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WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019



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**Upcoming Events**

**JURY TRIAL CANCELLATION FOR MAY 6**  
*Howard County Court under Judge Kathryn Wiseman has canceled the Jury Panel set for May 6 at 9 a.m.*

**Today**  
**Howard County Commissioner's Court**  
 2nd Floor Conf. Room,  
 Howard County Courthouse  
 • Budget Wkshp. 3 p.m.  
 • Meeting 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
**National Day of Prayer**  
 12:15-12:45 p.m.  
 Howard Cty. Courthouse

**Friday and Saturday**  
**West Texas Taco Championship**  
 Downtown

**Saturday**  
**Election Day**  
**Countywide Vote Centers:**  
 • Ryan Hall/St. Thomas Church, 605 N. Main  
 • First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700  
 • Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 S. Birdwell Ln.  
 • Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave., Coahoma  
 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

**May 11**  
**Master the Mountain**  
 Registration open 9 a.m.

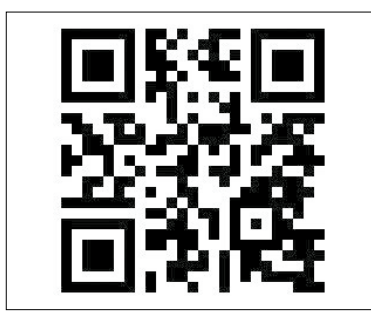
**Relay For Life**  
 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
 Comanche Trail Park

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## Flame of Hope

*Area law enforcement carries symbol of perseverance and athletic excellence – the Special Olympics torch*

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Big Spring Police Department joined with other law enforcement agencies – Howard County Sheriff, Lubbock PD/ SO and fire-fighters - for the Flame of Hope run Tuesday afternoon. The group traveled down Main Street in the symbolic run.

“This is a ceremonial event that became national in 1983, and takes place every year. We (Big Spring Police Department) have been part of this in previous years, and we are proud to be a part of this once again,” Police Chief Chad Williams said.

This year, the Special Olympics Texas will be taking place in San Antonio. According to Chief Williams, there are on average 3,000 participants competing in 30 different events.

“These Special Olympic athletes fully enjoy this, they get to train for this, and it’s an opportunity for them to show what they can do, instead of what they can’t do,” Chief Williams said.

The torch run is meant to raise



**Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sherriffs Office, Lubbock PD, and other law enforcement agencies joined with West Texas Centers to raise awareness for the upcoming Special Olympics Texas event, which will take place in San Antonio. The group carried the torch down Main Street.**

awareness for the Special Olympics, and provide an avenue for local law enforcement to get involved in the community. In 1983, former Wichita, Kansas, Police Chief Richard LaMunyon presented the program to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). They decided to endorse Torch Run, and became the “Founding Law Enforcement Organization.”

With the IACP’s support, LETR became the movement’s largest public awareness and fundraising group for Special Olympics, according to the Law Enforcement Torch Run information

page.

“This is something we’ve done before and enjoy doing as a department and with the community. I have been involved on these runs before, and it really is a great thing for our officers and staff to be a part,” Chief Williams said.

To find out more information on the Torch Run or the Special Olympics, visit specialolympics.org.

*Amanda Duforat is the managing editor of the Big Spring Herald. To contact her email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

## Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties turns 25

**By ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

This year is the 25th Anniversary of Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties. It will be held Saturday, May 11 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. with the starting point being the Amphitheater at Comanche Trail Park.

“We have 12 teams signed up right now with 90 participants,” says Julie Alvarez.

## A wreck at Prosperity Bank; no injuries



**Local first responders attend to a wreck which occurred Tuesday afternoon in front of Prosperity Bank, located in the 1400 block of Gregg Street. According to Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson, the vehicle did not strike the building itself, and no one was injured in the accident.**



**Local cancer survivors march with the banner at last year’s Relay for Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties. This year’s Relay will be the local event’s 25th anniversary, and will occur May 11.**

“There is still plenty of time for survivors and teams to register. Each team must consist of at least one cancer survivor. We are inviting the community to come out and help celebrate our 25th anniversary.”

Alvarez states there is no initial cost to get involved. Since Relay is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, you can start by donating as little as

\$5.

The theme this year is “Relay Through the Decades- A Cure Never Goes Out of Style”. You can celebrate your favorite decade, be it the 60s, 80s, or now.

Alvarez states that there will be new entertainment throughout the event this year. A live band will be performing, and two local co

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## Obituaries

## Linda Sue Schlegel



Linda Sue Schlegel, 70, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 29, 2019, at her residence. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

She was born March 18, 1949, in Wendel, West Virginia to Roy and Flora Mayle. She married Eddie Schlegel March 20, 1981, in Pennsylvania, and she and Eddie came to Big Spring May 10, 1982, from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Linda attended Howard College and received her Med-Aide License. She worked at Golden Plains Nursing Home, Comanche Trail Nursing Home and Parkview Nursing and Rehab, as well as at

Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She was an avid bingo player.

Survivors include her husband, Eddie Schlegel; four daughters, Nora Clarkson, Rhonda Hunt, Susan Lynch and Belinda Horton; one son, Thomas Chapel; 13 grandchildren, Joey, Robert, Amanda, Nichole, Devon, Brandon, Conner, Christian, Kimberly, Kylee, Cheyanne, Heather and Iain; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Adeline Bort and Liz Smith; and one brother, Doug Mayle.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and 10 brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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*

## Jessie Glendale Domino



Jessie Glendale Domino, 74, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2019. She is preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Carrie Phelps; daughter, Marsha Lynn Domino; brothers, Charles and Alfred Phelps; sisters, Mattie Waldon, Mary Jean Sanders, Ann Fields, and Jewel Suds. Left to cherish her memory are her loving and devoted husband, Tommy

Domino; son, Michael (Mike) Domino and wife, Precilla; daughters, Michele Hurrington, Belinda Evans and husband, Kevin, and Diandra Domino; brother, Arthur Phelps Jr.; sister, Ruby Thompson; grandchildren, Nichole, Toccara, Lamar, Alisha, Tamara and Dominique; great-grandchildren, Zovian, Breana, Jordan, Isaiah, Reagan and Ian; and a host of other family and dear friends.

A memorial service for Jessie will be held Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Clayton Funeral Home, 201 South 3rd Street, La Porte, Texas 77571, with Deacon Levan Richardson officiating. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.claytonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.claytonfuneralhomes.com).

