, Arizona; one sister, Christine Kauffman of Big Spring; and numerous grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, C. W. and Emma Mullican White; three brothers, Freddie White, Wilford White and Ray White; and two sisters, Velma Talkington and Maxine Gallaway.

The family suggests memorials to the DAV.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of W 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3 block of Coachmans Circle. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 130 block of Colby Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of E 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of W 11th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JORGE PEDRO MARTINEZ**, 41, of 1511 Tucson St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **GARY ALLEN BREEDING**, 62, of 3609 W 5th St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **SAMANTHA STEPHANIE SAIZ**, 23, of 906 s Birdwell Lane, was arrested on warrants two counts on no driver's license, and two counts on failure to appear, failed to drive in a single line, violate promise to appear.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of Abram St., in the 400 block of S Birdwell Lane, and in the 3200 block of Cornell Ave.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- **GARY ALLEN BREEDING**, 62, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **WILLIS JAMES DUVALL**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of driving while license

invalid.

- **JORGE PEDRO MARTINEZ**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DARRICK DEWAYNE MOSLEY**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **SAMANTHA STEPHANIE SAIZ**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on warrants two counts on no driver's license, and two counts on failure to appear, failed to drive in a single line, violate promise to appear.

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 foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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

be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

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

- The 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 info., 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 info about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

Support Groups

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



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Spokes person, Laurie Barraza, worked with the Forsan High School counselor, Angela Huckabee, to create personalized budgets for each student based on their career choices. Each student was given a binder with their annual and monthly budget, and then they were given the opportunity to mock purchase everything from a home, vehicle and insurance, down to the basic, everyday needs such as food.

Throughout the fair, there are many temptations for additional spending and students must learn to balance their wants and needs to live on their own. After the students have visited the various booths covering components of independent

living, students then balance their budget and then sit down with a financial counselor for review.

The goal of the fair is to teach high school students the value of accurately budgeting as well as to teach them about some of the hidden costs that we all know to well as adults.

"We saw a need for high school students to learn about properly budgeting as well as developing their ability to communicate effectively in a business and professional environment," Barraza said of the CU 4 Reality program.

Cosden Federal Credit Union has developed and promoted this program for all of the area high schools, and are really doing these kids a great service by giving them a leg up as they move forward into young adulthood and independent living.



Tubb



Bose



Mann

Special to the Herald

On Friday, April 27, 2018, Washington Elementary Assistant Principal Ms. Kristen Tubb, along with staff members Natalie Bose and Tana Mann, ate a worm in front of 161 students that

made a higher score on their benchmark than their previous scores. Bose ate hers frozen in pickle juice. Tubb and Tana ate theirs alive with ranch dressing. There is also a video that can be seen on the Washington Elementary Facebook page.

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Board for taking the situation seriously and seeking solutions.

"This has become a top priority. It's moved way up to the top of the list. Our top priority has been the safety of our students," he said. "There are two plans that are recognized by the state of Texas if you go into a campus carry plan. One is called the Marshal Plan, and one is called the Guardian Plan. The plan that Big Spring ISD is looking at is the Guardian Plan. It's modeled very, very similar to Argyle Independent School District. Those people that end up becoming the armed campus carry folks are known as 'Guardians.'"

McWilliams outlined a list of requirements for potential Guardians. According to the list, Guardians will

- Be hand-selected staff members.
- Have a license to carry a firearm.
- Pass a psychological exam "just like local law enforcement."
- Complete ALERT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid-response Training).
- Qualify annually with the specific handgun they will carry. This means qualifying on the gun range through a process which is under the control of the Sheriff's Department.
- Participate in joint training with local law enforcement.
- Be included on the district's random drug testing list and pass all tests (or be removed from the program).
- Be trained in tactics for denying intruders entry into a classroom or facility.

"I think sometimes there is a misconception in the public that we're going to do this, and the next day we're just handing guns out to people. It doesn't work that way. In fact, that's not even close," McWilliams said. "There are so many things you have to do, just to be considered. It is strictly a volunteer program. If this passes by the board, I'll put out a call and we'll start working through this process. But it is strictly volunteer."

McWilliams said identity of the Guardians will remain confidential.

"Obvious reasons," he said. "If I advertise 'I have a gun on me,' they know. They're coming after me first."

Although the identities of individual Guardians will be secret, the existence of the program itself will be clearly advertised.

"When you go to the campuses, there's going to be a sign out front. We're going to make it a big one, where you can see it," McWilliams said. "I'll just tell you, here's what it says: 'Attention: Please be aware that the staff of Big Spring ISD may be armed and will use whatever force is necessary to protect our students.' End of discussion. I think that pretty well sums it up. That's not a boast. We're not boasting that we have guns. We're just telling you, there

are people on this campus that are armed and we will protect our kids. Which is our number-one priority."

McWilliams emphasized that only the Guardians will be permitted to carry weapons on school property. "It's not like, we're in the Old West and now everybody can strap up and walk in. It

doesn't work that way," he said.

Other salient points of the program include:

- Guns will not be stored on campus.
- Guardians will not receive a stipend for participating in the program or for purchase of a firearm.
- Guardians will carry their own weapon, which must conform to district requirements.
- The district will provide ammunition for training and use on district property.
- Guardians may carry their weapons at school board meetings.
- Only 9mm and .380 caliber firearms will be permitted.
- Guardians may carry firearms in district vehicles if they are in the vehicle as part of their job duty.
- School board trustees will not be authorized to carry firearms through the Guardian Plan.

For more information, call Big Spring ISD Administration at 432-264-3600.

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Raymond Lee Swafford, 64, died Monday. Funeral will at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation will follow at the Big Spring Country Club.

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

Billy Joe Mitchell, 80, died Monday. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for funeral expenses.

Jack N. Parrott, 87, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

VALUATIONS

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back and have all that paperwork, but still."

In other business, the commissioners heard from District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson regarding internet and email security.

"We had an issue come up with our email that was nearly disastrous in regard to receiving critical information from the Court of Appeals in regards to very important appellate issues," Wilkerson said. "We were saved by happenstance, but it brought to our attention the fact that the email structure, as is now in place, has little or nothing to do with the County, and is under the control of the Sheriff's Office. For me, and I think for most departments, that's unacceptable."

Wilkerson said the issue is one of confidentiality.

"I have three counties, I conduct criminal investigations, those results come to me. I have correspondence with the Court of Appeals and confidential things that aren't subject to open records, and those are going and being held at some point through an office outside of your control and my control," he said. "That's unacceptable, and I expect for you to let the IT people you have hired to do their job and take the email responsibility for the bulk of the county and place it where it's supposed to be."

Wilkerson asserted that the Howard County Sheriff's Department has ac-

cess to confidential court documents sent through email through being administrators of the county's email servers that they shouldn't have access to.

"If, God forbid, there should be an investigation about your office by the Rangers, and they communicate with me through email, I have a hole there," he said. "They're subject to being reviewed at a whim by personnel at the Sheriff's Office. That's not acceptable. So I want to encourage you..."

"Wait, wait, wait," interrupted Sheriff Stan Parker. "We can't review those emails. We don't have access to them."

Wilkerson and Parker disagreed about whether the Sheriff's Office has the passwords allowing access to District Court emails.

As the issue was not on the agenda for action at this meeting, Commissioners resolved to study the issue and take it up at a future Commissioners Court meeting.

Commissioners also:

- Approved a free program to create a promotional video for Howard County.
- Approved an additional expense to redo a failed generator load test at the Sheriff's Office. According to Chief Deputy Mike Averitt, the test was failed due to faulty thermostats.
- Decided to hold a public hearing on a measure to charge an administrative fee on pipeline road crossings.
- Introduced new County IT Director Reagan Rainey.

