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## Garza guilty, sentenced to 60 years in assault on police case



*HERALD photo/Roger Cline*  
Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, right, speaks with several people in the lobby of the 118th District Court Building Wednesday during a break in the trial of Andrew Garza for Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant. Also in the photo are Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams, second from left, and BSPD Officer Blake Grantham, left of Wilkerson.

**By ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

A 118th District Court jury has found a Big Spring man guilty of aggravated assault against a public servant, and sentenced him to 60 years in prison.

Over the course of a two-day trial which began at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson presented evidence against Andrew Garza, 44, of Big Spring, gradually building up his case that on Feb. 8, 2018, Garza threatened the life of Big Spring Police Officer Blake Grantham by pointing a gun at him during a foot chase through alleyways and fields between Ninth

and 10th streets and Nolan and Goliad streets. The chase ended at the corner of 10th and Nolan when Grantham responded to the threat by firing upon Garza with his own weapon, striking him in the torso.

Garza was defended in the trial by Wayne Frost of Midland.

"It was a lengthy and contentious trial," Wilkerson said after the jury returned its verdict. "Opposing counsel fought every step of the way. We had to do our best to prove what we could. We felt law enforcement did an outstanding job putting together the evidence and getting it to us so that we could

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## City Council appoints Parks and Rec. Board and Traffic Commission

**By ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring has a brand-new Parks and Recreation Board as well as a new Traffic Commission.

The two new seven-member boards were both filled with appointees at the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday evening following several secret-ballot votes by the five members of the Council who were present.

For each of the two panels, council members appointed two people for three-year terms, two for two-year terms, and three for one-year terms.

New members of the Parks and Recreation Board include: Three-year terms: Stacy R. Barr and Justin Myers; two-year terms: Johnny R. DeLeon and Barney Dodd; and one-year terms: Ryan Williams, Danny Flenniken, and Carmen Moreno Har-

bour.

The Traffic Commission's new members include: Three-year terms: Marvin Boyd and Jodi Duck; two-year terms: Lee Harris and Charles Smith; and one-year terms: Nati Saldivar, Roy Gomez Jr., and Amy Powell.

In addition, the council also appointed a replacement for an unexpired term on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Jonathan Ray will fill the unexpired term which ends in September 2020, while J.D. Smith will serve as an alternate.

In other business, the council issued a proclamation recognizing May 6 through 12 as National Nurses Week. Mayor Larry McLellan read the proclamation before presenting it to nurses from the West Texas VA Health Care System and from the community.

The council also:

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- Upcoming Events*
- Today**
- Early Voting Courthouse
  - Alive After 5 JB Graphics 5-6:30 p.m.
  - Veteran of the Month Hangar 25 6 p.m.

## Pop music on the program for BSSO's Spring Concert



*HERALD file photo*  
Dr. Keith Graumann (right, facing left) directs the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra as pop music performers belt out Beatles hits at last year's BSSO Spring Concert. This year's concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium, 310 E. Third St.

**By ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Ready for some pops music? It's almost time for the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's "Spring is For Big Spring" Pops Concert, coming up Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"We've planned a number of pop-style pieces that range from rock and roll to country to Broadway," said Big Spring Symphony Music Director and Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann. "We've added a rock-and-roll ensemble to our orchestra, drum set, guitar, piano, and a

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## JB Graphics to host Alive After 5

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

Networking, building partnerships and connecting with local businesses is the focus of the upcoming Alive After 5, hosted by JB Graphics, on April 25 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"This is an opportunity for the community to come out and find out about JB Graphics, but also for business professionals to make connections," Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde, said.

In addition to the main host, co-hosts for the event will be Train Car and BAD Events, providing refreshments.

"Our Alive After 5 events are a great opportunity for businesses to work together and build partnerships, but it's also a way for the community to get engaged with Chamber members and find out about chamber events," ValVerde said.

According to ValVerde, the main focus of the Chamber of Commerce is to support growth in the community through the support of local businesses and industry.

"We have a lot of unique shops right here in our community. Most of what you need can be found right here instead of driving to Midland, San Angelo or Lubbock," she said. "We encourage our chamber members to support each other and during events like Alive After 5, we have an opportunity to find out about local businesses and how we can support them."

For those wanting to find out more about becoming a Chamber member or to find out about upcoming Chamber events, call ValVerde at 432-263-7641.

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## One pint can save a life Forsan Stu. Co. annual spring blood drive set for May 2, appointments taken

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

One pint of blood could help save someone's life. Forsan Student Council is offering an opportunity to save a life. On May 2, Forsan Student Council will be hosting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"It seems there is an increased need in the spring time, with everything going on, from proms to graduation, we know the need for blood is crucial in the event of accidents," Erin Stone, Forsan ISD representative, said.

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## Obituaries

### Paul Medina



Paul Medina, 67, of Big Spring, a longtime physician assistant in West Texas, died Sunday, April 21, 2019, in Big Spring.

Viewing will start at 9 a.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Rosewood Chapel, 906 Gregg St. in Big Spring, followed by a rosary at 7 p.m. Family and friends are asked to meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. Friday for a procession to Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 1009 Hearn St. in Big Spring for an 11 a.m. mass. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Sterling City Cemetery.

He was born May 10, 1951, in Sterling City, where he attended high school before receiving a GED in 1970. At an early age, Paul longed to pursue one of two diverse career fields.

"My mother said I wanted to be either a doctor or a milkman when I was little," he recalled recently. "I guess I liked white."

On Jan. 2, 1970, Paul enlisted in the U.S. Army and took the first steps toward fulfilling his lifelong dream to be a medical professional. After basic training at Fort Ord, California, he served as a clinical specialist, or senior medic, in Texas and North Carolina, and on a trip to Southeast Asia. Upon his discharge in May 1973, Paul was one of 800 applicants for 24 openings in Wichita State University's new Physician Assistant Program. During the application process, he was asked why he wanted to be admitted.

"I think being a P.A. is something I could do to help people, and also I think I could be good at it," he explained, adding that he also relished the idea of being part of a new frontier in health care.

Accepted into the program in May 1973, Paul went through more than two years of intensive academic study and clinical training in multiple medical disciplines and graduated Aug. 22, 1975. Gifted with an affable bedside manner, he would impact the lives of countless patients.

For the next several years, he practiced in Wichita, Kansas, including two years at the VA Hospital where he was both a P.A. and administrative assistant to the chief of medicine. In 1983, he took a position in New York at Montrose VA Hospital, where he again served as a P.A. and administrative assistant to the chief of medicine. He later practiced at various other medical facilities before returning to Texas in the 1990s.

Under the direction of Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Paul worked as a PA in Menard and Eldorado until the mid-1990s, when he moved to the Wichita, Kansas area and operated a clinic

at Mount Hope for Riverside Hospital. In 1999, he accepted a position with the emergency room at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland. He subsequently worked in private practice until about 2005, when he began serving as a P.A. for Dr. Francisco Salcido in Odessa.

About 10 years ago, Paul branched into psychiatric medicine as a P.A. at Oceans Behavioral Hospital Permian Basin in Midland. After a year of retirement, he returned to psychiatric medicine and managed Midland's mental health-mental retardation program before working again at Oceans and for Dr. Shamsuddin Pepermintwala in Midland.

On August 11, 2017, Paul underwent a bilateral lung transplant at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He returned to practice as a P.A. and continued working in the field until recently.

In addition to his career interests, Paul enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, supporting the Wichita State Shockers, traveling to distant locales, and collecting rare artifacts. He had been an avid reader since high school and recently developed an interest in genealogy. He became an accomplished dancer and loved to attend concerts and plays at venues such as the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center near Midland.

A Catholic, Paul was a man of faith who, he said, liked "the idea that I can help people alleviate suffering." He also believed it important to remember why we are here, rather than get wrapped up in material things.

"Don't forget to make God a part of your life," he observed recently. "Ultimately, that's what it comes down to."

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Joaquin Medina Jr.; and by a brother, Douglas McAnaug Jr. Survivors include his mother, Jesusita (Jessie) Sparks of Sterling City; two sons, Vaughn L. Medina and wife Tina of Big Spring, and Arnold Medina and wife Amber of Lubbock; three sisters, Hila (Ann) Davis of Big Spring, Diann Martinez and husband Mario of Big Spring, and Temple Watson and husband Kermit of Rankin; one brother, Charles McAnaug and wife Letty of Rankin; five grandchildren, Vaughn Lee Medina Jr. with the U.S. Navy in Japan, Gabriella Medina of Big Spring, Alexandra Medina of Big Spring, Magdalena Medina of Big Spring, and Cali Medina of Lubbock; and three great-grandchildren, Denise Medina, Aidyn Chavez, and Aalyah Chavez.

Paul asked that memorials be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Lung Association.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Evangelina "Eva" Perez Soliz



Evangelina "Eva" Perez Soliz, 80, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 21, 2019, in a Midland hospital. A Rosary service will be 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 17, 1938, in Beeville, Texas and married Noe G. Soliz, Sr. June 17, 1954, in Beeville, Texas.

Eva was a homemaker, loving wife, mother, and a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Noe G. Soliz, Sr. of Big Spring; six daughters, Janie Ortiz and husband, Ron of Victoria, Lydia Soliz and boyfriend, Manuel Jiminez of Big Spring, Alice Heredia and husband, Leon of San Antonio, Mary Franco and husband, Jesus of Fort Worth, Gracie Soliz and husband, Oscar Rodriguez of Midland, and Sandra Hill and husband, Greg of Corpus Christi; three sons, Joe Soliz and wife, Mary, Noe Soliz, Jr. and John Soliz all of Big Spring; 36 grandchildren; 76 great grandchildren; and 15 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson; two sisters; a brother; her mother, San Juanita Perez; and her father, Theodore Perez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Jack Moran Graves



Jack Moran Graves, 96, of Lexington, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, in New Braunfels, Texas. Born on Feb. 9, 1923, in Desdemona, Texas. He was the son of the late Good Crawford Graves and Jessie Lowe Coffey Graves.

Jack graduated from Big Spring High School in 1941, then attended John Tarleton College on a football scholarship. Jack proudly served in the United States Army during World War II where he sustained leg injuries when his tank was hit by enemy bazooka fire. After the war he attended Sul Ross State University where he earned a degree in history and education. He intended to teach as his siblings had all done but instead entered the cattle business with his brother in law. He bought, sold and transported cattle until a drought shut them down. He was then selected for the Texas Liquor Control Board, where he began his 35 year law enforcement career. He became a deputy U.S. Marshall in El Paso, a Chief Deputy U.S. Marshall in San Antonio over the Western District of Texas,

and retired as Chief Deputy in Topeka, Kansas.

Jack was a member of the First Christian Church of Lexington and was also a member of the Texas Free Masons. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He would always get a gleam in his eye when he told a story about his mother or father. He was a people person and was always willing to lend a helping hand no matter who you were or where you came from.

Jack is survived by his sons, David Graves and wife Lyndi, Tommy Graves and wife Ginger, Robert Graves and wife Yolanda, and Joe Graves and wife Yolanda; 17 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Linda Graves; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his son, Jack Moran Graves, Jr.; grandson Matthew; daughter-in-law Debbie; stepson Paul; one brother; and three sisters.

A memorial service will be held at the Lux Funeral Home Chapel in New Braunfels, Texas, on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jack's name to the West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch, San Angelo, Texas 76904. To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.luxfhcares.com](http://www.luxfhcares.com) and select obituaries.

*Paid Obituary*

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of MLK. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of KC Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Apache. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4500 block of E. FM 846. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at Scenic Drive (entrance to park). One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

### Greg Clark

Greg Clarke, 68, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, April 22, 2019. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

• 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.