*Paid Obituary*

## Jack Stovall



Jack Stovall, 89, of Stanton, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, April 28, 2019. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ralph Anderson officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jack was born Nov. 9, 1929, in Snyder, Oklahoma, to Tenny and Walter Stovall. He married Dorothy Essmeier on April 3, 1954, in Ganado, Texas. They moved to Big Spring in 1977 from Midland. She preceded him in death on Jan. 31, 2017. He was a speech therapist in Abilene and Midland. He was employed by the Big Spring State Hospital as Head of Outreach and later Assistant Superintendent. He retired in 1989. He had lived the last two years with his daughter in Stanton. He was a member of the Church of Christ and was a Veteran of the U. S. Air Force.

Jack is survived by four children, Deborah Westfall and her husband, Mark of Odessa, Ray Don

Stovall and his wife, Diann of Zepher, Leta Henson and her husband, Randy of Stanton, and Gary Stovall and his wife, Charlotte of Big Spring; grandchildren, Cris and Shannon Westfall, Kason and Robyna Anderson, Brandon Anderson, Seth and Megan Stovall, Clay and Erin White, Brittney and Dale Glosson, Jason and Allison Westfall, Sharon and Jake Reid, Melissa and Gabe Leiker, Sydney Upshaw and Cody and Harley Upshaw; 25 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Jack was preceded in death by three grandchildren, J. D. Anderson, Clayton Henson and Lendon Stovall.

Pallbearers will be Cris Westfall, Kason Anderson, Brandon Anderson, Seth Stovall, Clay White, Dale Glosson, Jason Westfall, Gabe Leiker, Jake Reid, and Cody Upshaw. Honorary pallbearers will be great-grandchildren, Justin Anderson, Ethan Leiker, Clayton Anderson, Mathew Westfall, Andrew Westfall, Jase White, Ryan Stovall, and Wyatt Stovall.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com).

*Paid Obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **LORENZO MENDOZA JR.**, 31, of 2407 Alabama, was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention and driving while intoxicated with open container.

• **MELANIE ANN SMITH**, 51, of 2345 N. W. 13th, Amarillo, Texas, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **DOMINICA CARLYNN THACKER**, 38, of 120 Hooser Rd., was arrested on at outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **DAVID GONZALES**, 31 of 1101 S. Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **STEVEN D'WAYNE RICH**, 40, of 410 Kenneth Rd., Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on warrants for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram) and outstanding warrants from another agency.

• **MELISSA RICH**, 41, of 410 Kenneth Rd., Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on warrants for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of Washington Blvd, and in the 900 block of Scurry St.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of N. 2nd St., Coahoma, Texas.

• **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported at N.W. 4th St and N. Gregg.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Johnson St.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 104 inmates at the time of this report.

• **BRYCE JON CORNETT**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for driving while intoxicated and evading arrest or detention.

• **DAVID REY GONZALES JR.**, 31, was arrested by BPSD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **CALEB LEE HALLFORD**, 26, was arrested by BPSD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LORENZO MENDOZA JR.**, 31, was arrested by BPSD on warrants for evading arrest or detention and driving while intoxicated with open alcoholic container.

• **MELISSA KAY RICH**, 41, was arrested by BPSD on warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750), and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **STEVEN DWAYNE RICH**, 40, was arrested by BPSD on warrants for driving with invalid license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, violating promise to appear, and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **JOVITA RODRIQUEZ**, 39, was arrested by BPSD on a warrant for motion to revoke-failing to identify or intentionally giving false information.

• **MELANIE ANN SMITH**, 51, was arrested by BPSD on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **DOMINICA CARLYNN THACKER**, 38, was arrested by BPSD on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Washington. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at Morrison Circle and Stadium. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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

• **BRUSH/GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1500 block of E. FM 700. Fire was contained.

## Support Groups

## WEDNESDAY

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

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

## 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 [francis-co.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francis-co.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 addiction 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.



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# Weather



**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some storms could be severe, with large hail and damaging winds. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Southwest wind around 5 mph.  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.  
**Thursday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 77. South wind 5 to 10 mph.  
**Friday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.  
**Sunday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)*

# Take Note

Tammy at 432-935-0057.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-0713.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school. The next sacking event will be May 6 and 7 at the old Lakeview High School, 1107 NW 7th St., at 5:30 p.m.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

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

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a

heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase addition-

- Shana Sullivan Robbins Lopez Medical Account: Shana was in a diabetic coma and is now in hospice care. Shana is one of our own and graduated from Coahoma High School. She is the granddaughter of Pearl Shifflett, daughter of Sammie and Bobby Sullivan, and mother to Jacob, Garrett and Rachel Robbins. Her family is in dire need of assistance for her medical/burial expenses. If you are able and would like to donate, and account has been set up at Western Bank, Account number 8039141 (locations in Big Spring, Coahoma, Lubbock, Abilene, Brownwood, and Lorraine). We would like to extend the deepest gratitude for any and all donations and prayers. Thank you and God Bless.

- Maranatha Baptist Academy, at 903 Johnson, is now taking applications for ongoing enrollment for our Fall Session, August 1, 2019-2020 School term. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment, Dr. Lillian Bohannon, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call

cer," says Alvarez. "we can keep rallying together to help those who fight everyday, those who have fought and won, and those who lost their battle. Let's not let our flame go out in Howard and Glasscock counties. Help us by getting a team together and showing your support for all the men, women and children who are affected by this everyday."

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If you would like to honor a loved one who has lost the battle to cancer, someone who is currently fighting, or a cancer survivor, you can order a luminary for a donation of your choice. You can contact Alvarez or stop by 1608 W. FM 700, Suite A, to pick up an order form or luminaria bag.

To register for the event, please call

1-800-227-2345, or visit website [www.relayforlife.org/bigspringtx](http://www.relayforlife.org/bigspringtx). All survivors are encouraged to register at this website or phone number. For more information, you can also contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278 or by email at [Julie\\_alvarez@suddenlink.net](mailto:Julie_alvarez@suddenlink.net).

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Jack Stovall, 89, died Sunday, April 28, 2019. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

# RELAY

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medians have been invited to be part of the event. Local vendors, car and motorcycle clubs are also invited to join. Vendors are encouraged to set up a booth to sell their goodies, and, in return, make a donation to the American Cancer Society. "We can all do our part and help bring more awareness to this ugly word of can-

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# Lowriders, classic cars, and more

Jesus Take the Wheel car show raised funds to help send youth to summer camp



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This past weekend, car enthusiasts, collectors and more gathered together for the Jesus Take the Wheel car show, benefiting the Laredo Apartments ministry. Best in Show awards were issued during the car show, and monies raised will help ensure youth get to attend summer church camp. Any extra funds will be used to continue the ministry with the Laredo Apartments youth activities. The community was able to not only view the cars, but vote on their favorites while they were there.

