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Public meeting outlines BSISD campus carry plan before tonight's school board vote

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

A day before Big Spring Independent School District trustees are scheduled to vote on the issue, BSISD officials held a public informational meeting on a proposed policy change which would allow some administration, faculty

and staff to carry concealed handguns on campus during the school day and at local school events. Big Spring ISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams told the more-than-40 people present at the meeting, held Wednesday evening in the Big Spring High School library, that there have been

more than 270 school shootings in the past five years nationwide, and 17 so far this year. "With that in mind, our school district, several months ago – and a lot of these were open discussions at school board meetings – had started talking about the thought of, See **CARRY**, Page 3



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Midland Fire Department Captain Jayme Farmer speaks at a public meeting about Big Spring jayme district's proposed plan to allow certain school employees to carry concealed handguns on campus. The meeting, held Wednesday evening, drew more than 40 people. A vote on the proposed plan is scheduled for the Big Spring school board meeting tonight at 5:15 p.m.

SMMC celebrates National Hospital Week



By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

It's National Hospital Week and National Nurses' Week, and Scenic Mountain Medical Center has been celebrating with events all week long. In addition to Wednesday's Open House, SMMC hosted a sundae bar today at noon and will host a grilling cook-out at 11:30 a.m. on Friday. On Monday, the hospital provided coffee and pastries for breakfast in the lobby, and provided snacks in the afternoon on Tuesday. For more information, contact Scenic Mountain Medical Center at 432-263-1211.

Courtesy photo

In the photo above, members of SMMC's Red Hot Grillers grilling team pose with their new aprons after being selected at Wednesday's SMMC Open House. Shown, left to right, are IT Director Gene Mills, ER Director Jonetta Sweatt, Plant Operations Director Alan Grant, CEO Emma Krabill, Lab Director Derek Chapman, Wound Care Center Director Tiffany Crawford (standing in for Business Development Director Philip Mammen), Diagnostic Imaging Director Dee Franco and CFO Mark Ziegenhagel.

Pops in the Park quickly approaching



File photo

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus entertains the crowd at the 2016 Pops in the Park.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

The 21st Annual Pops in the Park, which will be held on Tuesday, July 3rd, is inching closer and closer. The Pops in the Park mission is to give back to those who have served our country, and pay tribute to

them for their selfless sacrifice as well as the sacrifices of their families.

Pops in the Park combines a family-friendly atmosphere in the historic and beautiful Comanche Trail Amphitheater with world-class

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A West Texas style cotillion

Courtesy photos

In the photos on the right, participating 6th through 8th graders of Howard County and surrounding communities attend the practice meal, which was hosted by Howard College on Wednesday, to prepare them for the upcoming Cotillion: West Texas Style. The kids practiced proper etiquette, table manners and will later attend dancing lessons which will help them in the cotillion, and also give them confidence and prepare them for other events later in life. The Cotillion will take place on Sunday, May 20, 2018 in the Grand Ballroom at the Hotel Settles.



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Obituaries

Perry Kirklen Ewing



Perry Kirklen Ewing, 57, of Big Spring joined his Lord and Savior on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Perry was born Oct. 12, 1960, to Mary Helen and Perry Joe Kirklen of Odessa, Texas. He married Nancy

Bell and helped raise a step-son.

He graduated from Odessa High School in 1979. Later, he pursued studies at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where he earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration. After graduation, he worked with his father in the family businesses. Later, he worked at Odessa Medical Center, Endycott Co., and Claydesta Communications. He was a personable, hardworking employee. Perry enjoyed working with others. His warm, infectious smile was expressed to everyone he encountered, for he never knew a stranger. He loved helping friends and family despite his lengthy personal illness. He will be remembered for his bravery, perse-

verance, and thoughtfulness.

Perry was a member of West Park Baptist Church where he participated in team sports, fund-raising, and church celebrations.

Perry had five siblings. He is survived by Mark Kirklen of Big Spring, Patsy Stokes of Big Spring, Jane Robbins of North Carolina, Linda Brunson of Austin, and Wanda Kirklen of Abilene. Perry was very proud of his niece, Christine Brunson and nephews, Brian Stokes and William Kirklen.

Perry was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Jo Kirklen in May 1986, his mother, Mary Helen Kirklen in November 1999, and his father, Perry Joe Kirklen in November 2016.

Our family would like to express our gratitude to Denise Carillo, the director of the Big Spring Skilled Nursing Center, and the nursing and the medication staff for their loving care of our brother.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, 2018, at Canterbury (South), 1700 S. Lancaster.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Jewell Elizabeth Wood Dunlap



Jewell Elizabeth Wood Dunlap was born April 4, 1923, in Knott, Texas, and departed this life Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the home of her oldest daughter, Mary Gowen. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jewell was united in marriage to the love of her life, James Carlton Dunlap, Sr. on April 4, 1942, in Big Spring, Texas.

Jewell is survived by her children, Mary Gowen of Midland, Texas, Carol Wright and her husband

Bud of Sand Springs, Texas, Gary Dunlap and his wife Ruth of Lufkin, Texas, Ronnie Dunlap and his wife Cindy of Big Spring, Texas, Gerald Dunlap and his wife Kenda of Plainfield, Illinois, Janetta Penn and her husband Cal of Odessa, Texas; 32 grandchildren; 57 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Francys Walker; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Raenita and Joe Earnest; daughter-in-law, Rose Ann Dunlap and special daughter-in-law, Wanda Weissmiller; and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Jewell was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband, one daughter, Sharon Walls; one son, James Carlton, Jr. and his wife Barbara; three grandsons; one granddaughter; four brothers, Gaylord, Garland, Alvin, and Carl; five sisters, Novelle, Eunice, Laveda, Roxie and Baby Girl.

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Billy Joe Mitchell



Billy Joe Mitchell, 80, of Big Spring died Monday, April 30, 2018. Graveside service was 11 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 2018, at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

He was born April 23, 1938, at Quanah, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Big Spring and was a Baptist.

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

Roy New



Roy New, 73, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at College Baptist Church with Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born Oct. 26, 1944, in Big Spring. He married Cheryl Childers on Feb. 24, 1967, in Big Spring. He worked for 35 years at Pioneer Natural Gas, Energas and then Atmos. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of College Baptist Church.

His lifetime passion was baseball/softball, beginning with Little League, continuing through high school, travel leagues, church league, and city league at a time when they always made the All-Stars and several times he was MVP in the city league. He played catcher, pitcher and short-stop. All of his life he kept a ball and a glove in his pickup and a bat under his seat.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl New of Big Spring; daughter, Michelle and her husband Jay Fryar of Big Spring, granddaughter, Ryleigh Fryar of Big Spring, three sisters, Ann Trawick, Patsy Burns and her husband Charles, and Rhonda Quay Baker all of Abilene, two brothers, Steve New and his wife Cathy and Tommy Randal New, all of Coahoma, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mike and Karen Childers of Allen, Tim Childers, and Jeff and Stacey Childers, all of Big Spring.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Thomas Grant and Tommy New; and one brother, Rocky New.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jay Fryar, Tommy New, Steve New, Jeff Childers, Tim Childers, Charles Burns, and Mike Childers.

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Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PETER MANUEL CANDENLARIA**, 30, of 906 S Nolan St., was arrested on warrants of firearm smuggling three or more firearm, and burglary of building.

- **JOE NICK GARFIAS JR.**, 70, of 1300 S Runnels St., on a warrant of another agency.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2600 block of W Hwy 80.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of S Gregg, in the 300 block of S Owens St., and in the 200 NE 6th St.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1000

block of E 16th St.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 3rd and Owens

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Dr.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore St.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of E 6th St.

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

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

- **PETER MANUEL CANDE-**

LARIA, 30, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of firearm smuggling three or more firearm, and burglary of building.

- **JOE NICK GARFIAS JR.**, 70, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of marijuana less than

- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOMES**, 45, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **YARA JASMINE RAMIREZ**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR.**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of unauthorized use of vehicle.

Take Note

- Attention Coahoma High School students and parents. A mandatory student and parent meeting for students who have signed up to take dual credit courses with Howard College next year will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, in the high school library. Representatives from Howard College will present information about the program and provide help to fill out the paperwork necessary to enroll the student in Howard College classes for the 2018-2019 school year. For further info, please contact Chandra Brooks, CHS high school counselor, at brooksc@coahoma.esc18.net

- 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. Want to volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for

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

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

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

bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

- 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.