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

• 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). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

### FRIDAY

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

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

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

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

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

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

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

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

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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# TRIAL

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present it to the jury, and I give a lot of credit to law enforcement for the conviction. We feel this sends a very strong message to the community that assaulting police officers, especially with firearms, is just totally unacceptable, and hopefully that message will be taken strongly by members of the community."

Through a series of witnesses including Big Spring identification technicians and police officers, and citizens who saw part of the proceedings, Wilkerson developed a story for the jury. According to the narrative developed during the trial, Charles Collett of Big Spring, a resident of the neighborhood in question, witnessed a man breaking into residences near Collett's home including 404 E. Ninth St., 406 E. Ninth St., and 904 S. Goliad St., at around noon on Feb. 8, 2018. Collett called 9-1-1 to report the "suspicious activity," and continued to watch the man until Officer Grantham arrived in response to his call.

Grantham and Collett observed the man, carrying some items, emerge into an alley connecting Ninth and 10th streets between Goliad and Nolan. The man saw Grantham and Collett, dropped the items, and ran southward before leaving the alleyway into a field of scrub brush toward Nolan Street. Grantham pursued him at a run, ordering him to stop several times.

Meanwhile, BSPD officer Noah Lozano arrived in the area on Nolan Street, and began to investigate some houses on the north end of the block. When Lozano chased the suspect onto Nolan, Lozano reportedly ran back to his police cruiser to follow the chase. During the chase, area residents

Jonathan and Cannessa Youngquist, a married couple, were outside their home in the 900 block of Nolan, and witnessed the event. The couple both testified the suspect had a gun in his right pocket, and attempted to draw the pistol. Mrs. Youngquist retreated into her home, while Mrs. Youngquist observed the suspect draw an automatic pistol and, as he continued to flee, point it behind himself at Grantham; at which point he also went into the couple's home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Youngquist reported that they heard, but did not see, several gunshots.

Grantham took the stand and reported the story from his point of view. He said he observed the suspect draw the pistol and point it backward over his right shoulder, at which point Grantham said he felt in fear for his life.

"When the defendant produced a weapon and pointed it in your direction, can you tell us what your emotions were?" Wilkerson asked Grantham during his direct examination.

"I was scared," Grantham responded.

Grantham said he drew his weapon and fired, but did not count the shots or realize how many times he fired until he listened to his personal belt audio recorder after the fact. He had fired five times, striking the suspect once.

After the shooting, Grantham said he approached the suspect, who rolled onto his side, revealing a handgun which had fallen underneath his body. Grantham kicked the weapon away.

Lozano arrived on the scene and handcuffed the suspect, who turned out to be Garza. Lozano attempted to render aid, and an ambulance was called.

Several pieces of recorded evidence

was played for the jury, including Grantham's belt audio recording of the incident, Lozano's belt audio, Lozano's in-car video recording, and in-car video recording from the vehicle of BSPD officer Michael McEllen.

Physical evidence in the trial included the Glock 30S .45 caliber handgun that Garza pointed at Officer Grantham along with three magazines – one reportedly from the gun itself, and two others found in a backpack reportedly dropped by Garza; five .40-caliber Smith and Wesson shell casings left at the scene from Grantham's shots; and photos of Garza's injury and clothing, including a red hoodie and black jacket. The clothes matched descriptions from the witnesses at the scene.

Wilkerson's prosecution case wrapped up about lunchtime on Wednesday, and Frost presented three witnesses: Officer McEllen, to comment on his car's video; Texas Ranger Todd Reed, who explained that he was on the scene as a neutral third party to assist with the investigation; and nurse practitioner Leslie Ray White, who treated Garza's gunshot wound while he was a prisoner at the jail.

After the defense witnesses finished, both Wilkerson and Frost presented their closing statements, and then the jury received instructions from 118th District Judge Timothy Yeats before retiring to the Jury Room to deliberate. After about 20 minutes of deliberation, the jury returned with a verdict of "guilty."

Wilkerson explained that a charge of assault does not require the defendant strike the victim or even fire a shot.

"No, the definition of assault, if you listen to the instructions (to the jury) from the judge, comes straight from the statute," he said. "Which means if somebody is threatened with bodi-

ly injury – and certainly pointing a weapon in their direction is considered a threat – that is assaultive conduct, and if you do that with a deadly weapon, that ratchets it up. So the actual physical act of contact is not required in a case like this."

After the guilty verdict was announced, Judge Yeats explained to the jury that the next step was to allow the counsels to argue regarding the punishment Garza should receive. Yeats said that, while the range of sentencing options for a first-degree felony is normally 5 to 99 years, or life, in prison, and up to a \$10,000 fine; Garza's sentencing would be "enhanced" because of former felonies he's been convicted of – one case involving burglary of a vehicle, and another involving possession of cocaine. Both cases occurred more than 20 years ago. The enhancement increased the minimum prison sentence to 15 years.

During the arguments, Wilkerson urged jurors to consider a heavy sentence for Garza; while Frost argued that Garza's injury was already a significant punishment and asked jurors to consider the minimum sentence.

After about 15 minutes of deliberation, the jury returned a 60-year prison sentence for Garza, along with a \$10,000 fine. Garza will be eligible for parole after half that sentence, or 30 years.

Wilkerson declined to say whether he was surprised by the short times taken by the jury to deliberate.

"Each jury is different. Each jury takes the evidence the way they want," he said. "I think that it would be unfair of me to speak on their behalf because of the length of time it took for them to come to their conclusion."

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# COUNCIL

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- Approved going out for bids on new equipment for the Airpark;
- Approved on first reading a runoff election for Mayor and/or city council, should it be needed;
- Approved a development contract with SilverLeaf Communities LLC concerning water infrastructure improvements;
- Approved a measure finding that an Oncor rate increase should be denied;
- Approved an agreement with TXDoT to close Third and Fourth streets for the upcoming Funtastic Fourth celebration.

# SPRING

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bass guitar, then we'll have singers. We're especially pleased to have Nadia Kiley... this is her debut with the symphony. Then Lawrence Thibeault and Tara Trowbridge are both singers. We'll feature several musicians, including Dan Kiley, and Jose Gonzales."

Graumann said the concert will feature music from well-known pop artists.

"We're going going to open

with one made famous about about 20 years ago called 'Hooked on Classics,'" Graumann said. "Then we'll do Beatles, Beach Boys, Billy Joel, Stevie Wonder. Then we'll do solos by the Monkees and Adele, Eric Clapton, Earth Wind and Fire."

Graumann said the concert should be a great evening of music.

"It's a wonderful sound, to hear pop played by a symphony," he said. "I think the audience enjoys it and the musicians enjoy it. As we say all the time, we'll have something for

everyone."

Tickets are available at H-E-B, the Karat Patch, the Heritage Museum, the Chamber of Commerce office, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau office. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, visit the Symphony's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BigSpringSymphony.

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"We want to do our part in saving as many lives as possible."

Those wanting to donate can email Mrs. Stone and place your name on the list in advance, at [estone@forsan.esc18.net](mailto:estone@forsan.esc18.net). Donors will need to bring a photo identification card to their appointment time.

"We have held a blood drive in the spring for the

past 10 years," Stone said. "It's one way we can help save a life."

According to Stone, donation normally takes about 45 minutes. The day of the blood drive, there might be variations in donor times. She said they try their best to keep on schedule, but times may vary.

For more information, or to reserve your spot, email Stone at [estone@forsan.esc18.net](mailto:estone@forsan.esc18.net).

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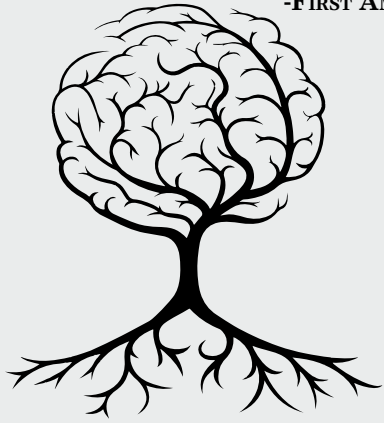
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### Cindy's Bookshelf

## An Ember in the Ashes - A review

The time for the Trials has arrived.

Four newly graduated

Masks have been chosen to compete in a series of tasks in order to prove their worth and ability to become leader of the Empire. The cost is high, and Elias Veturius can't decide if the reward is worth it.

Just days before he's chosen, he makes plans to flee Blackcliff Academy in order to find a better life.

Anything would be better than the brutal, cutthroat world of his mother, the Commandant of Blackcliff Academy. Deserting his station at the academy means that he would be instantly marked as a traitor to the Empire and hunted down by his fellow Masks. When his name is called, announcing him as a contestant in the Trials, Elias realizes the choice he must make between competing and deserting, isn't really a choice at all.

After a brutal attack by Masks, resulting in the death of her grandparents and the arrest of her brother, Laia flees into the catacombs - a series of tunnels that snake under the city of Serra that were once used for burials. While fleeing from the

Masks who attacked her family, Laia runs into a cell of Rebels who are a part of the Resistance. They are working to overthrow the Empire and set Scholars free.

She makes a deal with them - she will spy on the Commandant of Blackcliff Academy and pass on information to the Resistance. In return, the Resistance will help her locate and free her brother before he is taken to Kauf Prison. Kauf is the most impenetrable prison in the Empire and one from which no one survives for long.

*An Ember In The Ashes* by Sabaa Tahir is a tale of paying the price for family. Laia must sacrifice her own freedom in order to save her brother's life. While Elias pays the price for his mother's greed and his grandfather's expectations by losing the one thing he thought he had - his free will. As the Trials begin, Laia and Elias are drawn together through various circumstances and form an unlikely alliance in order to achieve their goals. Will they be able to stop the forces working against them in order to protect the Empire from gaining an emperor more cruel than

the last? The pair soon realizes everything they've been working for was not what they had first assumed it to be as friends become enemies and all hope of freedom disappears.

*An Ember In The Ashes*, as well as the rest of the series, has quickly become one of my favorite books and series. Sabaa Tahir has created a world full of beauty within the complexity of her characters that offsets the darkness of her villains. The side characters are fully developed and yet only show up in scenes in order to push the plot forward. With a large cast of characters, that is not an easy achievement.