SUMMERFEST

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throughout the year."

Summerfest will feature some hot country and Tejano music, Saldivar said.

"Friday night, we have a country band called 'Electric Cowboys,' and then on Saturday we have Gary Hobbs," she said. "He's a Tejano artist, and a Latin Grammy winner. Outside during the day, we'll have carnival games, we'll have food, we're making it real family-oriented during the day."

According to the group's Facebook page, "The NSM is a 501c3 organization targeting and finding solutions to problems. We strive to ensure a better quality of life. We offer many services."

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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.7 Billion in April

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.7 billion in April, 13.4 percent more than in April 2017.

"April state sales tax collections grew significantly across all major economic sectors," Hegar said. "While the strongest growth was in remittances from oil and gas-related sectors, tax receipts from retail trade and restaurants also grew briskly."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in April 2018 was up 9.8 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuel and oil and natural gas production also rose in April 2018:

motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$293.2 million, up 32.1 percent from April 2017;*

motor fuel taxes — \$322.6 million, up 2.1 percent from April 2017; and

oil and natural gas production taxes — \$445.2 million, up 56.1 percent from April 2017.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch.

From Homeless to Congress

COLLEGE STATION—As a boy in Houston, Bill Sarpalius, his brothers, and their mother lived an itinerant life. Bill dug food out of trashcans, and he and his brothers moved from one school to the next. They squatted in a vacant home while their mother, affectionately called "Honey," battled alcoholism and suicidal tendencies. In an act of desperation, she handed her three sons over to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch north of Amarillo.

At the time, Bill was thirteen years old and could not read. Life at Boys Ranch had its own set of harrowing challenges, however. He found himself living in fear of some staff and older boys. He became involved in Future Farmers of America and discovered a talent for public speaking. When he graduated, he had a hundred dollars and no place to go. He worked hard, earned a scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and obtained a college degree. After a brief career as a teacher and in agribusiness, he won a seat in the Texas Senate. Driven by the memory of his suffering mother, he launched the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in an effort to help people struggling with addiction.

Sarpalius later served in the United States Congress. As a Lithuanian American, he took a special interest in that nation's fight for independence from the Soviet Union. For his efforts, Sarpalius received the highest honor possible to a non-Lithuanian citizen and was named a "Grand Duke."

The Grand Duke from Boys Ranch is a unique political memoir—the story of a life full of unlikely paths that is at once heartbreaking and inspirational.

BILL SARPALIUS represented the Texas 13th Congressional District from 1989 to 1995, and from 1981 to 1989 he served in the Texas State Senate. He currently is a motivational speaker and serves as CEO of Advantage Associates International. He divides his time between Maryland and Houston, Texas.

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Rep. Arrington, Sens. Cruz and Cornyn Praise Air Force Nomination of Dyess to Host B-21 Bomber

Air Force names Dyess official candidate to host B-21 bomber



Courtesy photo

Pictured from left to right are Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19), Col Benson, former base commander and 307th Bomb Wing, Congressman Mac Thornberry, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and Col Owens of the 317th Airlift Wing.

ABILENE, Texas — Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-Texas) and U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) today issued the following statements regarding the Air Force's announcement nominating Dyess Air Force Base as an official candidate to host the B-21 bomber.

"Through award-winning community support and the most capable Airmen in the Armed Forces, Dyess Air Force Base has uniquely positioned itself as an indispensable weapon in our national defense arsenal," said Arrington. "I am proud the Air Force recognized Dyess' proven ability to command the skies by selecting our base to enter the final stage of the process to house the next generation of bomber aircraft, the B-21 Raider. The B-1s and C-130Js at Dyess play an ever-expanding role in our national security and humanitarian efforts, and as overseas tensions continue to escalate, the B-21 will ensure our military can continue to project American strength around the globe abroad."

"The Airmen stationed at Dyess are well-aware of the critical importance of their mission, and their commitment and resolve in carrying it out has long been a point of pride for both their superiors in the Air Force and their neighbors in the city of Abilene. I always call Dyess a 'crown jewel' of West Texas, and today's announcement gets us one step closer to cementing that jewel for the next generation, and beyond."

"For decades, Dyess Air Force Base and the Abilene community have been a pillar of our nation's strategic capabilities and deterrence," Sen. Cruz said. "With today's announcement that Dyess has been officially named as a candidate to host the B-21 bomber, Dyess is poised to remain at the forefront of our national security. This announcement is a testament to the incredible work our men and women in uniform accomplish there every day, as well as to the strong support from that community. The B-21 will be a critical enabler of promoting American interests, and will project American strength and deter aggression around the globe. I look forward to

seeing this aircraft call Dyess home."

"The exceptional airmen at Dyess have proven their ability time and again to produce combat-ready crews, and this will help them to further enhance Air Force readiness," said Sen. Cornyn. "The fleet of B-21 Raiders will benefit not just the Abilene community, but also our national security for decades to come."

BACKGROUND

Over the course of his first year in office, Arrington had several conversations with Air Force leadership, including Global Strike Commander, General Rand, and Secretary of the Air Force, Heather Wilson, advocating for the B-21 to be based at Dyess. He brought Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Mac Thornberry, to Dyess, and he met with Senator John Cornyn, the second highest ranking Republican in the Senate, to discuss opportunities for promoting Dyess as the frontrunner to base the B-21.

Congressman Jodey Arrington is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving the Nineteenth Congressional District of Texas. He serves as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, House Budget Committee, and Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

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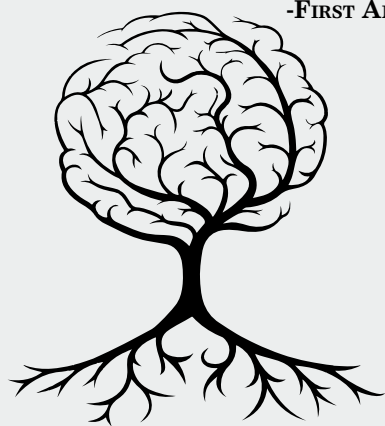
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DAILY PRAYER

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Steer Weekly

Teachers united

The importance of unions has remained prevalent throughout the course of history, spanning as far back as the eighteenth century during Europe's industrial revolution. The Europeans utilized unions as a protected form of communication between the workers and the bosses to negotiate better quality of work, which includes humane working hours, restricting child labor laws, increased wage pay to sustain families, and improved working conditions, just to name a few.



BRITNEY TAN
BSHS JOURNALIST

Without the protection of unions, workers would face harsh consequences such as being laid off in the pursuit of improving the job system. As the industrial revolution started to take off in early USA, the need for unions were affirmed. Once again, unions paved the way for workers to demand humane conditions, better pay, and to protect children from intense labor.

As society has progressed into the modern age, unions aren't exactly fighting the same battle as they were a hundred years ago, but the option to join or not join a union is a right I believe workers should have, more specifically: teachers.

In the past few weeks, there have been walkouts and strikes in Oklahoma and Kentucky- a strong stance in the fight for increased public funds for teachers' salaries and improving school infrastructure. They have worked not just with the union, but with nonprofits, other state employees, and school districts to garner support.

However, not every teacher feels compelled to strike and it is not always because they have no interest, but because the state they reside in does not allow state employees to unionize. According to

the National Conference of State Legislatures, Texas is one 28 states to enforce Right to Work Laws, which means worked employed by the state (which includes public school teachers) cannot be compelled to join a union as a requirement of their job. Without a union, teachers who do wish to negotiate salaries or advocate for something more will not be protected from losing their job.