## Pet Talk

# Health issues impact felines too; key signs

By The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

COLLEGE STATION, April 26, 2019 – As every cat owner knows, hairballs are not very pleasant for the cat or the person who cleans them up. They can also be an indication of other health issues, especially if they are happening frequently.

In honor of National Hairball Awareness Day on April 26, Dr. Carly Patterson, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, discusses the causes of hairballs and how to reduce their occurrence.

She said that while any cat can get hairballs, they tend to be most common in long-haired cats.

“There are two basic mechanisms by which hairballs are generated,” Patterson said. “Hairballs form when too much hair accumulates in the cat’s gastrointestinal tract or when there is a change in overall gastrointestinal tract motility.”

Frequent hairballs can be a sign of an underlying disease or health issue, so if a cat is having hairballs regularly, it should see a veterinarian.

“Cats may have itchy skin and groom excessively, which causes them to ingest more hair than usual,” Patterson said. “Cats may also over-groom when they are in pain.”

Once the cause of the hairballs is known, a veterinarian can recommend a personalized treatment plan, often involving diet changes, daily grooming, and sometimes even medications.

“If a cat frequently vomits hairballs and it is not due to gastrointestinal disease, then it is possible that increasing overall dietary fiber may help minimize hairball formation by moving material through the gastrointestinal tract,” Patterson said.

Feeding multiple small meals throughout the day rather than one or two big meals can also reduce hair buildup in the gastrointestinal tract, she said. In addition, daily brushing can reduce the amount

of excess hair, especially for long-haired cats.

If the problem persists, the cat’s veterinarian may recommend medications such as lubricant laxative drugs to promote hair movement through the gastrointestinal tract and to reduce hairballs.

“It is important that an owner work with their veterinarian to address any underlying medical problems first,” Patterson advised. “Long-term medical management with drugs should not be the first choice.”

Hairballs may be a common problem, but they can usually be greatly reduced with simple changes in diet and grooming. Life without regular hairballs will be much happier, both for you and your cat.

*Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be found at [vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk](http://vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk). Suggestions for future topics may be directed to [editor@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:editor@cvm.tamu.edu).*

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# 2 dead, 4 injured in North Carolina campus shooting

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A man armed with a pistol opened fire on students at a North Carolina university during the last day of classes Tuesday, killing two people and wounding four, police said. Officers who had gathered ahead of a campus concert raced over and disarmed the suspect.

The shooting prompted a lockdown at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and caused widespread panic across campus as students scrambled to take shelter.

"Just loud bangs. A couple loud bangs and then we just saw everyone run out of the building, like nervous, like a scared run like they were looking behind," said Antonio Rodriguez, 24, who was visiting campus for his friend's art show.

Campus Police Chief Jeff Baker said authorities received a call in the late afternoon that a suspect armed with a pistol had shot several students. He said officers assembling nearby for a concert rushed to the classroom building and arrested the gunman in the room where the shooting took place.

"Our officers' actions definitely saved lives," Baker said at a news conference.

He said two people were killed, and three remained in critical condition late Tuesday. He said a fourth person's injuries were less serious. Students were among the victims, but officials would not say how many.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department identified the suspect as Trystan Andrew Terrell, 22. They said he's in custody with charges pending.

Monifa Drayton, an adjunct professor, was walking onto campus when she heard the shots. She said she directed students fleeing the scene to take cover inside a parking deck.



AP photo

**People gather across from the campus of UNC Charlotte after a fatal shooting at the school, Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in Charlotte, N.C.**

"I heard one final gunshot and I saw all the children running toward me," she said. "We started to get all the children pulled into the second floor of the parking deck and the rationale was if we're in the parking deck and there's a shooter and we don't know where he is, he won't have a clear shot."

She added: "My thought was, I've lived my life, I've had a really good life, so, these students deserve the same. And so, whatever I could do to help any child to safety, that's what I was going to do."

The suspect's grandfather Paul Rold of Arlington, Texas, said that Terrell and his father moved to Charlotte from the Dallas area about two years ago after his mother died. Terrell taught himself French and Portuguese with the help of a language learning program his grandfather

bought him and was attending UNC-Charlotte, Rold said. But Terrell never showed any interest in guns or other weapons and the news he may have been involved in a mass shooting was stunning, said Rold, who had not heard about the Charlotte attack before being contacted by an Associated Press reporter.

"You're describing someone foreign to me," Rold said in a telephone interview Tuesday night. "This is not in his DNA."

Shortly after UNC Charlotte issued a campus lockdown, aerial shots from local television news outlets showed police officers running toward a building, while another view showed students running on a campus sidewalk.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department later said that the campus had been secured and that offi-

cers were going through buildings to let people who were hiding know that it was safe to come out.

The university has more than 26,500 students and 3,000 faculty and staff. The campus is northeast of the city center and is surrounded by residential areas.

Spenser Gray, a junior, said she was watching another student's presentation in a nearby campus building when the alert about the shooting popped up on everyone's computer screens.

She said she panicked: "We had no idea where he was ... so we were just expecting them at any moment coming into the classroom."

Susan Harden, an UNCC professor and Mecklenburg County Commissioner, was at home when she heard of the shooting. She went to a staging area, she said, to provide support.

Harden said she has taught inside the Kennedy building, where the shootings occurred.

"It breaks my heart. We're torn up about what's happened," Harden said. "Students should be able to learn in peace and in safety and professors ought to be able to do their jobs in safety."

Gov. Roy Cooper said at a briefing late Tuesday that a "hard look" was needed into how the shooting happened and how to keep guns off campus and out of schools.

"A student should not have to fear for his or her life when they are on our campuses," the Democrat said. "Parents should not have to worry about their students when they send them off to school. And I know that this violence has to stop. ... In the coming days we will take a hard look at all of this to see what we need to do going forward."

# Alabama House approves near total abortion ban

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The Alabama House voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to outlaw almost all abortions in the state as conservatives took aim at the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

The Republican-dominated House of Representatives voted 74-3 for legislation that would make it a felony to perform an abortion at any stage in a woman's pregnancy. The proposal passed after Democrats walked out of the chamber after sometimes emotional debate with opponents and supporters crowding the gallery. The bill now moves to the Alabama Senate.

