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Remembering MLK



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
 The Rev. Michael Scott, center, pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, and Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, left, speak following the MLK Commemorative Walk which ranged down Martin Luther King Boulevard Monday evening. About 30 marchers, as well as an ambulance and fire engine and a few drivers and bicyclists, took part in the event. For a complete story and additional photos, see the upcoming Sunday edition of the *Big Spring Herald*.

A-F ratings resolution on tap for BSISD board meeting

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A resolution calling for the repeal of a proposed TEA A-F rating system is expected to highlight a lengthy Big Spring ISD board of trustees meeting agenda Thursday.

"Together with many other school districts across the state, the Big Spring ISD administration is asking that its school board pass a resolution requesting that the Texas Legislature repeal the A-F rating system," explained Big Spring ISD Superintendent Chris Wigington. "Sixteen states have implemented similar rating systems and there is no definitive research the rating systems have improved student performance. Furthermore, the rating system's overemphasis on STAAR results does not give the public a valid reflection of school quality."

A work-in-progress report by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released on Jan. 6 on a new accountability system for public schools drew strong criticism across the state.

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Interior nominee Zinke to be quizzed on public lands, coal

By **MATTHEW DALY**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Ryan Zinke says he would never sell, give away or transfer public lands, a crucial stance in his home state of Montana and the West where access to hunting and fishing is considered sacrosanct.

Zinke feels so strongly that he resigned as a delegate to the Republican National Convention last summer because of the GOP's position in favor of land transfers to state or private groups. But Zinke's commitment to public lands has come into question in recent weeks and is likely to be a point of contention Tuesday as the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

considers his nomination to be interior secretary under President-elect Donald Trump.

Zinke, 55, a former Navy SEAL who just won his second term in Congress, was an early Trump supporter and, like his prospective boss, has expressed skepticism about the urgency of climate change.

A self-described "Teddy Roosevelt Republican," Zinke has supported legislation to boost land and water conservation and recreation on public lands. Zinke has also advocated for increased oil and gas drilling and coal-mining on Western lands.

The Interior Department and other U.S. agencies

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BSFD responds to shed fire



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
 The Big Spring Fire Department responded to a call reporting a shed on fire at a residence on Bluebird Street near the Howard County Fair Barns Monday afternoon. According to Fire Chief Craig Ferguson, the preliminary investigation revealed the fire appears to be accidental, caused from a heat lamp kept in the shed to help provide warmth for a family pet. No persons were injured in the incident.

Gas prices trend down in Texas, nation

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 2.1 cents per gallon in the past week, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has fallen 2.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.34/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 45.5 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 10.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 10.3 cents per

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Obituaries

Ruth E. Williams



Ruth E. Williams, 96, of Azle died Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, in an Azle nursing home.

Graveside funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, with her son-in-law, Dr. Jesse McElreath, officiating. The family received friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch

Funeral Home.

She was born March 17, 1920, in Coleman, Texas, and married Clyde B. Williams May 18, 1935, in Ranger, Texas. He preceded her in death May 7, 2002.

Survivors include two daughters, Darlene

McElreath and husband Jesse of Fort Worth, and Clydette Kidd and husband Royce of Boyd; three grandchildren, Dana Norman and husband Mark, Tommy LaRoy Williams and wife Tracy and Marcus McElreath and wife Julie; two great-grandsons, Jake Norman and wife Kim, and Tanner McElreath; and one sister, Lavern Key of Eastland.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

The family suggests memorials to Lake Country Baptist Church, 8777 Boat Club Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, 76179.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

William J "Bill" Pollard



William J. "Bill" Pollard, 90, of Big Spring, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 12, 2017. William was born on June 28, 1926 at home in Avery, Texas, to parents Bessie and Jessie Pollard. Bill completed high school in Avery in a two-room schoolhouse. At the age of 17, he volunteered to serve in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. After his

service, he attended Sam Houston State University on the G.I. Bill. He earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree and a Masters of Arts Degree in Vocational Agriculture. In 1950, upon graduation, he became the Vocational Agriculture Teacher in Winnsboro, Texas, for the next three years. While in Winnsboro, he began a friendship with Leroy Tidwell, the local Chevrolet dealer there, which began his interest in the automobile business. In 1954 at the age of 27, he acquired the Chevrolet Dealership in Roscoe, Texas. His brother, Dick Pollard, joined him there, which started the family's career in the car business. On August 10, 1957, Bill married his sweetheart and bookkeeper, Lora Mae Broadwell in Roscoe. In 1961, Bill and Lora Mae purchased the Chevrolet dealership in Big Spring which is now Pollard Chevrolet Buick Cadillac. Bill and Lora Mae were longtime residents of Big Spring.

Bill had always been very active and proud of his community, serving it in many capacities. He was the President of the Roscoe Lions Club and the Big Spring Lions Club. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Roscoe and in Big Spring; member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army in Big Spring. He served as Board Member and President of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; President and member of the Big Spring New Car Dealers Association; Director of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, 1975-1977. Bill served as a Bank Director of First National Bank of Big Spring, and most recently, as a member of the Board of Lone Star State Bank, Big Spring. He was very proud to be one of the Founders, President and a Board Member of the Big Spring Industrial Foundation. Bill was proud to be a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Court 160.

He was passionate about the Texas Automobile Dealers Association (TADA), serving in many roles, such as Director, which he received the Gold Key Award and became the Chairman, serving from 1990-1991. He was a member of the Chevrolet Dealer Council numerous times and celebrated the milestone of receiving the Chevrolet Fifty-Year Dealer Award in 2004.

Bill was an avid hunter and sportsman and traveled the world pursuing his sport. He reached the pinnacle of his hunting accomplishments when he became a member of the Grand Slam Club, being permanently assigned the number 646 in the Archives of the North American Sheep Hunters' Association of the Grand Slam Club.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Lora Mae Pollard, his parents, Bessie and Jessie Pollard, his brother, Jim Pollard and his sister, Robbie House.

He is survived by his son, William Edward Pollard and his wife Kim Pollard of Big Spring; his daughter, Kay Lynn Pollard Maynard and husband Bryan Maynard of San Antonio. grandchildren Austin Garrett Maynard and his wife Emma Maynard of San Antonio. William Ryan Pollard, a student at Texas Tech University, and Erin Elizabeth Pollard, a student at Texas Tech University; his brother, Dick Pollard and wife Susan Pollard of Lubbock and sister-in-law Linda Pollard of Boulder, Colorado; and many precious and beloved nieces and nephews.

Bill loved his work and worked until his death. He also loved traveling the world with his wife and family. He was very proud to be a part of the Big Spring and the Howard County community. But mostly, he loved his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by them.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at The First United Methodist Church, Big Spring, with Senior Pastor Bill Ivins and Mike House officiating.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the First United Methodist Church, Big Spring or to the Howard College Scholarship Fund.

Paid obituary

Gabina Bustamante



Gabina Bustamante, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, January 15, 2017, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Templo Centro de Alabansa with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

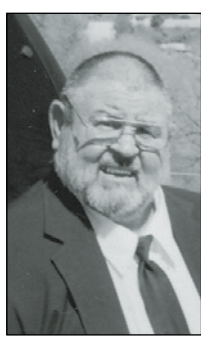
She was born October 25, 1931 in Durango, Mexico to Roberto

Bustamante and Maria Del Rejuflo Aispuro. She moved to Big Spring in 2008 from Chicago. She was a member of Centro de Alabansa and was a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons: Gabino B. Mijares, Silbestre B. Mijares, and Ismael B. Mijares; three daughters: Elidia B. Mijares, Juana B. Mijares, and Maria J B. Mijares; one brother: Jose de Lalus Aispuro Bustamante; one sister: Sista Aispuro Bustamante; 26 grandchildren; and 42 great grandchildren.

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

Bert Winbush



Bert Winbush, 76, died Saturday, January 14, 2017, in Sterling City. Private family services will be at a later date.

He was born April 28, 1940, in Tennessee. He married Carolann Emerson in 1974. She preceded him in death on January 6, 2009. He moved to Big Spring from Amarillo in 1986. He was a Baptist and a retired truck driv-

er.