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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"Is this something we want to look at Big Spring ISD?" he said. "We also had several closed meetings. I cannot discuss those, by law. When we have a closed meeting, that is just myself and the school board. But it has come now to this point. And the point being that it is on the agenda tomorrow. Not as a discussion item, but as an action item to be voted 'yes' or 'no.'"

The meeting was the second of two such public meetings on the subject; the previous one was held May 2 at Goliad Elementary School. McWilliams told those present that there are two state-allowed plans for school district employees to carry guns on campus: the Guardian Plan and the Marshal Plan; and that the school district has chosen the Guardian Plan to vote on at tonight's meeting. Employees who volunteer for the program would need to meet several qualifications, including passing a psychological test and submitting to random drug testing; participating in ongoing training; and providing their own district-approved handgun, either a 9 millimeter or a .380 caliber pistol.

Also speaking at Wednesday evening's meeting was Jayme Farmer, a captain with the Midland Fire Department and a Tactical Medic Team Leader.

"He's got a lot of insight," McWilliams said. "He's also a trainer for the ALERT training, which you'll see, people who want to be part of this have to go through that training. So he's got some hands-on experience that he's going to relay to you, so this meeting's going to be a little more informative than the first."

Farmer discussed some of his work with live shooter training.

"I am a CRASE-certified instructor through ALERT, which stands for Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid-response Training, and CRASE stands for Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events," he said. "We have a program going on over in Midland where we get into the schools, we get into the churches and local businesses, and we teach them what they could possibly expect if they are ever involved in an active shooter situation. It covers the three principles. It covers 'Avoid, Deny and Prevent.'"

Farmer contrasted the program with another common active-shooter protocol.

"You may be familiar with another active shooter program out there called 'Run, hide, fight.' It's a very great program, a lot of the same information; however, ALERT feels that that 'hide' aspect is very misleading," he said. "'Hide' is a very passive action. We're starting to see people, when they can't get away, they're hiding under tables and chairs and desks, in plain sight, and they're getting shot and they're getting killed. So we try to take that equation out, and we've adopted the 'Avoid, deny, prevent' concept. That's really what we talk about."

Farmer spoke highly of Big Spring's efforts to implement the Guardian Plan.

"I think it's fantastic that y'all are having this conversation," he said. "We've taught over 150 classes already in the Permian Basin. We've been to Alpine; Carlsbad, New Mexico; Hobbs. We teach this class all over, and that's one of the questions we get, 'How do you feel about teachers carrying?' We support that. My team supports that wholeheartedly, with proper training and steps in place to ensure the program's success. So I think it's amazing that y'all are having this talk. I fully support it."

Tonight's Big Spring ISD school board meeting will be at 5:15 p.m. in the board room at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place. For more information contact Big Spring ISD Administration at 432-264-3600.

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

Israel hits dozens of Iranian targets in Syria after barrage

By SARAH EL DEEB and ARON HELLER

Associated Press

BEIRUT — The Israeli military on Thursday said it attacked nearly all of Iran's military installations in neighboring Syria in response to an Iranian rocket barrage on Israeli positions in the occupied Golan Heights, in the most serious military confrontation between the two bitter enemies to date.

Israel said the targets of the strikes, its largest in Syria since the 1973 war, included weapons storage, logistics sites and intelligence centers used by elite Iranian forces in Syria. It also said it destroyed several Syrian air-defense systems after coming under heavy fire and that none of its warplanes were hit.

Iranian media described the attacks as "unprecedented," but there was no official Iranian comment on Israel's claims.

The White House condemned Iran's "provocative rocket attacks from Syria against Israeli citizens" and expressed strong support for "Israel's right to act in self-defense," while Russia said the Israeli strikes marked a dangerous escalation, urging both Israel and Iran to avoid provoking each other.

In a statement, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said "the Iranian regime's deployment into Syria of offensive rocket and missile systems aimed at Israel is an unacceptable and highly dangerous development for the entire Middle East."

Israel has acknowledged carrying out over 100 airstrikes in neighboring Syria since the civil war erupted in 2011, most believed to be aimed at suspected Iranian weapons shipments bound for the Hezbollah militant group.

But in the past few weeks, Israel has shifted to a more direct and public confrontation with Iran, striking at Iranian bases, weapons depots and rocket launchers across Syria, and killing Iranian troops. Israel accuses Tehran of seeking to establish a foothold on its doorstep. Iran has vowed to retaliate.

Reflecting the scope of the overnight attacks, Russia's military said 28 Israeli jets were involved, striking at several Iranian and government sites in Syria with 70 missiles. It said half of the missiles were shot down.

Speaking at the Herzliya Conference, an annual security gathering north of Tel Aviv, Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said Israel would respond fiercely to any further Iranian actions.

"We will not let Iran turn Syria into a forward base against Israel," he said. "We, of course, struck almost all the Iranian infrastructure in Syria, and they need to remember this arrogance of theirs. If we get rain, they'll get a flood. I hope that we ended this chapter and that everyone understood."

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which closely monitors the civil war through sources inside Syria, said the overnight Israeli attacks struck several military posts for Syrian troops and Iranian-backed militias near the capital, Damascus, in central Syria and in southern Syria. The Observatory said the attacks killed 23 fighters, including five Syrian soldiers. It said it was not immediately clear if Iranians were among

those killed.

The Syrian military said the Israeli strikes killed three people and wounded two, without saying if any Iranians or Iran-backed militiamen were among them. It said the strikes destroyed a radar station and an ammunition warehouse, and damaged a number of air defense units. The military said air defense systems intercepted "the large part" of the incoming Israeli strikes.

An Iranian state television presenter announced the Israeli strikes, sourcing the information to Syria's state-run SANA news agency. The broadcaster described the Israeli attack as "unprecedented" since the 1967 Mideast war.

Israel captured the Golan Heights in the 1967 war, annexing it in 1981 in a move not recognized internationally. In 1974, Israel and Syria reached a cease-fire and a disengagement deal that froze the conflict lines with the plateau in Israeli hands.

Damascus shook with sounds of explosions just before dawn, and firing by Syrian air defenses over the city was heard for more than five hours. Syria's state news agency SANA said Israeli missiles hit air defense positions, radar stations and a weapons warehouse, but claimed most incoming rockets were intercepted.

Russia sent forces to Syria to back President Bashar Assad in 2015. But Israel and Russia have maintained close communications to prevent their air forces from coming into conflict.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu traveled to Moscow on Wednesday to meet with President Vladimir Putin and discuss military coordination in Syria.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow sees Thursday's strikes as a "very alarming development."

He noted that in contacts with the leadership of both countries, including a meeting Wednesday between Putin and Netanyahu, "we underlined the necessity of avoiding any actions that might be mutually provocative."

Britain condemned "in the strongest terms" the alleged Iranian rocket attack against Israeli positions, while German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron called for de-escalation and "level-headedness" in the region.

Israel said early Thursday that Iran's Quds Force fired 20 rockets at Israeli front-line military positions in the Golan Heights. Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, a military spokesman, said four of the rockets were intercepted, while the others fell short of their targets. The incoming attack set off air raid sirens in the Golan.

Conricus said Israel was not looking to escalate the situation but that troops will continue to be on "very high alert."

"Should there be another Iranian attack, we will be prepared for it," he said.



AP photo

In this photo released Thursday, May 10, 2018, by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian President Bashar Assad speaks during an interview with Alexis Papachelas, the the executive editor of the Greek Kathimerini newspaper, in Damascus, Syria. In the interview published Thursday, Assad said the current U.S. administration is inconsistent and nothing can be achieved with it in terms of ending the raging conflict in his country and that he hoped there is no direct confrontation between the U.S and Russia in Syria.

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music. This year, the music will be provided by two pre-show entertainers: Spur 327 and Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws, and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. The event is capped off with a spectacular display of choreographed fireworks from one of the nation's leaders in pyrotechnics.

Every year, the Pops in the Park celebration is held in the Comanche Trail Amphitheater, and the gates will open at 5 p.m. For the Pre-Show this year, Spur 327 and Justin Kaczyk and the Natural Outlaws and they will go on at approximately 6 p.m. The Presentation of Colors, the salute to Armed Forces, and Retiring of the colors will follow the pre-show, followed by a video tribute to honor the local men and women who serve our country.

The finale of the event is the amazing fireworks show, which is accompanied by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus.

