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Interim superintendent named at Big Spring ISD

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

After much deliberation at Monday night's meeting the Big Spring Independent School District school board named Johnny Tubb as the district's new interim superintendent.

Tubb retired from Grady ISD in 2011 where he held the position of superintendent and business manager for 17 years. After leaving Grady ISD, he worked as an adjunct professor at Wayland

Baptist University and then later went on to serve as interim superintendent for Glasscock County ISD and Dawson ISD, as well as interim assistant superintendent at Coahoma ISD.

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to

lead Big Spring ISD for the near future," said Tubb. "I would like to thank the board of education for entrusting me to continue the good work that has been done during Chris Wigington's tenure as superintendent.

"As we continue to strive to improve each campus's performance and overall district improvement, I hope to bring the strength, stability, and support necessary to obtain these goals," he continued. "On a personal note, I

look forward to renewing the many friendships with staff, friends, and colleagues as I return to an area where I have spent most of my career."

Tubb will take on the role of superintendent for the remainder of the current school year.

After serving a five year term, Chris Wigington recently stepped down as superintendent at BSISD. If voted in by the Bushland ISD school board on Dec. 7, Wig-

ington will begin his term Jan. 9, 2018. BSISD has about 4,000 students, compared to 1,500 at Bushland ISD.

Additional items on the agenda included:

- Donation by baseball booster club- the club raised money last year through fundraisers and money will be given back to the baseball program. \$1,765 will go toward the purchase of a self-standing storage room. \$4,085.87 will go toward

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Tubb

UBS to host blood drive Friday

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

United Blood Services will be back in Howard County this Friday Dec. 1, collecting blood from donors, with a goal of trying to maintain an adequate source of blood for the holidays to come for those at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"December is one of the most difficult months of the year for United Blood Services to maintain a reasonable supply of lifesaving blood to save the lives of hospital patients," said Stacie King of United Blood Services. "Most blood shortages happen during or after major holidays, traveling with all the snow."

With two major holidays drawing near, Christmas and New Year's, the blood supply drops down dramatically, and the only thing that will help are people willing to give back and donate blood that will help save lives.

"We are calling volunteers to donate at the City of Big Spring blood drive on Friday, December 1st between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.," said King. "The blood drive will be at Council Chambers located at 307 E. Fourth, next to the City Hall."

The United Blood Services is a nonprofit community blood center that provides blood and blood products for local area hospitals throughout the United States.

Donors who participate will be given the opportunity to receive rewards for donating. Donors will be given a "mini physical" before giving blood. Before donating, donors first have to complete a quick physical that measures your temperature, pulse, blood pressure, and hemoglobin levels. After the donor's blood is collected, it is sent off to a lab where it will undergo 13 different tests for infectious diseases, like HIV and West Nile virus. If anything comes back positive, you'll be notified immediately. If you decide to donate, here are few little tips to remember before giving blood.

"Always make sure to hydrate and drink plenty of fluids on the day of your donation," said King. "And wear clothing that's comfortable, with sleeves that can easily be rolled up above the elbow."

To schedule your lifesaving donation appointment call Stacie King at: 264-2347, or 877-UBS-HERO that's (877-827-4376) use code: COB. Or go online to www.bloodhero.com and enter code: COB

Donors will receive a holiday t-shirt, 700 additional HERO points that can be redeemed in the online store for an Amazon gift card, Sonic coupon

Lighting up for Christmas



Paul's Custom PCs is all decked out for the holidays. The store, located at 1911 Scurry, will be hosting a free parade watch for the Big Spring Herald's Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2, as well as hosting an open house for patrons to view his Christmas displays inside his shop.

Paul's PCs to host parade watch, holiday open house

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

It isn't quite December 1 yet but one of the most festive men in Big Spring is already decking the halls and lighting up for Ole' Saint Nick.

Paul of Paul's Custom PCs has lit up the outside and inside of his building for the holidays and is inviting the community to come celebrate the holidays with him this weekend during the Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade.

"All season long you can come and see a large, nice Christmas light display," said Paul. "In addition to the lights outside, we are

going to allow those who are interested to tour the inside. Every room on the inside is lit and decorated."

Paul will have free, curbside seating for the public to view the annual Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade this Saturday.

According to Paul, he will have seating available but the public can also bring their own lawn chairs if desired. The inside tours of Paul's Custom PCs will be available one hour before the parade begins and one hour after the parade ends.

"We are going to provide parking behind in the back so they don't have to go through the mess out

front," explained Paul. "You can park on both sides of 20th between Main and Scurry and we will allow those who want to take part in the open house tour to come through underneath the carport. After they take the tour, they can go on straight through the front door right into the parade seating."

Paul's Custom PCs parade watch and Christmas lighting tours are free of charge and open to the public. The open house will begin at 4:30 p.m., Dec. 2 and will also be open an hour after the parade ends. The Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

Bali volcano spits ash 2 1/2 miles in the sky, airport closed

By **FIRDIA LISNAWATI and MARGIE MASON**
 Associated Press

KARANGASEM, Indonesia (AP) — A volcano with a deadly history continued to erupt Tuesday on Bali, one of the world's most popular resort islands, spitting ash 4,000 meters (2 1/2 miles) high and stranding tens of thousands of tourists for a second day. Lava was welling in its crater, but it remained unclear how bad the eruption might get or how long it could last.

Authorities have raised the alert for Mount Agung to the highest level and told 100,000 people to leave

an area extending 10 kilometers (6 miles) from its crater as it belches grey and white plumes into the sky. Its last major eruption in 1963 killed about 1,100 people.

Officials extended the closure of Bali's international airport for another 24 hours due to concerns that jet engines could choke on the thick volcanic ash, which was moving across the island.

Tourists waiting for planes stared

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Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



Carrie says "Only 27 Days 'til Christmas!"
 (Carrie Harvell, Circulation Assistant)

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **SABRINA BURLESON**, 49, of 4027 S. Seventh St. Apt. #2 in Abilene was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **LAQUITA LASHAY GRAY**, 39, no address given, was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$100)/shoplifting.
- **ALYSSA LUERA**, 24, of 101 Jefferson was arrested on warrants for disregarding a stop sign.
- **STEVEN AGUIRRE**, 41, of 1514 Mesquite St. was arrested on warrants for speeding and ex-

pired registration.

- **SONIA MICHELLE BARLOW**, 38, of 4215 Parkway was arrested on warrants for expired registration and driving with an invalid license; and on another outstanding warrant.
- **CODY WAYNE ROBERTSON**, 34, of 3310 Bedford Apt. #2 in Midland was arrested on a charge of prohibited weapon (knuckles).
- **STEVEN DWAYNE RICH**, 39, of 503 W. Leatherwood was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of West Inter-

state 20.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20 and the 400 block of South Young.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 6300 block of East Midway Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1000 block of Northwest Third Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of South Johnson Street.

Take Note

teer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

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

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• 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, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volun-

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• 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.

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries

Viron T. Hartin

Viron T. Hartin 86, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- **STEVEN AGUIRRE**, 41, was booked by BSPD on warrants for speeding and expired registration.
- **SONIA MICHELLE BARLOW**, 38, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram); and on warrants for expired registration and driving with an invalid license.
- **SABRINA ANN BURLESON**, 49, was booked by BSPD on a bondsman off bond warrant for theft of property (\$20 to \$500) by check.
- **LAQUITA LASHAY GRAY**, 39, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$100)/shoplifting.
- **ALYSSA LUERA**, 24, was booked by BSPD on warrants for disregarding a stop sign.
- **JUAN IGNACIO OCHOA**, 47, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **STEVEN DWAYNE RICH**, 39, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **CODY WAYNE ROBERTSON**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a charge of prohibited weapon (knuckles).

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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BALI

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at information screens reading "canceled" for every flight. Airport spokesman Ari Ahsanurrohim said more than 440 flights were canceled Tuesday, affecting nearly 60,000 passengers, about the same as Monday. Without aircraft, getting in or out of Bali requires traveling hours by land and boat to an airport on another island.