He is survived by one daughter, Gwen Hart and her husband Carl of Big Spring; one son, Mickey Emerson and his wife Juanita of Big Spring; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Evette Emerson of May 9, 2005; and two sons, Ronnie Emerson and Brad Emerson.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LORENZO FERRERA YANEZ**, 43, of 502 State Street was arrested on a charge of expired driver's license.
- **ROBERT WILLY MILLER**, 30, of 1704 S Austin Street was arrested on charges of assault of a public servant and resisting arrest, search, or transport.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of State Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3900 block of W Hwy 80 and the 4100 block of Muir Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W Leatherwood Road and the 1800 block of S Gregg.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 400 block of Tubb Loop Road.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 6th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Algirita.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of E. I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 6th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 600 block of E. 13th.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of E. I 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4500 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of E. 13th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Albrook. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 6th and Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Craigmont.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Hwy 186. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Lynn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 178 on I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.

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gallon during the last month and stands 43.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on January 16 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years: \$1.68/g in 2016, \$1.84/g in 2015, \$3.11/g in 2014, \$3.16/g in 2013 and \$3.21/g in 2012.

Areas near Texas and their current gas price climate:

- Midland Odessa, \$2.12/g, down 6.2 cents per gallon from last

week's \$2.18/g.
• San Antonio, \$2.09/g, down 1.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.10/g.

• Austin, \$2.11/g, down 1.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.12/g.

"For the first time since November, the national average price for gasoline has fallen over the last week, helped by weak demand and rising gasoline inventories," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. "This downward trend is evident in over two-thirds of states but may take additional time to materialize in others, yet is a familiar pattern for late

winter as refiners build inventories prior to the late-February start of refinery maintenance season and thanks to the year's weakest demand occurring over the next four weeks. However, motorists shouldn't expect the trend to last long. After the sweetness of Valentine's Day roses and chocolates is gone, they will be in store for a jump at the pump as maintenance season begins and the long transition to summer gasoline becomes a pinch point, leading to gas prices that will mostly trend higher for two to three months."

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What school officials found particularly irksome was a list of "what if" ratings for all school districts and individual schools based on what they would have received for the 2015-2016 school year under the proposed system.

The "what if" rating list showed many West Texas and Texas school's as a whole not making the grade.

In particular, Big Spring ISD received Fs in both Student Achievement and Closing the Performance Gaps, a C in Student Progress, and a D in Post Secondary Readiness. Coahoma ISD did not fair much better.

Coahoma received a D in Student Achievement, Fs in Student Progress and Closing the Performance, and A in Post Secondary Readiness.

Forsan, whose district has done very well under previous accountability ratings, received three Bs — Student Achievement, Closing the Performance Gaps, and Post Secondary Readiness — and a C for Student

Progress.
The new A-F grading system is expected to be officially used for the when TEA releases ratings in Aug. 2018 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

In other business, trustees will:

- Hold a public meeting to discuss performance based monitoring and assessment system (PBMAS) Targeted Improvement Plan.

- Hold a public hearing regarding the 2015-2016 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR).

- Consider a joint election agreement with the city of Big Spring.

- Consider a contract with the Howard County Election Administrator for the May 6 school trustee election.

- Consider superintendent annual evaluation and consider the superintendent contract.

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ZINKE

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control almost a third of land in the West and even more of the underground "mineral estate" that holds vast amounts of coal, oil and natural gas.

Zinke's position on public lands came under fire after he voted in favor of a measure from House Republicans that would allow federal land transfers to be considered cost-free and budget-neutral, making it easier for drilling and development.

Zinke "says he's against transfer of federal lands, but there's a big gap between what he says and what he does in that regard," said Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club, the nation's oldest and largest environmental group.

"You'd think the congressman would be on his best behavior going into a job interview, but instead he's taking steps to once again jeopardize the future of Montana's outdoor economy," Nancy Keenan, executive director of the Montana Democratic Party, said after the Jan. 3 vote.

Zinke's spokeswoman said the congressman maintains his position against the sale or transfer of federal lands.

Supporters calls the dispute overblown and say Zinke's vote was on a much larger package that sets House rules in the new Congress.

Indeed, his support for public lands was a crucial reason why Zinke was chosen by Trump. The president-elect and his son, Donald Trump Jr., both oppose sale of federal lands. The younger Trump, an avid hunter, has taken a

keen interest in Interior issues and played a key role in Zinke's selection.

Coal is likely to be another focus on Tuesday. Montana boasts the largest coal reserves in the nation, and Zinke has warned environmentalists and the Obama administration that to take coal out of the energy mix would be "a disaster."

"I don't agree with keeping it in the ground," he said during his re-election campaign.

Eric Washburn, a lobbyist and former aide to Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, said Zinke will likely be asked to "defend federal ownership over federal lands" and detail how he would balance energy development with the need to conserve fish and wildlife habitats.

Zinke "appears to be a

Orlando nightclub gunman's wife faces charges tied to attack

By ERIC TUCKER and OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The widow of the Orlando nightclub gunman has been charged with helping her husband in the months leading up to the June massacre that left 49 people dead, according to an indictment unsealed Tuesday.

Noor Salman, 30, is due in federal court in Oakland on Tuesday, following her arrest a day earlier on the Florida charges.

The two-count indictment accuses her of knowingly aiding and abetting her husband, Omar Mateen, in providing material support and resources to the Islamic State group between April and June of last year.

It also says she knowingly misled police and the FBI after June 12 attack at the Pulse nightclub.

The charging document does not give additional details on Salman's actions.

Salman is from the San Francisco Bay Area and in the aftermath of the Orlando attack that also left her husband dead she returned here with their son, whose name she has since sought to change.

She was repeatedly questioned by FBI investigators over whether she had any knowledge of her husband's plans.

Her attorney Linda Moreno said after her arrest that she "had no foreknowledge nor could she predict what Omar Mateen intended to do that tragic night."

Salman told The New York Times in an interview published in November that she knew her husband had watched jihadist videos but was "unaware of everything" regarding his intent to shoot up the club.

Salman also said he had physically abused her, which her attorney reiterated Monday.

"Noor has told her story of abuse at his hands," Moreno said. "We believe it is misguided and wrong to prosecute her and that it dishonors the memories of the victims to punish an innocent person."

The San Francisco office of the FBI said Salman was taken into custody Monday morning in Rodeo, which is the small Bay Area community where she grew up and where her family lives.

Jail records, however, say she was arrested about 30 miles away in Dublin. The reason for the discrepancy wasn't clear.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in a Monday interview with MSNBC that "from the beginning, we were going to look at every aspect of this, of every aspect of this shooter's life to determine not just why did he take these actions — but who else knew about them? Was anyone else involved?"

Salman met Mateen online and the two married in 2011.

They lived in Fort Pierce, Florida, at the time of the shooting.

Mateen pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group in a 911 call during the three-hour standoff that ended in his death.

Forty nine patrons were killed and another 53 were hospitalized.

"Nothing can erase the pain we all feel about the senseless and brutal murders of 49 of our neighbors, friends, family members and loved ones," Orlando Police Chief John Mina said Monday. "But today, there is some relief in knowing that someone will be held accountable for that horrific crime."

straight shooter, someone that energy and conservation interests can both work with," Washburn said.

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership endorsed Zinke, calling him "a leader on many issues important to America's hunters and anglers."

Brune, of the Sierra Club, scoffed at the comparison to Roosevelt, saying the only way to connect the men is "to describe the ways Zinke wants to undo TR's legacy" of conservation.

Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington state, the top Democrat on the energy panel, said she is eager to ask Zinke about modernizing the federal coal program "to make sure American taxpayers aren't short-changed for the benefit of corporate interests." Cantwell also said wants reassur-

ances that Zinke will protect the interests of American consumers and native tribes — "not just the coal and mining companies."

Zinke spent 23 years as a Navy SEAL, serving in Kosovo and Iraq, where he was awarded two Bronze Stars for combat missions. He currently serves on the House Natural Resources and Armed Services committees.