"This is a great family event," said Hay-

ley Herrera, Tourism Coordinator of the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau. "This is the 21st Annual Pops in the Park and it's going to be great. Pops in the Park is a community event, and without support from the community it would not be possible."

If you would like to donate, please contact the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641, or donations can be sent to Pops in the Park, 215 W. 3rd-79720 or P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Felicia Guerra at 432-264-2540.

You can like the Pops in the Park Facebook page for more information: www.facebook.com/PopsInThePark.

Please note that according the City of Big Spring ordinance, only service dogs are allowed in the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

For more information contact the Big Spring Chamber, or the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau at 432-263-8235.

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Texas Tech University Cuts Ribbon on Costa Rica Campus

Red Raiders have arrived in Costa Rica, ready to cut the ribbon on the university's first international campus, Texas Tech University at Costa Rica (TTU-CR), located in the capital city of San Jose. The ribbon cutting is one more step in the university's efforts to increase its global presence.

"We are very pleased to inaugurate Texas Tech University's first international campus," said Lawrence Schovanec, Texas Tech president. "This process has involved the diligence, hard work and resources of many dedicated people in Costa Rica and Lubbock, all of whom recognized an opportunity to enhance the educational opportunities for students in both countries."

"This would not be possible without the support of our Board of Regents and the Texas Tech University System, and the vision of supporters in Costa Rica and John Keith, executive president of Banco Promerica, in particular. This is a historic day for Texas Tech University that reflects the continual evolution of our university as an institution of world-class status and will provide greater access to the quality of a Texas Tech education for students in Costa Rica and Central America."

Schovanec arrived in San Jose today with Provost Michael Galyean, Chief Financial Officer Noel Sloan, Vice Provost for Inter-

national Affairs Sukant Misra, TTU-CR Program Director Jorge Salazar-Bravo, Texas Tech University System Chancellor Robert Duncan and Assistant General Counsel John Shelton. This visit gives them each an opportunity to see the result of the efforts that made TTU-CR a reality.

"At the Texas Tech University System we say, 'From Here, It's Possible,'" Duncan said. "We are excited 'here' now includes Costa Rica. We have a vision for advancing higher education on a global scale, and today's ribbon cutting is a major step forward in that vision. I look forward to how Texas Tech University at Costa Rica will enhance opportunities for our Costa Rican Red Raiders as well as the students of our flagship campus."

The ribbon cutting ceremony, available for viewing via livestream, will begin at 10:45 a.m. (9:45 a.m. Costa Rican time) Thursday (May 10) and will include remarks from Schovanec, Duncan, U.S. Ambassador Sharon Day, Banco Promerica Executive President John Keith and Jorge Sequeira, managing director of the Costa Rican Investment Promotion Agency.

The ceremony will be preceded by an educational forum discussion, "Disruptive Trends in Learning and Jobs of the Future,"

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Rep. Jodey Arrington Earns Award for Conservative Voting Record



Courtesy photo

Photographed with Congressman Jodey Arrington (center) is Dan Schneider, ACU Executive Director (left) and Matt Schlapp, ACU Chairman (right).

Special to the Herald

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF) released its 47th Annual Federal Ratings of Congress and announced that Rep. Jodey Arrington is among the recipients of ACUF's Award for Conservative Excellence.

Each year, ACUF produces an annual scorecard based on the voting records of members in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. All members of Congress are issued a score and awards are presented to those members who score an 80 percent or higher.

Rep. Arrington earned 93% for the 2017 session, his first as a member of Congress.

"Jodey promised the voters of Texas' 19th Congressional District that he'd be a conservative in Congress and he has kept his word," said ACU Chairman Matt Schlapp. "From the White House to the People's House, Jodey has a commitment to service and we are thankful for all he is doing to push the conservative agenda."

"I'm honored to be recognized by the American Conservative Union for my work to promote and defend our constitutional principles and traditional American values," said Rep. Arrington. "It's our bedrock belief in the role of faith, family and freedom that made this nation great, and that's what West Texas is all about."

This session's scorecard is made up of 25 bills in the U.S. House of Representatives and 21 bills in the U.S. Senate. The bills selected cover a wide range of issues including fiscal and economic, social and cultural, and national security, and are designed to reflect how an individual views the role of government in an individual's life.

This year some of the key issues ACU Foundation scored include:

- confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court
- repeal of Obamacare
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- defunding of Planned Parenthood
- repeal of Dodd-Frank
- and key presidential nominations to cabinet positions.

ACUF is the sister organization of the American Conservative Union, the nation's original conservative organization, and has for more than fifty years educated and activated the conservative movement through its ratings programs, policy centers and educational events such as the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest annual gathering of conservatives in the nation.

Romaine lettuce outbreak update: 149 sick in 29 states

NEW YORK — Four more states are reporting illnesses in a food poisoning outbreak linked to romaine lettuce.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its numbers on the outbreak Wednesday, revealing that 149 people in 29 states had gotten sick.

It's unclear if new illness are still occurring. There's a lag in reporting, and the most recent illness began two weeks ago.

Florida, Minnesota, North Dakota and Texas have joined the list of states reporting at least one E. coli illness linked to the outbreak.

At least 64 people have been hospitalized, including 17 with kidney failure. One death, previously reported, occurred in California.

Health officials have tied the outbreak to romaine lettuce grown in Yuma, Arizona, which provides most of the romaine sold in the U.S. during the winter.

US to decide best site option for nuclear weapons production

By **SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN**

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.— The federal agency that oversees the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile is expected this week to release a report on the best site option for the United States as it looks to ramp up production of the plutonium cores that trigger nuclear warheads.

At stake are hundreds of jobs and billions of dollars in federal funding that would be needed to either revamp existing buildings or construct new factories to support the work.

New Mexico's U.S. senators have been pushing to keep the work at Los Alamos National Laboratory — the once-secret city in northern New Mexico where the atomic bomb was developed decades ago as part of the Manhattan Project. The other option would be to move it to it to the U.S. Energy Department's Savannah River Site in South Carolina, which formerly produced components for the nation's nuclear weapons cache.

Shuttered since the mid-20th century, work at the Savannah River Site since then has been primarily focused on cleanup and storage.

The mission of producing the cores has been based at Los Alamos for years but none have been produced since 2011 as the lab has been dogged by a string of safety lapses and concerns about a lack of accountability.

A team of engineering experts from within the National Nuclear Security Administration and outside professionals has been considering the two sites, which were identified as part of an earlier review that looked at the most efficient and cost

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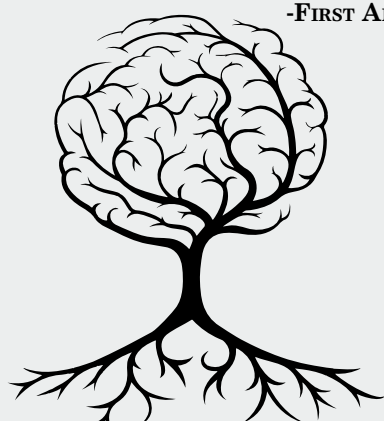
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May we look forward to and strive for your love, Lord. Amen.

Affirmative

Affirmative action in the workplace as a form of hiring practices was created to allow disadvantaged individuals such as women and other minorities the chance to get a job/position or education opportunity they otherwise would not have been selected for based on bias. This policy enforces diversity and promotes equality in the workplace.

Affirmative action enforces diversity in workplaces it otherwise would not be present which allows all different kinds of people to be hired, working together, mixing and learning from each other which in turn helps everyone to be more sensitive and understanding of others struggles and cultures. Slavery and the women's suffrage movement may be over but african americans and women are still trying to catch up to everyone else via affirmative action and taking it away would be further oppression of these minority groups.

The same goes for the promotion of equality. If a company only hires men, or only women, but will still interview all types of candidates then there is no diversity or equality but affirmative action has these companies meet some sort of quota on how many type of people they hire.

It's 2018, men, women and other minorities should be given the same job opportunities that require the same amount of work for the same pay.

If every man is created equal they should also be given equal opportunities to thrive in a world constantly trying to bring them down because of their race, ethnicity or gender. Affirmative action is just giving away jobs or education opportunities to every disadvantaged person or forcing companies and colleges to only accept minorities, because that is also discrimination, it's just the government's way of attempting to make up for historically discriminating against these groups of people.

Without enforcing or promoting equality and diversity in the workplace today's society would be more terrible than it already is to these disadvantaged groups. There will always be room for improvement but there can not be improvement if it gets taken away.