Teachers should have the opportunity to unionize if they wish to do so in Texas. Unions have been a fantastic vessel in keeping authoritative figures in check. Without the careful checks and balance system -- a constant tug of war between demands and granting wishes -- employers may abuse their power and strip resources to its barest minimum, which is exactly what has been happening in modern day Texas.

The ideology behind decreased public spending can extensively be argued over, but to cut funds from public education sends a clear message: we do not prioritize future generations. Without the checking system and protection of unions, teachers and other school district administrators have not been able to push back regulation that loses focus of them and their careers.

Furthermore, it isn't just salaries that the teachers in other states are advocating for; teachers in Oklahoma want to restore public education funding. This kind of policy will be felt by students at every level as spending-per-student would presumably increase.

Out of any federally funded or state funded program, education should be the most prioritized. Unfortunately, this view has been skewed by the opposition, creating an environment that does not

focus on schooling as much as it should. By restoring government focus on teachers and public education, we could bring a renewed love for learning. By increasing teachers' wages, school districts will feel greater incentive to hire teachers that best fit the position.

This greater incentive comes because taxpayers will put greater strain on school boards to choose competent workers, while unions will make sure the competent workers are properly compensated for their work. By prioritizing curriculum and the teachers who form it, it is a beacon of support for an undervalued profession.

Of course, as with any union, there are a few negative side effects to keep an eye out for. Union membership contracts may restrict educators, but this problem can be easily solved by creating what you prioritize from the ground up.

The "if you can't do it, I will," mentality to pursue change is highly effective and will be bargaining power to the side of lesser power. If forming a new union isn't possible, then negotiation over the union's contract is.

Furthermore, if there are no unions that pinpoint particular priorities and creating a new one is not an option, then union membership is something to opt out of. Membership is never a requirement for any profession, according to the National Right to Work Foundation, but the importance factor to acknowledge is that at least the option is available to those who wish to pursue it.

Allowing Texas teachers to unionize would allow voices who know the education system inside and outside to have a voice rather than be silenced, and for a state that ranked 43rd in the nation on the 2016 Education Quality Report, we have to give priority to educators and make positive change happen.

In order to form a more perfect union

Last week, Arizona teachers rallied together in support of their campaign, RedForEd. They looked for more educational funding and an increase in salary for educators. They have specifically requested the governor to speak to their union, Arizona Educators Leaders United.

The United States isn't unfamiliar with unfair work conditions in the past, and to this day still struggle with this issue. States have since started to unionize to make change, but that has also come an issue in which current states a lot it while others do not. Which restricts teachers right to freedom of speech and assembly.

Teachers should be allowed to utilize their right to unionize to voice their concerns and receive the benefits these important individuals deserve.

Teacher unions have the advantage of providing their teachers not only with legal protection, but also from administrative abuse of power. As years go by, many teachers are sued for malpractice, whether it is a wrongful or rightful prosecution. As these teachers are tried, these unions provide the attorneys and funds in order to defend their members. Some unions will go through the most difficult paths to ensure their members are protected and satisfied.

Another issue in education settings is administration power trips. There have been many occasions in which administration uses its power to dictate the teachers decisions inside the classroom. Using their authority as a way to neglect the educational system that employs our educators.

There are also cases in which employers also discriminate educators based on their race, religion, and/or gender, other cases it is simply favoritism. When teach-

ers being to see this kind of negligence, the union provides them with protect from being wrongfully terminated, unfair salary contracts, and so much more.

Many have argued that those that choose to be members of unions, have a more difficult time being able to negotiate new terms, contract or settlements. However that is not the case, being apart of a union doesn't dictate your negotiability. If both parties are looking to settle an issue, the terms can be settled, a union is only used as a way of protection from neglect.

Memberships into these unions brings you benefits like the attorneys, health insurance, life insurance, auto insurance discount, store discounts, mortgage assistance and many more benefits. Teachers salary in Texas averages around roughly \$50,000, which calculates to a \$2,083 bimonthly check.

With expenses that are associated with cars, houses, kids, and bills, teacher can be left with little to no money depending on the towns economy. Sometimes deductions are taken away from the checks like taxes or coverage that is given through the employer. In schools that are at a socioeconomic disadvantage, the coverage that is given to the employees isn't always the premium and leaves teachers in tough positions.

When they join a teacher union, for a small membership fee, they are given these benefits that not only help them but their family. Some may argue that they can just upgrade their insurance policies or that the discounts aren't big enough to warrant joining an organization, however the issue isn't whether it warrants it or not. The benefits are there for all members that take advantage of it. Teachers that may face these limi-

tation, have the opportunity to receive this assistance and should take advantage of it.

Teachers also have the issue of not being able to voice their concerns without the fear of losing their jobs or being discriminated against. With a teachers union, those teachers can do that with knowing the security of their job isn't at stake.

Teachers witness every single obstacle that the students faces meaning they most likely know the changes that need to be made. In those teacher unions, frequent rallies and action is taken to make those changes. Without the union, teachers attempting to voice their concern may be at risk of being terminated for speaking out, while others may be treated as outsiders of the workplace.

That kind of behavior doesn't make a healthy work environment and specifically puts the school at a disadvantage academically. Teachers need to be heard, with their input, drastic change can be made to further help the academic success of the student and the school as a whole. The argument that teachers unions aren't beneficial to the student but only the teacher, but that has shown to be false.

Multiple statistics taken by government officials has shown that schools that allow their teachers to unionize have been more academically successful then those that don't. Unionizing point to all positive outcomes, allowing teachers to be able to unionize and make change will help to bring the low education ranking of America up.

Teachers unionizing has shown the potential to be one of the most positive impacts on education. Not only will the teachers benefit, but the students, who are also the next generation of upcoming citizens. Why not allow teachers to be able to do something that will only positively influence education, while giving them and the students the best education possible.



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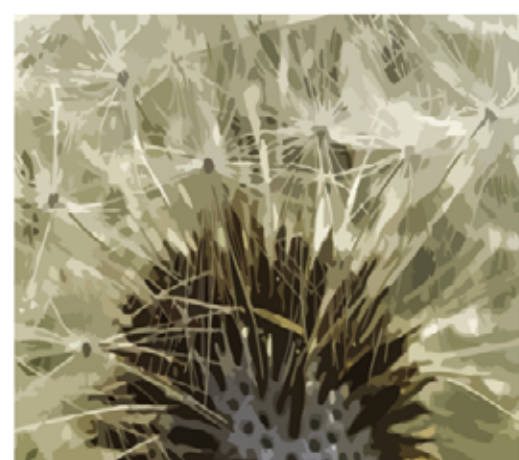
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A send off for the Coahoma Bulldog baseball and Bulldogettes softball teams will be held at 1:40 p.m. Friday between the Coahoma ISD high school and elementary buildings. The Bulldogs will compete in Bi-District play against the Dublin Lions in Hawley. Game 1 is set for 7 p.m. Friday with game 2 to be held at 1 p.m. Saturday. A third game will follow right after game 2 if necessary. The Bulldogettes will tackle the Henrietta Lady Bearcats for area play in Albany. Game 1 begins at 6 p.m. on Friday. Game 2 will start at 2 p.m. Saturday with game 3 to follow if necessary. Come out and cheer on our Bulldogs and Bulldogettes as they continue to work hard in postseason play!

Wednesday's Sports in Brief

By The Associated Press

PRO FOOTBALL
NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL players' union says former San Francisco 49ers safety Eric Reid filed a grievance against the league, alleging that he remains unsigned as a result of collusion by owners.

Reid, a Pro Bowler in 2013, had joined former teammate Colin Kaepernick two seasons ago in kneeling during the national anthem to protest police brutality and racial inequality.