"I don't know, we can't change it," said stranded German traveler Gina Camp, who planned to go back outside and enjoy another day on the island, which attracts about 5 million visitors a

year to its famed resorts and world-class surf spots. "It's nature and we have to wait until it's over."

Experts said a larger, explosive eruption is possible or Agung could stay at its current level of activity for weeks.

"If it got much worse, it would be really hard to think of. You've got a huge population center, nearly a million people in Denpasar and surroundings, and it's very difficult to envision moving those people further away," said Richard Arculus, a volcano expert at Australian National University, adding that an eruption in 1843 was even more explosive than the one in 1963.

"There are many examples in history where you have this kind of seismic buildup — steam ejections of a little bit of ash, growing eruptions of ash to a full-scale stratosphere-reaching column of ash, which can presage a major volcanic event," he said.

A NASA satellite detected a thermal anomaly at the crater, said senior Indonesian volcanologist Gede Swantika. That means a pathway from the storage chamber in the volcano's crust has opened, giving magma easier access to the surface.

Indonesian officials first raised the highest alert two months ago when a rash of seismic activity was detected at the mountain. More

than 100,000 people living near the volcano fled their homes, many abandoning their livestock or selling them for a fraction of the normal price. The seismic activity decreased by the end of October, causing authorities to lower the alert level.

Tremors increased again last week and officials upped the alert and ordered another large-scale evacuation, with nearly 40,000 people now staying in 225 shelters, according to the Disaster Mitigation Agency in Karangasem. But tens of thousands of villagers have remained in their homes because they feel safe or don't want to abandon their farms and livestock.

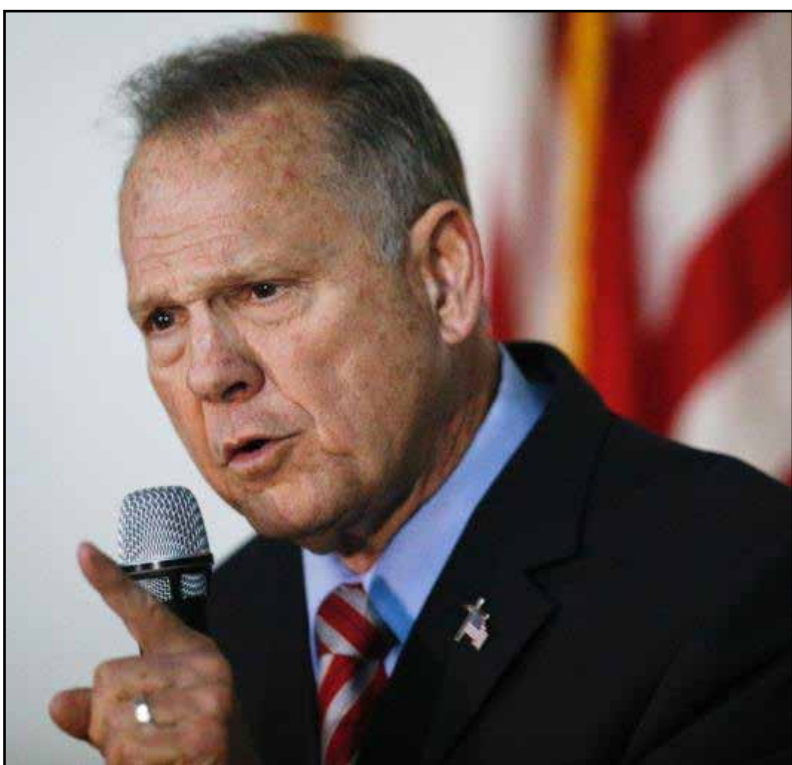
"Ash has covered my house on the floor, walls, banana trees outside, everywhere," said Wayan Lanus, who fled his village in Buana Giri with his wife and daughter.

Flows of volcanic mud have been spotted on Agung's slopes, and Arculus warned more are possible since it's the rainy season on Bali.

"They're not making a lot of noise. It's just suddenly coming like a flash flood out of nowhere," he said. "You do not want to be near them. Stay out of the valleys."

Indonesia sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" and has more than 120 active volcanoes.

Trump tries to play both sides in Alabama Senate race



AP photo

Former Alabama Chief Justice and U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore speaks at a campaign rally, Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, in Henagar, Ala.

By ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Playing all sides in the Alabama Senate race, President Donald Trump has made it known he won't set foot in the state on behalf of embattled Republican Roy Moore, even as he intensified his insistence that voters must never elect Moore's Democratic foe.

In search of safe political ground, Trump is embracing a tried-and-true tactic before the Dec. 12 special election. Weighing political needs, loyalty to his base supporters and his own struggles against allegations of sexual impropriety, the president is staking out a position that should bring him the least political exposure.

Trump has repeatedly assailed Democratic candidate Doug Jones, has publicly defended Moore against allegations of child molesta-

tion and has broken with other GOP leaders calling on Moore to get out of the race. On the other hand, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Monday the president has no plans for an in-person appearance on Moore's behalf and in fact is too busy to "do anything between now and Election Day" for the candidate.

In addition, the president previously signed off on a decision by the Republican National Committee to cut off support for Moore's campaign.

Still, Trump had held the door open to personal campaigning for Moore last week, when he all but endorsed the pugnacious conservative's candidacy while criticizing Jones. But he's carefully stopping short of that actual endorsement.

For weeks the center state in the Alabama race has been held by

accusations that Moore, now 70, sexually molested or initiated sexual contact with two teens, ages 14 and 16 — and tried to date several others — while he was in his 30s. Moore has denied the allegations of misconduct and has said he never dated "underage" women.

"This is simply dirty politics and it's a sign of the immorality of our time," Moore said Monday night during a campaign event in the rural town of Henagar in northeast Alabama.

Lashing out at national Republicans who want him to step aside, Moore said: "They are aware of my past. They are aware I am difficult to manage."

Trump has been burned in this race before. He traveled to Alabama months ago to back Moore's Republican primary opponent, Sen. Luther Strange, who was then defeated in a September rout.

Moore had the backing of the GOP's conservative and populist wings, including Trump's former chief strategist, Steve Bannon, but Trump acceded to requests from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to try to boost Strange. Trump later seethed to White House aides that the episode left him looking politically weak.

Also, appearing with

Moore now could expose Trump to a politically unpalatable image as allegations of sexual misconduct in politics, entertainment, business and the media fill the news. As he looks toward his own re-election in 2020, he doesn't want new attention focused on his own accusations of sexual impropriety in the waning days of the 2016 presidential election.

The White House clarified Monday that Trump isn't contesting the authenticity of the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape in which he bragged about sexually assaulting women, and for which he issued a rare apology.

"The president hasn't changed his position," Sanders said.

In the meantime, the president is determined not to alienate his core supporters — many of whom continue to defend Moore — at a time when his presidential popularity is lagging and his agenda faces headwinds in Congress. The outcome in Alabama could be crucial in the ongoing GOP fight for a tax overhaul, since a victory by Democrat Jones would narrow the Republicans' Senate majority to a mere two seats.

Trump bashed Jones repeatedly on Twitter over the weekend. "The last thing we need in Alabama and the U.S. Senate is a Schumer/Pelosi puppet who is WEAK on Crime, WEAK on the Border, Bad for our Military and our great Vets, Bad for our 2nd Amendment, AND WANTS TO RAISES TAXES TO THE SKY," Trump wrote from Florida, referring to Democratic congressional leaders Chuck Schum-

er and Nancy Pelosi.

Moore's campaign quickly highlighted Trump's comments on social media and in a fundraising email.

"President Trump calls them like he sees them. And, he's got my opponents in D.C. scrambling," Moore wrote

Jones, speaking to reporters in Birmingham, shrugged off Trump's criticisms, saying his vote in the Senate would not be a partisan one. He said Alabama residents are focused on issues such as the economy, education and health care.

"My record speaks for itself," Jones said. "I think I am very strong on the issues that the people of Alabama care for."

Earlier in the month, the Republican National Committee pulled roughly a dozen paid staffers out of Alabama as the allegations of sexual misconduct against Moore piled up. Republicans involved in that decision said Monday they would be angry if Trump ordered the committee to re-engage, although there was no such discussion underway as of Monday afternoon.