He made an unsuccessful 2012 run for Montana lieutenant governor before shift-

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ing his ambitions to Congress in 2014. Before his selection for Interior, Zinke had been considered a likely challenger to Democratic Sen. Jon Tester in 2018.

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Powerful Texas storm delivers damaging winds, heavy rain

DALLAS (AP) — A powerful storm system has unleashed strong winds and torrential rains across much of Texas, knocking out power, damaging homes and flooding streets.

The National Weather Service says tornadoes touched down Sunday night in a Dallas suburb and elsewhere, but there were no reports of injuries. The weather service had issued a tornado warning Monday for the Houston area.

A tornado warning after Green Bay's victory over Dallas in an NFC divisional playoff kept some fans and players inside AT&T Stadium for more than hour after the game.

Fire officials in the Dallas suburb of Frisco say more than 30 homes were damaged by high winds.

At least one event Monday marking the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was disrupted.

Meanwhile, hail fell in the Hill Country west of Austin.

Man on FBI's 10 most-wanted list arrested in Texas

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A man placed on the FBI's list of 10 most-wanted fugitives after authorities said he killed two men in Milwaukee was arrested Sunday in Texas, the FBI said.

Terry A.D. Strickland, 24, was arrested in El Paso and booked into the jail.

He has been charged in Milwaukee with two counts of first-degree intentional homicide and with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Jail records do not list an attorney to comment on his behalf.

Authorities said Strickland was among a group of men arguing in front of a Milwaukee home July 17. Witnesses saw him go inside the house, emerge with a gun and fire into the small crowd.

Authorities said Strickland fatally shot Maurice Brown Jr., 38, who was on the ground, then turned to Michael Allen Reed, 39, and shot him in the head.

"It was vicious," Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn said when Strickland was added to the FBI's most-wanted list last month.

"It was unnecessary. Neither individual posed the slightest threat to Mr. Strickland, but they paid with their lives for occupying the same space."

Man serving life in prison in 1982 Lake Waco slayings dies

WACO, Texas (AP) — A man who pleaded guilty for his role in the stabbing deaths of three teens at Lake Waco in 1982 has died.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark tells the Waco Tribune-Herald that 57-year-old Anthony Melendez died Friday in prison hospice.

Melendez was serving life in prison after pleading guilty to two counts of murder.

Authorities have said 17-year-old Jill Montgomery and two friends were killed because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Prosecutors said a man hired David Spence to kill a girl but he mistook Montgomery for that girl. According to trial testimony, Melendez and his brother helped Spence carry out the killings.

Gilbert Melendez died in 1998 while serving a life sentence. Spence was executed in 1997.

FAA investigating after United Express jet slides off runway

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A United Express plane slid off the runway after landing in Amarillo overnight, but the airline says no one was injured.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said Monday that the agency was investigating the accident. United Airlines spokesman Jonathan Guerin said there were 50 passengers and three crew members on the twin-engine jet, which was operated for United by ExpressJet. He said the plane was turning from the runway to a taxiway early Monday when it slid partly into a grassy area at Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport.

What to watch: Abortion case; draft budget; Trump protest



In a Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 file photo, Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick holds a news conference at the Republican Party of Texas Headquarters, in Austin, Texas. Patrick and top conservatives are expected to push through the Senate a voucher bill giving public money to families sending their children to private or religious schools.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Rep. Jeff Leach proposed it as a one-word change to internal Texas House rules. But what followed could foreshadow a larger school voucher fight coming soon.

Leach, a tea party Republican from Plano, tried to remove "public" from the name of the House Public Education Committee. The Senate's version is already called simply the Education Committee, Leach argued, and many Texas students attend private schools or are educated at home. Democrats objected, and Leach eventually withdrew his proposal, which he conceded was largely symbolic.

Still, the small exchange could eventually loom large. As they did last session, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and top conservatives are expected to push through the Senate a voucher bill giving public money to families sending their children to private or religious schools.

The issue has for years remained a non-starter in the House, however, where Democrats have traditionally teamed with rural Republicans — who are afraid of harming schools that are the lifeblood of the small communities they represent — to keep public funding in public classrooms.

Approval in the Senate eventually thwarted by House resistance could well doom any new voucher plan again this session. And if Leach's attempted tweak to House rules is any indication, emotions will run high, fast — but the end result may actually be no change.

Here are some other issues likely to make news in Texas politics this week, all of which may preview larger legal, policy or ideological clashes down the road.

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Air Force: PTSD, other factors led airman to kill commander

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. Air Force investigators have determined that post-traumatic stress disorder and the unraveling of a distinguished military career led an airman to fatally shoot his commander last year at a San Antonio base before killing himself, according to Air Force documents.

The April shooting at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland prompted a lockdown and officials to abruptly end a nearby military training parade with thousands of spectators.

Investigators determined Tech. Sgt. Steven Bellino confronted Lt. Col. William Schroeder before the two struggled and Schroeder was shot multiple times. Both men were veterans of U.S.

Operations Command.

Air Force documents given to the San Antonio Express-News by Bellino's family show he participated in an elite pararescue program with Schroeder but did not complete it.

Investigators believe Bellino, 41, resented the outcome following a remarkable military career that included repeated tours in Afghanistan and Iraq and time as an Army Ranger and Green Beret.

He also had served as an FBI agent and was a CIA contractor before enlisting in the Air Force and attempting to join the elite unit.

Friends say Bellino was idealistic and a man of exacting fairness, according to the newspaper.

He lived up to the letter of the law and expected it of others,

even once accusing a sergeant major of lying in front of a roomful of soldiers. But a series of perceived slights and violations of his sense of honor had accumulated long before he arrived at Lackland.

"I do not like this world, and I do not want to be a part of it any longer," Bellino wrote in August 2015, the month he quit the pararescue program and then went home to Ohio and was charged with being absent without leave. "I've searched for many years to find a home consistent with my ethics and such a place does not exist."

His comments came in a note that investigators found in a flash drive and they were written about the time his PTSD symptoms appeared to intensify.

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Early applications on rise at Baylor despite assault scandal

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor University is seeing its second-highest number of early applicants in school history despite a broad sexual assault scandal that's spawned lawsuits and recriminations. The Dallas Morning News reports about 14,300 prospective students applied by the early application deadline of Nov. 1. The number is a 19 percent increase from the previous year and is only exceeded by the more than 15,000 early applicants in 2013. The regular admission deadline is Feb. 1. In previous years, higher early application numbers tended to reflect a strong application pool overall. Baylor is contending with lawsuits stemming from its handling of assault claims made against a number of former football players. Students and alumni, meanwhile, have questioned its response to rape allegations on campus in recent years.

Texas man transporting rescue dogs to Colorado dies in crash

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP) — A Texas man who was transporting rescue dogs to Colorado has died and four dogs are missing after a rollover crash on Interstate 25 in southern Colorado. Charles Roberts of Katy, Texas was driving a van at 2:50 a.m. Friday when he struck a guardrail between Walsenburg and Colorado City. Roberts, 59, overcorrected, causing the vehicle to roll. He died at the scene. His son, 29-year-old Jared Roberts, also of Katy, suffered what the patrol described as moderate injuries. The Pikes Peak Humane Society picked up more than 20 dogs that had been in the van. Some of them had suffered minor injuries. The Houston-based Rescued Pets Movement said four dogs were missing after the crash. Jeff Richey, owner of Farfel's Farm and Rescue in Boulder, said dogs are brought to Colorado every Friday from Houston's BARC shelter by members of the Rescued Pets Movement and taken in by 15 Colorado rescue groups. Usually they have five vans that bring a total of 150 dogs to Colorado each week, Richey said.

Pepper spray released in El Paso school; 20 people treated

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An El Paso school district says a student is facing discipline after releasing what appears to be pepper spray in a sixth-grade classroom. About 20 people, half of them students, were treated by emergency crews after the Friday incident at Desertaire Elementary School. Twenty-eight students were in the classroom at the time. Ysleta Independent School District officials say they notified parents by telephone. The students were moved to another classroom when classes resumed a few hours later. The nature of the discipline facing the student responsible has not been disclosed.