Kaepernick wasn't signed for the 2017 season following his release in San Francisco. Reid continued the quarterback's protests. The 26-year-old safety became a free agent this offseason when his rookie contract with the 49ers expired.

Kaepernick previously filed a collusion grievance that is in the discovery stage. He deposed several league owners and executives, including Commissioner Roger Goodell. Reid is using the same attorneys as Kaepernick.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers placed linebacker Ryan Shazier on injured reserve for the 2018 season to give him more time to recover from spinal stabilization surgery.

The move will open up a roster spot for the AFC North champions as they begin organized team activities later this month.

Steelers general manager Kevin Colbert ruled Shazier out for 2018 earlier this year. Shazier, injured in a game at Cincinnati last December, walked publicly for the first time in nearly five months when he strode onto the stage to announce Pittsburgh's first-round pick in last week's NFL draft.

The 25-year-old Shazier has remained active in the organization during his rehabilitation.

PRO BASKETBALL
PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns hired Utah Jazz assistant Igor Kokoskov as their new head coach.

The 46-year-old Serbian becomes the first NBA head coach born and raised outside North America. He served as a Suns assistant from 2008 to 2013, a stretch that included Phoenix's 2010 run to the Western Conference finals.

Kokoskov agreed to terms with the Suns after the team conducted a long series of initial interviews followed by second interviews with what general manager Ryan McDonough termed "a handful" of finalists.

Kokoskov inherits an exceedingly young team that compiled a 21-61 record, worst in the NBA and second-worst in franchise history.

He succeeds interim coach Jay Triano, who took over after Earl Watson was fired three games into the season.

HOCKEY
The NHL is staging more exhibition games in China this fall, hoping to make further inroads in establishing hockey as a sport in the world's most populous nation.

The Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks played preseason games in Shanghai and Beijing last September, the NHL's first foray there.

China represents an as-yet untapped resource for the NHL, especially ahead of the

Celtics' Brown 1 of many injuries impacting NBA playoffs

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
AP Sports Writer

Injuries are having a major impact on the NBA playoffs.

A tweak, turn or strain to this or that has sidelined or limited players from All-Stars to reserves — and that has influenced the early outcomes of Round 2.

After Jaylen Brown strained his right hamstring in Boston's Game 7 win over Milwaukee, he all but begged the Celtics doctors and trainers to let him suit up for the start of their Eastern Conference semifinal matchup with Philadelphia.

Boston managed to win without him in its 117-101 victory over the sluggish 76ers in Game 1 Monday night, thanks to career players by Al Horford, Terry Rozier and rookie Jayson Tatum.

But despite two days of rest and treatment, coach Brad Stevens said Brown is "very doubtful" for Game 2 on Thursday night.

"The bottom line is with this hamstring injury it's not terrible. Not a long-term thing. It shouldn't linger if he comes back at the right time," Stevens said.

If Brown can't go for Game 2, it will again put stress on a Celtics rotation that just recently got back Marcus Smart from a right thumb surgery.

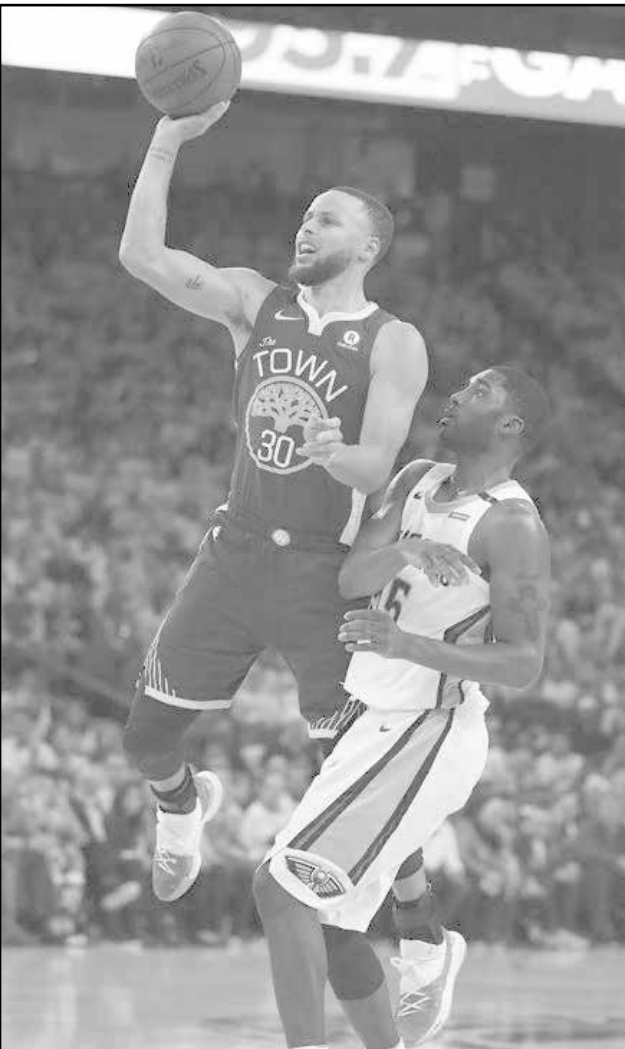
Fred VanVleet appeared to tweak his right shoulder in the second half of the Raptors' 113-112 overtime loss to Cleveland in Game 1 of their series Tuesday night. He missed most of Toronto's first-round series against Washington with shoulder problems, but the Raptors still turned to him with the game on the line against the Cavaliers. VanVleet missed what would have been a go-ahead 3-pointer in the waning moments of regulation and another in the extra frame.

"I wasn't hurt," he said, "but I'm not looking for any excuses."

Elsewhere in the league, the return of some players and absence of others has been just as noticeable.

Stephen Curry, who sat out all of Golden State's first-round series win over San Antonio with a sprained ligament in his left knee, gave the Warriors a major lift in his return for Game 2 of

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AP photo

Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry (30) shoots past New Orleans Pelicans' E'Twaun Moore (55) in the second half in Game 2 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Tuesday, May 1, 2018, in Oakland, Calif. Golden State won 121-116.

DU's Jim Montgomery is next coach of Dallas Stars

By PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — The Dallas Stars reached into the collegiate ranks to find their new head coach.

It's a strategy that's certainly working out well in Philadelphia.

The Stars will hire the University of Denver's Jim Montgomery as their next coach, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday. Montgomery takes over for Ken Hitchcock, who retired last month and will become a consultant for the Stars. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the hiring had not been announced.

Montgomery becomes the second college-to-NHL hire in the past three years, following the Flyers' Dave



AP photo

In this March 25, 2017, file photo, Denver head coach Jim Montgomery works the bench during the first period in the regional semifinals of the NCAA college hockey tournament against Michigan Tech in Cincinnati.

by Jamie Benn and Tyler Seguin. The Stars are coming off a season in which they missed the playoffs for

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

No. 0310957 Status/Permit No. 838263 Case DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 2, 2018 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 6, 2018 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas

Public Notice

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 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.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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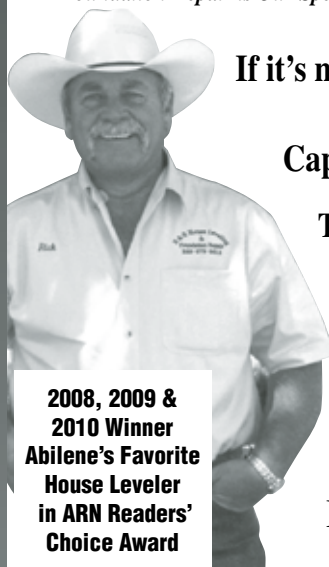
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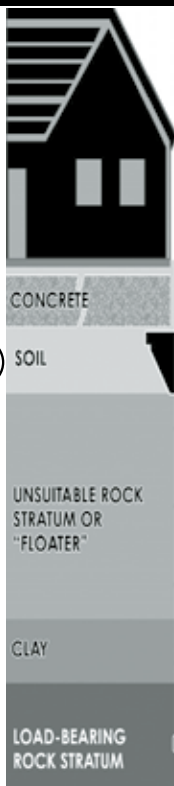
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Solar Seeds

