White House denies bombshell report

Memo: Trump asked FBI director to end Flynn probe

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WASHINGTON — President Don-
ald Trump personally appealed to
FBI Director James Comey to aban-
don the bureau’s investigation into
National Security Adviser Michael
Flynn, according to notes disclosed
late Tuesday that Comey wrote after
the meeting. The White House issued
a furious denial near the end of a tu-
multuous day spent beating back po-
tentially disastrous news reports from
day one of America’s sp紧密结合
The bombshell Comey news came
cas the befuddled administration was
still struggling mightily to explain
Monday’s revelation that the presi-
dent had disclosed highly classified
information to the Russian foreign
minister and the country’s ambassa-
dor to the United States.

Defending Trump’s actions, offi-
cials played down the importance and
secrecy of the information, which had
been supplied by Israel under an
intelligence-sharing agreement, and
Trump himself said he’d had “an absolu-
tely right” to pass along “facts pertaining
to terrorism” and airmen with
Russia. Yet U.S. allies
and some members of Congress ex-
pressed concern bordering on alarm.
In a story, White House officials last
week, the FBI director wrote in
a memo after a February meeting at the
White House that the new presi-
dent had asked him to shut down
the FBI’s investigation of Flynn’s con-
nections with Russia, caused concern
in this Russian officials, said a person
who had read the memo. The Flynn

By Chris Jordan

Getting the Greenlight

Event inspires girls in the sciences

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To help grow the number of women pursuing careers in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields by means of in-
spiration, Covestro sponsored the Greenlight for Girls Day in Hou-
ston Monday.

For the first time in Texas, hun-
dreds of local girls, ages 11-13, par-
ticipated in the day-long, interactive, hands-on science event with retired
NASA astronaut Brian Duffy along
with nearly 100 Covestro scientists,
engineers and other employee vol-
unteers.

Girls from Cedar Bayou, Gentry,
Highlands and Horace Mann junior
schools and girls from underserved school districts around Houston spent the day code-breaking, mak-
ing inventory of batteries, building
even an own Mars Rover and creating
their own polyurethane.

“They told us that anything is possible and I like that,” said Ma-
riah Smith, eighth-grade at Gentry
Junior School who wants to be a
computer engineer. “I made me believe
that I can do anything, and no one can
tell me I can’t.”

At each Greenlight for Girls event,
they want girls to take away the idea
that “anything is possible.” In fact, they tell this at the end of
every Greenlight for Girls event.

“They said that anything is pos-
sible in the future as you make it happen,” said Amanda Lopez,
right-hander at Baytown Junior
School. “And that was encouraging
because I want to be a pediatrician.
I don’t like seeing children that are
sick and I just want to make a dif-
ference in children’s lives.”

Founded five years ago by engi-
nier Melissa Ranesort, Greenlight
for Girls has volunteers operating in
every continent of the world, encour-
aging girls of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in sci-
ence-related careers, through a va-
riety of activities.

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Chamber salutes school volunteers

ExxonMobil, Baytown
Junior School named
Partner of the Year

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Montoring and tutoring students with
trained, seasoned professional
is always a good thing.

The Baytown Chamber of Com-
merce hosted the 29th Annual Par-
ners in Education luncheon to honor
the several who showed a light for students to fol-
low toward success. Beaumont Federa
Credit Union presented the event
which was held at the Baytown
Community Center.

One highlight of the event
is the recognition of the 2016-2017

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COMMUNITY

Lee College Carry on with plans to
Carry on with plans for guns on site

Lee College has taken steps to be-
come prepared to handle for-
handguns to be carried on

school campuses.

On Aug. 1, community

colleges in Texas will be

en to allow students

and visitors to carry concealed

handguns on campus.

Steve Evans, the

college’s vice president of fi-

nance and administration,
said the college created a task

force designed to look at how

the college’s policy on carry-on

would form.

They took portions of other
college policies, in-

cluding at the University of

Texas and the Texas A&M

University System, and were

allowing campus carry on

for four-year universities

since last year. Some oth-

er area community college

policies, such as from San

Jacinto College, were also

made as Lee College’s
draft policy.

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Evans said before they

bring a draft policy to the

board in June for final ap-

proval, they plan to work

with the community.
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worth the time to com-
pute the administrative regulations and take some practice exams.
"What we’ve done as at this point is enhance the ad-
ministrative regulations," Evans said.
Evans told the board that there were only a few oc-
currences of changes to the poli-
dy, and he said he was not able to present it.
The chair said that a goal is to get results in a back-
pack or purse before it is ob-
scured. The other change that the company mem-
ber or employee must have a goal assigned to them to put their goal in locked file cabinet or drawer. The goal must also be highlighted in the locked drawer or file cabinet.
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son," the chair said, "to work on the goal but not be-
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