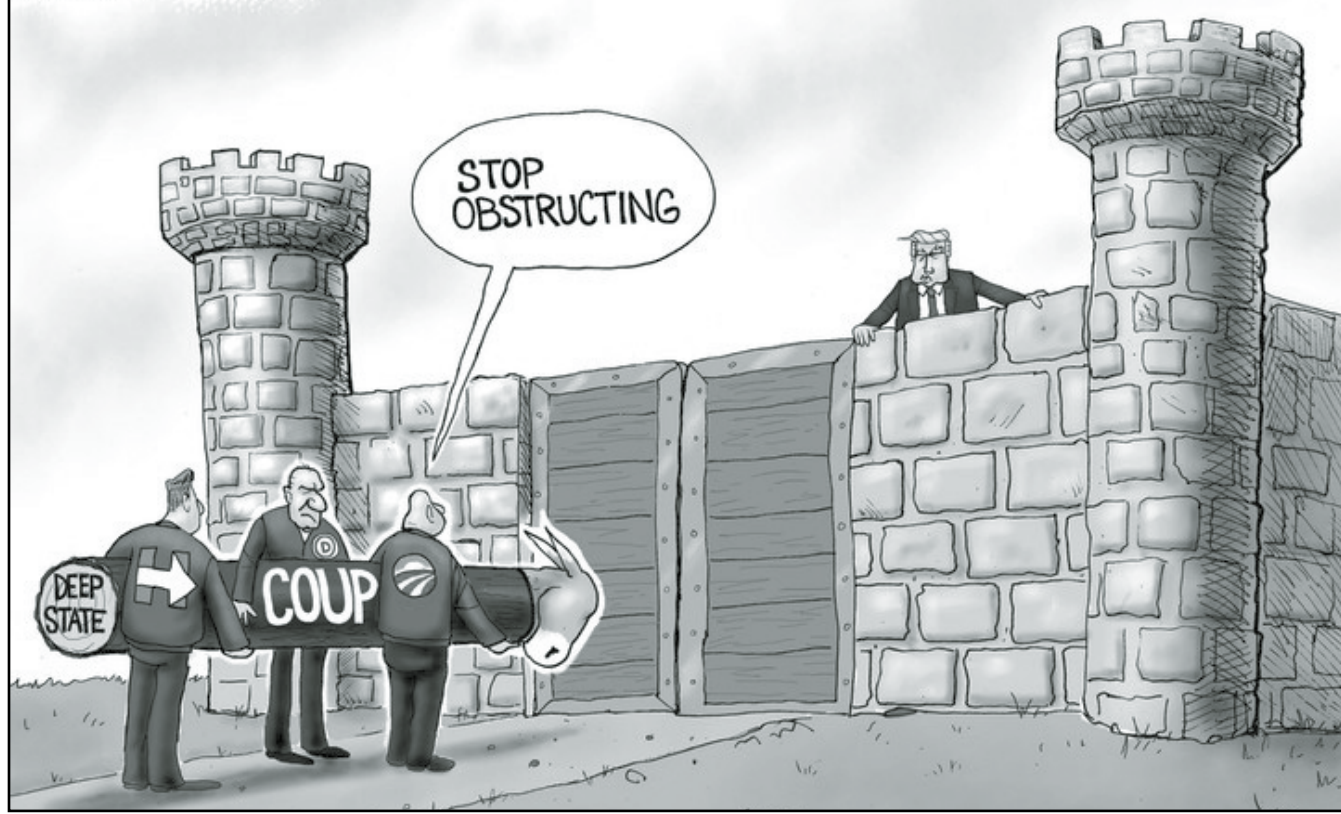
Sabaa Tahir grew up in California. She graduated from UCLA and went on to work for The Washington Post. After five years of journalism, she began working on her first novel, *An Ember In The Ashes*. Since writing the first novel, Sabaa Tahir has continued the series with *A Torch Against The Night* and *A Reaper At The Gates*. She currently lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and two children.

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Home Country

## Double feature: Dud's stories

Dud was down at The Lunker Hole on Lewis Creek before it even turned yellow in the east. He had some thinking to do, and, as everyone knows, there's no better way to think than fly fishing.

Just about the time Dud could make out The Lunker's rock at the head of the hole, he had gotten a tiny midge tied on some leader and sent it on its way to the general vicinity of the rock.

It floated slowly downstream without being bothered by piscatorial pirates, and when the line told him he'd reached as far downstream as he could on this cast, he picked it up, waved it dry and cast back up at the rock.

Okay, now is a decent thinking time, so it was well to get started. It's the book, of course.

Why do I do it? He asked himself. It doesn't make any sense. If I spent that time washing dishes down at the Mule Barn truck stop, I'd make more money. And the title? I like Murder in the Soggy Bottoms, but my friends keep calling it The Duchess and the Truck Driver. Maybe I should change it?

Okay, pick up the fly and send it back up to that rock again.

And the love stuff ... the truck driver and the duchess are nuts about each other and have a kid

in common from when he was in Europe on special assignment the last time. And the language problem. The duchess speaks a couple of European languages and the truck driver is from the South. But if they are so different, how did they have a kid together?

Cast upstream again. Wait. False cast until the fly is dry then ... yeah, like that.

You know, it doesn't make any sense, but some people actually write more than one book!

They have to be cheating somehow... they've GOT to be cheating...

Down at the sale barn Saturday, the think tank had coagulated there with coffees to go to celebrate spring. Doc and Dud had their dogs with them, while Bert and Dewey and Steve went stag.

"I thought about it a lot," Dud said, "and I wondered what the favorite part of my job was, and wondered if you fellas ever gave that any thought, too."

They nodded. Yes, by mutual consent a worthy subject.

"With me," Dud continued, "it wasn't so much my job as it was my hobby. You know, writing that book. I'm claiming it as the best part of my job, anyway."

retired now," he said, "but when I was running the pawn shop, my favorite part of the job happened when a customer found something in there he really needed and ended up paying much less for it than he thought he'd have to."

Doc laughed "And you made more on it than you thought you would, too,"

Bert grinned and nodded. "Yep. That was good too. And you, Dewey?"

Our accident-prone pharaoh of fertilizer got a serious look on his face. He finally said, "The best part of the fertilizer business is seeing the difference it makes in the flower gardens around town. Now maybe it's just my imagination, but I kinda like to take a little credit for a prettier town."

"You deserve it, Dewey," Doc said kindly. "Well now ... with me it's a little different. I have doctoring skills, of course, and it's good when I can help someone, but these days the most satisfying part of my job is to check someone out thoroughly and find there's absolutely nothing wrong with them. Now that's special."

They all looked over at the tall cowboy, Steve.

"Digging postholes," he said. "That's the only job a cowboy has where he can start at the top and work down."

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## DAILY PRAYER

*Dear Lord, let us always  
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### 1st grade

#### A Honor Roll

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Ayden Barnes  
Brody Bretz  
Myranda Chancellor  
Jovanni Dominguez  
Covan Elder  
Tifa Fancher  
Angelina Garcia  
Alexander Gomez  
Jaelyn Gonzales  
Jaxson Gonzales  
Romeo Gonzales  
Aryana Gonzales  
Elana Granados  
Lynleigh Harrison  
Ryleigh Harrison  
Adrian Hernandez  
Randall Hernandez  
Aubrey Hilario  
Ryan Jeffrey  
Terrion Johnson  
Carson Lathem  
Adalyn Martinez  
Jacob McPeak  
Jaxon Mendoza  
Cristobal Mondragon  
Jonah Moore  
Lexie Moran  
Ezekial Natividad  
Maurice Neal  
Jace Necaise  
Jaxson Necaise  
Gabryel Pittman  
Adrian Porche  
Celine Ramos  
Zayla Rivera  
Tristen Roberts  
Aden Rodriguez  
Creidence Sanders  
Kevin Thomas  
Isaac Valle  
Kyler Weaver  
Rylan Willard  
Aubrianna Yanez  
Ebany Yanez

### 1st grade

#### A/B Honor Roll

Hunter Barfield  
Abby Bedell  
Christopher Berry  
Remi Billingsley  
Sebastian Burciaga  
Isabell Butler  
Jordynn Canales  
Fabianna Carpenter  
Kyryn Croft  
Stephanie Diaz  
Romeo Espinoza Rodriguez  
Kyeavnie Fontanez  
Brianna Gonzales  
Elena Gonzales  
Trey Gonzales  
Dylan Gray  
Isaiah Gutierrez  
Noah Hadlock  
Karlie Hernandez  
Leilani Hernandez  
Aria Hinojosa  
Peyton Kesler  
Larry Luna  
Tommy Miller  
Caylee Ortiz  
Hector Quintana  
Julianna Rios  
Juan Robles  
Davian Saiz  
Adailyn Salinas  
Kyler Sharpe  
Alijah Shaw  
Christopher Silva  
Zayne Solis  
Lillian Thomas  
Anna Vizcaino  
Julian Williams

### 2nd Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Beaudyn Amador  
Elijah Carson- High  
Graciee Coble  
Jordan Diaz  
John Doll  
Ysenia Fuente  
Aiden Gonzales  
Isaiah Gonzales  
Ashton Gray  
Ashley Greenlee  
Ashlynn Hebbard  
Julian Hernandez  
Madilynn Hernandez  
Austin Hill  
Rylan Hodnett  
Anabelle Lloyd  
Larry Martinez  
Tyler Mendoza  
Evony Moreno  
Jayden Parnell  
Townsend Porras  
Aaralyn Rivera  
Khloe Roberts  
Andyn Rodriguez  
Jayden Rodriguez  
Aalijah Rodriguez-Huerta  
Robert Ross  
Landon Skeen  
Ellie Valbuena  
Makynzi Weidner  
Eurvin Winters  
Addison Woodard

### 2nd grade

#### A/B Honor Roll

Evangelyna Acosta  
Daniel Aguilar  
Diosmary Almonte De Los Angeles  
Jazmine Babrak  
Amycha'nai Bridges  
Jacob Caldwell  
April Campos  
Alexander Chavez  
Conner Colegrove  
Damian Correa  
Miguel Delgado  
Angel Dodd  
Makayla Dominguez  
Bella Edmondson  
Hannah French  
Madison Garrison  
Jacob Gilmour  
Alexa Gomez  
Paola Gonzalez  
Sophie Greenlee  
Eviana Gutierrez  
Emmalee Hebbard  
Kaitlynn Heffington  
Juliette Heffle  
Alexa Hernandez  
Alysa Hinojosa  
Ryder Hughes  
Jordan Jimenez  
Jenavyv Lopez  
Serenity Martinez  
Heaven Mathis  
Emelia McCoy  
Hayden McDaniel  
Braxton McGuffey  
Hayden McNally  
Jesus Medina  
Valori Mize  
Chance Monks  
Alesana Norman  
Alize Ortiz  
Israel Padilla  
Sahmyia Parker  
Jeremiah Ramos  
Marty Richer  
Ciana Rivera  
Isabella Robles  
Jennavae Robles  
Bethany Smith  
Annalysisa Soliz  
Ayden Starr  
Kalianna Wheeler-Olivares  
William Whitfield  
Eric Wingo  
William Wooten  
Khloe Zapata

## Marcy Elementary

### 1st Grade

#### A Honor Roll

Lynnix-Jo Aguilar  
Emma Alvarado  
Santos Anguiano-Jimenez  
Jayden Barrientos  
Nathan Brito  
Blaine Browne  
Obrie Buentello  
Kennith Callender  
Zaren Castillo  
Korbin Cervantes  
Evelyn Chambers  
Bryson Chavez  
Victoria Chavez Marquez  
Lilica Coates  
Tenley Compton  
Kazia Ehret  
Gracelynn Falcom  
Adalynn Flarity  
Abigail Friddle  
Brooklyn Garcia  
Kailani Garcia  
Nayeli Garcia  
Nikki Gregory  
Esmeralda Guerra  
Xoiey Gutierrez  
Zoey Hale  
Elvira Hernandez  
Damian Hernandez Ramos  
Benardo Hilario  
Parker Joy  
Kyrin Justice  
Melanie Kelleher  
Travis Laplante  
Christopher Ledesma  
Jaime Lopez  
Matthew Mesta  
Joslyn Mireles  
Jacob Mizer  
John Monacelli  
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Leiora Paxton  
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Braelynn Rivera  
Abel Rodriguez  
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Sofia Rueda  
Annalayah Ruiz  
Peyton Ruiz  
Aria Saena  
Nicole Shugart  
Jessica Sosa  
Yoselin Torres  
Dahlia Trevino  
Marley Valdez  
Maria Valencia  
Luis Valverde  
Atticus Vincent  
Lilith Welch  
Jordan Williams  
Kylie Williams  
Khloe Yates  
Zay'd Young