Seeds can be unpredictable. Some can stay in the soil bank for half a century before germinating. Legend has it that one germinating seed was radio-carbon dated at nearly 2,000 years old. There are still many dormant possibilities while the sun journeys the first earth sign of the zodiac. We have yet to see all that will grow in this cycle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your loved ones, bosses and colleagues are all looking for the same thing. They want to see effort. They need the assurance that someone cares. You'll be someone's saving grace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't forget to play. Play is where the best stuff of the day happens. Play is where you'll discover who a person really is. Play will show you things about yourself you didn't know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your power is growing because you're ready and willing to take on more. Though you have many supporters, expect some resistance, too. Just because someone is intimidated doesn't mean you are intimidating.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is often the case that compassionate people got that way via life's disappointments and injustices. Because they moved through bad times, they are more capable of helping others through their suffering.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When people want what isn't good for them, as will be the case today, giving them what they want isn't going to help anything. For best results, apply your own judgment to the actions you take on behalf of others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be steadfast in your flow of positive energy. Some people will seem determined to derail your sunshine agenda, and those people are not to be taken on. Ignore them instead. Refuse to be defeated by transient concerns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). True happiness is impossible to achieve in isolation.

You cannot be truly happy when others are suffering. You're connected to all of humanity, and you feel that connection in a visceral way today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though it is possible to experience an easy or even accidental victory, real triumph belongs to the enduring. So don't be shaken by the easy wins of others. Stay the course. Yours is coming.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Spiritual evolution is work. For instance, to think benevolently about people even if you don't particularly agree with (or even like) them is to operate on a higher level. You have this in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can direct loving feelings toward yourself and then extend them outward, or direct loving feelings toward another then soak them up. Either way, you'll cultivate and share a warm safe environment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today you will give second chances. It's what you would want were the situation reversed. Also, it just feels better to do this, even if part of you doesn't quite think it's going to work out. You'll always know you were generous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You believe in people's capacity to improve. It's why you're a terrific coach. You also know when to detach. You don't demand people be a certain way to earn your respect. You just respect them and hope for the best.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 3). A group will grow and improve because of your contribution. These are the meaningful moments you've been working toward! You'll make good on a promise, and it will burst open an exciting trajectory. There's real brilliance in your ability to elicit expert

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ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: A Cancer writes: "I'm not even allowed to have feelings. If I act upset, it makes everyone mad at me. One time, I was really upset but couldn't tell my dad why -- because I knew he would have just advised me not to be upset over something so stupid. If I state how something has hurt me, I get my head bitten off. How DARE I be upset! If I rant, they don't want to hear it. It's not fair!"

I get it! You're a sensitive Cancer. Know that your feelings are not wrong or right, and no matter what anyone says, you are allowed to have them. But how to (SET ITAL) express(END ITAL) them... that's the thing! The more mature a person becomes, the better he is able to manage emotional expression instead of reacting to every feeling that flickers through. The first step is being aware of your choices. The feeling comes up, and you can choose to take a breath and a pause to process the information. You can work on developing tools for expressing your emotions -- finding ways to channel them through exercise, art, a journal, conversation... With some exploration you will learn the great gift that lies in your emotions. I challenge you to take it on as a study, as there is great power to be tapped here.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Country outlaw Eric Church's latest release, "61 Days in Church," features selections from over 200 hours of live recordings made on his last tour. The country artist was born when the sun and Mercury were in Taurus, a down-to-earth energy, symbolized by the bull (ideal for cowboys); it's also the sign that rules the voice. Church's moon and Uranus are in Scorpio, bringing a rebellious energy to the gig.

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♥ K Q 9 7 6 5
♦ K 7
♣ A Q

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 1♠ 2♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.

The simplest hands are sometimes the hardest ones to play correctly. Witness this deal where South was in four hearts and West led the queen of spades.

South won with the ace and led a trump to West's ace. West returned the jack of spades, and East ruffed dummy's king and returned a club.

South finessed and lost the queen to the king, and West cashed the ten of spades to put the contract down one.

Unlucky, you could say, but the unadulterated truth is that declarer botched the play. Before playing to the first trick, South should have considered what might happen if West had six spades for his one-spade overall. He might then have seen the wisdom of taking the opening trick with dummy's king in order to prevent East from ruffing it later.

After winning with the king, he would next lead a trump from dummy. West would take his ace and lead the jack of spades, but East would then be in a hopeless position. If he ruffed, South would follow low from his hand, and his only other loser would be a club, thus making four hearts.

The hand illustrates, for the umpteenth time, why a declarer should not play quickly at trick one. That is the time when he should collect his thoughts, being careful to give consideration to any bidding by the opponents as well as the significance of the opening lead. He should then form a plan of play and be prepared to alter it should any unexpected development occur.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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SUDOKU

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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:

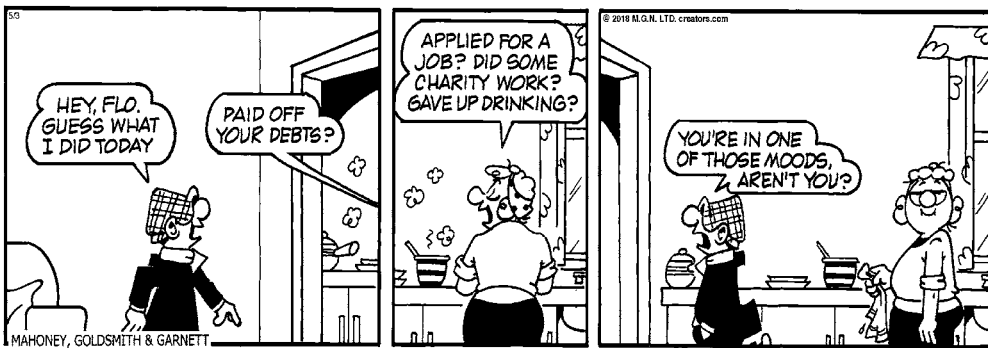
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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

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ANDY CAPP



AGNES



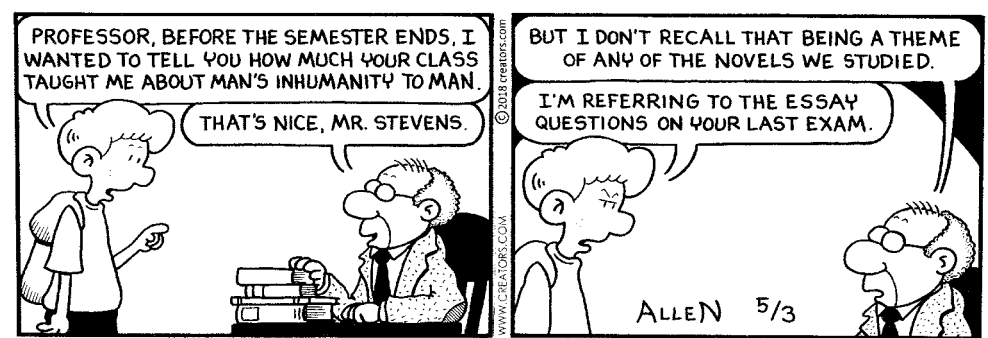
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



MOMMA



This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2018. There are 242 days left in the year.