Opposition to Moore hadn't softened at the National Republican Senatorial Committee either. The Senate GOP campaign arm turned its back on Moore earlier in the month, and its chairman, Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado, said his Republican colleagues should expel Moore from the Senate if he's ultimately elected.

Alabama's other senator, Republican Richard Shelby, said Monday he didn't vote for Moore. "I voted absentee. I didn't vote for him. I voted for a distinguished Republican write-in," Shelby told reporters, according to The Hill newspaper.

Some Washington-based Republicans on Monday suggested they actually would welcome an opportunity to expel Moore if it comes to that. Such an action could mark "a public cleansing" for the party as it struggles with low approval ratings ahead of the 2018 midterms, said one Republican official who was not authorized to speak publicly about the Alabama race and commented only on condition of anonymity.

There was still pressure for Trump to step in in person.

Said former Trump campaign adviser Sam Nunberg: "It's his choice. Does he want to be the first president in two decades not to have two Republican senators from Alabama?"

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and free sandwich coupon from McDonald's. Snacks and water and juice will be provided for donors be served.

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Miguel Bencomo, 23, died Nov. 22. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Kelly Jean Long, 66, died Nov. 22. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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materials needed to close the batting cage in during winter months, roll-up doors. Motion

was approved by the board.

Consider approval of budget amendment for school improvement and function 32 - local budget. Proposal to amend local budget in

two parts. The first part was for school improvement (\$140,000) and second is for part-time truancy officer (\$40,000). Motion was approved by the board.

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House panel to weigh bill expanding gun rights

By **MATTHEW DALY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans moved forward on legislation to expand gun owners' rights, the first gun-related measure since mass shootings in Las Vegas and Texas killed more than 80 people.

The Judiciary Committee is scheduled to vote Wednesday on a National Rifle Association-supported bill that would allow a gun owner with a state-issued concealed carry permit to carry a handgun in any state that allows concealed weapons.

The reciprocity measure would allow gun owners to travel freely between states without worrying about conflicting state laws or "onerous" civil suits, said Rep. Richard Hudson, R-N.C., the bill's sponsor.

The Judiciary panel also is expected to consider legislation to strengthen the FBI database of prohibited gun buyers after the Air Force failed to report the criminal history of the gunman who slaughtered more than two dozen people at a Texas church.

Despite calls by Democrats for tighter gun control, Congress has taken no steps on guns in the weeks following the Oct. 1 shooting in Las Vegas that killed 58 people and the Nov. 5 shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

A bid to ban the "bump stock" device that the Las Vegas shooter used to fire a semi-automatic rifle at near-automatic rates fizzled, even as lawmakers from both parties expressed openness to the idea in the days following the shooting.

Senators from both parties, including the Senate's No. 2 Republican, John Cornyn of Texas, support the background check measure, which would ensure that federal agencies, such as the Defense Department, and states ac-

curately report relevant criminal information to the FBI.

The Air Force has acknowledged that the Texas shooter, Devin P. Kelley, should have had his name and domestic violence conviction submitted to the National Criminal Information Center database. The bill would penalize federal agencies that fail to properly report required records and reward states that comply by providing them with federal grant preferences.

House Speaker Paul Ryan said the Texas shooting showed the need to enforce current gun laws.

"This man should not have gotten a gun," Ryan, R-Wis., said earlier this month. "How is it that this person, who was convicted of domestic abuse by the Air Force, how did he get through the system and get a gun?"

President Donald Trump said tougher gun laws would not have prevented the Texas shooting, arguing that more restrictions might have led to more casualties.

After the Las Vegas shooting, Trump and White House aides said it was inappropriate to consider a policy response while people were still grieving. Despite suggesting openness to outlawing the bump stock device, the Trump administration has shown no signs of urgency.

Any action on gun control or background check would be notable. Previous mass shootings in Colorado, Connecticut, and Florida — and even attacks on lawmakers — failed to unite Congress on a legislative response. A bipartisan bill on background checks failed in the Senate four years ago, and since then Republicans have usually pointed to mental health legislation when questioned about the appropriate congressional response to gun violence.

Advocates say Texas exploiting day laborers after Harvey



AP photo

In this Oct. 5, 2017 photo, Guillermo Miranda Vazquez, right, speaks to Francisco Pacheco, left, an organizer surveying day laborers about their work conditions in Houston. Vazquez starts his day in a parking lot near the Home Depot where he easily finds work alongside other day laborers who are cleaning up Houston after Hurricane Harvey.

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Guillermo Miranda Vazquez starts his day in a parking lot near the Home Depot where he easily finds work alongside other day laborers who are cleaning up Houston after Hurricane Harvey.

Some days, he clears rotted drywall and hauls out furniture and carpet destroyed by Harvey's floodwaters. Other days, he chops fallen trees or helps to lay the foundations for new homes. He ventures daily into homes wearing a T-shirt, work pants and tennis shoes, often while surrounded by the pungent stench and raw sewage that flowed into homes during the flooding.

"I always wash and scrub myself, and I use alcohol or something similar so that I don't get infected," said Miranda, a native of Guatemala. "I haven't gotten sick yet."

Hundreds of day laborers like Miranda have quietly become an integral part of the recovery from Harvey, toiling in dangerous conditions amid the fear of being picked up by immigration authorities.

Harvey damaged

or destroyed 200,000 homes and flooded much of Houston and smaller coastal communities with record amounts of rain and high winds. In a construction industry that already had labor shortages before the storm, it created a massive demand for the kind of work that day laborers have long performed after hurricanes and tropical storms.

Day laborers interviewed by The Associated Press said they've been hired by a mix of individual homeowners, work crews from out of state, and subcontractors working on residential and commercial buildings. Mostly immigrants, they operate in plain sight, gathering early in the morning in parking lots near construction stores and gas sta-

tions, and waiting to be offered work.

Advocates from the National Day Laborer Organizing Network recently fanned out to these sites with pens and clipboards to survey the workers about the conditions they're experiencing. Interviews suggested most are routinely exposed to mold and contamination, and aren't aware of legal protections they have even if they're not in the country legally. Advocates have been passing out flyers with information and holding worker trainings.

About a quarter of the more than 350 workers surveyed said they had been denied wages promised for cleanup work after Harvey, sometimes by employers who abandoned them at work sites after they had completed a

job, according to a report on the survey by Nik Theodore, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Around 85 percent had not received safety training.

More than 70 percent of the day laborers are in the U.S. illegally, some of them having previously been deported, the survey found. Their wages have stayed at around \$100 a day, according to the survey, though some individual laborers said they were being paid more after the hurricane.

The problems they face have cropped up after every major recent storm. Day laborers were an integral part of Houston's rebuilding after Hurricane Ike in 2008 and more recent

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California lawmaker resigns following misconduct allegations

By JONATHAN J. COOPER

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra resigned Monday following multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, making him the first lawmaker to leave office amid a spate of reports rocking the state Capitol.

The Los Angeles Democrat had previously said he wouldn't seek re-election and would leave office at the end of the next legislative session. But on Monday, Bocanegra said that he's decided to leave immediately following reflection over the Thanksgiving weekend and conversations with family, friends and supporters. Multiple women have accused him of kissing or groping them without consent.

In a statement released by his office, Bocanegra said he'd hoped he could clear his name.

"But clearly, the principle of 'innocent until proven guilty' has been temporarily lost in a hurricane of political opportunism among the self-righteous in my case - to the detriment of both the accuser and the accused," he wrote.

"While I am not guilty of any such crimes," he added, "I am admittedly not perfect."

Meanwhile, the Senate Rules Committee voted Monday to remove Sen. Tony Mendoza, another Los Angeles-area Democrat, as chair of the Insurance, Banking and Financial Institutions Committee following allegations of inappropriate behavior toward young women who worked for him. He is accused of inviting one woman over to his home, offering another alcohol when she was 19, and repeatedly holding one-on-one meetings with another over dinner or drinks.

His behavior with two of the women was formally reported. Mendoza has denied offering a staff member alcohol and otherwise said wouldn't knowingly abuse his authority.