One day the America might not need affirmative action but right now it does. In today's political climate it is more important than ever that these disadvantaged groups can have the same opportunities as everyone else from basic and higher level education to jobs with room to

grow and move up. One day is all anyone can hope for but right now the government has to make companies be diverse and fair to it's employees and it has to make colleges accept students who more often than not have more to offer than someone else.

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Everyman is created equal and deserves equal opportunities on every life endeavor. Taking away affirmative action would cast minorities back even further than they are in the game of life and chance which goes against everything America stands for.

Taking Action

Throughout history, America has been notoriously know to discriminate against race, sexual orientation, religion, and even gender. Years and years, many activists fought for equality, at the conclusion of the civil rights movement they were given the opportunity

In 1961, President Kennedy released an executive order that instructed government officials to ensure that individuals that are employed and treated regardless of their race, creed, origin, or color. This order set the grounds for America to leave a past filled with discrimination behind and flourish into a diverse community of individuals.

Affirmative Action is needed to protect and aid those that are unfairly treated in the workforce and education institutions.

This policy not only gives minorities a better, more comfortable environment, its also allow for many opportunities they wouldn't usually receive. Since the arise of America, most of there has been a serious issue of oppression: African Americans were brought into slavery and released to only another phase of discrimination, Hispanics have been and continue to be oppressed due to their descendants, Muslims are discriminated against due to their beliefs and are often characterized as terrorist, homosexuals are discriminated for their lifestyle choices and constantly reassured they are in the wrong, and some many other groups are being excluded from society.

With Affirmative Action, those individuals are given the opportunity to display their capabilities without the use of the race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation against them.

For example, the National Center on Education Statistics reported statistics on a 2007, including the amount of college enrollment between minority and Caucasian graduates. In there initial finds, Caucasian graduates had the highest enrollment rate with 70%, compared to the 61% of Hispanics and 56% of African American graduates. After

more educational institutions embraced the policies, the Hispanic rate went up to 63%, the African American increased to 65%, while the Caucasians only sustained a minor decrease to 69%. This study shows that Affirmative Action gave those extra percentage of students the opportunity to attend higher education.

Without the policies, the amount of minority graduates would have been consistently low or maybe even decrease. Many argue that Affirmative Action allow for Caucasians to lose out on opportunities to give them to minorities, however that is not the case. The study shows that the Caucasian population had a very minor decrease, while the minorities gradually increased. If the Caucasian populations opportunities were taken away, it would have shown, the policy is put in place to aid minorities not discrimination against another group.

Affirmative action will decrease the amount of discrimination against minorities in workplaces and schools. Discrimination has shown to be used by some employers and even admissions offices. There should be no bias in these neutral places and Affirmative Action guarantees that.

According to the policy, violators will be subjected to punishments. With that being a consequence, most companies and/or institution will abide by the rules in order to avoid these punishments. Discrimination is also legally know as a hate crime and if committed is considered a serious offense.

With there being guidelines with repercussions, more individuals will be less like to commit these hate crimes. Along with that comes more comfort to those that are excluded, which will eventually increase the production rate and the quality of work. Those that have been previously discriminated against will also feel a sense of security in the lives and will then be able to live the life they intended.

Some can argue that Affirmative Action doesn't get rid of discrimination completely, however that may the long haul goal,

we must work in small steps. Affirmative Action is one the steps to stop discrimination, it may not be beneficial to all excluded groups but I helps some. It has to be continue to be able to have a full effect on society, we must take small steps in the decreasing discrimination before we leap to a discrimination-free society to ensure everyone is being taught the right way.

Affirmative Action is the first in eliminating discrimination and will eventually decrease the amount of discrimination and hate overall till its is completely gone. With that, workplaces will be able to flourish into successful, powerful corporations. If given time, the policy will soon be used everywhere and will change the lifestyle of many. There may be those few individuals that will always be able to discriminate or judge, however with a spread of knowledge, those individuals can be changed.

Many are starting and have followed this policy, and those organizations have soon to rise into diverse and highly professional companies. If the benefits show a potential to increase the professionalism and workforce environment in America, there should be a push towards making the policy mandatory. Others can argue that its just opens the door for reverse racism towards those that are not included, but that's not correct. Those individuals are still apart of society and many of these corporations that continue to grow.

The policy is only used a measure to diversify and increase the creativeness in the workplace. With the success that is show, there should be no doubt that Affirmative Action should be taken up in all workplaces or higher education institutions.

Although it was enforced in the 1960's Affirmative Actions is in the beginning stages of bringing lifestyle changes to America. These will not only help the citizens of America to come together and form a hate-free community and increase the workforce in America, but will also help to give back to those individuals that were not given the opportunities that others were during their lifetime.



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The NBA's Final Four: Cavs, Celtics, Warriors, Rockets



Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul (3) and James Harden celebrate the team's win over the Utah Jazz during Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in Houston.

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer

The franchise with the most titles. The best player of this generation. The reigning champions. The probable MVP.

The NBA has its Final Four.

It certainly does not disappoint.

Boston's win over Philadelphia on Wednesday night brought down the curtain on the postseason's second round — one that wasn't exactly loaded with drama, since it was the first time since 2002 that

none of the NBA's four conference semifinal series went past five games. Cleveland swept Toronto, while Houston, Golden State and the Celtics all prevailed by 4-1 counts.

Everyone gets to catch their collective breaths for a few days, with the league going dark until the weekend. Cleveland and Boston don't tip off the Eastern Conference finals until Sunday, and the Warriors and Rockets start their West title series on Monday. And yes, the Cavaliers and Warriors are four wins away from a fourth consecutive meeting in the NBA Finals.

A few things to know going into the conference finals:

LEBRON, OF COURSE

Any list of anything this time of year basically has to start with LeBron James, still generally considered the best player on the planet even at 33 years old and in his 15th NBA season.

Cleveland's star is trying to reach the NBA Finals for the eighth consecutive season — something only four other players have done, and they were

all Boston Celtics. Bill Russell went to 10 straight title series, Sam Jones and Tom Heinsohn went to nine, and Frank Ramsey went to eight.

James is already the NBA's all-time playoff leader in points, steals and minutes played. He's fifth in playoff wins with 152, behind only Derek Fisher (161), Tim Duncan (157), Robert Horry (155) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (154).

CAVS-CELTICS HISTORY

This is the eighth time Cleveland and Boston have met in the postseason. Boston has won four of the previous seven meetings, but Cleveland has won the last two — including the East finals last season.

WARRIORS-ROCKETS HISTORY

This is only the third Golden State-Houston playoff meeting, and all have come in the last four seasons. The Warriors are 2-0 in the series, winning both times in five games — the 2015 West finals and a first-round matchup in 2016.

SEEKING 10

Golden State is trying to reach the NBA Finals for the 10th time, a mark that two other franchises have reached. The Los Angeles Lakers have made The Finals on 31 occasions (winning 16 titles), and the Celtics have gone 21 times (winning a league-high 17 titles).

If the Warriors successfully defend their NBA title and go back-to-back, it'll be the franchise's sixth time as the last team standing — and would tie Chicago for the third-most championships in league history, behind the Celtics and Lakers.

MVP WATCH

Houston's James Harden seems like the probable winner of the NBA's MVP award this season, with the only other realistic candidate for top honors probably LeBron James.

They won't know who won until June 25 — after the season.

Regardless, they could wind up adding to a recent

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Mazara's 2nd homer gives Rangers 5-4 win in 10 over Detroit

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Nomar Mazara was looking for something up in the zone in each of his last two at-bats. The young slugger got it, and went deep both times to give the Texas Rangers their first winning home series this season.

After hitting a tying, solo homer in the seventh inning, Mazara led off the 10th by pulling a 1-0 pitch into the right field seats to lift the Rangers over the Detroit Tigers 5-4 Wednesday.

"I've been feeling pretty good lately, but that's not what it's about ... you just go out there and try and find a way to win games," Mazara said after his first career game-ending homer.

Mazara has seven homers in May and 10 this year, already halfway to the 20 homers he had in each of his first two big league seasons. The 23-year-old right fielder's drive estimated at 447 feet in the seventh made it 4-all. The game-ender went out in a hurry — with an exit velocity of 117 mph, according to MLB stats, to go 416 feet. He connected off Warwick Saupold (1-1), the sixth Detroit pitcher.

There was a brief conversation in the tunnel behind the dugout between manager Jeff Banister and Adrian Beltre after Mazara's game-tying homer.