### A-B

#### Honor Roll

Gunner Abney  
Z'niyah Allen  
Tristan Arpin  
Carmen'lea Bernal  
Carmyn Carbojal  
Kane Cerda  
Emily Chavera  
Layla Cruz  
Ian Cullison  
Blake Daniels  
Joseph Delgado  
Armani Denson  
Christopher Devine  
Dre'Lynn Dockins  
Thomas Farris  
Noah Flores  
Rylan Foster  
Audriana Fulkerson  
Maribel Galvan  
Marilu Galvan  
Marisol Galvan  
Kendall Garcia  
Riley Garrett  
Aries Garza  
Douglas Greene  
Nikole Gutierrez  
Rubin Gutierrez  
Trinity Haddock  
Aliyana Juarez  
Maddox Junkin  
Brentlee King  
Rylee Lara  
Misa Magallanes  
Faith Martinez  
Nathaniel Martinez  
Jason Mays  
Lillie McDonlad  
Ashlyn McPherson  
Jesus Nuno  
Gavin Ochoa  
Kadin Oxford  
Itza Perea Borunda  
David Pillow  
Khloe Plake  
Patrick Rios  
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Peyton Sanchez  
Mason Valdez  
Ervey Valverde  
Liliana Varena  
Aleeah Vasquez  
Anthony Vasquez  
Rachel White  
Quay'shaun Williams  
Anthony Zarraga

### 2nd Grade

#### A Honor Roll

George Bancroft  
Eli Crain  
Kristopher Gonzalez  
Tahmid Rayid  
Isabel Sullivan  
Tristan Trinidad  
Zofia Woodruff

### 2nd Grade

#### A-B Honor Roll

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Allie Basden  
Rebecca Boudloche  
Ara Carreon-Marquez  
Jacob Carrillo  
Madilyn Carter  
Paxton Castaneda  
Alice Cordova  
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Santiago De Santiago  
Cobi Dodson  
Andrea Guerra  
Joshua Harrington  
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Raiden Paredes  
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Jeremiah Sanchez  
Gavin Terry  
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Jade Valenzuela  
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#### A-B Honor Roll

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Danica Alvarado  
Reese Baloga  
Brandon Berry  
Ezekiel Booth,  
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Valerie Thompson  
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#### 5th Grade A Honor Roll

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Marlie Ausbie  
Rachel Barker  
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Savannah Carrillo  
Melanie Castillo  
Severa Castillo  
Mario Chavez  
Holly Hodges  
Morgan Hughes  
Luna Jimenez  
Jeffery Jones  
Aubrie Martinez  
Dilan Mitchell  
Mason Ornelas  
Mohit Patel  
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Reegan Thompson  
Jeanette Threats  
Hazell Valenzuela  
Akeilan Vanderbilt  
Erick Villalobos-Martinez  
Mallorie Wells  
Haley Williams  
Kylah Wilson  
Breanna Woodruff  
G Yarbrough Emma

#### 6th Grade A Honor Roll

Mia Daniels  
Alyssa Doll  
Ramona Edmondson  
Lillian Gibson  
Daniel Guillory  
Ashley Melendez  
Austen Raines  
Joshua Rios  
Erineo Sanchez  
Jaycee Smith  
Brianna Vargas  
Ana Villagrana  
Damien Welch  
Kathryn Willis  
Ayla Yarbrough  
Nathaniel Zarraga

#### 5th Grade A/B Honor Roll

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Ramiro Arroyo  
Alorah Baca  
Brian Bair  
Zachary Barker  
Stephen Calderon  
Jyllian Calixto  
Fabian Carpenter  
Emily Carreon  
Joshua Charles  
Nicholas Chavira  
Hailey Cisneros  
Kayden Cocozza  
Hector Cortez  
Siloe De Los Santos  
Abigail Diaz  
Noah Dubose  
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Athena Kenly  
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#### 6th Grade A/B Honor Roll

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James Barker  
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Aki Batterton  
Marlynn Bermea  
Sydnee Berry  
Armando Bravo  
Natalie Bustamante  
Kloe Canales  
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Marisa Cortez  
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Lillian Franco  
Kegan French  
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Trystan Gonzales  
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Adonis Lopez  
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Mia Martinez  
Joshua Mireles  
Kayleigh Muniz  
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#### 10th Grade A Honor Roll

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Isabella Alaksin  
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Jordan Cervantez  
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Joshua DeLaCruz  
Jackie DeLeon  
Evelyn Diosdado  
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Mattox Evans  
Elijah Flores  
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Belicia Hernandez  
Adria Hurst  
Isaiah Johnson  
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Kimberly Ortega  
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Mikayla Paredez  
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Emily Reyes  
Diego Rios  
Iisa Saenz  
Kyler Seymore  
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Samuel Sotelo  
Luke Thibeault  
Dalton Thomas  
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Shawntreonia Washington  
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Sarah Wood  
Dallas Woods  
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#### 11th Grade A Honor Roll

Marissa Aguilar  
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Brianna Bustamante  
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Damien Cuellar  
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Corey Rogers  
Marisa Salazar  
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Baylor Trevino  
Edward Urias  
Ramon Valbuena  
Bianca Villalobos

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Callie Baker  
Alyssa Byrd  
Alexandra Cantu  
Abigale Carrillo  
Kimberly Chapel  
Amaya Cobos  
Daelyn Davis  
Kristiana Esparza  
Phillip Esser  
Robyn Evans  
Andrew Franks  
Gabriel Gomez  
Dillan Guzman  
Obri' Guzman  
Katelynn Hand  
Ylana Hernandez  
Alexies Knox  
Destany Kunkel  
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Jarred Marquez  
Amber Martinez  
Kyleigh Mathews  
Andrea Melendez  
Marcus Miramontes  
Nathan Morales  
Zephaniah Nelson  
Saikaew Nuanmusid  
Milan Patel  
Irma Perez  
Rocky Ramirez  
Adolfo Salazar  
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Julia Smith  
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Alani Torres  
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Davin Wilson  
Joshua Wood  
Jeremy Ybarra  
Brandon Zarraga

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Payton Beauchamp  
Brett Berringer  
Analisa Blount  
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Chance Carroll  
Kamri Deel  
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Megan Goad  
Abraham Gonzales  
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Gabriella Lopez  
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Aries Martinez  
Kailey Mathews  
Channing Miller  
Jason Miramontes  
Darian Oyler  
Kayleigh Penny  
Sady Ramirez  
Kaycee Reagan  
Haley Rios  
Bobbie Rivera  
Mateo Rodriguez  
Gilberto Ruiz Balderas  
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Joseph Doll  
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Alec Espinosa  
Jack Everett  
Ryan Fite  
Marisela Flores  
Shawn Gaitan  
Aryssa Garcia  
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Chesney Gillespie  
Alexis Gruis  
Kobe Gutierrez  
Ian Henry  
Mikayla Hernandez  
Hallie Hyatt  
Yadelin LanFranco  
Corona  
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Abigail Luna,  
Blake Marshall  
Brendan Martinez  
Gabriel Martinez  
Rocky Martinez  
Cali McWilliams  
Yesica Mendez  
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Elijah Munoz  
Sarah Munoz  
Kylie Murphy  
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Kristi Ontiveros  
Isaac Ortega  
Augustin Paredez  
Gary Redlin  
Zachery Rios  
Calen Rodriguez  
Eugene Saldana  
Erick Sanchez  
Jerry Sanchez  
Jihad Sanders  
Alejandro Solis  
Bree Spears  
Maisy Talamantes  
Tomas Tino  
Kimberly Trawick  
Morgan Trojan  
Jacarra Ward

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### 1st Grade A Honor Roll

Kai Brosig  
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Kendal Dennis  
Haylea Elliott  
Natilee Ellis  
Tyler Flores  
Maddie Gaston  
David Giant  
Blake Godwin-Sicard  
Yamir Gonzalez  
Sydnee Greer  
Crystin Harbour  
Peyton Kinsey  
Linken Lasater  
Justen Love  
Easton Magby  
Juan Mendoza  
Laila Petrowski  
K'Son Pineda  
Alyssa Preciado  
Silas Rodriguez  
Aleesa Tuliano  
Addison Ward  
Autumn Wash  
Carter Wash  
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### 2nd Grade A Honor Roll

Deegan Fulgham  
Emilee Gonzales  
Adrian Gonzalez  
Barrett Grigg  
Camden Hefner  
Kristopher Holder  
Tristan Hugo  
Summer Long  
Isabella Medrano  
Brynlee Mims  
Allie Olson  
Matthew Pickett  
Finn Rigdon  
Finley Strickland  
Taelor Worley

## 3rd Grade A Honor Roll

Elyssa Amaro  
Oliver Bias  
Paislee Jackson  
Triton Lefever  
Sophie Lucio  
Jules Nichols  
Hadley Phillips  
Cooper Sedberry  
Paxton Skaggs  
Kade Tucker  
Trysten Webb  
Karli Wooldridge  
Britton Wright

## 4th Grade A Honor Roll

Matthew Blakeney  
Hannah Crenshaw  
Cade Cunningham  
Coy Evans  
Emily Orn  
Elizabeth Raffini  
Kristian Richardson  
Bryson Roberts  
Tristian Rodriguez  
Aaralyn Roman  
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## 5th Grade Honor Roll

Makenna Calvert  
Collin Cornish  
Kennadee Dawson  
Jasiah Flores  
Harleigh Greer  
Addison Hart  
Corey Holt  
Abigail Hugo  
Nate Long  
Michaela Mendez  
Huntley Mims  
Layla Paredez  
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Kaine Richter  
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## Forsan Elementary

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Kytier Hofacket  
Haiden Lloyd  
Arybell Lopez  
Jaythen Martinez  
Kalyb Moore  
Gage Richardson  
Kameron Richardson  
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Natalie Arzate  
Joshua Austin  
Alizabeth Barker  
Brynlee Bryant  
Koby Cates  
Caylee Chavez  
Paloma Colomo  
Ryan Dunlap  
Cassidi Everett  
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Janine Gato  
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Gavin Phelps  
Kiara Rivas  
Garrett Roach  
Braxton Spivey  
Kendall Sutton  
Cody Vickers  
Cash Wallis  
Matthew Weaver  
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Rylie Wilson  
Maggie Woodall  
Korbyn Woodfin  
Leigha Wrye  
P'Jae Yabes

## 3rd Grade A/B Honor Roll

Paisleigh Carlile  
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Caleigh Gaston  
Kameron Hardin  
Khylnyn Leonard  
Axton Lozano  
Ozzy McWilliams  
Lexi Mondragon  
Max Myers  
Jayden O'Neal  
Kyndall Pritchard  
Madilynn Reaves  
Ryker Smith  
Travis Theis  
Marley Walker  
Jarren Wright  
Eliana Zuniga

## 4th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Dadrian Arzate  
Emily Austin  
Jordan Baeza  
Elise Buske  
Adlae Calvio  
Jakelyn Casselman  
Alisson Cruz  
Makayla Garza  
Oscar Holguin  
Marin Howell  
Brady Janssen  
Kennedy Johnson  
Halen Kemper  
Kenlei Magby  
Lexie McWilliams  
Catherine Myers  
Cooper Partlow  
Brandyn Pena  
Rachael Rodgers  
Amanda Rossiter  
Hayden Smith  
Colt Stockton  
Zoe Subia  
Zoe Teston  
Brennan Wash  
Tyce Webb  
Zuriel Zuniga