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, who shared a Sacramento home with Mendoza until recently, has called Mendoza's behavior deeply troubling but hasn't called on him to resign. He left the committee meeting without commenting. A separate Senate panel will meet Tuesday to interview outside firms to take over all of the Senate's misconduct investigations, including the one into Mendoza. Fellow Democrats Sen. Toni Atkins of San Diego and Connie Leyva of Chino also left without commenting.

Allegations against Bocanegra first came to light last month, when legislative staff member Elise Gyore said she had reported him to Assembly investigators in 2009, when both were staff members, after he stalked her around a nightclub and put his hands down her blouse at an after-work event. He was told to stay away from her but documents do not indicate that he was otherwise disciplined by the Assembly Rules Committee.

The Los Angeles Times reported last week that Bocanegra is accused of groping or kissing numerous women without their consent over a period of



AP photo

In this Thursday, May 4, 2017, file photo, Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, D-Pacoima speaks at the Capitol, in Sacramento, Calif. Bocanegra is resigning immediately following multiple allegations of sexual misconduct. Legislative staffer Elise Flynn Gyore says Bocanegra put his hands inside her blouse at an after-work event at a Sacramento nightclub in 2009. Both were legislative staff members at the time.

years, even after he was reprimanded for his behavior toward Gyore in 2009.

Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon had said he would expel Bocanegra if an investigator verifies the new allegations.

"Raul Bocanegra's resignation underscores the seriousness of the allegations against him," Rendon said in a statement. "One resignation, however, does not solve the problem."

An Assembly panel is scheduled to meet Tuesday for the first in a series of public hearings aimed at improving a Capitol culture that women say allows sexual misconduct to go unchecked. The panel is tasked with evaluating the Assembly's policies and recommending ways to strengthen them.

More than 150 women who work in

and around the Capitol — including lawmakers, advisers, lobbyists and political consultants — signed a letter that has pointed a spotlight at what they called a culture of harassment.

Bocanegra was a veteran legislative aide and was seen as a rising star when he was elected to the Assembly in 2012. He lost to a fellow Democrat, Patty Lopez, two years later before defeating her in 2016. He was the majority whip, a mid-level leadership post in the 80-member Assembly.

Bocanegra will be replaced in a special election. Bocanegra's resignation temporarily leaves Assembly Democrats one vote shy of a supermajority. They are set to gain it back after a special election in December to replace former Assemblyman Jimmy Gomez, who is now in Congress.

Shoppers take to their phones for Cyber Monday deals

By JOSEPH PISANI

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Weeks of deals didn't stop people from heading online to shop on the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Cyber Monday is on track to becoming the biggest U.S. online shopping day ever, according to Adobe Analytics, the research arm of software maker Adobe. By 10 a.m. Eastern time, \$840 million had been spent online, up nearly 17 percent from a year ago, Adobe said. And more people are picking up their phones to shop: Web traffic from mobile devices, including tablets, is expected to top desktop computers for the first

time this year, Adobe said.

When Frank Yanover browsed Amazon's Cyber Monday deals through his phone, he wasn't looking for anything in particular. But he spent \$300 on a Vitamix blender that he had eyed before, which he said was a \$200 discount.

"I never bought it because it was so expensive," said Yanover, who is retired and lives in Hollywood, Florida.

Over the holiday weekend, he bought an iPad from Best Buy through his phone and then picked it up at a store. And using his voice-activated Echo, he bought Amazon's \$30 Echo Dot for his bedroom, which

was \$20 off.

Others seem to be doing the same. The Echo Dot was the top-selling electronic item on Amazon, followed by the Fire TV. Board games, Fingerlings and Legos were best-sellers in Amazon's toy section.

Over at eBay, one \$745 Apple MacBook Air was sold every five seconds, the company said. And J.C. Penney said its top-selling items on its website were towels, \$25 diamond stud earrings and a Liz Claiborne bag that has a built-in phone charger.

Target and Toys R Us offered 15 percent off most items. Walmart.com tripled the amount of items available

on its site from last year. But Amazon is expected to be the big winner over the holiday season, with Bain & Co. expecting the online retailer to capture 50 percent of all online sales growth this year.

The shift to online shopping has been noticeable even before Cyber Monday. At a Toys R Us in Toledo, Ohio, on Friday, the parking lot was about half full. Melissa Wetzel, who said she would also do some shopping online, said her Black Friday in-store shopping had been relaxing since she didn't have to fight the crowds.

"It's been pretty easy," she said. "I guess most are shopping online."

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storms that flooded neighborhoods in 2015 and 2016. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, one survey found that workers without legal authorization were being paid less and were less likely to have protective equipment than those who were in the country legally.

But while the federal government temporarily suspended some work-authorization laws after Katrina, the Trump administration ramped up immigration-related arrests this year and resumed field operations after Harvey. And Texas this year passed a law that prohib-

its police departments from stopping their officers from asking people about their legal status or cooperating with federal immigration authorities. Much of the law took effect a month after Harvey hit, when an appeals court overruled a federal judge's ruling against it.

Martin Mares, a native of Mexico who settled in Houston in 1995, said he's not worried about police stopping him or turning him over to immigration authorities while in the city, which joined several others in fighting the new law in court. But he said he's concerned about working in the suburbs or outlying areas, where law enforcement was more supportive of it.

The demand for labor has also drawn in people who are unaccustomed to the work and untrained in basic safety measures, Mares said. He recently saw a pregnant woman cleaning an apartment building that had flooded without wearing gloves.

"People don't analyze it. They don't see the consequences," Mares said. "They go to work without knowing whether the business will even pay them."

In Houston, which has an estimated 600,000 residents who are in the country illegally, community leaders worry about the impact of immigration poli-

cies on worker safety. Even day laborers without legal residency are entitled to federal protections against wage theft and safety hazards.

"These people are scared," said Stan Marek, who owns a Houston-based construction company and has long pushed for a program to legalize workers. "They're not going to go to the police if they get robbed. It's a formula for disaster in our community."

Sitting on the curb outside the Home Depot recently, Miranda said he has often dealt with employers — or

"patrones" — who didn't pay what they promised, but that he hadn't reported anyone to the police.

"This is a country where I'm here as an immigrant. I don't have anything," Miranda said. "The day they catch me, they'll deport me."

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Women get chance to 'one-up' the men in mixed infantry units



Above, in this Oct. 4, 2017, photo, U.S. Army recruit Kirsten practices building clearing tactics with male recruits at Ft. Benning, Ga. She is one of a handful of women training to become infantry soldiers. The Army's introduction of women into the infantry has moved steadily but cautiously this year. As home to the previously all-male infantry and armor schools, Fort Benning had to make a number of adjustments, including female dorm rooms, security cameras, monitoring stations. Below, in this Oct. 4, 2017, photo, a female U.S. Army recruit exercise before dawn at the Sand Hill at Ft. Benning, Ga. The Army's introduction of women into the infantry has moved steadily but cautiously this year. As home to the previously all-male infantry and armor schools, Fort Benning had to make a number of adjustments, including female dorm rooms, security cameras, monitoring stations.

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press
FORT BENNING, Georgia (AP) — The young Army infantry recruits lined up in full combat gear, guns at the ready. At the signal, a soldier in front kicked in the door and they burst into the room, swiveling to check around the walls for threats.

"You're dead!" one would-be enemy yelled out from a dark corner, the voice slightly higher than the others echoing through the building.

It was 18-year-old Kirsten, training to become one of the Army's first women serving as infantry soldiers.

"I want to be one of the females to prove to everybody else that just because you're a female, doesn't mean you can't do the same things as a male," she said, describing her brother — an infantry soldier — as motivation. "I also wanted to one-up him." Kirsten is among more than 80 women who have gone to recruit training at Fort Benning, Georgia, since a ban on them serving in combat jobs was lifted. Twenty-two have graduated. More than 30 were still in training late last month, working toward graduation. The recruits' last names are being withheld by The Associated Press because some women have faced bullying on social media.