Judge extends oversight of Houston suburb's election system

PASADENA, Texas (AP) — A judge has extended federal oversight of the election system for a Houston suburb that the judge previously found had implemented a voting plan meant to dilute Latino power at the polls. U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal on Monday issued an order that maintains jurisdiction over Pasadena until 2023. The Houston Chronicle reports (<http://bit.ly/2jtHZf2>) that Rosenthal says in her order that the extended oversight will ensure the city cannot return to a plan that "thwarts Latinos on the cusp of an electoral majority." Rosenthal says the city must receive approval from the U.S. attorney general or the court before altering its election system.

Gene Cernan, last astronaut on the moon, dies at 82

By **SETH BORENSTEIN** and **MICHAEL GRACZYK**
Associated Press

Former astronaut Gene Cernan, the last person to walk on the moon who returned to Earth with a message of "peace and hope for all mankind," died on Monday in Texas following ongoing health issues, his family said. He was 82.

Cernan was surrounded by relatives when he died at a Houston hospital, family spokeswoman Melissa Wren told The Associated Press.

His family said his passion for lunar exploration never waned. "Even at the age of 82, Gene was passionate about sharing his desire to see the continued human exploration of space and encouraged our nation's leaders and young people to not let him remain the last man to walk on the Moon," his family said in a statement released by NASA.

Cernan was commander of NASA's Apollo 17 mission and on his third space flight when set foot on the lunar surface in December 1972.

He became the last of only a dozen men to walk on the moon on Dec. 14, 1972 — tracing his only child's initials in the dust before climbing the ladder of the lunar module the last time. It was a moment that forever defined him in both the public eye and his own.

"Those steps up that ladder, they were tough to make," Cernan recalled in a 2007 oral history. "I didn't want to go up. I wanted to stay a while."

Cernan called it "perhaps the brightest moment of my life. ... It's like you would want to freeze that moment and take it home with you. But you can't."

Decades later, Cernan tried to ensure he wasn't the last person to walk on the moon, testifying before Congress to push for a re-

turn. But as the years went by he realized he wouldn't live to witness someone follow in his footsteps — still visible on the moon more than 40 years later.

"Neil (Armstrong, who died in 2012) and I aren't going to see those next young Americans who walk on the moon. And God help us if they're not Americans," Cernan testified before Congress in 2011. "When I leave this planet, I want to know where we are headed as a nation. That's my big goal."

Cernan died less than six weeks after another American space hero, John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth in 1962. Their flights weren't the first or last of the Mercury and Apollo eras.

Yet to the public they were the bookends of America's space age glory, starting with Godspeed John Glenn and ending with Cernan's footprints on the moon.

On Dec. 11, 1972, Cernan guided the lander, named Challenger, into a lunar valley called Taurus-Littrow, with Harrison "Jack" Schmitt at his side. He recalled the silence after the lunar lander's engine shut down.

"That's where you experience the most quiet moment a human being can experience in his lifetime," Cernan said in 2007. "There's no vibration. There's no noise. The ground quit talking. Your partner is mesmerized. He can't say anything."

"The dust is gone. It's a realization, a reality, all of a sudden you have just landed in another world on another body out there (somewhere in the) universe, and what you are seeing is being seen by human beings — human eyes — for the first time."

Three days earlier, Cernan, Schmitt and Ronald Evans had blasted off atop a Saturn rocket in the first manned nighttime launch from Kennedy Space Cen-

ter. Evans remained behind as pilot of the command module that orbited the moon while the other two landed on the moon's surface.

Cernan and Schmitt, a geologist, spent more than three days on the moon, including more than 22 hours outside the lander, and collected 249 pounds of lunar samples.

"In that whole three days, I don't think there's anything that became routine," Cernan recalled. "But if I had to focus on one thing ... it was just to look back at the overwhelming and overpowering beauty of this Earth."

"To go a quarter of a million miles away into space and have to take time out to sleep and rest ... I wished I could have stayed awake for 75 hours straight. I knew when I left I'd never have a chance to come back."

Completing their third moon walk on Dec. 14, Schmitt returned to the lunar module and was followed by Cernan.

"We leave as we came and, God willing, as we shall return, with peace and hope for all mankind," Cernan said.

He later acknowledged that he had grasped for words to leave behind, knowing how the world remembered Neil Armstrong's "giant leap for mankind" on stepping on the moon in 1969.

Before heading home, Cernan said he drew the letters "TDC" — the initials of his then 9-year-old daughter, Teresa Dawn — with his finger on the dusty gray lunar surface.

He said he imagined someone in the distant future would find "our lunar rover and our footprints and those initials and say, 'I wonder who was here? Some ancient civilization was here back in the 20th century, and look at the funny marks they made.'"

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN FEDERAL COURT
U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks begins hearing arguments in Austin on Tuesday about whether Texas can boot Planned Parenthood from its Medicaid program.

Planned Parenthood had received more than \$3 million to provide family planning and other women's medical services — but not abortions — to nearly 11,000 low-income women statewide.

But Texas, like a host of other Republican-controlled states, moved to sever all funding to the organization following the 2015 release of secretly recorded and heavily edited videos by an anti-abortion group.

Federal judges already have stopped Arkansas, Alabama, Kansas and Mississippi from similarly excluding Planned Parenthood from Medicaid reimbursements in wake of the videos. Texas could cut off Planned Parenthood by Jan. 21, unless Sparks grants an injunction after hearing arguments in the case.

SENATE DRAFT BUDGET
Senate Finance Committee Chairwoman Jane Nelson could unveil a draft of the upper chamber's

2017-2018 state budget as early as this week. Patrick and other top Republicans promise to extend roughly \$4 billion in tax cuts for homeowners and businesses approved last session.

The prolonged oil price slump has sapped state revenue, though, leaving lawmakers with a potential shortfall of \$5-plus billion just to fund basic services at current levels.

The lieutenant governor has said he'd like to make up the deficit by cutting the budget's two biggest-ticket items, schools and public health — but funding reductions to both, even if it's to cover a new round of popular tax cuts, could prove a tough sell.

INAUGURATION PROTEST
Donald Trump is being inaugurated on Friday and organizations opposing the president-elect are organizing protests around the country.

In Austin, nearly 50 minority activist groups, environmental organizations and assorted community organizing nonprofits are sponsoring a "One Resistance" rally where demonstrators will march to the steps of the state Capitol late Friday.

Of course, lawmakers won't be in session by the time they get there — and some top Republicans, notably Patrick, will be in Washington attending Trump's inauguration.

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King Day highlights transition from Obama to Trump

By **BILL BARROW**

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — As Americans celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights leaders and activists are trying to reconcile the transition from the nation's first black president to a president-elect still struggling to connect with most non-white voters.

In more than one venue Monday, speakers and attendees expressed reservations about President-elect Donald Trump and his incoming administration, some even raising the specter of the Ku Klux Klan.

"When men no better than Klansmen dressed in suits are being sworn in to office, we cannot be silent," said Opal Tometi, a Black Lives Matter co-founder, told a crowd in Brooklyn.

King's daughter offered a less direct message, encouraging 2,000 people at her father's Atlanta church to work for his vision of love and justice "no matter who is in the White House."

Bernice King spoke at Ebenezer Baptist hours before her brother, Martin Luther King III, met privately with the president-elect at Trump Tower in New York. The younger King described the meeting as "productive."

Trump won fewer than 1 out of 10 black voters in November after a campaign of racially charged rhetoric, and tensions have flared anew with his recent criticism of civil rights icon John Lewis, whom the president-elect called "all talk" and "no action."

Bernice King avoided a detailed critique of Trump, but said the nation has a choice between "chaos and community," a dichotomy her father preached about. "At the end of the day, the Donald Trumps come and go," she said, later adding, "We still have to find a way to create ... the beloved community."

The current Ebenezer pastor, the Rev. Raphael Warnock, did not call Trump by name, but praised his predecessor. "Thank you, Barack Obama," he said. "I'm sad to see you go."