Supporters said the bill is intentionally designed to conflict with the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion nationally, hoping to spark court cases that might prompt the justices to revisit Roe. The bill contains an exemption for situations in which there is a serious risk to the mother's health, but not for rape and incest.

"The heart of this bill is to confront a decision that was made by the courts in 1973 that said the baby in a womb is not a person," said Republican Rep. Terri Collins of Decatur.

Republicans in the chamber applauded after the bill was approved after more than two hours of sometimes emotional debate. Collins acknowledged that such a ban would likely be struck down by lower courts, but she said the aim is eventually to get to the Supreme Court.

Without the numbers to stop the bill, Democrats walked off the House floor ahead of the vote, calling the proposal both extreme and fiscally irresponsible. They said the ban would cost the state money for a potentially expensive legal fight that could be spent on other needs.

Rep. Louise Alexander, a Democrat, said the choice to give birth to a child should be left up to a woman, and the decision should not be made on the floor of the Alabama Legislature.

"You don't know why I may want to have an abortion. It may be because of my health. It may be because of many reasons. Until all of you in this room walk in a woman's shoes, y'all don't know," Alexander said.

Emboldened by new conservatives on the Supreme Court, abortion opponents in several states are seeking to incite new legal fights in the hopes of challenging Roe v. Wade. The Alabama bill comes on the heels of several states considering or approving bans on abortion once a fetal heartbeat is detected, which occurs in about the sixth week of pregnancy.

The Alabama bill attempts to go farther by banning abortion at any stage of pregnancy.

House Republicans voted down Democrats' attempt to amend the bill to add an exemption for

rape and incest. Representatives voted 72-26 to table the proposed amendment.

"They would not even allow an exception for rape and incest. ... What does that say to the women in this state," House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels.

Collins argued that adding exemptions would weaken the intent of the bill as a vehicle to challenge Roe. She said if states regain the ability to decide abortion access, Alabama lawmakers could come back and decide what exemptions to allow.

The bill drew a crowd of opponents and supporters to the House gallery. A group of abortion clinic escorts wore their rainbow-colored vests in the House gallery. A demonstrator was arrested on disorderly conduct charges after shouting "dumb," attempting to write on the glass window overlooking to the House chamber and throwing paint at legislative security officers, House spokesman Clay Redden said.

Rep. Rolanda Hollis, a Birmingham Democrat, read a poem that criticized Republicans' embrace of gun rights but not abortion rights, and later referred to the state as "Ala-Backwards."

The text of the Alabama bill likens legalized abortion to history's greatest atrocities, including the Holocaust.

Tuscaloosa Republican Rep. Rich Wingo, a supporter of the bill, likened abortion to murder and read statistics that estimate that there have been 60 million abortions since the Supreme Court's landmark deci-



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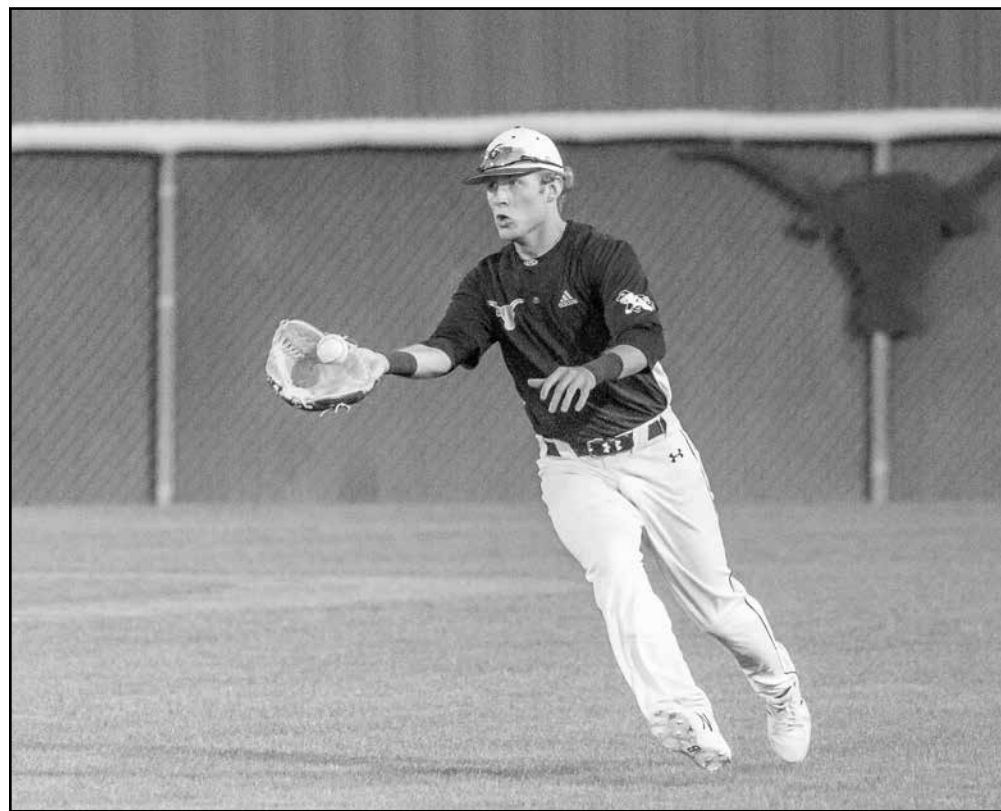


### Steers honor the memory of their friend and teammate Brayden Sizenbach with a special game on a special day



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Brayden's family poses with the Big Spring baseball team during the Brayden Sizenbach Day ceremony before the Steer's game with Lubbock Christian on Tuesday, April 30. With great music, the team all wearing #12 and Coaches Lane and Carrillo speaking while unveiling the retired jersey and the certificate, the entire event was something special.



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With everything else going on there was still some baseball to be played. Unfortunately the Steers didn't have their best game, but they played hard and made us all proud of the team they are and the road they took to get where they are today. Left: Big Spring pitcher Kobe Gutierrez (#12) tags out a base runner at home plate during the Steer's loss to Lubbock Christian on Tuesday. Right: Big Spring center fielder Bryson Van Vleet runs in to make a catch during the Steer's loss to Lubbock Christian on Tuesday, April 30.