Somehow, she has a stature than some of her male comrades, Kirsten gave up a Division I soccer scholarship to become an infantry soldier. In body armor, helmet and rucksack, she looks like just any other grunt.

A bunkmate, Gabriella, says the women push each other.

"Today during our ruck march we were, like, directly across from each other and I would constantly look over at her," Gabriella said of Kirsten. "We kinda just kept looking at each other and we're, like, all right, we're both doing it, we're passing these guys and stuff. We definitely have goals to be better than the guys."

The Army's introduction of women into the infantry has moved steadily but cautiously this year. As home to the previously all-male infantry and armor schools, Fort Benning had to make \$35 million in renovations, including female dorm rooms, security cameras, and

monitoring stations.

Laundry was an early challenge.

For years, the men washed clothes any time at night. Now, there are alarms and schedules. A "female" sign goes on the door when needed.

The women also balked at the early plan to put their living quarters on a separate floor from their squadmates. So base leaders now use one of four main sleeping bays to house the women. Cameras keep constant watch on the bay door and the stairs, and there's always a woman at the monitoring station.

"There's nothing they dislike more than to be separated," said Col. Kelly Kendrick, the brigade commander. He said the women just want to "fit in and do the same as everybody else."

This is the third class of recruits at Benning to include women. When they're not sleeping or washing clothes, they're completely inte-



In this Oct. 4, 2017, photo, a female U.S. Army recruit practices building clearing tactics with male recruits at Ft. Benning, Ga. The Army's introduction of women into the infantry has moved steadily but cautiously this year. As home to the previously all-male infantry and armor schools, Fort Benning had to make a number of adjustments, including female dorm rooms, security cameras, monitoring stations.

grated into their units.

As sun peeked over the horizon on an October morning, dozens of infantry recruits spread across the Fort Benning field going through their morning PT drills. In the dark mist, it was difficult to tell one from another as they powered through situps and pushups.

On that day, only two of five battalions training were integrated. There still aren't enough women to spread across all the units.

The shortcoming has created challenges. In the last class, only four women graduated, so filling rotations for guard duty all night was a problem. There weren't enough women to cover every hour, so others had to fill in.

As women drop out, those remaining are moved to new companies to maintain balance within units, said Lt. Col Sam Edwards, commander of 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry regiment. More than 36 percent of Benning's women have left — about twice the rate of men. Injuries have sidelined other women who plan to restart the training.

Army leaders are closely watching the integration to track injury and performance trends and ensure there are no problems.

"It was a boys club for a long time," Kendrick said. "You have to be professional."

Recruits seem unfazed.

"They don't know any different. They don't notice they're integrated," Edwards said. Most just left high school, where boys and girls mingled all the time. "That's the

way it's always been."

Commanders are adjusting to new concentrations of injuries among the women. While male recruits often get ankle sprains and dislocated shoulders, women are prone to stress fractures in their hips. In the latest class, six of the seven injured women in Charlie Company had hip stress fractures.

Half of the women, Kendrick said, weigh less than 120 pounds (54 kilograms), but all the recruits carry the same 68 pounds (31 kilograms) of gear.

As a result, female recruits need different advice, tailored injury prevention training, and iron and calcium supplements.

Across the base, Charlie Company is in a mock village, training for combat in urban environments, just hours after finishing a 12-mile march (19 kilometers). They kick through doors, scout for enemies and listen as drill sergeants bark out criticism and corrections.

Those sergeants say all the recruits ask the same questions.

"They want to know how to run faster," said Staff Sgt. Raven Barbieri. "They ask, 'How do I pack my ruck better?'"

She said some women ask how to put their hair up properly. But more often, they seek tips for getting through long marches.

Sitting on the bleachers for a quick lunch, Kirsten said her brother showed her how to pack the ruck so it doesn't overly stress her hips or shoulders.

He told her: "Always bring extra socks and always bring baby wipes because you're not going to be able to shower."

Corbin, 19, shrugged off questions about women in his company.

"They're pulling the same weight that we're pulling," he said, sitting alongside Kirsten and Gabriella. "As long as they're pulling the weight that we're doing and we can have faith that out in the field they can have our backs while we have theirs, then let them be."

In a way, said Corbin, whose last name also was being withheld, the women ensure there are no laggards among the men, because they'd be ridiculed for finishing behind others. "It just makes everyone have a mindset that you can't be the last one," he said. "You gotta keep striving to be better than that person in front of you. No one wants to be the last person."

The recruits are preparing for their final training exercise and the road march to Honor Hill, where they'll receive their infantry badges in a solemn soldiers-only ceremony. For the women, it will be an especially powerful moment.

"Once I do reach Honor Hill, I think that it's like a huge sigh of relief, and like all this weight is taken off my shoulders and knowing that I did it and made it," Kirsten said. "To make it through infantry training, it will feel really, really good."

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RockHounds give back to local community this November

Special to the Herald

MIDLAND, Texas — The Midland RockHounds announced Monday that, in partnership with Bush's Beans, they will provide a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters - Midland today as part of #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely-recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Since it's inaugural year in 2012, #GivingTuesday has become a movement that celebrates and supports generosity and philanthropy.

This past season, B.J. Boyd was named the BUSH'S Most Valuable Player (MVP) at the 2017

Texas League All-Star Game in Frisco, Texas, after collecting three hits and three RBI in a 10-3 win for the South division. As an extension of this award, Bush's and the RockHounds will provide a \$1,000 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters - Midland.

"This generous donation by Bush's shows their commitment to the communities and great nonprofit organizations within Minor League Baseball cities," said Monty Hoppel, General Manager of the Midland RockHounds. "We thank Bush's for their donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters - Midland. This donation further strengthens the tie between Minor League Baseball, its member teams, sponsors and local communities."

Bush's Beans sponsored 11 All-Star Game MVP awards throughout

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14U kickers finish first place, advance to Tournament of Champions



Courtesy photo

The 14U Kickers United soccer team represented Big Spring well at the Brownwood Centex Soccer Tournament Nov. 11 and 12, bringing home 1st place. They outscored their opponents 29-4. The Kickers will travel this weekend for the Tournament of Champions, where they will be competing with 33 other teams in the 14U division. Pictured above: (Back row) Wesson Cate, Cole Roman, BJ Starr, Coach Alex Biddison, Smith Cate, Eli Cobos, Coach Gerald Cobos, Vincent Ortiz, Ryan Joslyn, and Coach Tyler Martin. (Middle row) Adam El Hakour, Trinity Sepeda, Sophia Biddison, Gissele Holguin, and Genna Bedinger. (Front row) Isaiah Martin and Tanner Purcell.

Savage learning under fire for skidding Texans



AP photo

Texans head coach Bill O'Brien, left, speaks with quarterback Tom Savage in the first half of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, in Baltimore.

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Tom Savage understands the requirements of his job as an NFL quarterback. Rule No. 1: Protect the football.

Playing in his 11th NFL game, Houston's former backup put up some decent numbers against the Baltimore Ravens on Monday night. He completed 22 passes for 252 yards, including a beautiful 39-yarder to DeAndre Hopkins.

The problem is, Savage lost a fumble, was intercepted twice and failed to throw for a touchdown in a 23-16 defeat.

So, when asked to assess his performance, Savage said bluntly, "Well, I threw two picks and lost one fumble. That's not my goal."

That is fair, Savage has been thrust into a very difficult situation. He's being asked to take over for sensational rookie DeShaun Watson, who threw for 1,699 yards and 19 touchdowns (with only eight interceptions) before a torn ACL ended his season.

Enter Savage, who was making his fourth start in a row Monday night. He helped Houston (4-7) beat Arizona

last week before the Ravens brought him back to earth.

"There are no words for it," Savage said. "I don't go out there to throw picks, but it's called the NFL. We just need to do better."

Savage has been intercepted five times, compared to four touchdowns. Not exactly the kind of ratio coach Bill O'Brien was looking for.

"They weren't all his fault, but the interceptions, we have to do a better job there," O'Brien said. "We've got to block better, run better and do a lot of things better."

Another issue was that the Texans didn't score a touchdown after their opening drive. They got close, but had to settle for field goals.