"I talked about how Mazara is turning himself into a special player, and that's what he's doing," Banister said. "And he showed that, not only today, but just how he's play all year long."

Rangers closer Keone Kela (3-2) struck out three in two innings, allowing only Niko Goodrum's leadoff double in the 10th.

The Rangers took two of three, but are still 7-16 overall at home. They had lost their first six home series, their most ever to start a season.

Beltre, the DH in his second game back from the DL, had an RBI single and a sacrifice fly for Texas. He has 3,079 career hits and his 1,654 RBIs broke a tie with Tony Perez for 22nd on the all-time list.

Pete Kozma homered in his first big league at-bat this season while Mikie Mahtook had a triple and a sacrifice fly in his return to the majors for the Tigers.

Kozma homered in the third, then reached on an error in the fifth before coming home on Mahtook's fly that tied the game against Bartolo Colon.

Colon threw 98 pitches in five innings, leaving in a tie game after allowing three runs (two earned) with four strikeouts and a walk. The right-hander only two weeks shy of his 45th birthday, stayed at 241 career wins, two shy of Hall of Famer Juan Marichal for the most by a pitcher born in the

Dominican Republic.

"He's an animal. He's got all the life in the world in him, enjoys baseball. You can see it. He still can make pitches," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said. "It's fun seeing him out there competing."

LEADING OFF

Rangers CF Delino DeShields drew a career-high four walks, all leading off innings. He scored twice, but in the seventh

was thrown out at third trying to advance two bases on Isiah Kiner-Falefa's sacrifice bunt. It was the most walks in a nine-inning game by a Rangers player since Milton Bradley Jr. had four at Oakland on July 25, 2008.

"You've got to stay calm, you've got to stay patient to walk four times," Banister said. "Great work by him."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Tigers: OF Leonys Martin had been dealing with soreness behind his left knee for a couple of weeks before an MRI revealed a hamstring strain, and becoming the third Tigers player to go on the DL this week. ... First base



Texas Rangers' Nomar Mazara (30) celebrates with teammates after hitting a walk-off home run as Detroit Tigers pitcher Warwick Saupold (53) trots off the field in the 10th inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 9, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

coach Ramon Santiago was hit in the upper body by McCann's foul liner in the second inning. Santiago was OK.

Rangers: C Robinson Chirinos was scratched from the lineup because of left wrist soreness. He has been dealing with the issue for about three weeks.

BONUS BASEBALL

Texas is 4-0 in extra-inning games this season. Detroit is 3-2.

HE SAID IT

"Look at what we've done with a depleted lineup. ... You go look at our losses and you could very easily flip-flop our win-loss record based on games that we've been in," said James McCann, who had a go-ahead RBI single in the sixth for the Tigers.

UP NEXT

Tigers: After playing 14 road games in 17 days, the Tigers get a break Thursday before opening a six-game homestand. They play Seattle on Friday night.

Rangers: A day off Thursday before opening a 10-game road trip. The Rangers are in Houston on Friday night.



Texas Rangers pitcher Keone Kela (50) delivers against the Detroit Tigers during the tenth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 9, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

AT&T Stadium to host 2018 & 2019 UIL Football Championship Games

AUSTIN — All University Interscholastic League football state championship games will be played at AT&T Stadium in Arlington for the 2018 and 2019 seasons, the UIL announced Wednesday.

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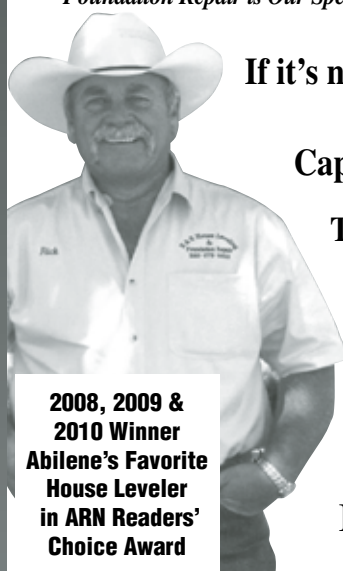
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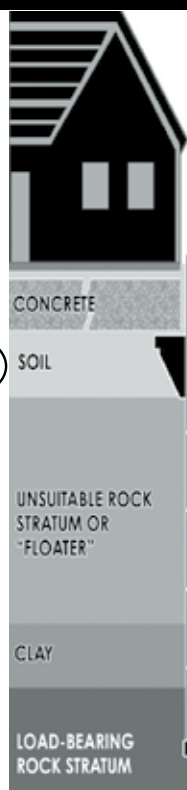
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The Truth Hurts

Dear Annie: From the time you are born, your parents and elders tell you to always tell the truth. When you go to school, your teachers tell you the same. And then when you enter the real world, you find that if you tell the truth, you are labeled a -- well, a word too rude to print in the newspaper. You are considered rude and opinionated. That's because nobody actually likes the truth. We would rather be lied to. Everybody lies on a daily basis, and we are OK with it. So why don't we teach our children to lie, keep secrets and play political games right from the start? That way, by the time they enter the real world, they would be experts at it and fit right in. I would really like to hear your thoughts on this. -- True Lies

Dear True Lies: We should not teach our children to be mini Machiavellis. Manipulators might slither to some "success," but they forfeit personal integrity, honor and the chance to have any meaningful relationships. No one truly respects a phony.

Reading between the lines of your letter, I get the impression that you recently told someone something that you simply considered a fact and the person reacted poorly, and I also get the impression this wasn't the first time. If you're somebody who's found himself saying "What? I'm just telling it like it is!" throughout your life, you may be confusing

criticism with honesty. There is a difference. A good general rule is not to offer your opinion on other people's business unless they ask for it.

Dear Annie: Most people say they care about our planet and the humans and animals living on it. So what can you do to make the biggest positive impact? The answer may surprise some readers: Switch to a plant-based diet. Not to discount the value of biking to work, recycling or buying less plastic, but here are just a few key facts:

Producing 1 pound of beef requires 1,799 gallons of water, whereas producing 1 pound of soybeans requires 216 gallons of water. Many other vegetables and grains require even less.

It takes 27 times more fossil fuel to deliver a calorie's worth of beef to your plate than it takes to deliver a calorie's worth of beans.

Because most chickens are factory farmed (and approximately 9 billion chickens are killed each year in the United States alone), our environment is contaminated by microbial pathogens, feed additives and manure production, affecting both human and animal health.

This type of information -- and much more -- has been reported in major media outlets, such as CNN, the Los Angeles Times and National Geographic, and can be found in science and ecology journals. Readers should check out the facts for themselves.

Many people seem to think that becoming a vegetarian is still some sort of fringe choice for granola crunchers or that it's too difficult to get your kids or your parents to eat new foods. Or it won't fit into "traditional" meals or occasions throughout the year. Or you just won't find enough to eat in restaurants, in airports or even at your company's summer picnic. Well, all of these concerns can be met with the great variety and flexibility in food stores and on menus these days. And if you don't see a veggie meal, simply ask.

One final suggestion: If you cannot imagine giving up meat or dairy, just try doing so for one day per week.

Then try two. It doesn't have to be all or nothing, as even some reduction in consumption will help. -- Earthling Who Cares

Dear Earthling Who Cares: Though this didn't arrive in time for Earth Day, the information is still valuable and offers some food for thought. I encourage readers who are considering going vegetarian (or trying any new diet) to first talk to their doctors.

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Value Projections and the Pisces Moon

People's values are apparent in everything they present to the world. So people can't help but share their values unwittingly, whether or not they are asked to. Not all can articulate the values they are observing, but most people get a sense of them on an unconscious level. Awareness is certainly turned up this Pisces moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's all going to go great, largely because of your social brilliance. What's your secret? You know how to relax and listen. You'll catch on to the ghostliest wisp of feeling in others and respond in kind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Others see the magic trick; you'll look for the secret. Others see the risk; you'll look for the possibility. Others see the action; you'll look for the motivation. Curiosity will land you in the honey.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Glitches will occur, yet if you don't give them too much attention -- quickly file them away in the "well, that happened" category and move on -- all will unfold beautifully.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll change your mind. Something you once had time for now seems like a waste. Well, you had to try to know. A Virgo or Libra can help you set up your personal business for a smoother flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are those who will turn absolutely

anything into a competition. As for you, you don't think of yourself as a particularly competitive person until someone encroaches on your turf.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're pretty clear about the boundaries of what you're willing to do. Threats and ultimatums won't be necessary, because you either do things or don't. This speaks volumes. People get you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The complaint is covering up something else. Maybe it's a brag posing as a complaint, or maybe it's a cry for attention and love. Listen deeper and see whether you can hear what the underlying need might be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're brave. No question about that. So you don't have to take unnecessary risks to prove anything. All the excitement you need will be had by way of intelligent, thoughtful process.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be direct and honest, with a lightness that others find charming. You'll get right to the point. You'll explain what you need and why and find out pretty quickly who's a good fit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The answer today will involve putting people to work. This is more effective than any other way of starting a relationship, creating bonds or fostering loyalty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not the only one engaged in an internal battle. There are thousands of others. Just knowing this may be enough to give you the strength to sort it out, but if not, reach out and ask for help.

you're willing to work for people's focus.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 10). You're the best kind of impressionable this year. Being around people with different lifestyles will make you appreciate certain things about your own. It will also inspire you to change a few things. You'll benefit from the sale of valuables in July. A new chapter will begin with an October alliance. Your talent will open doors in 2019. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 16, 14, 25 and 33.