### Cole allows 1 hit in 7 innings, Astros bash Twins 11-0

By JOE ZIEMER

Associated Press  
MINNEAPOLIS — Gerrit Cole got a big play from his shortstop and settled in for a superb performance.

After Cole walked the first two batters of the game, Carlos Correa made a backhanded snag of Brandon Cruz's hard grounder to start a double play. Cole dominated from there, allowing one hit in seven innings, and the Houston Astros backed him with three homers in an 11-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night.

"Carlos is a good player," Cole said. "That's how I did it. Then I just got better feel for the breaking stuff as it went on."

Cole (2-4) struck out 11 and gave up his only hit in the sixth inning as the Astros broke out offensively to win a meeting of division leaders and snap the Twins' four-game winning streak.

After losing the series opener 1-0, Houston added to its franchise record for April homers on Tuesday. George Springer, Jake Marisnick and Alex Bregman went deep, giving the Astros 43 for the month.

"Swung the bats very well," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. "Gerrit Cole was exceptional. Put those two things together, and we're going to win."

It was Cole's fourth game with double-figure strikeouts this season. He walked three. Max Kepler had the only hit off Cole, a double off the right-field wall with one out in the sixth.



Houston Astros pitcher Gerrit Cole throws against the Minnesota Twins in the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, April 30, in Minneapolis.

"Once he started pitching with his fastball and doing what he wanted to with it, he had our number," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. "He was able to take over the at-bats and command those at-bats."

Cole, who came in tied for the major league lead in strikeouts, now has recorded a strikeout in every current MLB stadium.

"I just tried to fill up the zone in the second and try to find where the middle of the zone was," Cole said. "I just got better command of my off-speed stuff, and I was able to just attack the zone better."

Relievers Josh James and Chris Devenski completed the three-hitter.

Kepler had two hits for the Twins, who have hit 50 home runs in their first 27 games.

Springer had an RBI double in the third and homered on the first pitch of the fifth.

Marisnick and Bregman homered as part of a four-run sixth. Houston's 11 runs were its highest total of the season. The Astros set a season high with five doubles.

"It was a complete team win," Bregman said. "It was nice to see."

Marisnick hit a two-run shot to chase Michael Pineda (2-2), who allowed five runs on a season-high nine hits in five-plus innings.

"You always try to get better and be better," Pineda said. "Tonight, for me, I made two mistakes that were hit for homers. Those weren't the pitches that I wanted to throw. I hung my first slider a little bit. Those weren't the pitches that I wanted, but that

happens sometimes." MILESTONE FOR HINCH

Tuesday's win was the 392nd for Hinch as Astros manager. That tied him for third place in franchise history. He's managed Art Howe, who managed Houston from 1989-93. Hinch played for Howe in Oakland.

"The players have created a lot of wins here," Hinch said. "I'm proud to be their manager, and to have my name next to Art is pretty surreal for me. That's the first manager I ever knew in the big leagues. He's the first man to put me in the lineup, and now here I am with him being talked about as manager wins in Houston. Pretty awesome for me."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Twins: Pineda was hit in the leg by a line drive off the bat of Michael Brantley in the fifth inning but stayed in the game. ... INF Miguel Sano (right heel laceration) went 0-for-1 with a walk Tuesday in his rehab assignment for Single-A Fort Myers.

PROSPECT SUSPENDED

Astros minor leaguer J.J. Matijevic was suspended 50 games Tuesday after a second positive test for a drug of abuse. Matijevic, a 2017 second-round pick, is batting .240 for Double-A Corpus Christi.

UP NEXT

LHP Martin Perez (3-0, 4.44 ERA) will start for the Twins against RHP Collin McHugh (3-2, 4.78) in the third game of the four-game series. The teams will conclude their season series on Thursday. All seven games are in a span of 11 days.

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**CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE**

On **Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM**, the City of Big Spring Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. to consider recommendation for approval of the following, all located in Big Spring, Howard County, TX:

Zone change (Z19-01) from Single-Family Residential (SF-2) to Light Commercial (LC) at 1001 E. FM 700, being Lot 1, Block 1, Boothe Subdivision.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will forward their recommendation for the zone change to the Big Spring City Council for Public Hearings to be held **Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.** and **Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:30PM** in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

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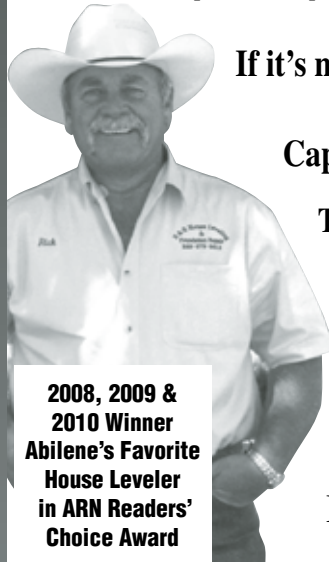
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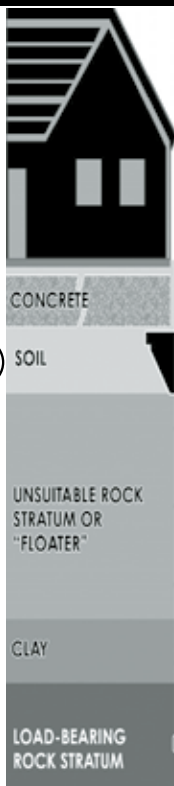
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Beltane Fire.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** What people think they deserve is a tricky equation weighted by what they've had in the past, and what everyone around is getting. Don't worry about it. Give equally. It's all you can do now.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Cleaning, going through old text, emails and pictures and other ways of clearing the decks are favored today. You'll be surprised by the memories that come up and by the feelings attached to them.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You don't really have to develop your uniqueness so much as discover, understand and accept it. That's why you need other people. Today, they'll provide the contrast

that helps you see yourself better.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You're not one person doing one thing. You're a bundle. Everyone is a bundle. You'll look at all your attached "items" and think of ways to make this bundle more enticing to everyone, especially you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your answer will not come from digging down into the question at hand. It's something that has already worked in another area of life entirely or perhaps a different business or discipline. So don't go deep; go broad.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Maturity has its ups and downs. You'll walk a fine line between "older and wiser" and "tired and jaded." Staying in the first category is a

matter of good self-care including and especially sleep.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** It's funny how you can like how a person looks, acts and talks and yet still not hit it off. Sometimes the opposite is true. You seem to click with someone who doesn't represent your preferences at all. This is the power of chemistry.