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Brayden Bryant  
Jestin Burchett  
Atticus Calvio  
Kenzi Caudill  
Kimberly Coursey  
Dagan Fryar  
Llana Griffith  
Kadynce Joy  
Avren Lozano  
Kaylen Marquez  
Alyssa Masawiestewa  
Paxton McCormick  
Ary'anna Mealing  
Jonathyn Mendoza  
Hailey Newton  
Jack Nichols  
Jackson Phillips  
Nikki Posey  
Madison Roach  
Kayden Schumpert  
McKenna Smith  
Harley Spivey  
Jayce Spivey  
Taylor Tarbet  
Maggie Theis  
Rylee Thomason  
Keeley Tilley  
Bree Tubb  
Matthew Valdez  
Kyleigh Woodfin

## Forsan Junior High

### 6th Grade A Honor Roll

Ethan Buske  
Emma Fernandez  
Mary Gabehart  
Tatum Neel  
James Pascual  
Juliana Summers  
Kenzi Wooldridge  
Patricia Yabes

### 6th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Koldin  
Averette  
Isabella  
Baker  
Amber

Hallford  
William Holder  
Toryn Kendrick  
Kaedyn Lee  
Jacauri Lofton  
Anthony Martinez  
Jaxon Mayex  
Aracellie Melendez  
Amberlea Moore  
Abigail Olson  
Spencer Patterson  
Jaystin Phelps  
Garrett Rainey  
Kaylie Rosenbaum  
Madelyn Stockton  
Marc Trinidad  
Jalynn Wagner  
Kaleb Walker  
James Woodall  
Jace Woodfin

## 7th Grade A Honor Roll

Lilly Hoff  
Krislynn Matthies  
Morgan Miller  
Caylee Myers  
Jake Myers  
Emma Peffer  
Emily Rice  
Lyssa Roman  
Maria Sanchez  
Torah Smith  
Jaci Stone

## 7th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Jon Alvarez  
Madry Bagwell  
Addison Beall  
Nicholas Briseno  
Carsyn Brown  
Emma Buske  
Connor Byerly  
Erich Byerly  
Kaitlyn Byerly  
Maegan Garza  
Jaden Haynes  
Logan Henry  
Mia Hicks  
Braden Huitt  
Toby Isbell  
Daniel Luna  
Jacy MacKenzie  
Fayth Meyer  
Logan Reed  
Seth Richardson  
Lybertee Rodriguez  
Paryse Shockley  
Rylan Smith  
Hillary Thompson  
Kouper Tigert  
Mia Weber  
Avery Williams  
Hailey Williams  
K'Leigh Williams

## 8th Grade A Honor Roll

Blake Barclay  
Trevor Cole  
Nolan Ezell  
Hannah Hillger  
Jackson Hopper  
Charles Huff  
Ashlee Moore  
Nolan Park  
Paige Rainey  
Mason Sedberry  
David Tidwell  
Kaeli Woodall

## 8th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Emily Allen  
Robert Bartlett  
Ella Baucum  
Cadence Claxton  
Katcher Dawson  
Grayson East  
Taelyn Fulgham  
Joanna Gato  
Graciella Gonzalez  
Shylee Gutley  
Jazzmin Hale  
Kalkli Hogue  
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Weston Layman  
Kade Nichols  
Koby Nichols  
Mason Patterson  
Malaki Rodgers  
Mason Sandoval  
Kristen Schafer  
Weston Thomas  
Jayden Tollison  
Stephen Wallis  
Nicolas Whitmore

## 9th Grade A Honor Roll

Caylor Averette  
Hailey Beall  
Joshua Cervantes  
Libby Everett  
Thomas Gabehart  
Gabriella Gonzalez  
Enjolina Hawkes  
Ella Hoff  
Orion Lin  
Cayden Morgan  
Lindsey Morin  
Elliot Orn  
Raegan Phillips  
Dylan Schumpert  
Aubrie Smith  
Maverick Yanez

## 9th Grade A/B Honor Roll

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Mason Bagwell  
Fellicity Claxton  
Luis Flores  
Mikayla Hillger  
Riley Jenkins  
Emma Johnson  
Adrian Juarez  
Michael Massingill  
Eshan Patel  
Kalell Smith-Wennik  
Sawyer Stallings  
Major Stockton  
Breann White  
Rylee Yanez

## 10th Grade A Honor Roll

Cameron Allen  
Alyssa Bowman  
William Cole  
Brianna Elliott  
Rylee Evans  
Mason Hillger  
Oscar Liin  
Celestiana Luna

## 10th Grade A/B Honor Roll

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Tiana Cordova  
Hailei Cotton  
Paul Evans  
Jared Gasi  
Destiny  
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Kacie Henson  
Nayeli Paredez  
Faith Raspe  
Skyler Rice  
Gage Speck  
Kendra Thomas  
Mackenzie Tollison  
Clayton Tucker


## 11th Grade A Honor Roll

Katie Averett  
Ryan Buske  
Hunter Carter  
Katelin Colvin  
Jonathon Gabehart  
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Marli Norman  
Jacob Patterson  
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Marcus Smith  
Zollner Eva

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A Honor Roll**

Zachary Bailey  
Jaidyn Brown  
Brennan East  
Macey Evans  
Ty Freeman  
Brandon Fritag  
Emily Garcia  
Autumn Guidry  
Aeryn Hamblin  
Hannah Head  
Brenna Lindsey  
Tatum Miller  
Gabriel Moorman  
Kaylee Morgan  
Hannah Ormsby  
Ashtyn Pearson  
Jacquelyn Torbik  
Caden Williams  
Razyl Yanez

**12th Grade  
A/B Honor Roll**

Mikayla Arzate  
Christopher Enriquez  
Aaron Gutierrez  
Dylon Kligora  
Kayla Morin  
Kimberly Ogle  
Kobe Richardson  
Avery Tigert

**Big Spring Junior High****7th Grade  
A Honor Roll**

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Zuleimy Castillo  
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Ian Cortez  
Arelly Cruz-Garcia  
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Ethan French  
Joseph Gonzales  
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Christian Martinez  
Delaney Moreno-Ulibarri  
Kaydence Norwood  
Steffany Pina Armenta  
Ryleigh Pirraglia  
Kaiden Roberts  
Matthew Salazar  
Brenna Tubb  
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Samuel Wood

**7th Grade  
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Kael Amador  
Jordan Balios  
Garrett Banks  
Brandon Barreras  
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Julianna Fraser  
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Anthony Gonzalez  
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Kierra James  
Juan Lara  
Aaron Loya  
John Maniyali  
Natalie Martinez  
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Enrique Salazar  
Marco Salinas  
Chloe Sanchez  
Nathen Sanchez  
Elena Saracho  
Jakob Smith  
Skyler Stoaks  
Jacob Taylor  
Julian Threats  
Timothy Uribe  
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Angeleena Vazquez  
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Alexis Villegas  
Landon Wilson  
Cambree Wright  
Jeremiah Ybarra  
Kenneth Yockers  
Jaxon Zaccardo

**8th Grade  
A Honor Roll**

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Orianna Baca  
Genevieve Bedinger  
Mia Bustamante  
Ismael Castillo  
Zareth Castillo  
Brian Cornish  
Gissele Holguin  
Salvador Juarez  
Ananya Limaye  
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Olivia Alaksin  
Austin Allen  
Eileen Arroyo  
Juan Atrisco-Sandi  
Aislynn Baca  
A'Kalie Berry  
Johnny

Brown  
Jonathan Butts  
Gabrianna Carrasco  
Manuel Castillo  
Smith Cate  
Aleyda Chaires Vidal  
Jocelyn Chairez  
Eli Cobos  
Robert Cox  
Connor Crisp  
Jordan Edmondson  
Toby Ervin  
Jimmy Flores  
Alexa Franco  
Ariel Franco  
Nicholas Garcia  
Itzel Garcia-Marquez  
John Glendenning  
Brianna Gonzales  
Isaac Gonzales  
Morgan Griffith  
Olive Guillory  
Katelyn Haynie  
Adali Hernandez  
Angel Hernandez  
Catirina Hernandez  
Joshua Hernandez  
Valerie Hernandez  
Annabell Huffstutler  
Aladar Hunyadvari  
Luis Izquierdo Gonzalez  
Alia Jimenez  
Marlie Kennedy  
Eric Landin  
Michael Martinez  
Phillip Martinez  
Viviana Martinez  
Aolani Mendez  
Ava Mendoza  
Joshua Middleton  
Jordan Mitchell  
Kaleigh Mundell  
Walter Norman  
Kelby Olivarez  
Jayda Overton  
Brenda Pedroza Hernandez  
Jaylon Phillips  
Chloe Posey  
Iain Preston  
Rachel Reagan  
Naomi Reyes  
Damian Rios  
Teresa Rios  
Skylyn Rivera  
Mya Rocha  
Lexie Rodriguez  
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Zabian Urias  
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Hugo Wislar  
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Felicity Yanez

**Sands****1st Grade  
A Honor Roll**

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Donovan Herm  
Kaleb Hinton  
Johnny Klassen  
Rebecca Loewen  
Blevin Miller  
Francisco Neufeld  
Max Rodriguez  
Kade Rubio  
Agatha Wolf

**A/B Honor Roll**

Mia Conell  
Marissa Delarosa  
Kinley Gaskins  
Lyleigh Higgins  
Jolee Jordan  
Kamilah Mendoza  
Brittanie Rogers  
Kendyl Wilson

**2nd Grade  
A Honor Roll**

Maddix Brownfield  
Kinsey Gillespie  
Draven Lindero

Caleb Mathis  
Noah Mathis  
Ryan Wall

**A/B Honor Roll**

Bella Baker  
Isaac Bracamonte  
Arizona Bryant  
Jaylen Cooper  
Leah Garza  
Juan Gonzalez  
Mia Murrieta  
Nylei Rogers  
Emily Wright

**3rd Grade  
A Honor Roll**

Brandon Enns  
Easton Sandlin  
David Wolf

**A/B Honor Roll**

David Friesen  
Tate Henderson  
Paziley Higgins  
Zoe Murrieta

**4th Grade  
A Honor Roll**

Cali Howard  
Carlos Plata  
Ryan Turner

**A/B Honor Roll**

Colby Hinton  
Blue McMorris  
Bret Rich  
Stetson Sharp  
Jesse Tarin  
Colby Walker

**5th Grade  
A Honor Roll**

Hayley Connell  
Chole Gillespie  
Chayson Vitte  
Taylor Wall

**A/B Honor Roll**

Myah Annalla  
Chole Deanda  
Joseph Friesen  
Madison Hataway  
Wyatt Herm  
Santiago Morales  
Cole Rich  
Mason Rodriguez  
Nate Ybarra

**6th Grade  
A Honor Roll**

Karlo Arellano  
Wiley Gaskins

**A/B Honor Roll**

Austin Archuleta  
Cyanne Compton  
Kirby Huffman  
Virginer Jerotich  
Erynn Kelley  
David Klassen  
Madison Segundo  
Aleigha Webb Hilburn

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**Editor's Note:**

Coahoma ISD is on a 9-week grade schedule. A list including Coahoma's honor students will run on June 13, 2019 along with a list of other Howard County schools.

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# Trump threatens more troops to border after Mexico incident

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump renewed his threat Wednesday to send more troops to the U.S.-Mexico border following an incident in which Mexican soldiers confronted U.S. personnel. Mexico blamed the incident on confusion, and said it was not looking for confrontation with the U.S.

In morning tweets, Trump said, "Mexico's Soldiers recently pulled guns on our National Guard Soldiers," claiming, without evidence, that it was done "probably as a diversionary tactic for drug smugglers on the Border."

"Better not happen again!" he added. "We are now sending ARMED SOLDIERS to the Border. Mexico is not doing nearly enough in apprehending & returning!"

Trump last year dispatched U.S. troops to the border to assist border personnel in response to several caravans of Central American migrants traveling through Mexico in hopes of reaching the U.S. Many are already armed.