And that proved to be the difference in a tight game.

The Ravens, meanwhile, converted Savage's turnovers into 10 points.

Well, there's always next week.

"We have to keep improving," said running back Lamar Miller, who scored Houston's only TD. "We have to find a way to finish drives, getting seven points instead of three. When the game is on the line, we have to make a play."

Aldridge fuels Spurs past Mavericks in Parker's return



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (9) drives past Dallas Mavericks forward Maximilian Kleber (42) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, in San Antonio.

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker was an emotional wreck before his first game of the season.

It was the point guard's 1,144th career game, and it wasn't clear he'd get to play it after a crushing injury in last year's playoffs.

An overwhelmed Parker quickly settled into his familiar rhythm, though, and so did the San Antonio Spurs.

LaMarcus Aldridge had a season-high 33 points and 10 rebounds and the Spurs celebrated Parker's return by beating the Dallas Mavericks 115-108 on Monday night.

"A little bit like my first game when I was rookie," Parker said, adding that he almost shed some tears. "But when I saw the crowd getting excited when I got the ball just to bring it up, I got excited. It got me right away, (to be) motivated and be aggressive."

Parker had six points and four assists in 14 minutes in his first appearance since tearing his right quadriceps tendon May 3 against Houston in Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals.

The injury required surgery and led some to speculate Parker could miss significant time, if he came back at all. Instead, the 35-year-old returned quicker than expected to what he calls the "game I love."

"Our guys are just happy for him," Spurs guard Danny Green said. "To see him go through that process, the

injury first, then taking the process of not being able to play. What he's been to this organization and what he's meant to us and this organization. For him to bounce back and come in and play pretty quality minutes and do it at an efficient rate? I'm just happy for him."

Parker moved confidently, driving to the basket and making hard cuts to get away from defenders while primarily playing in the first half. He made his first two shots on hard drives to the basket.

"It's funny because I was talking with Pop (San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich) before the game asking him 'What do you want me to do?'" Parker said. "He was like, just be aggressive, just be yourself, just penetrate and see what happens. So, I just went to the paint, that's what I do best."

Popovich watched much of Parker's return on television after being ejected with 7:25 remaining in the first half. Spurs assistant Ettore Messina assumed coaching duties.

After falling behind by 13 points in the first half, the Spurs rallied behind their defense following Popovich's ejection.

Gasol added a season-high 25 points for the Spurs. Anderson had 12 points, 10 rebounds and five rebounds.

Dennis Smith Jr. and Wesley Matthews each had 19 points to lead the

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#9615 November 28, 30, 2017

Public Notice

GLASSCOCK COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TIME

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing before the Board of Trustees of Glasscock County Independent School District will be held Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6P.M. in the Glasscock County ISD Boardroom of Administration Building, 308 West Chambers, Garden City, Texas, to discuss:

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#9605 November 27, 28, 29, 2017

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BILLIE WANDA FRAZIER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BILLIE WANDA FRAZIER, issued on November 21, 2017, in Cause No. P-14729, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to:

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ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE

#9618 November 28, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ruth Elizabeth Nicholson, Deceased, were issued on November 21, 2017, in Cause No. P-14661, pending in the County Court, Howard County, Texas, to: Britton Dean Thornhill, Independent Executor.

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Britton Dean Thornhill
c/o S. Clinton Nix
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Abilene, Texas 79604

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S. Clinton Nix
Attorney for Executor
State Bar No. 15043300
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#9616 November 28, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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♦ K 8 6 3 ♦ Q 10 7 2
♣ J 10 7 ♣ Q 9 4

SOUTH
♠ K 6
♥ K J 10 4 3
♦ A 5
♣ A K 8 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 1♠ 2♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Assume you get to four hearts on the bidding shown and West leads the jack of clubs. How would you play the hand?

When the deal occurred, declarer won the club with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and led a low club. When East produced the nine, South took it with the king (if he hadn't, East's nine would have won the trick). Then, for want of anything better to do, declarer exited with a club to East's queen.

East's spade return was covered by the king and ace, whereupon West

cashed the queen of spades and shifted to a diamond. South still had to lose a diamond trick and so finished down one.

Declarer would have made the contract had he played more carefully. He could see at the outset that he had a club, a diamond and two spades to lose, except in the unlikely event that East had the ace of spades.

His only real hope, therefore, was to find the clubs divided 3-3, in which case a spade loser could eventually be discarded from dummy on South's fourth club. Even this would not succeed, though, if East gained the lead while the long club was being established.

To neutralize this threat, declarer should have allowed West's jack of clubs to hold the first trick! After this, South would have had no difficulty emerging with 10 tricks. His only losers would have been a club, a spade and a diamond.

Note that as the cards lie, no defense can defeat four hearts after the jack of clubs is led. If East plays his queen on the jack, South wins with the ace, draws trumps and leads a club from dummy.

If East follows with the four, declarer plays the eight to achieve the winning position. If East instead plays the nine, South wins and concedes a trick to West's ten to bring the contract home.

Tomorrow: Razzle-dazzle declarer play.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Mercury, Saturn
and Habits of
Thought

Mercury and Saturn align to point out that some of your thinking is purely habit. You've opinions and notions that keep popping up for no other reason than because they are next in an established pattern. Now ask: Is this helpful? And if the answer is no, you can break this habit with the same efforts you'd use to break any other habit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Loyalty doesn't happen in the room: That's just diplomacy. Loyalty is what happens behind people's backs when there's every opportunity to be disloyal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have faults. Everybody does. To pretend faults don't exist only invites attention to them. Plus, it denies you the chance to find and exploit the asset that's inside every fault.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An emotional wind change will happen. The dynamics shift, and you'll have to adjust to get comfortable. It's a rush if you don't resist it. Let it carry you like a ride.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The obstacle falls away. Suddenly your domestic needs are not in competition with your professional needs, and you are able to freely commit to the projects that will take you where you want to go.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 28). The exceptional way you've handled difficult circumstances in the past will open rare opportunities to you. A kind-hearted influence comes into your life early in 2018. What you see in February will change your

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Ruled by Mars, the Aries dog can be an excellent watchdog. You have to be careful about other dogs, though, because Aries is an alpha dog by nature and will be aggressive at times. You should not risk taking an Aries dog off the leash around other dogs until you are sure about the dynamic.