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS SCORPIO

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You've had the same goal for a while now and not attaining it is getting really old. So, what needs to

change? It's either the goal or the plan. An outsider's view will help in the matter.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Most of the time unrealistic expectations cause disappointment. But an unrealistic expect-

tation can also change everything. So don't discount the power of dreaming the impossible dream.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Most people would rather hear praise than criticism, but not you. You understand the intrinsic value in complaint. You see the opportunity to get better. No one gets better by lavishing in compliments.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** For the longer journeys, it's important to build in rest and recovery time as well as the introduction of novelty and, of course, adversity. If there's an enemy to defeat, everyone will work harder.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** It's natural to move through various interests and projects on

the way to finding (SET ITAL)your thing(END ITAL). For now, be more concerned with filling up your wells of inspiration than with sticking with one interest.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 1).** You're not fearless, but this year you'll get much more comfortable with fear as you take the risks necessary to go for the life you really want. You can do this. A new position in June helps you make friends and find allies. Move forward in faith that reinforcements will arrive on the scene when you need them. Sagittarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 22, 10, 50 and 1.

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Annie's Mailbox

Loving from Afar

**Dear Annie:** I had my 14th birthday two weeks before I gave birth to my son. The hardest thing I have ever done was to sign the paper for him to be adopted. The entire time I was pregnant, I tried to think of any way I would be able to keep and raise my son. At 14, I completed my first semester in ninth grade but had to drop out my second semester.

I cried and prayed each night for a way to keep my son, to be able to take care of him. For years, I would look into the faces of boys and then men to see if I recognized my son. I silently celebrated each birthday, and prayed he was OK and in a loving home. I didn't actively try

to find my son as I didn't feel I had any right to look for him, to interrupt his life, or to have any claim to be a part of his life. I never gave up hope and never gave up praying that he was happy and healthy and that he would somehow know from all the "talks" and "love" that we shared while I was carrying him that he would somehow feel that love and not feel abandoned or unwanted.

The best day of my life came more than 45 years later when I received a phone call, and it was my son!

Many times a birth mother really has no choice or is unable, for whatever reason, to raise a child, and if a loving family is unable to have a child of their own but is

able to give that baby a loving home, it is a truly great thing.

I still regret that I was unable to be the mother my son needed, and I am grateful that he had a great life with his adoptive parents who loved him, and that he does not hate me for my choices. -- A Loving and Thankful Mother

**Dear Birth Mother:** Your letter is extremely touching. You sound like a beautiful person and mother. May your letter help people who are wondering if their birth mothers wanted them.

**Dear Annie:** We know that schools and food manufacturers are cognizant of nut (or peanut) allergies, and we all can

have empathy for those suffering from these allergies and the limitations it puts on their families and themselves, but we have a condition in our family and it is not being addressed in public places -- obesity. Some people have a genetic cause for obesity.

My granddaughter has Prader-Willi syndrome and has an insatiable appetite, which can cause obesity and early death. She is hungry 24/7 and will never, ever feel full even after eating. Her condition only makes me more aware of our society and the focus on food.

Every holiday is centered around food. We have learned to make those holidays about love and inedible gifts. Easter is coming and she will

have a basket of toys and games instead of candy.

When visiting a school I am appalled with the overabundance of candy and treats everywhere. Gingerbread houses at Christmas decorated with marshmallows and candy -- a torment for my granddaughter.

I would love it if schools could take food out of classrooms and back in the cafeteria. It would help my granddaughter, but it would be a blessing for all children to place food as an option only in certain places rather than in the classroom. -- Empathetic Grandma

**Dear Empathetic Grandma:** I certainly empathize with your complaint and think that

you raise a valid point. However, food has long been at the center of many traditions in our society. Rather than trying to do away with that altogether, we might try using more healthful foods in these activities, such as an Easter basket loaded with beautiful fruits or a gingerbread house made with no added sugar (there are recipes online). I'd be curious to hear other readers' ideas on this subject and will print any further food for thought here.

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7	5	4	6	1	2	8	3	9

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♥ 8 3  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ A J 9 5 3

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♠ 9 5 3  
♥ J 9 7 6 2  
♦ 10 8 3  
♣ 7 6

**EAST**  
♠ 8 7 4 2  
♥ A Q 4  
♦ K J 9  
♣ Q 10 2

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♠ K J 10  
♥ K 10 5  
♦ A Q 6 4  
♣ K 8 4

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — six of hearts.

**Point count** can sometimes be used to find the most effective defense. Take this case where West leads a heart against three notrump.

**The normal play for East** to make with A-Q-x in his partner's led suit would be to win with the ace and return the queen. This is in keeping with the usual practice of playing "third-hand high."

**But observe what happens** in the actual deal if West blindly follows this principle. Declarer allows East's queen to hold the second trick, then wins the next heart with the king. South then leads the king and another club to the jack. East wins with the queen, but does not have a heart to

return, so declarer makes his contract, scoring four clubs, three spades, a heart and a diamond.

**This outcome is not likely** to occur if East plays the queen of hearts rather than the ace on the first trick. South will almost surely take the queen with the king, fearing that West may have started with A-J-x-x of hearts. In that case, if South ducks the first heart, he will lose the first five heart tricks after East returns a heart at trick two.

**Once South takes his king** at trick one, the best he can do is score eight tricks. Whenever East gains the lead, he can play the ace and another heart to defeat the contract.

**In general**, the play of the queen from A-Q-x on partner's lead against notrump is correct for the reasons cited. But in the given case, East knows declarer has the king of hearts and should want to force him to win the trick.

**The location of the king of hearts** is known because East is looking at 11 points in dummy and 12 points in his own hand. Since there are only 17 points left for South and West to have, it is impossible for West to have a king, as this would give declarer less than 15 points.

**Finally**, even if South cheated by a point during the bidding and lacked the king of hearts, no harm would come from playing the queen first. After it held, the ace and another heart would sink the contract.

**Tomorrow:** Charting your course of play.  
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# Pirates end 8-game skid with 2 11th-inning HRs to beat Texas

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — When Bryan Reynolds led off the 11th inning with his first career homer, everybody on the Pittsburgh Pirates' bench erupted in celebration. They were all quiet by time the rookie rounded the bases and got back to the dugout.

"We were all like so quick to hop up and jump up and down, then someone said (silent treatment) and we all knew why," said Josh Bell, who came home and tied the score against the Texas Rangers with a two-run double in the ninth.