On May 3, 1978, spam email was born as Gary Thuerk (thurk), a marketing executive for the Digital Equipment Corp. of Maynard, Massachusetts, transmitted an unsolicited sales pitch for a new line of computers to 400 prospective customers on ARPANET, a precursor to the internet; the stunt generated some business, as well as complaints. "Sun Day" took place on a Wednesday as thousands of people extolling the virtues of solar energy held events across the country.

On this date: In 1515, Pope Leo X promulgated the bull "Inter sollicitudines" allowing the Catholic Church to review and censor books.

In 1791, the Commonwealth of Poland-Lithuania adopted a constitution.

In 1810, English poet Lord Byron, inspired by the Greek myth of Hero and Leander, swam across the Hellespont, a strait in present-day Turkey.

In 1916, Irish nationalists Padraic Pearse, Thomas Clarke and Thomas MacDonagh were executed by a British firing squad; they were among 16 people put to death for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1937, Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "Gone with the Wind."

In 1948, the Supreme Court, in Shelley v. Kraemer, ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

In 1952, the Kentucky Derby was televised nationally for the first time on CBS; the winner was Hill Gail, ridden by Eddie Arcaro.

In 1960, the Harvey Schmidt-Tom Jones musical "The Fantasticks" began a nearly 42-year run at New York's Sullivan Street Playhouse.

In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labour government in parliamentary elections.

In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine

shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.

In 1999, some 70 tornadoes roared across Oklahoma and Kansas, killing 46 people and injuring hundreds.

In 2007, British girl Madeleine McCann vanished during a family vacation in Portugal nine days before her fourth birthday; her disappearance remains unsolved.

Ten years ago: Barack Obama defeated Hillary Rodham Clinton by seven votes out of more than 4,500 cast in the Guam Democratic presidential caucuses, meaning the candidates split the pledged delegate votes. Big Brown won the Kentucky Derby by 4 3/4 lengths. (Filly Eight Belles finished second and then broke both front ankles; she was euthanized on the track.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama cast Mexico as a nation ready to take "its rightful place in the world" and move past the drug battles and violence that had defined its relationship with the United States; the president then headed to Costa Rica, where he told a press conference he didn't foresee any circumstance requiring the U.S. to send ground troops into Syria. Gunmen killed Chaudhry Zulfikar, Pakistan's lead prosecutor investigating the assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto (BEN'uh-zeer BOO'toh), as he drove to court in the capital.

One year ago: President Donald Trump met at the White House with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas (mahk-MOOD' ah-BAHS'), promising "to do whatever is necessary" to forge an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal. FBI Director James Comey told Congress that revealing the reopening of the Hillary Clinton email probe just before Election Day came down to a painful, complicated choice between "really bad" and "catastrophic" options, but in hindsight would have acted no differently. Actress Daliah Lavi, 74, died in Asheville, North Carolina.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

Alex Cord is 85. Singer Frankie Valli is 84. Idaho Gov. Butch Otter is 76. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, is 75. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 72. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is 69. Pop singer Mary Hopkin is 68. Singer Christopher Cross is 67. Country musician Cactus Moser (Highway 101) is 61. Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 59. Former Sen.

David Vitter, R-La., is 57. Country singer Shane Minor is 50. Actress Amy Ryan is 50. Actor Bobby Cannavale (kanuh-VAL'ee) is 48. Music and film producer-actor Damon Dash is 47. Country musician John Driskell Hopkins (Zac Brown Band) is 47. Country-rock musician John Neff is 47. Country singer Brad Martin is 45. TV personality Willie Geist (TV: "Today") is

43. Actress Christina Hendricks is 43. Actor Dule (doo-LAY) Hill is 43. Country singer Eric Church is 41. Actress Tanya Wright is 40. Dancer Cheryl Burke is 34. Soul singer Michael Kiwanuka is 31. Actress Jill Berard is 28. Actress Zoe De Grand Maison is 23. Rapper Designer (cq) is 21.

Thought for Today:

"A man can become so accustomed to the thought of his own faults that he will begin to cherish them as charming little 'personal characteristics.'"

Helen Rowland American writer, journalist and humorist (1876-1950).

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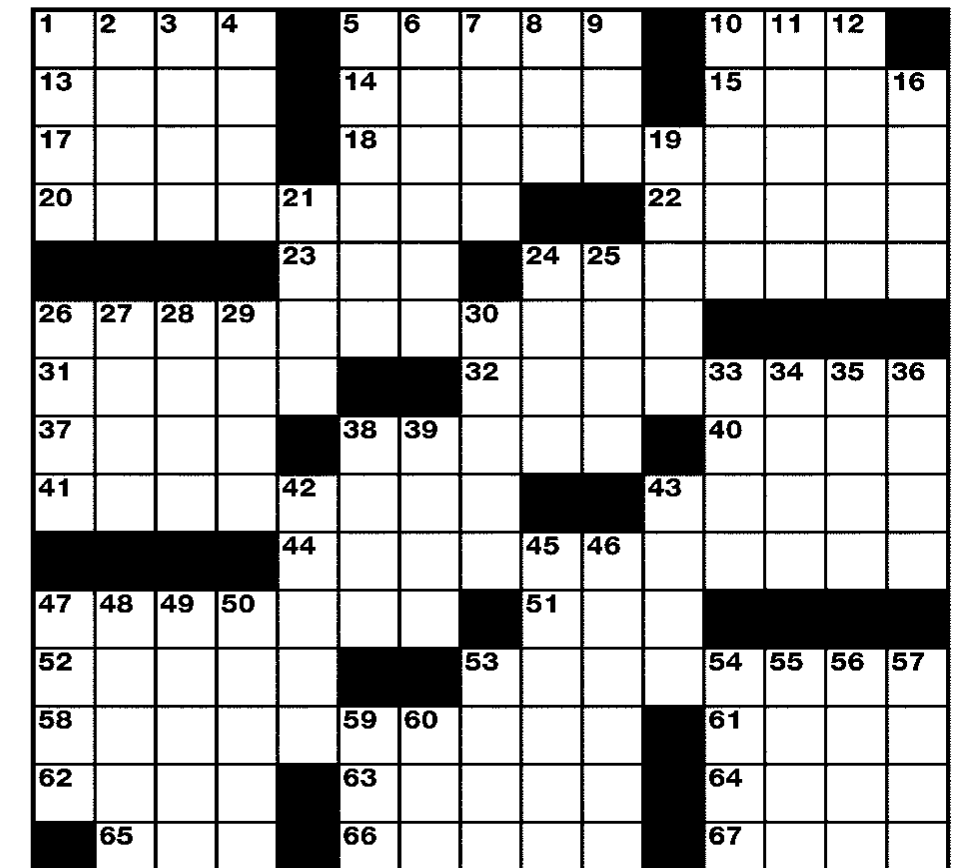
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- ACROSS 1 Monopoly board corner 5 Approximately, datewise 10 Naval VIP 13 Approximately 14 Taqueria "ta-ta" 15 Taco filling 17 Camera's "eye" 18 Superfluous participant 20 Ore-Ida nugget 22 Chief artery 23 "Dig in!" 24 Recliner part 26 Final piece of the transcontinental railroad 31 Don't go to 32 Modified further 37 Actress Catherine ___-Jones 38 Does pull-ups 40 13th-century explorer 41 Trapped 43 Minimal amounts 44 Xbox or Wii 47 Contemplative thoughts 51 Grey's Anatomy ailer 52 Out of the way 53 Discovers by digging 58 Hors d'oeuvres presentation 61 Polite interruption 62 Coop group 63 Commerce 64 Get along 65 Scoundrel