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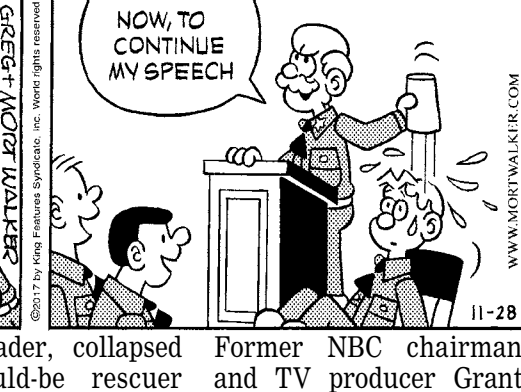
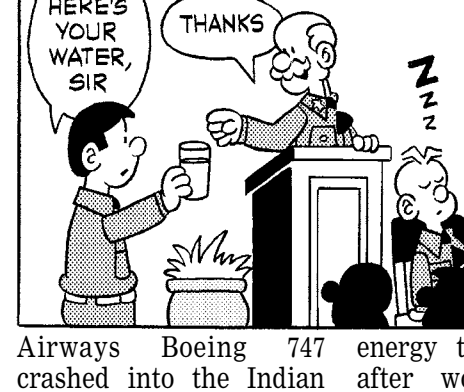
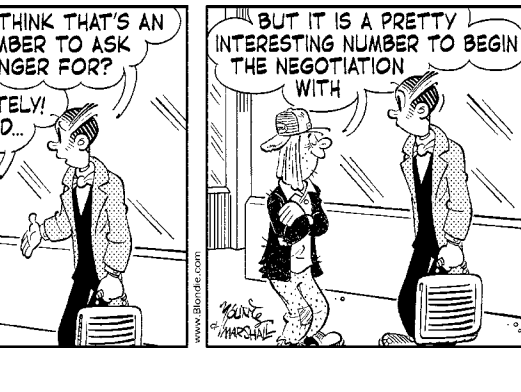
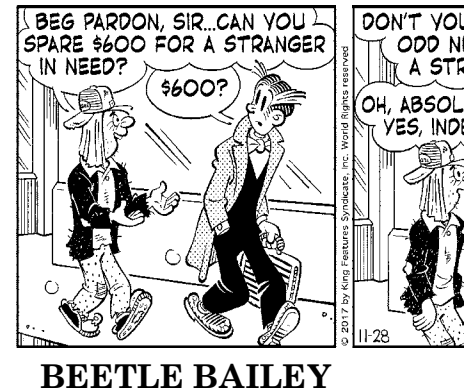
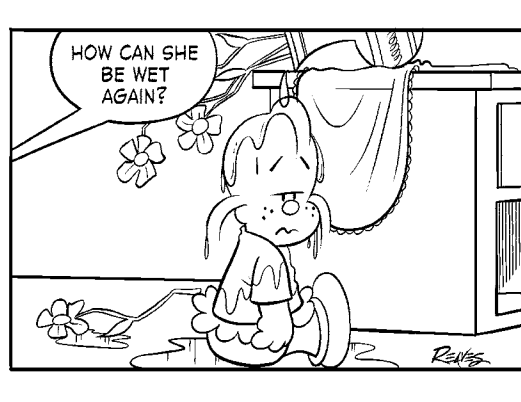
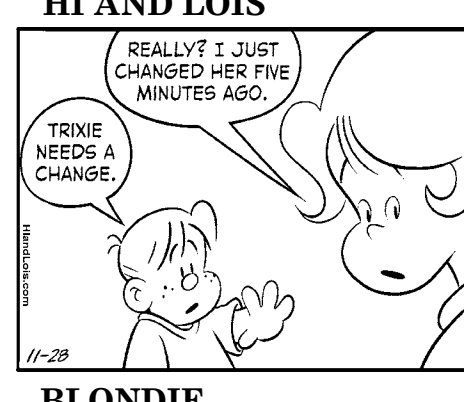
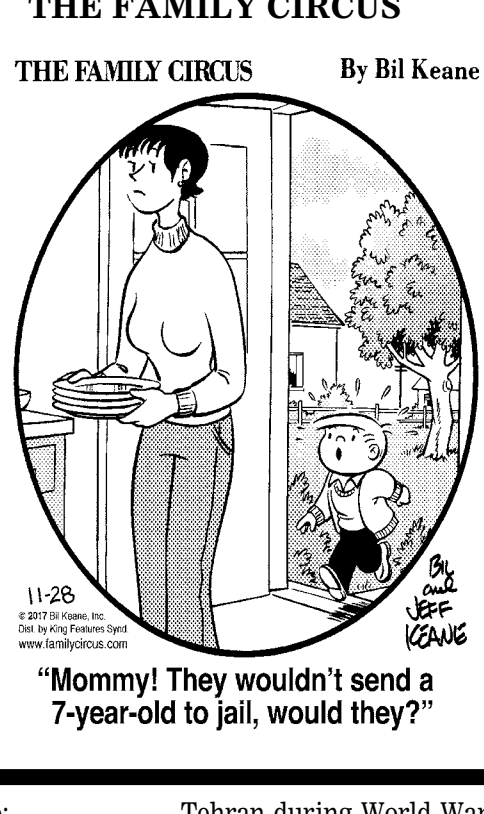
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2017. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1942, fire engulfed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston, killing 492 people in the deadliest nightclub blaze ever. (The cause of the rapidly-spreading fire, which began in the basement, is in dispute; one theory is that a busboy accidentally ignited an artificial palm tree while using a lighted match to fix a light bulb.)

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

In 1861, the Confederate Congress admitted Missouri as the 12th state of the Confederacy after Missouri's disputed secession from the Union.

In 1905, Sinn Fein (shin fayn) was founded in Dublin.

In 1912, Albania proclaimed its independence from the Ottoman Empire.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began conferring in

Tehran during World War II.

In 1958, Chad, Gabon and Middle Congo became autonomous republics within the French community.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course toward Mars, which it flew past in July 1965, sending back pictures of the red planet.

In 1967, actress-model Anna Nicole Smith was born Vickie Lynn Hogan in Houston.

In 1979, an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.

In 1987, a South African

Airways Boeing 747 crashed into the Indian Ocean with the loss of all 159 people aboard.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as British prime minister during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who then conferred the premiership on John Major.

In 2001, Enron Corp., once the world's largest

energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion takeover deal. (Enron filed for bankruptcy protection four days later.)

Ten years ago: A day after an international Mideast peace conference in Annapolis, Maryland, President George W. Bush told Israeli and Palestinian leaders he was personally committed to their mission of peace. Republican presidential rivals Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney clashed over immigration in a provocative, no-holds-barred CNN/YouTube debate. Broadway stagehands and theater producers reached a tentative agreement on ending a crippling 19-day-old strike.

Five years ago: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said his state would need nearly \$37 billion to recover and rebuild from Superstorm Sandy and that the state would seek federal aid to cover most of the expenses.

One year ago: An 18-year-old Somali native drove a car into a crowd of students at Ohio State University, then attacked bystanders with a knife before he was shot and killed by a campus police officer; 13 people were injured. A chartered plane carrying a Brazilian soccer team crashed near Medellin, Colombia, killing all but six of the 77 people on board. The first commercial flight from the United States to Havana in more than 50 years landed in Cuba, arriving as the island began week-long memorial services for Fidel Castro. Michael James "Jim" Delligatti, the McDonald's franchisee credited with creating the Big Mac in 1967, died in Pittsburgh at age 98.

Former NBC chairman and TV producer Grant Tinker, 90, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Recording executive Berry Gordy Jr. is 88. Former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., is 81. U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross is 80. Singer-songwriter Bruce Channel is 77. Singer Randy Newman is 74. CBS News correspondent Susan Spencer is 71. Movie director Joe Dante is 70. Former "Late Show" orchestra leader Paul Shaffer is 68. Actor Ed Harris is 67. Former NASA astronaut Barbara Morgan is 66. Actress S. Epatha (eh-PAY'-thah) Merkerson is 65. Former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is 64. Country singer Kristine Arnold (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 61. Actor Judd Nelson is 58. Movie director Alfonso Cuarón (kwahr-OHN') is 56. Rock musician Matt Cameron is 55. Actress Jane Sibbett is 55. Comedian Jon Stewart is 55. Actress Garcelle Beauvais (gar-SEHL' boh-VAY') is 51. Actor/comedian Stephnie (cq) Weir is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dawn Robinson is 49. Actress Gina Tognoni is 44. Hip-hop musician apl. de.ap (Black Eyed Peas) is 43. Actor Malcolm Goodwin is 42. Actor Ryan Kwanten is 41. Actress Aimee Garcia is 39. Rapper Camillionaire is 38. Actor Daniel Henney is 38. Rock musician Rostam Batmanglij (bot-man-GLEESH') is 34. Rock singer-keyboardist Tyler Glenn (Neon Trees) is 34. Actress Mary Elizabeth Winstead is 33. R&B singer Trey Songz is 33. Actress Scarlett Pomers is 29. Actor-rapper Bryshere Gray is 24.