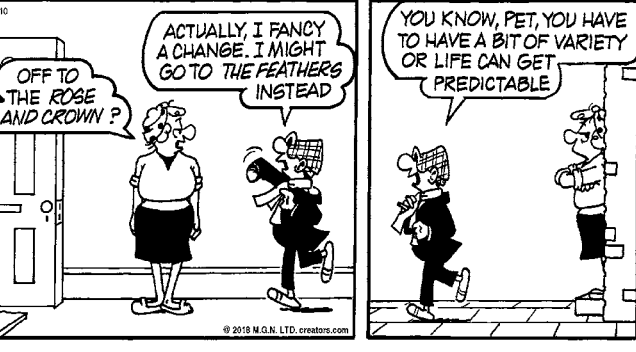
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "Holiday, I've read that you are a songwriter. I like to write songs, too, but I have trouble writing with other people. Every time I try that, it doesn't work out. When the other person doesn't like my ideas, this causes a disagreement, and sometimes I can't get over it -- causing an end to the friendship. It seems as if most songs are written by more than one person, right? How am I supposed to sell my songs if I can't work with anyone? I'm a Leo."

Sometimes songwriting is a collaborative art, and sometimes it's not. There are plenty of writers who write alone, including Songwriters Hall of Famer Diane Warren, who once had seven simultaneous hits on the Billboard singles chart with different artists. I'm a Leo, too, so I understand how important it is for us lions to have the attention and respect of colleagues. The best way to do this may be for you to go it alone for a few dozen songs. How do you feel after 50? Seventy? Once you have crossed this threshold, you will know what you are willing to compromise on and what you are not. Then working with others won't be so difficult.

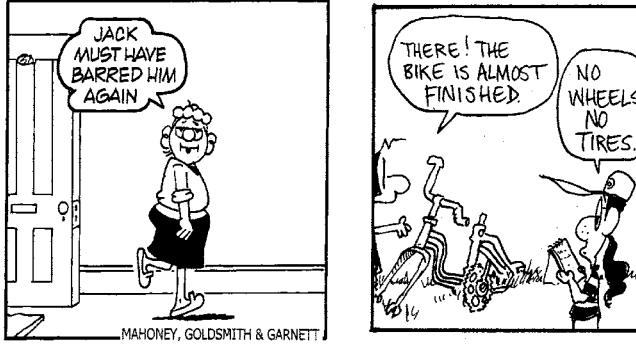
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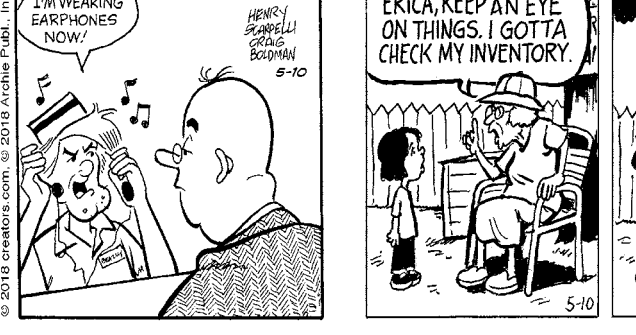
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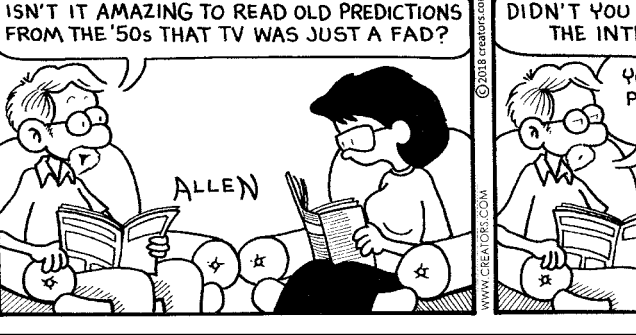
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 10, the 130th day of 2018. There are 235 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On May 10, 1968, the "Night of the Barricades" began in Paris' Latin Quarter as tens of thousands of student protesters erected obstacles against riot police; in the pre-dawn hours of May 11, the police moved in, resulting in violent clashes that left hundreds of people injured. Preliminary peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam began in the French capital.

On this date:

In 1611, Sir Thomas Dale arrived in the Virginia Colony, where, as deputy governor, he instituted harsh measures to restore order.

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, New York.

In 1818, American patriot Paul Revere, 83, died in Boston.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured by Union forces in Irwinville, Georgia.

In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was named acting director of the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI).

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

In 1960, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Triton completed its submerged navigation of the globe.

In 1978, Buckingham Palace announced that Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon were divorcing after 18 years of marriage.

In 1984, the International Court of Justice said the United States should halt any actions to blockade Nicaragua's ports (the U.S.

had already said it would not recognize World Court jurisdiction on this issue).

In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office in Pretoria to become South Africa's first black president. The state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy, 52, for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

Ten years ago: Presidential candidate Barack Obama erased Hillary Rodham Clinton's once-imposing lead among Democratic superdelegates as he added endorsements from Utah, Ohio, Arizona and the Virgin Islands. A tornado in Picher, Oklahoma, killed eight people. Jenna Bush married Henry Hager, the son of a Virginia Republican party official, at the Bush family ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Five years ago: The Internal Revenue Service apologized for what it acknowledged was "inappropriate" targeting of conservative political groups during the 2012 election to see if they were violating their tax-exempt status. U.S. government scientists said worldwide levels of carbon dioxide, the chief greenhouse gas blamed for global warming, had hit a milestone, reaching an amount never before encountered by humans.

One year ago: All but ignoring the unfurling drama over Russia and the U.S. election, President Donald Trump sought to advance prospects for cooperation between the former Cold War foes in Syria and elsewhere in a rare Oval Office meeting with Vladimir Putin's top diplomat, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov (sir-'GAY' lah-v-'RAWF').

Today's Birthdays: Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 85. Rhythm-and-blues singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 80. Actor David Clennon is 75. Writer-producer-director Jim Abrahams is 74. Singer Donovan is 72. Singer-songwriter Graham Goldman (10cc) is 72. Singer Dave Mason is 72. Actor Mike Hagerty is 64. Sports anchor Chris Berman is 63. Actor Bruce Penhall is 61.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., is 60. Actress Victoria Rowell is 59. Rock singer Bono (BAH-'noh) (U2) is 58. Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., is 58. Rock musician Danny Carey (Tool) is 57. Actor Darryl M. Bell is 55. Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks is 55. Model Linda Evangelista is 53. Rapper Young MC is 51. Actor Erik Palladino is 50. Rock singer

Richard Patrick (Filter) is 50. Actor Lenny Venito is 49. Actor Dallas Roberts is 48. Actress Leslie Stefanson is 47. Actor-singer Todd Lowe is 46. Country musician David Wallace (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 46. Actress Andrea Anders is 43. Race car driver Helio Castroneves is 43. Rock musician Jesse Vest is 41. Actor Kenan Thompson is 40.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Jason Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 38. Rock musician Joey Zehr (The Click Five) is 35. Singer Ashley Poole (Dream) is 33. Actress Odette Annable is 33. Actress Lindsey Shaw is 29. Actress Lauren Potter is 28. Olympic gold medal swimmer Missy Franklin is 23.

"Creative minds always have been known to survive any kind of bad training."

Anna Freud
Austrian-born psychoanalyst
(1895-1982).