Reynolds put the Pirates ahead with his blast to the hill in center field off Jesse Chavez (0-1), and Starling Marte then added a two-run homer as the Pirates ended their eight-game losing streak with a 6-4 win Tuesday night.

"I kind of blanked out, and then I realized what was going on," Reynolds said.

The Pirates were scoreless until getting three-run ninth off closer Jose Leclerc that Reynolds started with a double.

"Puts a big smile on your face. I mean, he had a double off the glove to keep the hitting streak alive and then he puts an exclamation point on the end of his night," manager Clint Hurdle said. "Marte puts an exclamation point on the end of his night for a guy that's been out 10, 11 days, hadn't seen any live pitching. ... But for Reynolds, what a charge. His first RBI. First home run. Off a veteran pitcher, a good pitcher. Pretty swing."

Reynolds has hit safely in all eight of his games since his big league debut April 20, when the outfielder was called up the same day Marte was put on the injured list with bruises to his abdominal wall and ribs.

Marte played his first game since he was involved in a full-speed collision with shortstop Erik Gonzalez on April 19 that sent both players to the injured list — Gonzalez broke his collarbone and is on the 60-day injured list.

Kyle Crick (1-1), who was born in nearby Fort Worth and lives in Sherman about 90 miles north, pitched a perfect 10th. Felipe Vazquez worked the 11th for his seventh save after allowing Joey Gallo's leadoff homer — his 10th being a 467-foot drive into the second deck of seats in right field.

Pittsburgh had three consecutive hits off Leclerc to start to the ninth, including Adam Frazier's RBI single for their first run. Leclerc then struck out two before Bell, who was born and raised in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and grew up a Rangers fan, tied the game at 3 with a two-run double driven the opposite way into the left-center gap.

"That was huge, I felt that support from my friends and family," Bell said. "To be able to come through and pull through for the team right there, I can't ask for much more."

It was the second blown save in seven chances this season for Leclerc, who became the Rangers' closer after Keone Kela was traded to Pittsburgh last July. Kela pitched a scoreless ninth for the Pirates.

Manager Chris Woodward said there would be a discussion about Leclerc's role moving forward, and that he could pitch in some non-save and lower-pressure situations.

"Obviously with a young guy, you don't want to kill the kid's confidence," Woodward said. "I would love to just keep giving him the ball, but I do have to be mindful where his mental state. He wants the ball, but he also doesn't want to feel like he's let-



AP photo

**Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo singles to center field off a pitch from Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Jordan Lyles (31) in the first inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Tuesday, April 30.**

ting his teammates down. It's a tough situation for him."

**SOFT RUNS**

Asdrúbal Cabrera blooped a two-run single to right in the fourth — MLB stats registered the exit velocity off the bat at 59 mph — to give the Rangers a 2-0 lead. They went ahead 3-0 in the eighth on Gallo's third walk, which came after a passed ball on a strikeout and two other walks had loaded the bases.

**STILL LOOKING FOR NO. 1**

Rangers starter Adrian Sampson was denied his first big league victory after 5 2/3 scoreless innings. The right-hander struck out five without a walk, and hit a batter, in his 13th career appearance (eighth start) since his big league debut for Seattle in

2016. He was a fifth-round pick by the Pirates in 2012.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Pirates: C Francisco Cervelli was hit on his left wrist by a pitch in the second inning. He initially remained in the game, but two pitches later left the game. He was examined by Rangers team physician Dr Keith Meister, and the Pirates expect an update Wednesday.

**UP NEXT**

Pirates: RHP Jameson Taillon (1-3, 4.06) is 0-2 with a 4.50 ERA in his three road starts this year.

Rangers RHP Shelby Miller (1-1, 7.52) has allowed exactly four runs in each of his last four starts. He is 2-7 with a 4.88 ERA in 10 career starts against Pittsburgh.

# Durant leads the way again, Warriors lead Rockets 2-0

By **JANIE McCAULEY**

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant and the Golden State Warriors brought it on both ends, kept their mouths shut and handled business at home against James Harden and the Rockets.

Now, the two-time defending champions are headed to Houston with a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinal.

Durant scored 29 points and established an early defensive tone against Harden, leading the Warriors past the Rockets 115-109 on Tuesday night as the focus refreshingly returned to basketball after two days of constant chatter about the officiating.

"Tonight I think it was a great officiated game," Golden State's Draymond Green said. "They let us be physical, both teams, and they made the calls they needed to make. It was kind of disheartening for a game that I love since I was a child to see the talk over the last two days was nothing about basketball and everything about foul calls. Is that what this game is coming to?"

Harden got hit in both eyes early but was able to return and finished with 29 points and seven rebounds

"I barely could see," said Harden, who was treated with eye drops.

Boos regularly greeted both Harden and Chris Paul at deafening Oracle Arena, where the Rockets complained after a 104-100 Game 1 defeat that the officials missed foul calls when the Warriors closed out on Houston's 3-point shooters.

Paul celebrated and cheered when Harden drew a foul on Durant in the closing seconds of the third on a very such play. Harden converted three free throws to pull Houston within 82-75 going into the final 12 minutes.

Harden scored seven straight Houston points during one stretch midway through the fourth, including a 3 at 7:25 that go the Rockets within 92-89. Stephen Curry connected for a key 3 at the 6:31 mark on the way to 20 points.

Harden's eyes were still red and bothering him postgame.

"It's pretty blurry right

now. Hopefully it gets better day by day," Harden said.

Klay Thompson scored 21 points and hit consecutive 3-pointers late in the third. Green had 15 points, 12 rebounds — three on the offensive end over two possessions in the opening quarter — and seven assists.

Game 3 is Saturday in Houston.

Players on both sides stayed poised with cool heads.

"I felt like both teams, both coaches, just let the refs do their jobs all night," Durant said. "I think the refs did an amazing job, the players did a great job, and the coaches."

Durant set a tone when took an early charge from Harden and blocked one of his shots as Houston committed five quick turnovers that led to 10 points. Andre Iguodala, who also handled much of the load defending Harden, added 16 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Curry dislocated his left middle finger in the first quarter but X-rays were negative and he returned with it taped.

Curry missed his first four 3-point tries before hitting late in the first and played in foul trouble once more. He picked up his fourth with 6:43 in

the third on a reach in, something he's been working to stop doing.

Harden injured his eyes with 6:39 left in the first, grabbing at his face after he and Green fought for a loose rebound and Green's left hand got Harden in the face.