In South Carolina, speakers at a state Capitol rally said minority voting power has never been more important and some attendees expressed unease about Trump joining forces with Republican congressional majorities.

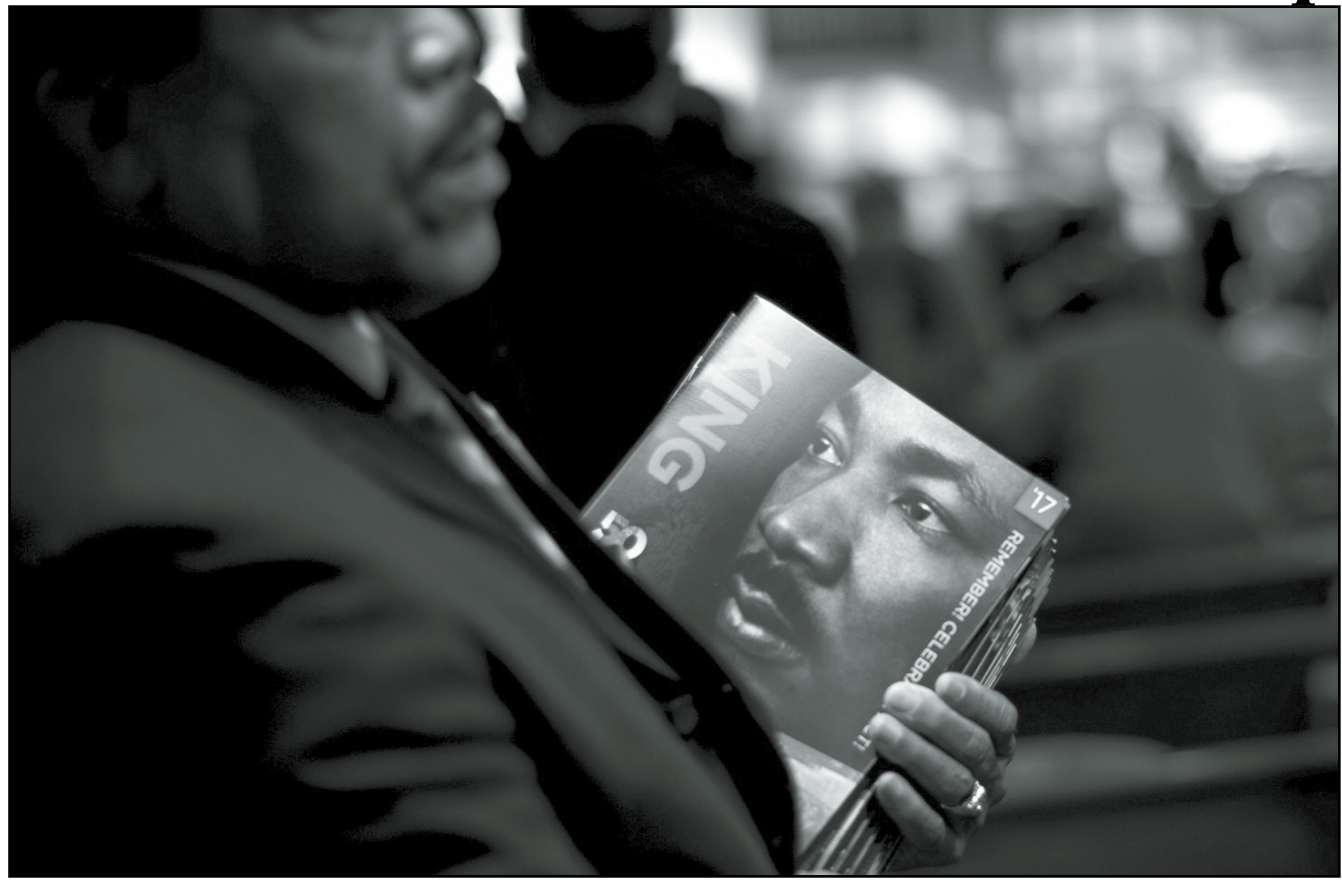
"It's going to be different, that's for sure," said Diamond Moore, a Benedict College senior who came to the Capitol. "I'm going to give Trump a chance. But I'm also ready to march."

In New York, Martin Luther King III told reporters that Trump pledged to be a president for all Americans, but King III added "we also have to consistently engage with pressure, public pressure" because "it doesn't happen automatically."

Trump did not participate publicly in any Martin Luther King Jr. Day observances.

President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama took part in a service project at a shelter in Washington.

Back in Atlanta, Sen. Bernie Sanders brought the Ebenezer assembly to its feet with his reminder that King was not just an advocate for racial equal-



James R. Johnson hands out programs before the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday commemorative service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monday, Jan. 16, 2017, in Atlanta.

ity, but a radical proponent for economic justice — a mission that put him at odds with the political establishment.

"If you think governors and senators and mayors were standing up and saying what a great man Dr. King was, read history, because you are sorely mistaken," roared Sanders, who invoked the same themes from his failed presidential campaign.

Sanders, who struggled to attract black voters in his Democratic primary fight with Hillary Clinton, recalled King opposing the Vietnam War as exploiting the poor.

He also noted King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, where he'd gone to rally striking sanitation workers, white and black.

Activist priest Michael Pfleger, himself a self-described radical, built on Sanders' message with a 45-minute keynote message indicting the nation's social and economic order, which he said would get worse under Trump.

The Chicago priest said "white hoods" of the Klan "have been replaced by three-piece suits." He bemoaned high incarceration rates, a "militarized, stop-and-frisk police state," profligate spending on war and a substandard education system.

Pfleger said many Americans too quickly dismiss violence in poor neighborhoods as the fault of those who live there, when the real culprit is a lack of opportunity and hope.

"If you put two lions in a cage and you don't feed them," he said, "one will kill the other in the pursuit of survival."

Warnock, meanwhile, zeroed in on Trump for his treatment of Lewis, now a Georgia congressman

who represents most of Atlanta.

Lewis angered Trump when he told NBC's "Meet the Press" that he views Trump as "illegitimate" because of alleged Russian interference in the campaign. Trump retorted on Twitter that Lewis is "all talk" and said his district is "falling apart" and "crime infested."

"Anybody who suggests that John Lewis is all talk and no action needs a lesson in American history," Warnock said, notably declining to say the president-elect's name.

As a young man, Lewis was arrested and beaten by authorities as he demonstrated for civil and voting rights for black Americans.

Lewis was in Miami at King Day events.

Some Republicans have defended Trump's criticism of Lewis, arguing it is inappropriate for a congressman to question an incoming president's legitimacy.

Clara Smith, an Atlanta resident who came Monday to Ebenezer, scoffed at any GOP indignation, remembering that Trump for years questioned whether Obama was a "natural born citizen" as the Constitution requires.

"He carried on with that knowing full well what he was doing" to the first black president, Smith, 66, said.

Elsewhere, residents in Memphis are honoring King with neighborhood clean-up events and a daylong celebration at the National Civil Rights Museum.

Bicyclists in Detroit have marked the day by pedaling to sites connected to a historic visit King made to the city.

Springsteen cover band changes tune, won't play at gala

By **SHAWN MARSH**

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A Bruce Springsteen cover band has changed its tune about performing at a Washington gala the day before Republican Donald Trump's inauguration.

The B Street Band decided to pull out of the Thursday night performance at the New Jersey State Society's gala.

Band leader Willie Forte said Monday the decision was based "solely on the respect and gratitude we have for Bruce and the E Street Band. That conquers everything else."

Trump's inauguration is Friday, followed that evening by inaugural balls.

Springsteen has called the Republican president-elect a "flagrant, toxic narcissist" and has questioned whether he's competent for the job. Springsteen performed during Democratic President Barack Obama's 2009 inaugural, and Obama presented him with the Presidential

Medal of Freedom in 2016.

The B Street Band had drawn jeers on social media from Springsteen fans, accusing the band of abandoning the soul of the musician its made a career of following.

As the attention reached national proportions, the band decided it was best to cancel the show.