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- 1 Poolside amenities
- 5 Graceless ones
- 9 Oscar Night interviewee
- 14 Keep a low profile
- 15 Lose crispness
- 16 Michelle's predecessor
- 17 "Flat-out fun" tablet
- 18 It borders Toledo
- 19 Densely populated
- 20 Alternative to 39 Across
- 23 Many a venue called "Center"
- 24 Burdened Titan
- 25 Cross over
- 27 More than a few
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- 39 Pennsylvania Dutch breakfast
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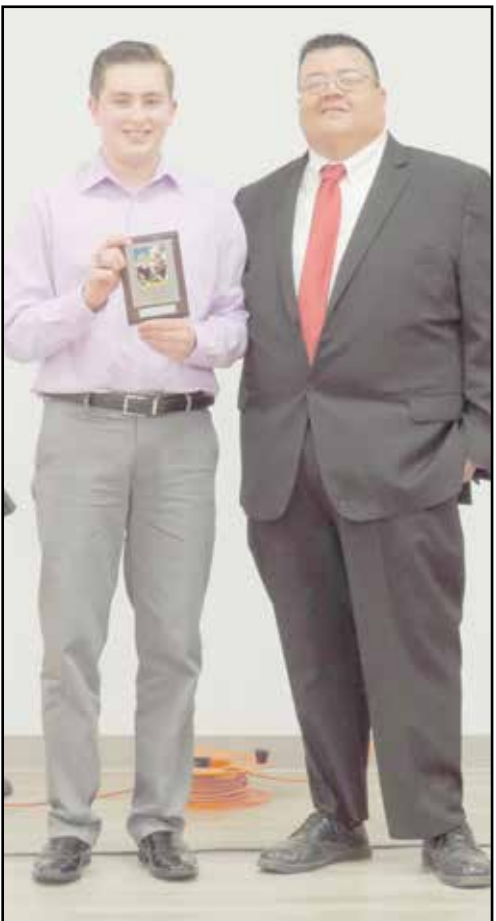
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- 9 Gin fizz ingredient
- 10 One level below marquess
- 11 Garage service
- 12 Slice of history
- 13 Proscribe
- 21 Carpet fuzz
- 22 Fuming
- 26 Writer Rand
- 28 Not a thing
- 29 Showcase for suppliers
- 30 Luxor's river
- 31 Oracle
- 32 What bench presses build
- 33 Big brute
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- 60 Lambastes
- 61 Withdraw, with "out"
- 62 Goat's call

Answer to previous puzzle

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THE BULLDOG REPORT



Special to the Herald

The Big Red Band capped off a successful year last week by celebrating at the annual band awards banquet.

The following awards were given:

- John Phillip Sousa - Tyler McFall
- Patrick S. Gilmore - Nathan Ramirez
- National School Marching Award - Joseph Arguello
- Outstanding Freshman - Genesis Olivas
- Outstanding Sophomore - Naughtia Rockwell
- Junior Leadership by Example - Jaxon Muller, Naomi White
- Senior Leadership by Example - Bracy Bacon, Hope Ramirez
- Most Improved - Ashleigh Mull
- Dedication - David Davis
- Spirit (Reuben Campos Award) - Taylor Barnes
- Outstanding Woodwind - Andrea King
- Outstanding Brass - Raegan Deel
- Outstanding Percussion - Bryson Cline

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moderated by Sequeira and including Schovanec; Daryl Ellis, National Instruments senior group manager; and Dennis Whitelaw, Marriott Hotels area general manager.

Bringing Texas Tech to Costa Rica

After two years of planning, Schovanec announced the establishment of the Costa Rican campus in August 2016 through a partnership with EDULINK, a subsidiary of Promerica Group, a highly reputable, multinational conglomerate of companies operating in many Latin American countries. Just two months later, in October, the university officially broke ground in San Jose.

The location of TTU-CR means it is easily accessible from Texas while also being at the gateway to the rest of Latin America. The area is home to more than 250 high-tech multinational companies and its educational system is one of the best in Latin America.

"Awareness of the benefits of the internationalization of higher education across borders is growing worldwide and the Central American region is experiencing a demand for a highly qualified workforce that can meet the needs of an increasing dynamic presence of high-tech industries and advanced manufacturing," said Jack Bimrose, EDULINK director of TTU-CR. "The strategic development of Costa Rica and the region is

related to strong science, technology, engineering and mathematics education programs for which the demand exceeds the supply. We believe that a Texas Tech presence can be a game-changer in Costa Rica. If the program is as successful as we think it will be, it can be the start of a global outreach for the university."

In November 2017, the university received approval to include TTU-CR as an off-site campus in the university's accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the regional accreditation body for degree-granting higher education institutions in the U.S., Latin America and other approved international sites. Once classes begin in August, a formal site visit by a SACSCOC team will finalize the approval.

Accreditation will allow the transfer of courses and degrees to other colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad. TTU-CR degree programs will include electrical, industrial and computer engineering; mathematics and computer science; and restaurant, hotel and institutional management, offered through the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, the College of Arts & Sciences and the Department of Hospitality & Retail Management within the College of Human Sciences. All classes will be taught in English. "With Texas Tech programs in Costa

Rica, we hope to promote leadership with international vision and the integration of the region into a global context," Bimrose said. "Education is valued overseas, and U.S.-brand education is highly regarded worldwide for its quality. The Texas Tech campus in Costa Rica is intended to make U.S. higher education available and affordable to students in a region with limited access to university opportunities in the U.S. and overseas. It also will create a pathway for Costa Rican and Central American students to study in the U.S. and at other world universities."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is the completion of the first phase of TTU-CR, which includes classrooms, laboratories, a library and media center, administrative offices, an amphitheater and student services. It's just the beginning of a mission and vision to offer students high-quality academic programs aligned to strategic development goals of Costa Rica and the Central American region, Bimrose said.

"Great things start small," Bimrose added. "We believe this is just the beginning of great things to come."

ACADEMIC STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK *Eric Hall, Forsan High School*

Eric Hall is Forsan's student of the week. Eric is a senior at Forsan High School, and has been a 4-year member of the Forsan Buffalo band playing saxophone. In those 4 years, the band has advanced to state twice, including his senior year. They have been a Sweepstakes band winner, taking Division 1's in Marching, Concert and Sight reading all four years.

Eric has participated in UIL science where he advanced to Area as a sophomore. He plans to get his basics from Howard College, and will then consider a degree in Engineering in the future. Eric's parents are Mark and Kaye Hall.



Congratulations, Eric!

US

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effective means for making the plutonium cores.

The federal government has been tightlipped about the findings but a summary obtained last year by a watchdog group suggests that it would be most costly — possibly as much as \$7.5 billion — to continue making plutonium cores at Los Alamos and that the lab might not be able to meet production goals until 2038.

The Energy Department wants to ramp up production to 80 plutonium cores a year by 2030.

U.S. Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich and Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, all New Mexico Democrats, have suggested the nuclear agency's evaluation process was flawed.

"It's hard to see how NNSA could justify uprooting and recreating the mission somewhere else will save time and money," they said in a statement issued after Los Alamos and Savannah River were identified as the options.

Greg Mello with the Los Alamos Study Group said in a recent interview with The Associated Press that Los Alamos' track record should give the Trump administration pause as it considers how to move forward.

Work at Los Alamos has been stalled by a series of mistakes, and criticism has mounted following mishandling of nuclear materials.

"In terms of safety, Los Alamos is the worst site in the complex for its arrogance and scofflaw attitude," Mello said.

In an internal memo, the lab argued last year that operations at its plutonium facility and its safety programs have undergone more than a dozen independent external reviews and that it was close to being fully operational after safety problems forced work to be suspended in 2013.

Internal government reports drafted earlier this year indicate serious and persistent safety issues still plague both Los Alamos and Savannah River, according to a recent report by the Center for Public Integrity.

Before the mission of making plutonium cores came to Los Alamos in the 1990s, there were concerns by lab officials and elected officials at the time about shifting from research and development to manufacturing. The critics included former U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-New Mexico, who opposed expanding the lab's mission to include the production of parts for nuclear weapons.

It's only recently that the current generation of elected officials has been pushing for the work, Mello said.

"In a way that encapsulates New Mexico's whole problem — that we just haven't focused properly on what the people need and we're just slavishly devoted to these institutions that are basically colonial," he said.

In South Carolina, Gov. Henry McMaster has expressed support for moving plutonium core production to the state, as recently as an appearance in a city near Savannah River earlier this week. Earlier this year, the South Carolina Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council formally sponsored relocating pit production to Savannah River.