When Harden went to the locker room with 6:27 left and a towel over his left eye for a cut, Green patted him on the back and checked to make sure he was OK. Harden returned at the 7:09 mark of the second.

"That's him. I didn't have a doubt he was coming back unless it was something catastrophic," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Both teams were more composed when it came to mouthing off at the referees.

Harden already had a history with official Scott Foster, who worked Tuesday's game. The reigning MVP was fined \$25,000 for calling Foster "rude and arrogant" following a 121-111 loss at the Lakers on Feb. 21 in which Harden fouled out.

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# Sabathia gets 3000th K, Greinke gets win, D-Backs top Yanks

## Associated Press

PHOENIX — CC Sabathia became the 17th player in major league history and third left-hander to reach 3,000 career strikeouts, but was out-pitched by Arizona ace Zack Greinke in the Diamondbacks' 3-1 win over the New York Yankees Tuesday night.

Sabathia (1-1) arrived in the desert needing three strikeouts to hit 3,000 and got them all in the third inning.

The milestone whiff came when he got John Ryan Murphy swinging, sending the Yankees pouring out of the dugout.

Sabathia became the first pitcher to reach 3,000 strikeouts since Atlanta's John Smoltz in 2008, and joined Randy Johnson and Steve Carlton as the only lefties to do it.

Wilmer Flores hit a solo homer and a run-scoring single off Sabathia. He allowed two runs and five hits, and struck out five before being lifted with two on and one out in the sixth inning.

Greinke (5-1) won his fifth straight game. He allowed one run in 7 2/3 innings.

BREWERS 4, ROCKIES 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jesus Aguilar homered again and Milwaukee broke through late for the victory.

Jhoulys Chacin (3-3) pitched six scoreless innings for the Brewers. Milwaukee has won 12 of its last 14 against Colorado, including a sweep in last season's NL Division Series.

The Brewers again played without NL MVP Christian Yelich, who sat out with lower back soreness for the second straight game.

Colorado's German Marquez (3-2) took a perfect game into the sixth before surrendering a leadoff double to Ben Gamel that hit left fielder Raimel Tapia's glove. Gamel later scored.

Josh Hader got two outs for his seventh save despite giving up a two-run homer to Ian Desmond in the ninth.



AP photo

**New York Yankees starting pitcher C.C. Sabathia greets his children after throwing his 3,000th career strikeout, during the second inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday, April 30, in Phoenix.**

ASTROS 11, TWINS 0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Gerrit Cole allowed one hit in seven innings, and Houston backed him with three homers.

Cole (2-4) gave up his only hit in the sixth inning while the Astros broke out offensively to win a meeting of division leaders and snap Minnesota's four-game winning streak.

George Springer, Jake Marisnick and Alex Bregman went deep for Houston.

Cole struck out 11 and walked three, including the first two batters of the game. Josh James and Chris Devenski completed the three-hitter.

PIRATES 6, RANGERS 4, 11 INNINGS

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Bryan Reynolds led off the 11th inning with his first career homer and Starling Marte then added a two-run shot as Pittsburgh ended its eight-game losing streak by beating Texas.

The Pirates were scoreless until getting three runs in the ninth off closer Jose Leclerc.

Reynolds led off the 11th with a blast off Jesse

Chavez (0-1) that landed on the hill in center field.

Kyle Crick (1-1) pitched a perfect 10th. Felipe Vazquez worked the 11th for his seventh save after allowing Joey Gallo's leadoff homer — his 10th.

METS 4, REDS 3, 10 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Rookie Pete Alonso hit a sacrifice fly off Cincinnati closer Raisel Iglesias in the 10th inning, and New York rebounded from a blown ninth-inning lead.

J.D. Davis doubled to left-center to cap a 10-pitch at-bat leading off the 10th against Iglesias (1-4). Jeff McNeil singled sharply to put runners at the corners with his fourth hit of the game.

With the infield in and outfield shallow, Alonso hit a fly to the warning track in right and the Mets avoided dropping below .500 for the first time this year.

Rookie Drew Gagnon (1-0) escaped a two-out jam in the 10th by getting José Iglesias to pop out. Jeury Familia fell one out short of his second regular-season six-out save, allowing two runs in the ninth.

DODGERS 10, GIANTS 3

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — David Freese hit a three-run homer and Justin Turner went deep for the first time this season, powering the Dodgers to the victory.

Kiké Hernández also connected, and Walker Buehler (3-0) pitched into the sixth inning to remain unbeaten in six starts.

Dodgers slugger Cody Bellinger singled, walked and scored twice, but was denied in his bid to break the major league record for most home runs before May 1. Bellinger has 14 homers so far this season. He had already set the record for most RBIs before May 1 with 37.

Buster Posey had an RBI double for San Francisco. Drew Pomeranz (1-3) got the loss.

CUBS 6, MARINERS 5

## ROCKETS

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In Game 1, Paul was automatically ejected with 4.4 seconds left following a second technical and fined \$35,000 by the NBA on Monday for making contact with official Josh Tiven.

D'Antoni emphasized the scrutiny of officials "shouldn't continue."

Durant's run of five straight performances scoring at least 30 points was snapped.

With 201 points over his previous five games, he became the fourth player in NBA history to score 200 or more in such a span — joining LeBron James, Allen Iverson and Michael Jordan.

GREEN'S TECHNICALS

Green and Nene got tangled up and drew double technicals after Harden's third free throw at the end of the third.

With his fourth technical of the postseason, Green is three away from an automatic one-game suspension.

The Warriors plan to reach out to the league about getting the technical rescinded because coach Steve Kerr considered it one of those intense plays that happen in the postseason.

TIP-INS

Rockets: Houston committed nine first-quarter turnovers leading to 14 Warriors points while shooting 7 for 19. ... Reserve G Austin Rivers returned after he missed Game 1 with an illness. ... Houston is 5-14 vs. the Warriors dating to the 2015 Western Conference finals won by the War-

riors on the way to their first title in 40 years. ... After going 14 of 47 from deep in the series opener, missing their initial eight threes and 27 straight to end Game 7 vs. Golden State last year, Houston shot 17 for 40 on 3s in Game 2.

Warriors: The Warriors committed just 12 turnovers after it became

a big focus after getting 20 in Game 1. ... Golden State improved to 6-1 all-time in the postseason when using the starting lineup of Curry, Durant, Green, Iguodala and Thompson. ... With 324 career postseason 3s, Thompson matched Manu Ginobili for fourth on the NBA's all-time postseason list for 3s.

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