"This whole thing just got blown out of proportion, which is a shame because (the NJSS) are good, nice people," Forte said.

Forte said the show had been planned since 2013, noting that the band twice performed for the non-profit, nonpartisan society at galas to mark Obama's inaugurals.

The society's executive director, Nancy Fatemi, said in a statement that the group was disappointed to learn of the cancellation, but "we understand the decision based

on all the questions and attention this has brought to the B Street Band."

Forte said he believes much of the criticism arose because people mistakenly thought the group was going to perform at Trump's inaugural ball.

The New Jersey State Society brings together those with ties to New Jersey in the Washington area and sponsors networking events. Springsteen is from New Jersey.

Springsteen superfan Gov. Chris Christie and his wife, Mary Pat, are honorary co-chairs of the \$225-per-person event.

The Republican governor's office did not respond to a question about whether they would attend. Trump was also invited.

Among those who spoke out against

the band's plans to play Thursday night was Democratic New Jersey state Sen. Ray Lesniak, who last week tweeted: "Shame on the #BStreetBand playing at #Trump's inaugural. ... They've profited from #Bruce now they're abandoning the message in his music."

"I understand it. We owe everything we have to Bruce," Forte said last week. "But everything we've done because of Bruce has raised millions of dollars for charities."

The B Street Band is composed of six "hard-working" guys and has been performing Springsteen songs for nearly 37 years, Forte said.

It draws its name from the E Street Band, which has backed Springsteen since 1972.

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Howard splits twinbill with FPC

Men rally to win; women suffer first conference loss

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Both Howard College basketball teams were on the hunt Monday, but only one finally caught its prey.

Both HC squads trailed for most of their games with Frank Phillips College, but threatened numerous times to finally reel in their opponents.

At the end of the night, only the Howard men were successful in their quest, scoring seven of the last eight points in their game to take a 58-53 win at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. In the women's game, however, FPC remained just out of reach, escaping with a 63-59 win over Howard.

Howard's men improved to 13-5 overall and 1-3 in Western Junior College Athletic

Conference play with a win, while the women fell to 7-11 and 3-1 with the loss.

Men's game

What this game lacked in art, it made up for in intensity — neither team shot particularly well, more than 40 total fouls were called and there were more than 30 turnovers, but it was an exceedingly competitive contest nonetheless, with neither team managing to hold a lead of more than six points at any point.

But when it came to crunch time, the Hawks found a way to win.

"On the one hand ... We did not play very well," HC Head Coach Scott Raines said. "But if you want to look at the positives, here's what's really positive: We went 27-for-34 at the free-throw line, which

is about 80 percent, whereas, in our conference losses, we went 8-for-18 and 8-for-15, so that's real positive.

"Also, being down late, and just being able to make the right plays gave us a chance to win," Raines added. "And we played the whole game without Aleksa (Koracin, who was injured) and most of the game without Amari (McCray, who hurt his knee during the contest). So, we're going to focus on the positives. There's a lot we need to clean up, but there were some positives, as well."

The game was close throughout, but the tension was ratcheted up considerably in the final ten minutes, when the two teams traded the lead like heavyweights swapping haymakers

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Marcel Cherry, shown in action last week, scored 15 points to lead Howard College to a win Monday.

Sports calendar TODAY

Girls' basketball
Big Spring at Brownwood, 6:15 p.m.
Coahoma at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at Christoval, 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Big Spring at Brownwood, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Merkel, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Christoval, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Women's basketball
Howard College at South Plains College (Levelland), 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball
Howard College at South Plains College (Levelland), 7:30 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, call 432-263-7331, ext. 235 or email reporter@bigspringherald.com

Prescott feels pain, but shows promise for future

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott playfully tried to negotiate the length of his second meeting with reporters in less than 24 hours after experiencing the pain of a last-play loss in the NFL playoffs for the first time.

The Dallas rookie quarterback told someone to pick the maximum number of questions, and when he thought it was too high, Prescott suggested his unicorn number — four — and broke into a faint smile while everyone laughed Monday.

Prescott and fellow rookie Ezekiel Elliott, the NFL rushing champion, can understand what Tony Romo and Jason Witten have been feeling for years trying to end what is now a 21-year Super Bowl drought for a franchise with five titles.

It will be up to the young stars to make it happen after the promise they showed in a gut-wrenching 34-31 divisional playoff loss at home to Green Bay.

"It was a missed opportunity ... because

this team won't be back together, not the same team, not the same exact men and players won't be back together," said Prescott, whose 11-game winning streak kept Romo on the bench after the 10-year starter returned from a pre-season back injury.

"But for the people that will for this organization, the youth in this team, it's a building block. We're going to get better from it. We'll make plenty more runs."

The Cowboys had a replay of 2007, when they were the top seed in the NFC at 13-3 with a bye and home-field advantage before losing to the New York Giants.

The loss to the Packers was Dallas' fifth straight in the divisional round, going back to 1996, the season after their most recent Super Bowl win.

The feeling, though, might be a little more like 1991, when the Cowboys lost to Detroit in the same round and went into the offseason feeling the need to add an elite pass-rushing end. Charles Haley was



AP photo

a key part of three Super Bowl wins in four years.

The Dallas defense was mostly adequate this season working alongside a first-rate offense with one of the NFL's best offensive lines.

But the Cowboys couldn't stop Aaron Rodgers, just like two years ago when they were built similarly and lost a divisional game in a visit to Green Bay.

"I'm buoyed in the

short term more so than what happened to us in the ensuing years after '07," said owner and general manager Jerry Jones, whose Cowboys went to the playoffs once in six years after that season. "I don't think I'm being an optimist."

Things to consider as the Cowboys head into the offseason following their second NFC East title in three years, with a 4-12 record in between:

PRESCOTT'S BACK-UP: Romo is likely to be traded or released, and Mark Sanchez likely won't return after serving as the insurance policy following Romo's pre-season back injury. Kellen Moore, who was No. 2 ahead of Prescott when he broke an ankle in training camp, is an unrestricted free agent but a favorite of offensive coordinator Scott Linehan.

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NERSTONES: Prescott affirmed his status as the future starter by rallying Dallas from an 18-point deficit in the second quarter and from 15 down in the fourth against Green Bay. Prescott and Elliott have three years left on their rookie contracts — Prescott at an extreme discount for his position if his performance doesn't fade.

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Buffalo Sabres take 4-1 win over Stars

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Sabres hoped to get a spark from the return of Tyler Ennis.

They didn't expect it to happen so quickly.

Ennis scored 19 seconds into the first period and Jack Eichel had the final two goals and the Sabres defeated the Dallas Stars 4-1 on Monday.

It was Ennis' first game back after missing 30 games with a groin injury that required surgery.

"It's great to have Enzo back. He's such a skilled player and he makes everyone around him better," Eichel said. "It's awesome to see him back healthy. He adds a new dynamic to

our team."

Jake McCabe also had a goal and Robin Lehner made 31 saves after missing the past three games with an illness.

The Sabres snapped a two-game losing streak and beat the Stars for the first time in four matchups.

Radek Faksa scored for the Stars in the opener of a three-game road trip. Kari Lehtonen stopped 25 shots. Dallas has lost two in a row and six of eight.

"They jumped on us early," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said. "Their energy was a lot better in the game than ours was. That was about as slow as I've seen our team."

The Stars entered the game ranked 29th in the NHL in penalty killing, and fell behind Buffalo by allowing two power-play goals in two chances.

Dallas has killed 74.3 percent of its penalties this season. Buffalo is at 74.4 percent after the Stars didn't score on their only power play.

Benn showed his frustration late in the second period when he snapped one stick over his knee and smashed another one on the bench. Benn had three of the Stars' 12 giveaways. He has one point and is a minus-3 in three games since returning

from a lower-body injury.

"I think it's contagious and it runs through the team," Benn said. "So I definitely need to do a better job with body language and definitely my play on the ice."

Ruff noticed Benn was struggling and took him off the top line in the third period.

"It almost seemed every time he had the puck, something bad happened," said Ruff, the former Sabres coach.