The site has been the planned home for a U.S. mixed-oxide fuel facility, intended to turn 34 tons of weapons-grade defense plutonium into fuel for commercial nuclear reactors, satisfying a nonproliferation agreement with Russia. But the project has been beset by years of delays and cost overruns, over which the state has several times sued the federal government.

If no decision on a site for the plutonium cores is made by the National Nuclear Security Administration and senior officials don't accept the analysis by Friday, plutonium operations will remain at Los Alamos.

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Texas A&M Racing Team prepares to defend national title



Photo courtesy of Texas A&M Racing

Members of the 2017 Aggie Racing Team show off their Formula-style SAE race car. The team, comprising members of the Texas A&M Engineering Department, won the national title in 2017, and is preparing to defend their title this year. A practice session is scheduled for June in Lincoln, Nebraska.

COLLEGE STATION — They won first place in the Formula-style SAE competition last year, and now members of the Texas A&M University's mechanical engineering racing team say they are ready for this year's Collegiate Design Competition, sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Chancellor John Sharp recently visited the team. View a video of the conversation here: <https://chancellor.tamus.edu/videos>

"The competition gets judged on the design, the application and how well the machines work," said Yuval Doron, the team's adviser.

In June, the engineering students will be testing

their craftsmanship in Lincoln, Nebraska, competing with over 500 teams from universities around the world.

At a cost of about \$50,000, with a top speed of 75 miles per hour, this year's Formula-style SAE racing car from the Texas A&M team will have to outperform last year's.

"We learned how a car works, how it runs. Then some of our team came up with ideas: if we simulate our engine next to the driver or behind the driver, how does that change the dynamic characteristics?" explained Spencer Weaver, student project manager.

Chancellor Sharp praised the efforts of the students, stressing how courses that include hands-on experience help them secure jobs.

"Automobile companies come down to judge the competition, and it's actually an interview," he said.

Team members: Spencer Weaver (Project Manager), Mario Heredia, Ross Curran, Jasha Gunawan, Kaitlyn Mulkey, Brendan Cooper, Shane Costello, Wyatt Mountain, Zachary Roeder, Milan Pandya, Seth Burkhalter, James Compton, Logan Hanzel, Albert Rodriguez, Segun Tytler, Kevin Campbell, Zach Beck, Adam Isaacks, Gill Lipton, Zachary Masse, Siddhant Rebba, Sarah Rohmer.

Drivers: Christopher Fleming, Michael Ilavia, Gill Lipton, Brad Patlovany, Nicholas Sims.

The Texas A&M University System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a budget of \$4.7 billion. Through a statewide network of 11 universities and seven state agencies, the Texas A&M System educates more than 152,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceeded \$972 million in FY 2016 and helped drive the state's economy.

Cole strikes out 9 as Astros win 4-1, sweep A's

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Any questions the Houston Astros had about Gerrit Cole's ability to bounce back from his first career shutout were answered when the right-hander pumped a 99.4 mph fastball past Matt Chapman for a strikeout.

And that was on Cole's final pitch of the afternoon.

Cole struck out nine to raise his major league-leading total to 86, and the Astros beat the Oakland Athletics 4-1 Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep.

"I kind of left it all out there," Cole said. "I was a little sluggish today for a bunch of different variables. Found enough command, which was what was really suffering the most, and I was able to navigate through it."

Cole (4-1) allowed one run, four hits and three walks in six innings. His 1.43 ERA is second in the major leagues behind the 1.17 of teammate Justin Verlander.

It wasn't as crisp as Cole's previous start, when he struck out a career-high 16 and threw 114 pitches in a one-hitter Arizona. Cole pitched through the lulls and came up big

when he needed to, especially before he was removed.

"He knows when the end of his outing is coming, he knows he's got runners on base and he's going to empty his tank there," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "That's why he's really good. He's got the ability to stay competitive in the mid-90s and then reach back for the high 90s. There's a single digit on your hand (for) how many guys can do that."

Max Stassi and Derek Fisher hit consecutive home runs with two outs in the seventh off Daniel Mengden (2-4) for a 2-1 lead, and Yuli Gurriel added a two-run double against Yusmiero Petit that extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

Houston has won 10 of its last 12 road games. Oakland was outscored 25-5 in the series and out-hit 42-18.

"It's always good to win before the off day, let alone sweep," Stassi said. "When you get a sweep, everyone seems to enjoy it a little more."

Jose Altuve doubled twice and had three hits. George Springer, who had eight hits over a stretch of nine at-bats in the first two games, went 1 for 4.

Joe Smith and Will Harris followed Cole, and Ken Giles pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save and second in two days. Before Tuesday, Giles had not pitched since allowing four runs in the ninth inning of a May 1 loss to the New York Yankees.

Mengden gave up two runs and six hits in 6 2/3 innings. He is winless in six starts against the Astros.

"One or two swings can beat you, and that's what happened," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "He was cruising along nicely though, against a really good lineup."

Jed Lowrie's RBI double put the A's ahead in the sixth.

Houston had only three runners before Stassi's third home run of the season, his first since April 19. Fisher

hit his second homer in three days, sending an 0-2 pitch into the second deck in center. The drive would have gone 447 feet unimpeded, according to MLB Statcast.

"You don't see many balls hit up in that part of the ballpark," Hinch said. "He's got a ton of power and athleticism and can do some damage."

Oakland's Stephen Piscotty singled and made a sparking defensive play with a sliding catch in foul territory during his second game back following the death of his mother from Lou Gehrig's Disease. He is expected to be placed on the bereavement list soon.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Athletics: RHP Trevor Cahill was placed on the 10-day DL with a right elbow impingement. Cahill had a career-high 12 strikeouts in his most recent start. ... OF Dustin Fowler was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento.

UP NEXT
Astros: Verlander (4-1) will start Friday against Texas on regular rest and Charlie Morton is being pushed back.

Athletics: RHP Kendall Graveman (0-5) is expected to be recalled up from Triple-A Nashville to start Friday at the New York Yankees.

NBA

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trend.

The league MVP has played in the NBA Finals in four of the last six seasons — James and the Miami Heat won titles in 2012 and 2013, Stephen Curry and the Warriors won in 2015 and lost to Cleveland in 2016.

MATTER OF TIME

Ray Allen is still the league's all-time leader in playoff 3-pointers made, with 385.

LeBron James and Stephen Curry are coming his way.

James is No. 2 on the all-time list with 346 playoff 3-pointers. Curry is No. 3 with 329 — in only 79 playoff games. Allen played in 171, and James has played in 228.

WELL DONE, SCHEDULE MAKERS

Here's how the NBA season began, back on Oct. 17: Boston at Cleveland, and Houston at Golden State.

Almost seven months later, the conference finals begin with Cleveland at Boston, Golden State at Houston.

WIN GAME 1

Winning Game 1 of any NBA playoff series is important; under this format that the league has been using since 1984, teams that take 1-0 series leads ultimately win those matchups about 80 percent of the time.

That's even more pronounced in this round.

Of the 68 teams that have taken 1-0 series leads in the conference finals, 57 have gone on to make the NBA Finals. But four times in the last seven years, a team has dropped Game 1 in this round and made The Finals anyway.

MORE DAYS OFF?

The NBA Finals start May 31.

That means there could be a lot of days without basketball before then.

If both series end in sweeps — unlikely, of course, but possible — the Boston-Cleveland winner would

have 10 days off before The Finals and the Houston-Golden State winner would have nine.

Starting Thursday, there will be no games five times in a nine-day span. There's no games until Sunday, and there's no games in either series on May 17 and 18. Those needing a basketball fix on those last two days, fret not — there will be NBA Combine activities going on in Chicago on those two days.

POOL UPDATE

The NBA's playoff pool for this season is \$20 million, and here's a look at how much the four remaining teams have made so far in this postseason — along with a look at what they could get.

Rockets: \$2,322,122. Would finish with \$4,669,069 if they lose the NBA Finals, \$5,864,018 if they win the title.

Celtics and Warriors: \$1,646,226 each so far. They'd get \$3,993,173 if they reach The Finals and lose, \$5,188,122 if they win the championship.

Cavaliers: \$1,478,543. Would finish with \$3,825,490 if they lose the NBA Finals, \$5,020,439 if they win the title.

Teams use the playoff pool largely for bonuses for players and staff after the season. The 12 playoff teams that have already been eliminated will be getting checks adding up to about \$7 million from the league.

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