- 66 Word before bowl or bar 67 Surfer's concern DOWN 1 Sudden shake 2 Realm 3 Lacks being 4 Forfeit 5 Lounging robe 6 Mad magazine's staff, by their own admission 7 Estrangement 8 Tent bed 9 Hardwood tree 10 Abominate 11 Hay baler brand 12 Complies with 16 No longer fizzy 19 Carried on, as a conflict 21 Marsh plant 24 Legal attachment 25 Wings (out) 26 Extended look 27 Cooking show fixture 28 Multitudes 29 Primatologist Fossey 30 High self-esteem 33 NASDAQ debuts 34 Small role in The Wizard of Oz 35 Mideast airline 36 Potion portion 38 Rugged rock 39 Clothes lines 42 Choreographer de Mille

- 43 Ancient Peruvian 45 Trudeau's domain 46 Complied with 47 Airspeed measure 48 Ballpark employee 49 Tuscan city 50 Latin clarifier 53 Major Russian river 54 Multitude 55 Asian cuisine 56 Group of Guernseys 57 Peter Pan pirate 59 Race from space, for short 60 Refrain syllable



Answer to previous puzzle: AREA, ASTRO, HATE, DELL, NOMAD, ERIN, DAILYGRIND, BIND, REMEET, CRASS, ATRIA, SHE, CARL, SENATE, WHIP, ARIEL, LICUS, IRA, TOP, ELEMEN, KEN, EMU, AJDA, SCENE, RAPIDPULSE, ODES, DES, SALON, MIXER, VANISH, OKRA, KARATE, CHOP, SEAL, IMAGE, AIRE, SAYS, TAPES, LANG

THE LASSO

Big Spring High School's weekly update

By **CHRISTIAN ISLAS**
BSHS Journalist

It has been an eventful week at BSHS as STAAR week approaches next week.

This Tuesday, senior Ashley Gonzales signed her commitment to play softball at Western Texas College in Snyder. She was joined by a large crowd of her peers, coaches, staff, teammates, and community.

Yesterday, student council held a one-day voting session for class officers. The results will be released later today.

Art teacher, Andrea Phinney, accompanied by her art classes, started a mural on the patio of the school. The artwork, which contains the phrase "Together as one, through years to come" is an attempt to beautify the campus, while providing the art students a project to showcase their skills.

A meeting was held last night at Goliad Elementary exploring the concept of arming BSISD teachers, a plan already implemented in surrounding school districts.

Tonight, BSHS choir will host the annual talent show in the auditorium at 7 P.M.

Tomorrow, senior Britney Tan will

be in Austin for the UIL Academic State Meet. Tan will compete in feature and editorial writing in hopes of earning a state title.

The Lady Steers will start their 3-game series in the Area round against Venus in Hawley at 5pm tomorrow night in continued hopes of reaching the state championship. Game 2 and 3, if necessary, will take place Saturday.

Saturday and Sunday, BSHS Journalism will participate in the 2018 Inter-scholastic League Press Conference. This workshop will provide in-depth training in various fields related to journalism.

Represented will be current and future editorial staff members who will listen to professional journalists in their pursuit to become an award-winning program.

"I chose these students because they have demonstrated a commitment to scholastic journalism," Student Media Adviser Ricky Shubert said. "They share my passion and goals, which is to create publications that can compete on a state and national level."

These students will also compete against fellow Texas student journalists in competitions related to writing, photography, and broadcasting.



Islas



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Big Spring High School Junior, Gabriella Medina, waits to begin the Honor Band Concert that took place at First United Methodist Church last week. Medina plays the flute and is a three-year honor band member.



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Academic Star Student of the Week Aubrey Parum, Coahoma High School

A senior at Coahoma High School, Aubrey Parum has chosen to pursue a career in a STEM field. Following graduation, Aubrey will attend Howard College and study chemistry. Once she has completed her education, Aubrey will seek employment in the oil and gas industry. Currently, she is an employee at the Delek - Big Spring Refinery.

During her high school career, Aubrey has been very active in agriculture related activities. She is a member of the FFA and 4-H Club. She received the 4-H Gold Star Award. This year, both her goat and rabbit earned grand championship banners at the stock show. Also, Aubrey is a very talented artist and an active member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

She is the daughter of Stacey and Russell Parum.



Congratulations, Aubrey!

STEER PRIDE CORNER



Courtesy photo

Moss Elementary students had an electrifying experience provided by Oncor Energy. They learned about electrical safety and then went outside to see a live electrical arc demonstration. It was a very impactful learning moment that turned our gym and parking lot into a science lab.

THE BULLDOG REPORT

Special to the Herald

What skills and supplies would you need to survive if you suddenly found yourself in the Sahara desert, the Arctic tundra, or the Amazon

tropical rainforest?

Seventh graders in Haley Higgins science class were faced with that question when the Coahoma Junior High School teacher set up a mock plane crash scenario in her classroom recently to test their knowledge on different biomes.

For weeks the students learned about different biomes such as deserts, tundras, grasslands, and high plains and how plant and animal life adapt to live in their surroundings. As part of their project assignment, students were assigned to study and give a presentation. They were also required to create a fact-based poster for a particular biome and make a biome in the box for their presentation.

Then Higgins turned the tables on the lesson.

"In this scenario I set up the room in different Biomes like the rainforest, grasslands ect. and then held a mock plane crash," Higgins explained. "The crash site had all of our supplies and then they had to use their survival skills and answer questions on how they would survive in the wild."

There was a catch to the lesson. The students were assigned to a different biome than the one they spent time researching. With printed information in hand provided by Higgins, posters and biomes in a box made by their fellow classmates, students answered questions such as average temperature and rainfall to figure out a way to "survive."

"They had to jump in and engage themselves in what would it be like to live in that biome, what animals and plants thrive in the area and so forth," Higgins said.

Overall, the seventh graders responded well to the project-based lesson and plane crash scenario, she said.

"I wanted to see if it would spark their interest and it did," Higgins added.



Courtesy photo

Coahoma Junior High School seventh graders Kross Wingo-Weaver, left, and Kaden Gomez study a biome in a box to look for answers about a particular biome.

SPORTS

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2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

Commissioner Gary Bettman has so far been noncommittal about the NHL going to the 2022 Games after skipping South Korea this year, but the work is already underway in China, where the NBA has had a presence for decades.

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL suspended Washington Capitals forward Tom Wilson three games for an illegal hit on Pittsburgh's Zach Aston-Reese.

The league announced the suspension less than 24 hours after Wilson broke Aston-Reese's jaw with a violent collision near the Washington bench in the second period of Washington's 4-3 victory over the Penguins in Game 3 of their second-round playoff series.

The league pointed out Wilson's status as a repeat offender as a factor in the length of the suspension it handed out.

Game 4 is Thursday night in Pittsburgh.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Siena hired Jamion Christian to replace Jimmy Patsos as its men's basketball coach.

Christian spent the past six seasons as head coach at his alma mater, Mount St. Mary's. He had a 101-95 record there with NCAA Tournament appearances in 2014 and 2017. Christian previously was an assistant at Virginia Commonwealth, William & Mary, and Emory & Henry, and was director of basketball operations at Bucknell.

He takes over a team that went 8-24 under Patsos last season, the program's third-worst showing since it moved to Division I 42 years ago and its third straight losing season.

AUTO RACING

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Spencer Gallagher was suspended indefinitely from NASCAR for violating its substance-abuse policy, less than a week after winning his first career Xfinity Series race.

The 28-year-old Gallagher agreed to participate in NASCAR's substance-abuse recovery program. Other details were not disclosed.