Earlier this month, two U.S. soldiers in a remote area of Texas were confronted by Mexican soldiers who thought the Americans had crossed into Mexico. The Mexican troops reportedly removed a weapon from one of the American soldiers. U.S. Northern Command, which manages military support for Customs and Border Protection, said the Americans were in a CBP vehicle in a remote area of U.S. territory south of the border wall but north of the actual border.

"After a brief discussion between the soldiers from the two nations, the Mexican military members departed the area," Northern Command said in a statement about the encounter.

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador promised to investigate the incident at a Wednesday news conference.

"We are not going to fight with the government of the United States," he said. "The most important thing is that we want a relationship of mutual respect and cooperation for development."

Mexico's foreign relations department characterized the incident as "routine" confusion in an area where the line separating the two countries is unclear.

While not every U.S. service member deployed to the border is armed, many — including those performing the "mobile surveillance camera" mission, like the two confronted by the Mexican soldiers — are armed for self-protection.

Asked whether Trump intended to deploy more troops in response, White House adviser Kellyanne



AP photo

## President Donald Trump speaks to the "Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit," Wednesday, April 24, in Atlanta.

Conway said Trump "may" do that, but suggested the tweet was more about putting Mexico on notice.

"I think the president is just making clear, as he always has, that he has many different actions at his disposal to try to stop this humanitarian crisis," she told reporters after an interview on Fox News Channel.

The Department of Homeland Security already has been expected to ask the Pentagon for additional military assistance, and defense officials have said this likely will result in the deployment of 300 to 500 additional troops to provide various kinds of support to Customs and Border Protection. Such a move would not represent a major boost in troop strength or a change in the mission, however.

Trump's tweets come two days after Mexican police and immigration agents detained hundreds of Central American migrants in the largest single raid on a migrant caravan since the groups started moving through the country last year.

Police targeted isolated groups at the tail end of a caravan of about 3,000 migrants who were making their way through the southern state of Chiapas with hopes of reaching the U.S. border. The group subsequently dissolved as people hopped on cargo trains heading north or fled into the countryside to

avoid police.

In recent days, there have been about 8,000 Central American migrants moving through southern Mexico in various groups.

Trump greatly exaggerated that number in his tweets, claiming, "A very big Caravan of over 20,000 people" had "started up through Mexico."

Attention to the recent caravans soared in late March, when Mexican Interior Secretary Olga Sánchez Cordero met with then-Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and told her "the mother of all caravans" was forming, with more than 20,000 people expected to join. That never materialized.

Trump has previously threatened to seal the southern border, but backed off earlier this month, citing stepped-up Mexican efforts to stop the migrant flow. But he has continued to criticize the country nonetheless.

He said Wednesday at an event in Atlanta that "Mexico is starting to detain" and send people "back to their country, where they came from," but said too many drugs are still coming across the border.

## Train catches fire; Texas homes evacuated, 3 horses killed

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — At least three horses were killed and several Texas homes evacuated early Wednesday when a train carrying the highly flammable liquid ethanol derailed and caught fire.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the Union Pacific train to derail south of downtown Fort Worth, but the resulting fire ignited tanker cars and burned for hours. Residents were evacuated from about 20 homes as a precaution.

The National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the accident, said about 20 cars derailed.

No injuries to people were reported, but the three animals were killed when flames spread to a nearby stable that housed about 15 horses. People who rushed to the scene pulled the other animals from the stable.

Dario Diaz told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he and his family heard what sounded like an explosion and felt their house shake but assumed it was thunder.

"The house always shakes like that when it storms," he said. "It felt like something out of a movie."

The derailment occurred as heavy thunderstorms were moving through the area, and aerial footage of the wreckage showed rainwater streaming past the cars. It appeared ethanol leaked into the water and hazardous material teams were working to contain its spread while monitoring air quality, Fort Worth fire spokesman Mike Drivdahl said.

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*BSHS's weekly update*

By **Colonel Allen M. Morris**

Big Spring High Communications  
Director

Big Spring High Students recently helped area children, candidates, and area voters.

Students in Shirley Beal's Child Development class learned that the police were in need of stuffed animals and blankets when it is necessary for a child to be taken into protective custody.

"Having the cuddly stuffed animal to clutch brings a level of comfort to the child whose life is being disrupted," claimed an area official.

As soon as the word reached Beal's students, they responded with many such critters that had brought them comfort and joy.

Anna Elam, class of 2021, said that it made her feel good to jump in and help rather than to be a bystander. Anna is a real go-getter and BSHS is lucky to have her. She moved here from Little Rock, Arkansas her Freshman year. Anna was one of the principle organizers for the community Christmas Party that was held for local tots last Christmas and she's already planning for next Christmas.

Mia Gomez Class of 2012 gave upwards of 20 stuffed animals to the police because she wanted the animals to give the same happiness to others they gave to her. Mia had a large collection from her adventures through the years to places like the zoo, vacations, arcades, birthdays and Six Flags.

If you have animals or blankets to donate to the police for the cause, please contact Joel Miller at 432 264-6051 ext 211.

Several different groups of students

helped organize, produce, host and broadcast a Candidate Forum in the high school library. All of the candidates in the local elections were invited and attended in one way or another -one candidate had a prior engagement so he participated electronically and this issue was handled well by the students.

Currently, Early Voting is underway at the courthouse with Election Day being May 4th; thanks to the efforts of the students, you can see the entire Candidate Forum posted online even though you were not one of the few hundred who witnessed it live. To see the Candidate Forum you can either enter this link <https://youtu.be/6KazIKdQPf8> or go to the school district's webpage and click on the Candidate Forum Icon. You can find the school district's website at: <http://www.bsisd.esc18.net/>

Vonnie Anderson, BSISD CTE Director, states that, "Anytime a student can see how education, skills learned, and community are able to interact and collaborate, is a step in the right direction. It allows students to see there is value in education and it can help them make connections for their future, as well as make an impact on the lives of others."

The student groups that helped pull these two events together were Interact, StuCo and Career Technology Education classes. Interact is the student version of Rotary International, StuCo is the elected student government group and Career Tech is the branch of classes that brings all of the other classes together. Career Tech is where the Rubber Meets the Road and the students get to make practical application of core classes. Career Tech is where students get to start and finish Masterpieces because no one wants a half-baked project.



## HONOR ROLL

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Henry Wolf  
J'Lyn Ybarra

### 7th Grade A Honor Roll

Landon Kelley  
Katharina Klassen  
Bianca Plata

### A/B Honor Roll

Trayven Archuleta  
Zane Clare  
Trandon Edmondson  
Jaden Flentge  
Genaro Gonzalez  
Zack Grumbles

### 8th Grade A Honor Roll

Landry Morrow  
Madlyn Nichols  
Laykn Sandlin  
Cash Walker

### A/B Honor Roll

Melanie Cervantes  
Gaabriella Cisneros  
Gabby Franco  
Reagan Gonzales  
Alexa Plata  
Lilli Porras  
Yesenia Reyna  
Adien Walker

### 9th Grade A Honor Roll

Kyle Arellano  
Karina Gonzalez  
Nancy Rempel  
Malachi Walker

### A/B Honor Roll

Niall Connell  
Victoria Franco

MeA Gonzalez  
Gracie King  
Del Rae Miller  
Monica Quiroz  
Riley Webb  
Jeb Worthy

### 10th Grade A Honor Roll

Bryce Hamlin  
Cody Staggs

### A/B Honor Roll

Mayra Diaz  
Maria Gonzalez  
Kaylee French

### 11th Grade A Honor Roll

Ryston Archuleta  
Janessa Aguirre  
Marcos Garcia  
Landon Morrow  
Jacob Spivey  
Aaron Thomas  
Will Thomas

### 11th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Alycia Cisneros  
Alexis Gonzalez

### 12th Grade A Honor Roll

Cassandra Brooks  
Layne French  
Landry Connell  
Caleb Gillespie  
Mattie Grumbles  
Noah Wigington

### A/B Honor Roll

Nick Garcia  
Angelica Martinez  
Chris Ybarra

## ACADEMIC STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK ANDREW ROBERTS, BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL

This week's Star Student is Andrew Roberts who is in the class of 2020.

Andrew is the son of Michael Roberts and Jenifer McNutt. Andrew has lived in Big Spring most of his life, and he says that his family and family name are what is most important to him.

"To us, our family name means Strength," claims Roberts.

Andrew's main goals are to be successful in his career and to have a healthy family.

Andrew's birth is rather unique in that he is one of a Mixed Triplet, meaning that he has an identical twin and a fraternal brother.

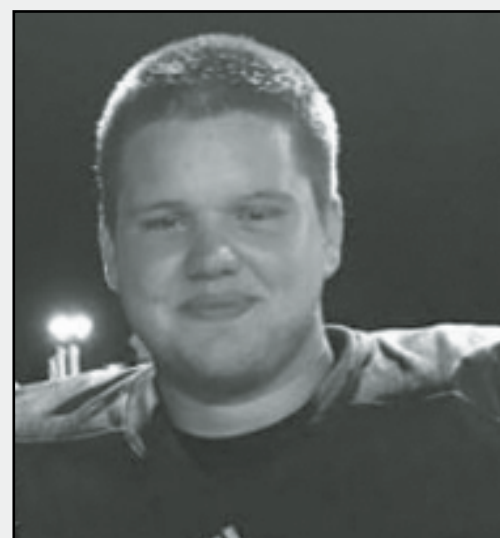
Mostly triplets are all fraternal so this sort of a triplet is even more rare and unique than being a triplet.

Andrew's favorite quote is, "Power comes in response to a need, not a desire. You have to create that need." ~Son Goku

Andrew participates in PowerLifting, where he has won several awards. He has also been selected to represent Big Spring High at Boys State in Austin this summer. He was also very instrumental in helping to set up the technical parts of the recent Candidate Forum at the high school. Andrew is an important part of the fledgling Audio Visual Program at Big Spring High. He was part of the team that produced Christmas radio shows for KBST and he is a main part of the team that is getting the Communications Department ready to launch Steer Radio on KBYG in August. Steer Radio will be an hour long radio show produced at the high school four to five times each week.

Andrew has the right nature and attitude to be successful at whatever he decides to do with his life. The world desperately needs more fine young men like Andrew Roberts.

*Congratulations Andrew!*



## The Buffalo Bulletin

Forsan Prom, "Under The Harvest Moon" will be held this Saturday, April 27.

Forsan Student Council will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Stone at [estone@forsan.esc18.net](mailto:estone@forsan.esc18.net). Thank you for saving a life!!

The Buffalo Bulletin staff recently submitted pictures illustrating their Easter celebrations, here are a few class favorites:



Courtesy photos

Top Photo: Mallory Ezell captured her favorite image of Easter in sidewalk chalk. Middle Left: Kyndel Lauder milk showed her image of Easter in a carton of Easter eggs. Middle right: Hannah Williams expressed her thought of her Easter moments through an image of splashing in a puddle. Left: Haley Patterson let wildflowers reflect Easter moments. Bottom: Ally Aguilar let Easter eggs speak for the moments.

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## 3-homer day leads Coahoma past Greenwood

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes had a three-homer day in their 8-5 win against the Greenwood Rangerettes on Tuesday night.

Jaydan Mann, MaKynlee Overton, and Madison Rodgers all connected for a home run and helped to add another Coahoma victory before the Bulldogettes head into postseason play.

Rodgers got the Bulldogette offense going when she belted her seventh home run of the season. Her run tied the game 1-1. The next run scored for Coahoma came from Kaylor Green in the fourth inning who singled on a fly ball to center field to bring home Sydney Rinard.