Eichel gave the Sabres a 3-1 lead 7:07 into the second period when he scored from the left side

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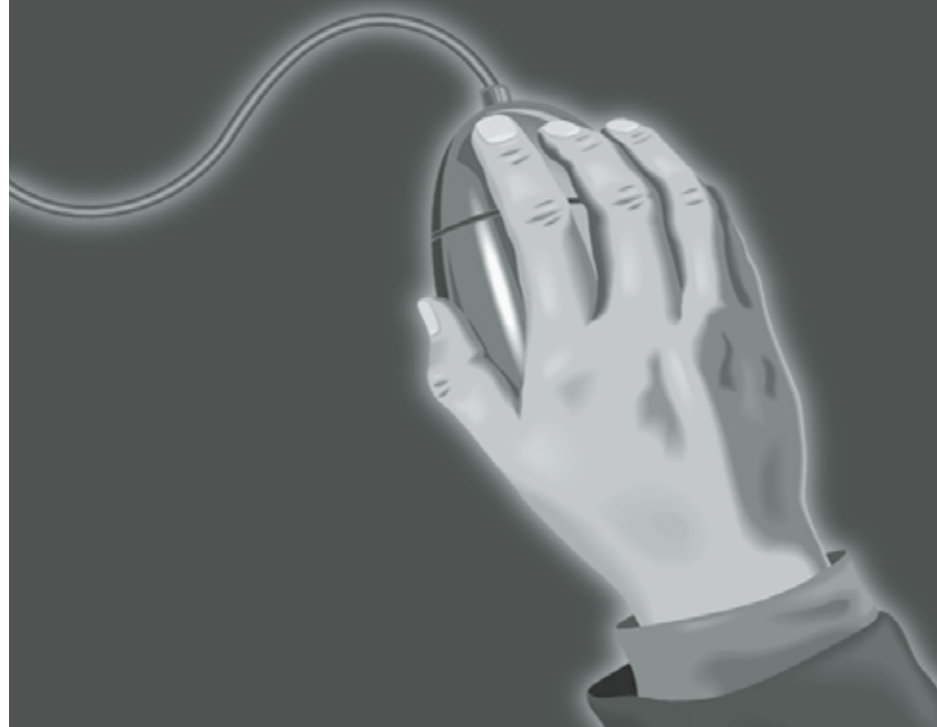
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Mars and Saturn Challenge

To anticipate the needs of another before those needs are expressed in words is to earn trust, admiration and affection in one fell swoop. On the other hand, to assume needs inaccurately and try to fulfill them will not only be perceived as overbearing; it could also start conflict. Those are the stakes as Mars and Saturn do some terse positioning.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What if you believed that there was nothing wrong with you and you don't need to improve a single thing about yourself? In that case, all efforts are optional -- a fun experiment. Any resulting benefits are a stroke of felicity!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The game is on, and there is an unconventional and imaginative prize at stake. This bit of whimsy is more motivating to you than money or validation from a VIP. For reasons you cannot explain, you simply need to win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are a lot of questions you could ask yourself to spur the situation in a better general direction. The very best question today just might be: "How can I have the most fun with this?"

CANCER (June

22-July 22). You're safe -- safer than most of humanity that has ever lived. The biggest threat to you is in how you interpret what's going on. Is it stressful? Sure. But not too stressful. It's doable. You can handle it, and you will prevail.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It really doesn't matter where the blame properly belongs. Step up, assess the situation and begin repairs. If the broken thing is a relationship, you'll be especially speedy and adept at fixing this.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your contentment generates joy in others. Your smile melts hearts. Who knew it was possible to make such a difference in the world just by being genuinely happy?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today the passion you feel for a cause or a kind of work is more powerfully energizing than romantic fervor. One action will lead to the next, and soon you'll be swept into a dizzying momentum.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even the most ordinary, worn-in topic can be made riveting by a skilled speaker, a phenomenon you'll experience today when a certain intriguing someone speaks the plainest, most sparkling words to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One source of encouragement is not enough, especially if it's a source that's very familiar to you. You need more support, and you'll get it when you branch out and tell new people

what you're up to. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone feels fragile sometimes. When it's them, you have compassion, telling them to take it easy. Do the same when it's you. Sure, you're tougher than most, but you are also every bit as deserving of compassion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). How can you feel more at ease in a situation? Part of it is just getting to know people better. It takes time, and it's worth it. When you're comfortable, the charisma kicks in. You get 'em laughing and loving you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In the case of public praise, it's good to know you're appreciated. On the other hand, acknowledgement can kindle unexpected feelings in you, such as embarrassment. For this reason you're driven to do low-key or anonymous work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Jan. 17). Your best strategy is to come up with one single goal for the year. Commit yourself and tell everyone. The more public pressure the better. Next month brings a wealth of helpful people. In June you will be called by the energy of a place; opportunities await. Your family will grow in the late summer. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 29, 47 and 8.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:

"I have lived in the same small town for 35 years -- all of my life. Because of my husband's work, we have moved to a new city that is 2,000 miles away. I definitely don't fit in here. Many neighbors

came by to introduce themselves, but I must have said the wrong things, because they didn't come back. My husband says that all I do is complain about how things are here and how much better they were at home. How can a Cancer make new friends?"

The onus is on you to get to know people, and it will take some effort to break in. Your current attitude will make it difficult for you, though. No one wants to hear disparaging comments about the place where they live, nor do they want to hear how much better it is somewhere else. Cancer people are generally homebodies, and you need to feel secure in your environment in order to get the social juices flowing. First order of business: Make the inside of your home a safe haven to you. Attitude exercise: As you run the necessary errands around town to get your house in order, note all of the things about this new city you might enjoy if you let yourself.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

First lady Michelle Obama is a dedicated Capricorn with her natal communication planet, Mercury, in the conventional sign of the sea goat as well. As a counter, her moon, Mars and Saturn are in forward-thinking Aquarius, the sign of hope, tomorrow and shaking things up. These strong Capricorn and Aquarius influences indicate the ability to facilitate change using traditional channels.

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BLEEP BUTTON: Normally stoic coach Jason Garrett accidentally blurted out most of an expletive in his final news conference of the season Monday when he got a little excited talking about the competitive nature of Elliott, who debuted with 1,631 yards and 15 touchdowns. "I think we have a lot of young players on our football team, who we consider to be cornerstone, foundational-type players," Garrett said later.

DEFENSIVE REINFORCEMENTS: Linebacker Jaylon Smith, the 2016 second-round pick who wasn't expected to play his rookie season after injuring a knee in his final game at Notre Dame, should finally get a chance to test the recovery. The Cowboys hope he's the middle linebacker of the future. Cornerback is a question again with Brandon Carr and Morris Claiborne going into free agency five years after Dallas acquired both.

OLD MAN WITTEN: Witten is entering the final year of the tight end's deal after finally catching his first postseason touchdown and figures to be back for a 15th season. "I'm proud of these guys," Witten said. "A lot of them are young. For them to play that way, it's not easy to do. There's a lot of things to build on moving forward."

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— seven times in that stretch, the teams were tied or the lead changed hands.

But, stretching the boxing analogy further, the Hawks were finally able to deliver the knockout punch — or at least earn a TKO.

Howard was finally able to grab the lead for good with 1:57 remaining on a lay-up and free throw from Marcel Cherry, who somehow wove his way through a tangle of larger defenders for the basket.

FPC cut the lead to one point on an Anthony Stove free throw with 46 seconds left, but Howard went 4-for-4 from the line in the final few seconds — two free throws each from KJ Riley and Dante Scott — to finally secure the win.

"You're just thinking, if we can just get a couple of clean defensive rebounds on their end,

we can come down and someone will find a way to get it in the basket, which we did," Raines said. "We got out in transition, and we made our free throws there at the end ... They were resilient, and a lot of guys made plays for us there at the end."

Cherry led all scorers with 15 points, while Srdjan Budimir added 14 for the Hawks. Stove had 14 points and Milijia Cosic 11 for the Plainsmen, who fell to 11-7 and 0-4 with the loss.