Gallagher took the lead on the overtime lap Saturday at Talladega Superspeedway to win for the first time in 49 tries in NASCAR's second-tier series. Gallagher is winless in 59 starts in the Truck Series. He has never made a Cup Series start.

OLYMPICS

MOSCOW (AP) — The head of the Russian Olympic Committee is stepping down from his post, three months after athletes from his country were forced to compete at the Pyeongchang Games as neutral athletes.

Alexander Zhukov said he wants to focus on his political career as a deputy speaker of parliament for the ruling United Russia party.

Zhukov has led the ROC since 2010 and spent much of that time battling allegations of widespread doping in Russian sport. His intention to leave paves the way for vice president Stanislav Pozdnyakov to take charge at scheduled elections on May 29. Pozdnyakov is the only confirmed candidate.

INJURIES

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the Golden State's semifinal matchup with the Pelicans on Tuesday night.

Ricky Rubio missed the Jazz's series-opening loss against Houston on Sunday with a left hamstring injury and is out indefinitely. The Rockets' Luc Mbah a Moute returned in Game 1 from the dislocated right shoulder he sustained last month. Houston originally thought he's be out a full month, but he came back ahead of schedule and didn't show any lingering effects from the injury in 21 minutes of action.

A closer look at Thursday's games:
CAVALIERS AT RAPTORS
Cavaliers lead 1-0. Game 2, 6 p.m. EDT, ESPN.

NEED TO KNOW: The Raptors have lost seven straight playoff games against the Cavaliers, dating to the 2016 Eastern Conference finals, and blew a chance to take a lead in the series by coughing up a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter of Game 1. The Raptors missed four potential game-winning shots at the end of regulation, and a wide-open 3 by VanVleet late in overtime.

KEEP AN EYE ON: Raptors center Jonas Valanciunas. He had 21 points and 21 rebounds in Game 1 and shot 7 for 19, but missed five of six attempts in the fourth. On Wednesday, Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said he can live with Valanciunas getting looks in the post if it means fewer touches for Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan, and fewer 3-point attempts by the Raptors.

INJURY UPDATE: While VanVleet acknowledged he's still dealing with discomfort in his shoulder, he plans to play through it for now.

PRESSURE IS ON: The Raptors. The top-seeded team in the East has already surrendered home court advantage to its playoff nemesis and is 0-5 all-time on the road against Cleveland in the postseason. If Toronto can't even this series before it shifts to Ohio, it might not be coming back across the border for Game 5.

76ERS AT CELTICS

Celtics lead 1-0. Game 2, 8:30 p.m. EDT, TNT.

NEED TO KNOW: The Celtics negated the athleticism of the 76ers in Game 1 by knocking down 17 3-pointers. Before the big scoring nights by Rozier (29 points), Tatum (28 points) and Horford (26 points), the Celtics hadn't had three players score 25 or more points in a playoff game since 2009.

KEEP AN EYE ON: 76ers C Joel Embiid. He had 31 points and 12 rebounds in Game 1, becoming the first Philadelphia player to register 30 points and 10 rebounds in a playoff game since Allen Iverson in 2001. But he said the focus will be on defense in Game 2. "We didn't stick to the game plan," he said. "There's a lot of stuff we can definitely correct."

INJURY UPDATE: Smart said Wednesday that his thumb remained "a little sore" after Game 1 but added "I'm good to go" for Game 2.

PRESSURE IS ON: The 76ers. They entered the series on six days of rest but were doomed by a slow start in Game 1. This young group mostly cruised over the final three games last series against Miami. Being down 0-2 with its home court to defend is a lot to ask against a Celtics team playing with a lot of confidence.

Ingles' career night leads Jazz over Rockets 116-108



AP photo

Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert, left, dunks as Houston Rockets center Clint Capela (15) defends during the first half in Game 2 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Wednesday, May 2, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Utah had a four-point lead in the fourth quarter on Wednesday night when Donovan Mitchell missed a jumper and sailed above three Houston Rockets to grab the rebound and finish with a nifty one-handed slam.

He did it right near the Jazz bench and his teammates went wild, cheering and pretending to fall backward on each other in awe.

Joe Ingles led the Jazz with a career-high 27 points, but it was the star rookie who provided the highlight of the night as the Jazz evened the Western Conference semifinals 1-1 with a 116-108 win.

Ingles made a career-best seven 3-pointers and Mitchell added 17 points and a franchise rookie-record 11 assists for his first game this postseason where he scored fewer than 20 points and didn't lead the team in scoring.

But he certainly provided an emotional boost to his team with his highlight-reel worthy play. He smiled broadly when it was brought up postgame, and said he was just trying to get the rebound on his miss when he made a split-second decision.

"I just happened to be up there," he said. "So I said: 'Why come down with it?'"

The Jazz squandered a huge early lead before using a big fourth quarter to regain control and head home for Game 3 on Friday in Utah with a chance to take a series lead over the top-seeded Rockets.

Houston coach Mike D'Antoni said Mitchell was the key to the win even though he didn't lead the team in scoring.

"He was breaking us down," D'Antoni said. "He was getting in there and was finding guys in the corner. He's a handful whether he's finishing or not."

The Jazz were behind by two with eight minutes left before using a 16-2 run to pull away.

After trailing by 25 points at half-time of the 110-96 loss in the series opener, the Jazz jumped out to an early lead in this one and led by as many as 19 in the first half.

"Last game, we came out completely opposite. Tonight, they kind of caught us off-guard," Houston's James Harden said. "We adjusted to it in that second quarter, but we can't get down 19 no matter who we're playing."

Houston regained the lead in the third quarter but couldn't keep pace with the Jazz in the fourth as their normally potent offense went cold.

Harden had 32 points and 11 assists, and Chris Paul added 23 points as Houston fell to the Jazz for the first time this season after winning the first five meetings.

Jazz coach Quin Snyder was pleased at his team's balanced scoring effort on a night six players finished in double figures, and he raved about the contribution of Ingles.

"Every time Joe has needed to step up his game, he has been able to," Snyder said. "He's committed to that. He knew tonight he would need to make some shots and he was able to do it."

Houston was down by one entering the fourth but Utah scored eight straight points on 3-pointers from Dante Exum and Jae Crowder before Mitchell's dunk made it 100-94.

Harden made a basket after that before Utah scored another eight straight points, with two 3s from Ingles, to make it 108-96 with 4 1/2 minutes left.

Harden ended a 2 1/2-minute Houston scoring drought with a 3-pointer about a minute later that was the start of a 9-3 run that got the Rockets within 111-105 with 1:46 left. But Rudy Gobert made one of two free throws before Exum put it out of reach with a dunk.

Utah led by nine before Houston used a 16-5 run to go up 71-69 for its first lead since it was 6-5 with about seven minutes left in the third. The Jazz went back up 86-85 by the end of the period.

After taking just four shots in Game 1 and finishing with 11 points, Gobert got going early Wednesday and had 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting by half-time. But he was mostly quiet after the break, and finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

UP NEXT

The series moves to Utah where Game 3 is Friday and Game 4 will be played on Sunday.

STARS

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the eighth time in 10 seasons. Hitchcock returned for just a season before hanging it up. He's the only coach to lead the team to a Stanley Cup title.

Before his arrival in Denver, Montgomery

spent three seasons as the head coach/general manager of the United States Hockey League's Dubuque Fighting Saints. He also served as an assistant coach at RPI from 2006-10. He started his coaching career as a volunteer coach at Notre Dame in '05-06.

As a player, Montgomery led Maine to a national title in 1993 before embarking on a 12-year pro career that included stops in an assortment of leagues, including parts of six seasons in the NHL. He finished his career by playing one game for the Stars during the '02-03 season.

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