The Rangerettes tied up the game once more with a run scored in the top of the fifth, but Coahoma stopped the rally in its tracks with a double play.

The Rangerettes looked to wrap up the bottom of the fifth inning quickly after getting the first two batters out, but Coahoma had different ideas. The Bulldogettes got two runners on base after Cassie Grant walked and Macee Grant hit a single. Then MaKynlee Overton pounded a home run off a 2-3 pitch to push Co-



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

**The Coahoma Bulldogettes congratulate their teammate MaKynlee Overton, No. 20, after Overton hit a three RBI home run during the Coahoma/Greenwood game on Tuesday, April 23.**

ahoma into the lead once more, 5-2.

The Bulldogettes earned two more runs scored in the sixth inning to salt away the game. The first came from

Lexi Montelongo who smashed a single on a fly ball to center field to bring home Kenzi Canales. Then Jaydan Mann homered on a 0-2 pitch over the

center field wall.

Macee Grant went 2-for-4 at the plate and scored one run. Rodgers went 1-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. Mann was 1-for-4 with a run scored and two RBIS.

Overton was in the circle for Coahoma and struck out nine batters over seven innings. She gave up five hits and two runs.

Next: Coahoma starts the postseason with a one game series against Comanche on Friday at San Angelo Central softball field. Game time is 6:30 p.m. The community is invited to send off the Bulldogettes as they head to San Angelo. The send off is at 2:10 p.m. Friday between the high school and elementary campuses.

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Coahoma: 100 133 X -- 8 8 2

W — MaKynlee Overton. L — Ashton Rowoldt. HR: Coahoma — Jaydan Mann, MaKynlee Overton, Madison Rodgers. SB: Coahoma — Cassie Grant, Lexi Montelongo, Kenzi Canales. Pitches-Strikes: Greenwood — Raylee Watkins 23-15, Ashton Rowoldt 65-32, Karlie Savage 20-10. Coahoma — Overton 113-70

## Lady Steers lose heartbreaker 7-5 to Iowa Park in the first of the best of three series



By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

IOWA PARK — The Lady Steers fell behind early, in the first game of their best of three series with the Iowa Park Lady Steers, then rallied to take the lead. But it wasn't enough as the Lady Hawks had a big four run bottom of the sixth to retake the lead and hand Big Spring an early loss in the series to go up 1-0 in the best of three.

The Lady Hawks came out firing right from the start and after holding Big Spring scoreless in the top of the first inning Iowa Park put up three

runs in the bottom of the inning to put the pressure on the Lady Steers who had to play from behind most of the game. Neither team got anything going offensively in the second inning and then in the top of the third Big Spring found their rhythm at the plate and scored three runs of their own to knot the game at 3 all. Jocelyn Olivares got the rally started on an RBI bunt to score Ramon Martinez who reached on a walk to cut the lead to 3-1. Then two batters later Maddie Daniels hit a 2 run RBI single through the gap to tie the game at 3 all.

Both teams defenses buckled down in the fourth and both pitchers pitched really well to keep the fourth inning scoreless. Then, in the top of the fifth Big Spring finally took the lead when Oliveras drove in another run. This time she drove in Alex Starr on a hard hit single to center field to give the Lady Steers a narrow 4-3 lead heading into the bottom of the inning. Big Spring kept the Lady

Hawks from scoring in the bottom of the inning and went into the sixth inning with a one run lead.

In the top of the sixth the Lady Steers couldn't get their offense back on track and once again were held scoreless. Unfortunately, Big Spring was not able to match the Iowa Park defense and gave up four runs in the bottom of the sixth to fall behind 7-4. Three of the four runs were unearned and came off errors in a very uncharacteristic turn of events for the Lady Steers whom are usually outstanding in the field. Trailing by three runs heading into their last at bat, Big Spring really needed to make something happen and come up with a huge rally. But it wasn't in the cards and despite doing everything they could to claw their way back into the game the Lady Steers came up short and fell behind in the series 1 game to none.

Big Spring outhit the Lady Hawks 6 to 4 in the loss but it was the 5 er-

rors committed by the Lady Steers that really hurt them as they gave up 5 unearned runs in the tough 7-5 defeat. Kynleigh Joy pitched well in the game. Joy went six innings allowed just 2 earned runs on 4 hits and struck out eight in the loss. Raylee Parsons got the start and the win for Iowa Park. Parsons pitched 7 innings, allowed 5 runs off six hits and sat down 11 Lady Steers as strikes.

Jocelyn Oliveras and Maddie Daniels were both offensive standouts for Big Spring in the game. Oliveras went 2 for 4 at the plate with 3 RBIs to lead the team and Daniels drove in 2 runs of her own to round out the offensive leaders for the Lady Steers in the game.

Game two of the best of three series is at 6 p.m. tonight at the Forsan softball field due to weather and field conditions. Maddie Daniels will be in the circle tonight for the Lady Steers as they try to even the series back up at

## Verlander dominates Twins in Astros' 7-1 win

By JOSHUA KOCH

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Watching Wade Miley go right at the Minnesota Twins' lineup the night before inspired Justin Verlander.

The right-hander followed suit and pitched eight dominant innings, and Carlos Correa, Michael Brantley and Josh Reddick all homered to lead the Houston Astros to a 7-1 win over the Twins on Wednesday night.

"He's done this for over a decade," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. "He knows how to finish his outings strong and control the game when he's got the lead. I've said before, he's a good pitcher all the time, he's a really tough guy to come back on when he has the lead."

Verlander (4-0) retired the first 10 batters before Jorge Polanco crushed a pitch into the second deck in right field in the fourth inning for the Twins' lone run. Verlander retired 11 of the last 12 batters he faced.

"We talk about it all the time: when you show up and face guys of this caliber, you generally can't play good, you generally have to play a great game, have great at bats and pitch and play defense," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. "We played fine tonight. This was a day, though, where we just got beat."

The right-hander gave up one run and four hits while striking out eight for his seventh-straight win dating back to last season.

In Verlander's last three starts, he has given up three runs in 21 innings with 27 strikeouts.

"I think the last few starts have been right where I want to be," Verlander said. "The first few was tinkering,

working on some things. I've settled in and I think found my rhythm."

In the second inning, Correa lined the first pitch he saw off the foul pole in right field for his third home run in the last four games.

Brantley extended his hitting streak to 10 games with a two-run homer in the third inning, making it 3-0. Reddick added a two-run shot in the eighth.

"I'm doing alright, I take it one game at a time," Brantley said. "Good, bad or indifferent, I come in with a positive attitude and just try to do the best I can for my team."

This was the first time Kohl Stewart (0-1), who was making his 2019 season debut, had given up two home runs in a single outing in his career. It was his first appearance since last Sept. 25.

Stewart finished giving up five runs and eight hits, striking out one and walking three in six innings.

"There's a couple things I did well," Stewart said. "Obviously, I fell behind a couple too many guys. I had to try to get back into counts. A couple heaters that might have gotten too much plate that they got into the air."

In the fourth, the Astros tacked on two more runs on a double by Robinson Chirinos, who later scored on a wild pitch, making it 5-1.

"In the middle of the order, at the end of the order and everywhere in between, when we're at our best we are tough to get through," Hinch said. "I like that part of it, that there was a lot of contributions."

FLAWLESS FIRST

For the first time since April 19, the Astros' starting pitcher didn't allow a first-inning run. Houston had been outscored 13-0 in the first inning in



AP photo

**Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, Wednesday, April 24, in Houston.**

the previous four games.

"I think over the last four days the best part for anybody was if it even crossed your mind was to throw it right back out because you didn't want to have bad vibes of another first-inning deficit," Reddick said. "I don't think we thought about it. It was good to have a lead for the first time early on."

ROSTER MOVES

The Twins recalled Stewart and Fernando Romero from Triple-A Rochester after Tuesday's game. Romero also made his season debut pitching two innings of relief, giving up two

runs. To make room, Minnesota sent down outfielder Jake Cave and right-hander Tyler Duffey to Rochester.

UP NEXT

Twins: LHP Martin Perez (2-0, 5-31 ERA) will look to stay perfect as he opens the series against the Orioles on Friday. Perez is 3-4 with a 5.44 ERA against them.

Astros: RHP Gerrit Cole (1-3, 5.22 ERA) will open a four-game series against the Indians on Thursday. Cole is looking to bounce back from one of his worst starts of his career after giving up nine runs against the Rangers on April 20.



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**Concerns About  
Cross-Country Trek**

**Dear Annie:** Every summer for the last 15 years, my mother has insisted on driving 1,500 miles to spend 10 days with me. We have had some really fun visits, but now she is 88 years old and just had heart surgery. She frequently falls despite using a walker. Additionally, she drives with my brother with special needs, who also has mobility limitations.

I am worried sick about my mother's and brother's health and safety because I think of so many scenarios that could happen. They spend six nights in hotels on the road and 10 more nights in a hotel once they arrive because I live in a small one-bedroom townhouse. This excursion is very costly, and because she has depleted her savings, the financial burden falls on my siblings and me.

I offered to fly out my mother so she could stay at my place, but she insists on driving. She has flown to visit friends and left my brother home alone so I know that isn't the issue. I also frequently fly to visit them throughout the year.

Another frustration is that I have run out of things to do and places to take them during their visit because of their limited mobility. Essentially, they drive 1,500 miles just to sit in my living room and watch TV all day and go out for lunch and dinner.

This week, I finally was firm and told my mother that she will NOT be driving 1,500 miles this summer, and I will buy her a plane ticket instead. Her reply was that she is the parent and will take the trip her way. The entire family opposes her driving, even the grandchildren. Any other ideas how we can halt this cross-country drive? -- Exasperated with Stubborn Mother

**Dear Exasperated  
with Stubborn Mother:**

The first step is to try to change the way you view your mother's challenging position. Stubbornness is a close relative of persistence -- a trait needed for success in many areas of life. Judging from your mother's persistence in seeing her family, and the value family holds for her, I say that this is a great quality. Your strong-willed mother might not be easy to deal with, but it sounds like she has a lot of deter-

mination.

Now that you have a little perspective on the beauty of stubbornness, let's get to the safety issue. Congrats on offering to fly your mother out. That is both very generous of you and a great solution.

Take long, deep breaths before your conversation with her. Remember that stubborn people are hard of hearing, so to speak, so timing can be everything. Tell your mom slowly and very patiently that you hear her commitment and appreciate her wanting to visit. Let her know that you understand her opinion and value her persistence. However, you have concerns about the long drive. It comes from how much you love her and your brother and you want them to arrive at your house safely and without stress. Try not to raise your voice with her and instead tell her how much you love her. It should soften her heart and help her to hear yours and her grandchildren's points of view.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Wishful thinking helps

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

- NORTH**  
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 ♥ K J 9  
 ♦ 8 6 5  
 ♣ 7 5 3
- WEST**  
 ♠ A 9 6 3  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ J 9 4 2  
 ♣ Q J 8 2
- EAST**  
 ♠ K 8 7 5  
 ♥ 8 4 3  
 ♦ Q 10 7  
 ♣ K 10 6
- SOUTH**  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ A Q 10 7 6 5  
 ♦ A K 3  
 ♣ A 9 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

No one would deny that the declarer has a built-in advantage over the defenders because he can see the combined strengths and weaknesses of his own hand and dummy while the opponents can't. It is therefore not surprising that declarer, without doing anything special, frequently makes a contract that could have been defeated.

Sometimes, though, declarer must adopt an active role in leading the defenders astray by presenting them with an opportunity to go wrong. Failure to do this could result in

going down in a contract that might have been made.