The Hawks return to action Thursday in Levelland against No. 1-ranked South Plains. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Women's game

Like their counterparts on the men's team, the Howard women spent much of Monday's game in stalking tiger mode, constantly whittling away at Frank Phillips' lead. Unlike the men's team, however, Howard was unable to come out on the right

UConn stays atop AP women's poll

The Associated Press

Fresh off its record-breaking 91st consecutive victory, UConn remained the No. 1 team in The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday.

The Huskies (16-0) routed SMU on Saturday to better their own NCAA mark and stay the unanimous choice atop the poll. They garnered all 33 votes from the national media panel Monday. The play at Tulsa on Tuesday before hosting Tulane on

Sunday.

Baylor, Maryland, Mississippi State and South Carolina followed the Huskies as the first five teams were unchanged.

The Gamecocks will face UConn on Feb. 13 in a game that could have the Huskies going for a 100th consecutive victory, but South Carolina has a huge conference matchup first against undefeated Mississippi State (18-0) on Jan. 23. That game could go a long way in deciding the SEC regular-season

title.

Notre Dame, Florida State, Washington, Louisville and Stanford round out the top 10. The Irish played Tennessee on Monday night.

Texas and UCLA both had the biggest jump in the poll, moving up four spots each to 12 and 13. West Virginia dropped the most, falling six places to No. 24.

Swoopes headlines Hall finalists

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

— Sheryl Swoopes headlines the 12 finalists for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

The list was announced Monday. The six-member class of 2017 will be revealed Feb. 12 and enshrined this summer.

Swoopes was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame last fall. She starred at Texas Tech and in the WNBA. Swoopes also won three Olympic gold medals for the U.S.

STARS

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of the net on a power play. It was Eichel's first goal in five games.

He scored again into an empty net with 9.3 seconds left for his third two-goal game of the season.

Buffalo built a 2-0 lead in the first 13 minutes.

Ennis took the first shot of the game and beat Lehtonen with a wrist shot from the right circle.

"I got a goal early, but I was still pretty rusty," Ennis said. "I can play a lot

better. There's still an extra step, a little more pop in my skating."

McCabe got his first goal of the season on a power play with 7:26 remaining in the first when he intercepted Benn's clearing pass and took a slap shot from the high slot.

Buffalo's Taylor Fedun had a goal disallowed prior to the power play when it was ruled that Lehtonen touched the puck after a delayed penalty on Faksa for hooking.

Faksa poked in the rebound off Jiri Hudler's slap shot that hit the post to make it 2-1 with 4:46 remain-

ing in the first period.

The Stars appeared to tie the game 1:38 into the second period when Patrick Eaves tipped in Stephen Johns' long shot. But Sabres coach Dan Bylsma successfully challenged that Eaves was offside.

NOTES: Eichel set career highs with 10 shots on goal and 13 faceoff wins. The Sabres are 6-0-1 this season when Eichel scores. ... Sam Reinhart assisted on Eichel's goal and has 13 points in his past 13 games. ... Stars D Jamie Oleksiak missed his third straight game with a hand injury. ... Buffalo recalled F Cal

O'Reilly from the minors on Saturday. O'Reilly entered the lineup in place of Nicolas Deslauriers (healthy scratch). ... The Stars allowed a goal on each of the first three shots in Saturday's 5-4 loss to Minnesota. They are 3-13-5 when allowing the first goal this season. ... The Sabres have won their past five games against Western Conference teams. ... Both teams played the first game of a back-to-back.

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News in brief

Tiffany feels the Trump effect on 5th Avenue

NEW YORK (AP) — Security barricades, protesters and a perpetual media encampment in and around Trump Tower since the election tarnished sales at Tiffany, the posh jeweler whose flagship store is just steps from the president-elect's front door. Tiffany said Tuesday that sales at its store on Manhattan's 5th Avenue tumbled 14 percent in November and December, compared with the same period last year, partly due to "post-election traffic disruptions."

Tiffany & Co. has been under pressure more broadly, however, and overall sales in the Americas declined by 4 percent.

Shares of the New York retailer slid 3 percent at the opening bell.

Soldiers, police open fire as Ivory Coast unrest continues

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Hooded soldiers cruised through the streets of Ivory Coast's capital, Yamoussoukro, on Tuesday firing their weapons in the air, and military police in multiple cities opened fire, witnesses said. The violence suggested the government had failed to end unrest that began Jan. 6 when some soldiers mutinied over low pay.

Both the soldiers and military police were demanding hefty bonuses similar to those the government agreed to give the mutineers last week, according to an expert on the Ivorian army who was in contact with the soldiers.

The mutiny that began in the country's second-largest city, Bouake, was staged by former rebels who backed President Alassane Ouattara in a 2011 postelection conflict that claimed more than 3,000 lives. Among the mutineers' demands were bonuses of nearly \$20,000 for more than 8,000 fighters.

On Friday, the mutineers said the government had agreed to pay them, and at least some soldiers in Bouake began receiving bank transfers Monday and Tuesday. The government has said only that a deal was reached, declining to confirm specifics.

The violence in Yamoussoukro began Monday night when soldiers raid-

ed an armory at a training academy, according to the expert, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to describe his conversations with the soldiers.

He said those soldiers were also former rebels but that they were not included in the deal reached Friday.

The soldiers' initial gunfire in Yamoussoukro lasted about 20 minutes, said resident Charly Bagnon. "There were shots, and now the traders have gone. They've closed up their shops in the city center," Bagnon said.

In Bouake, meanwhile, soldiers encircled a military police post after policemen fired their weapons, said a military police official who insisted on anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Wal-Mart to add about 10,000 retail jobs in the US

NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-Mart plans to add about 10,000 retail jobs in the U.S. as it opens new stores and expands existing locations.

The world's biggest retailer said Tuesday that there will also be about 24,000 construction jobs generated by its expansion plans.

There will be 59 new, expanded and relocated Walmart and Sam's Clubs locations, according to Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

The company plans \$6.8 billion in capital investments in the U.S. in the coming fiscal year, which begins on Feb. 1. The investments include construction and remodeling of stores, clubs and distribution centers, and the expansion of new services such as online grocery pickup.

Wal-Mart currently has 11,593 stores in 28 countries. The Bentonville, Arkansas, company has continued to pour money into its e-commerce and improving its stores. The chain saw its online sales improve in the third-quarter and profit beat Wall Street's expectations. It also raised the low end of its full-year profit outlook.

Last week Amazon announced that it would add 100,000 full-time jobs over the next 18 months. Amazon said Thursday its U.S. workforce has grown from 30,000 in 2011, to more than 180,000 by the end of this year.

Bearden and Mize to wed



Special to the Herald

Kenny and Karen Bearden of Big Spring are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Krysha Lee Bearden, to Jason Paul Mize. Mize is the son of Paul Mize and the late Sue Mize of Big Spring.

Krysha is a 2000 graduate of Forsan High School and attended SWCID, graduating in 2007 with an Interpreter Training Program associate's degree. She also attended Howard College, graduating in 2013 with an LVN degree. Krysha is currently employed at the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care as the wound care nurse.

Jason graduated from Big Spring High School in 1992 and is currently employed as a sergeant at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Preston E. Smith Unit in Lamesa.

The couple plan to wed this Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, at 5 p.m. at "The Courtyard" event center in Big Spring, Texas.

By comparison, Walmart employs about 2.4 million people worldwide, including 1.5 million in the U.S.

Airport shooting suspect back in court for bail hearing

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The man suspected of fatally shooting five people and wounding six others at a Florida airport is due back in federal court.

A hearing is set for Tuesday morning in Fort Lauderdale on whether

26-year-old Esteban Santiago could be released on bail. Prosecutors have said they want Santiago held in custody until trial. Santiago could get the death penalty if convicted of federal airport violence and firearms charges that resulted in death. He's accused of a Jan. 6 shooting rampage at a Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport baggage claim area. The FBI says that after Santiago flew from Anchorage, Alaska, to Fort Lauderdale, he took a 9mm handgun out of a checked gun box, loaded it in a bathroom and emerged firing. Santiago has yet to enter a plea.

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