Consider the present deal where West leads the queen of clubs against four hearts. South sees four losers — two clubs, a diamond and a spade. He knows this, but the defenders don't, and he should try to exploit this advantage.

Accordingly, he wins the club with the ace, crosses to dummy with a trump and leads a spade to the jack. East, naturally enough, follows low, and West wins with the ace. The defenders cash two clubs and shift to a diamond. South wins, crosses to dummy with a trump and leads the queen of spades.

When East plays the king, South ruffs, returns to dummy with a trump and disposes of his diamond loser on the spade ten to make the contract. The result is the same if East ducks the queen of spades, in which case declarer discards his losing diamond then and there.

Of course, East could defeat the contract by rising with the king when the first spade is led from dummy. But this is a mighty difficult play to make without seeing all four hands.

Note that the first spade lead must be made from dummy. If South leads the first spade from his hand instead, West simply ducks the jack to East's king, after which the contract cannot be made.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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# Rockets advance, wait to see if they'll get shot at Warriors

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer  
HOUSTON — Minutes after the Houston Rockets eliminated the Utah Jazz to advance to the Western Conference semifinals for the third straight season they were already looking ahead to the possibility of getting another shot at the Golden State Warriors.

"That's what I want," center Clint Capela said. "I want to face them."

Veteran Chris Paul slightly scolded the 24-year-old for acknowledging that this is the matchup Houston has been looking forward to all season.

"That's going to be all over (the internet)," Paul said, shaking his head.

But Paul couldn't deny that the Rockets are well aware that the Warriors have been the biggest roadblock to them vying for their first title in more than 20 years.

"Real talk, in order to get to where you want to get to, you have to go through them," he said. "They're the reigning champs. They've been running the West for five years straight now."

But the Rockets will have to wait to see if they'll get that shot at the Warriors after they failed to close out their series with the Clippers on Wednesday night, as Los Angeles won 129-121 to force Game 6.

Houston has been eliminated by the Warriors in the postseason in three of the last four seasons, including twice in the Western Conference finals. The Rockets took a 3-2 lead over Golden State in the conference finals last year before dropping the final two games with Paul out with a hamstring injury.



AP photo

Utah Jazz forward Jae Crowder, center left, and Houston Rockets guard James Harden, center right, come face to face during the first half in Game 5 of an NBA basketball playoff series, in Houston, Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

"If they come out of it, it's going to be a great series," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We said all year: 'Let's run it back.' Well, OK. I guess we're going to run it back."

Houston took a 3-0 lead in their first-round series against the Jazz before missing all 13 of their 3-point attempts in the fourth quarter of a Game 4 loss in Utah. The Rockets weren't particularly sharp on offense

in their 100-93 win that closed out the series on Wednesday night, but they were proud of their defense.

Ricky Rubio cut Houston's lead to 94-93 on a jump shot with about a minute left. Tucker missed two free throws, but grabbed a loose ball seconds later and was fouled again. This time he made both shots to make it 96-93.

James Harden blocked a shot by

Ruby Gobert on Utah's next possession and he made two free throws to extend the lead to 98-93 with 38 seconds left.

Donovan Mitchell missed a 3-pointer after that and Paul added two more free throws to secure the victory.

"We missed some easy shots, turned the ball over and they got going," P.J. Tucker said. "But in the second half, we finally got stops to get the win."

If the Rockets hope to finally reach the NBA Finals this season, they know that they'll have to continue to play good defense.

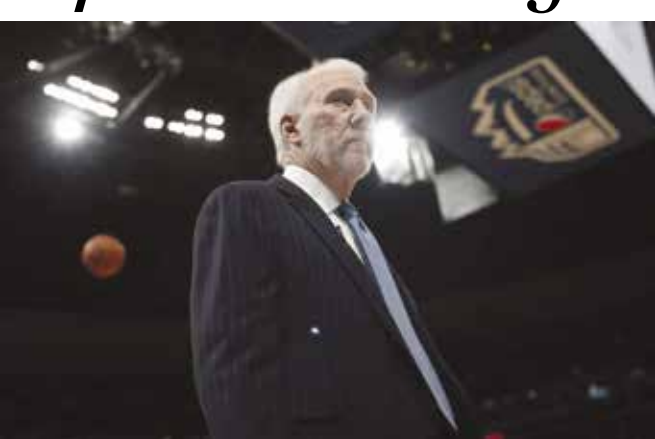
"That's what's going to get us to our goal," Harden said. "Obviously the shot making is extra, that's a bonus. But if we're guarding like we've been guarding and knocking down our shots, it's going to be pretty tough."

Harden averaged 27.8 points in the first round, but he struggled at times to get going offensively. His worst game of the series came in Game 3 when Houston won despite him missing his first 15 shots to set an NBA record for most misses to start a playoff game.

D'Antoni brushed off a question about if he had any concern about Harden's efficiency after he led the team with 26 points, despite starting his night 1 for 11.

"He's so good that when he's normal everybody's like what's wrong," D'Antoni said. "He's going to hit his stride. I don't care what they do, he'll figure it out ... he could go 0 for 30 10 days in a row and it won't matter. He still is who he is."

# Spurs seeking a Game 7; Nuggets look to advance



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich prepares for Game 5 of an NBA basketball first round playoff series against the Denver Nuggets, Tuesday, April 23, 2019, in Denver.

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer  
San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich goes to the playoffs every season.

And he usually sticks around for a while.

The Spurs have never gone back-to-back years without a trip to the second round of the playoffs during the Popovich era. But the Denver Nuggets are one win away from changing that, as they'll take a 3-2 lead into San Antonio for Game 6 of their Western Conference first-round series on Thursday night.

It's the only game on Thursday's NBA schedule.

It'll also be nothing like most of these Nuggets — playoff neophytes, for the most part — have ever experienced.

"The toughest game of our lives," Denver big man Nikola Jokic said.

The second-seeded Nuggets are looking to advance to a West semifinals matchup against third-seeded Portland; the seventh-seeded Spurs are

trying to send this series back to Denver for a winner-take-all Game 7 on Saturday night.

"Leave it all out there," San Antonio forward LaMarcus Aldridge said of the Spurs' mindset going into Game 6. "Nothing to lose right now, go play your game, be confident, come ready to go to war. Let's make it a dogfight, let's play confident, and let's just take our shots with confidence. And if they don't go in, they don't go in."

The Spurs were ousted in five games from the first round last year by eventual champion Golden State. The last time San Antonio lost consecutive first-round series was in 1991 and 1992, long before Popovich took over and back when those opening matchups were best-of-five.

Denver, meanwhile, is looking to buck some history as well.

The Nuggets are trying to get to the second round for just the second time in the last 25 seasons; they went to the West finals in 2009, lost first-round series in 10 other seasons during that stretch and failed to qualify for the postseason in the other 14.

"We've grown up a lot and we still have a lot more," said Nuggets coach Michael Malone, whose team has taken three out of four since dropping Game 1 at home. "A close-out game is the hardest game that many of our young players will ever play in, especially against a team like San Antonio."

In Popovich's 22 full seasons (excluding his first year, where he took over 18 games into the season), the Spurs have 22 postseason trips. That streak is tied for the longest in NBA history and more than triples the second-longest current run of postseason appearances — Golden State and Houston have both been there in seven consecutive seasons.

Out of that 22-year run by the Spurs, Popovich has endured a first-round exit only five times.

"It's about how we respond Thursday night," Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan said.

### SECOND-ROUND SCHEDULE

The NBA moved up the start of the second round because all four first-round series in the Eastern Conference ended quickly.

The Toronto-Philadelphia series starts Saturday in Toronto. The Milwaukee-Boston series starts Sunday in Milwaukee.

Portland's series against the Denver-San Antonio winner will begin Monday, regardless of when the Nuggets-Spurs matchup ends. The other Western Conference semifinal series between Houston and the winner of the Golden State-Los Angeles Clippers series will begin Sunday — if the Warriors oust the Clippers in Game 6. Otherwise, the Rockets' second-round series will start Tuesday.

### THURSDAY'S GAME NUGGETS AT SPURS

Nuggets lead 3-2. Game 6, 8 p.m. EDT, TNT

**NEED TO KNOW:** Denver has a chance to advance in the postseason for the first time since 2008-09. In that season, Carmelo Anthony and Chauncey Billups led the Nuggets to the Western Conference finals before losing to the Los Angeles Lakers. ... The Nuggets have made 60 3-pointers, their most in any playoff series in franchise history. ... The Spurs overcame a 3-2 series deficit against New Orleans in 2008, winning Game 6 at home before taking the clincher on the road.

**INJURY WATCH:** Nuggets guard Jamal Murray was wearing an ice pack around his right shoulder after Game 5, but insisted he was fine.

**KEEP AN EYE ON:** Jokic. The Nuggets' big man is averaging 19.6 points, 11.6 rebounds and nine assists in the series. "We do have to make him more uncomfortable up top and not just let him pick us apart," Aldridge said.

**PRESSURE IS ON:** Derrick White. The Colorado native and Spurs point guard has been bottled up since Gary Harris began guarding him in Game 4. White went for 36 at home in Game 3, leading to the Nuggets to make a defensive switch. He's averaged 10 points in the two games since, and the Spurs need him to adjust. "He's growing and every night is an education, whether he plays poorly or whether he's great," Popovich said.

# Bishop now the Stars goalie trying to beat Blues in playoffs

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer  
Ben Bishop grew up rooting for the St. Louis Blues before being drafted by them. He remembers being in the stands at 14 years old during a playoff series against the Stars and wholeheartedly taking part of the chants of "Bel-four!" directed at the Dallas goalie.

Now 18 years after that St. Louis sweep to get to the Western Conference finals, Bishop will be the Stars goalie going against the Blues in the playoffs.

"It's kind of funny to think that I'm playing for Dallas going back home," Bishop said. "Going to have a lot of conflicted friends and family. But once the game obviously starts, it's just hockey. ... It's a business trip."

The Central Division rivals, who both advanced after beating higher-seeded teams, open their best-of-seven, second round playoff series Thursday night in St. Louis.

Dallas advanced largely because of Bishop, who has been better in the playoffs (1.90 goals-against average, .945 save percentage) than he was in the regular season when he set franchise records with a 1.98 GAA and .934 save percentage. The Vezina Trophy finalist had a playoff career-high 47 saves when the Stars wrapped up their first-round series against Nashville in a 2-1 overtime win Monday night.

"He's always been a special goaltender," said Blues forward Pat Maroon, a St. Louis native who played junior hockey against Bishop.

Bishop was a third-round draft pick by the Blues in 2005, and made his NHL debut for them three years later. He was traded to Ottawa in 2012, then a year later to Tampa Bay where he went to the Stanley Cup Final in 2015. The Lightning traded him to Los Angeles late in the 2016-17 season, and the 6-foot-7 goalie got dealt to the Stars that offseason and signed a six-year contract.

"He's a big goalie. He plays the puck well. It's obviously been a great season for him," Blues center Brayden Schenn said. "He's very capable of making a lot of key saves back there, but that's our job, to make life difficult on him whether it's throwing anything we can at the net or screens or tips."

The Blues have rookie Jordan Binnington in net. He had a 2.63 GAA and .908 save percentage in a six-game opening series win against Winnipeg that they wrapped up Saturday night at home.

Dallas, with rookie coach Jim Montgomery, won their last three games against Nashville. That came after Bishop's only real glitch against Nashville, allowing a couple of soft goals in Game 3 in his home playoff debut with Dallas.

Asked if he did anything to refocus after that 3-2 loss, Bishop responded: "Yeah, I thanked that blocker (pad) for all its work and got a new one."

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