Newsday Crossword

PLAIN SPEAKING by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fishhook attachment
 - 5 Bite noisily
 - 10 "Take ___ a compliment"
 - 14 Start a poker pot
 - 15 Entangle, as yarn
 - 16 Dinner plate
 - 17 Flower stalk
 - 18 Very angry
 - 19 Honolulu's island
 - 20 Everyday sources of joy
 - 23 Money in Spain
 - 24 Embarrass
 - 25 Gain knowledge
 - 28 "Cold" or "warm" weather region
 - 31 Frosty
 - 32 Taking a nap
 - 35 Doing nothing
 - 39 Ideal in every way
 - 42 Mix, as a salad
 - 43 Morocco's continent
 - 44 Pea container
 - 45 Social event
 - 47 Sounds frightened
 - 49 Beatles' drummer
 - 52 No longer happening
 - 54 Chance event that only seems planned
 - 61 Nest-egg plans: Abbr.
 - 62 Rhyme writers
 - 63 Cozy corner
 - 64 Recedes, as the tide
 - 65 Away from port

- DOWN**
- 1 Low singing voice
 - 2 Prefix meaning "against"
 - 3 News article
 - 4 Tendency to anger
 - 5 Town ___ (colonial news source)
 - 6 Silent Marx Brother
 - 7 Egg-shaped
 - 8 Dole (out)
 - 9 Cry for help
 - 10 "That's unlikely"
 - 11 Princess' crown
 - 12 Campfire residues
 - 13 "Quiet!"
 - 21 Of the moon
 - 22 ___ Diego, CA
 - 25 Itemize
 - 26 Bouncing sound
 - 27 Affirmative votes
 - 28 Short-distance commuter boat
 - 29 Modified mortgage, for short
 - 30 Fuel cartel initials
 - 33 Practice punching
 - 34 Exited
 - 36 Short swims
 - 37 Air show stunt
 - 38 Finales
 - 40 Strong coffee in a small cup
 - 41 Enclosed, as a canary
 - 46 Rainbow shape
 - 48 "Am so!" reply
 - 49 Secret agents
 - 50 Engine supercharger
 - 51 Most Saudis
 - 52 Group of eight
 - 53 Endorsements on a passport
 - 55 White gem
 - 56 Tiny bit
 - 57 Loch ___ monster
 - 58 Canceled, to NASA
 - 59 Cob vegetable
 - 60 ___ out a living (barely manages)

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Thought for Today:

"Journalism is literature in a hurry."

Matthew Arnold, English poet and critic (1822-1888).

TOP 25 THIS WEEK: No. 16 Baylor tries to maintain momentum



AP photo

Nike founder Phil Knight presents the championship trophy to Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski, left, after an NCAA college basketball game against Florida in the Phil Knight Invitational tournament in Portland, Ore., Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017. Duke won 87-84.

By AARON BEARD

AP Basketball Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A year ago, Baylor carried momentum from winning a November tournament all the way to its first No. 1 national ranking.

The 16th-ranked Bears have a chance to see how far another title carries them.

Baylor won last week's Hall of Fame Classic by beating Wisconsin and Creighton, allowing the Bears to climb six spots in the latest AP Top 25 poll. Now Scott Drew's club gets two games against ranked opponents this week, starting with Tuesday's visit to No. 21 Xavier.

Last year's Bears won three games in three days — including a comeback from 22 down in the championship game against Louisville — to win the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas. That team went on to start 15-0 and earn the No. 1 ranking by January in a 27-win season that included a trip to the NCAA Sweet 16.

"A lot of times these (tournaments) are fun environments and you have TV and you can get distracted," Drew said after the Creighton win in Kansas City, Missouri. "Our upperclassmen always do a good job to let them know the importance of these, especially come later in the year when it comes NCAA Tournament time."

The challenge now is two tough nonconference games. The Bears (5-0) visit the Musketeers (5-1), then host No. 8 Wichita State (4-1) on Saturday.

MORE DOUBLE-RANKED GAMES: The Musketeers get two home games against ranked opponents, following the Baylor game with Saturday's date with No. 11 Cincinnati. And No. 25 Creighton visits No. 15 Gonzaga on Friday.

DUKE UNQUESTIONED: It took top-ranked Duke a month to go

from getting roughly half the No. 1 votes in the AP Top 25 to securing them all.

The Blue Devils (8-0) pulled off big comebacks against Texas and Florida to win their PK80 Invitational bracket behind the latest dominant showings from freshman Marvin Bagley III. And with then-No. 2 Arizona's three-game flop in the Bahamas, Duke claimed last week's 11 holdout votes and now sits atop all 65 ballots in results released Monday.

Duke visits Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Wednesday, then returns home to host South Dakota on Saturday.

Speaking of the interconference throw-down, there are several notable matchups this week.

Tenth-ranked Miami visits No. 12 Minnesota on Wednesday night in a schedule that includes No. 13 North Carolina hosting Michigan after the Tar Heels' lopsided loss to No. 3 Michigan State in the PK80 Invitational.

The Spartans then host No. 5 Notre Dame — which beat Wichita State for the Maui Invitational championship — on Thursday night. The ACC leads the annual event 11-5-2 since it began in 1999.

WILDCATS REGROUP?: Arizona has gone from No. 2 to unranked in a week after an 0-3 showing in the Battle 4 Atlantis last week that stood as the most surprising outcome from the holiday tournaments. That made the Wildcats the first team to go from No. 2 to unranked in a week since Louisville in 1986-87 after its own November tournament flop in the Great Alaska Shootout.

The Wildcats play Wednesday against

Long Beach State and visit UNLV on Saturday.

No. 20 Arizona State, No. 22 Texas Tech and No. 23 TCU are back in the rankings for the first time in a while. The Sun Devils are ranked for the first time since the 2008-09 season entering Saturday's home game against San Francisco, and they'll go for their first 7-0 start since the 1980-81 season. The Red Raiders (6-0) are ranked for the first time since the 2009-10 season entering Thursday's game against Seton Hall in New York. As for TCU (6-0), the Horned Frogs are ranked for the first time since December 2014 and has their highest ranking

since January 1999 entering Wednesday's home game against Belmont. Seton Hall fell from No. 20 to out of the poll, though the Pirates have a chance to make it a short absence. In addition to facing the Red Raiders, Seton Hall visits No. 17 Louisville on Sunday. The same goes for Purdue, which fell out from No. 18 after a 1-2 showing at Atlantis. The Boilermakers got their offense rolling again in their rout of Arizona to salvage a win in the Bahamas, and next host Louisville in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Tuesday before opening Big Ten play Friday at Maryland.

SPURS

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Mavericks, who had won two straight.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Dallas has made at least 10 3-pointers in 16 of 21 games this season, including 14 of 32 against San Antonio. ... Dallas will complete its four-game series against San Antonio before Christmas, with the teams scheduled to play Nov. 27, Dec. 12 and Dec. 16. ... The Mavericks have won consecutive games only once this season.

Spurs: Parker made his 1,131st career start, the most among active point guards.

Houston's Chris Paul is second with 839. ... Parker said he expects Kawhi Leonard to return in "two to three weeks" from a right quadriceps injury that has kept him out all season. ... Aldridge has 20 points and 10 rebounds in seven games this season, the most in the team's first 20 contests since Tim Duncan had eight in 2009. ... San Antonio is 10-0 when scoring at least 100 points.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Host Brooklyn on Wednesday night attempting to extend a four-game winning streak against the Nets.

Spurs: Host Memphis on Wednesday night in the Grizzlies' first game since firing coach David Fizdale.



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MIDLAND

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Minor League Baseball this summer. Bush's is making a donation to a local charitable organization chosen by each MVP Award winner's home club.

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UK hails new royal couple as country awaits wedding details

LONDON (AP) — The engagement of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle dominated newspaper front pages and morning news shows in Britain on Tuesday, as royal-watchers awaited details of the couple's spring wedding and royal relatives offered congratulations.

The grandson of Queen Elizabeth II and the American actress have announced they will marry in 2018. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby says they have chosen a church wedding, and the palace is expected to reveal details of the venue later Tuesday.

Markle's future sister-in-law the Duchess of Cambridge, who is married to Prince William, said she was "absolutely thrilled."

"It's such exciting news," Kate said as she visited a museum in London. "It's a really happy time for any couple and we wish them all the best and hope they enjoy this happy moment."

Prince Charles' wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, said she was "delighted" her stepson was marrying the U.S. actress.

"America's loss is our gain," she said.

Markle's divorced status would once have barred her from marrying the prince in church. Harry's father Prince Charles, who is heir to the British throne, married Camilla in a low-key civil ceremony in 2005 because both bride and groom were divorced.

Newspapers hailed news of the engagement as a breath of fresh air and symbol of a modernizing monarchy.

The Daily Telegraph said in an editorial: "A divorced, mixed-race Hollywood actress who attended a Roman Catholic school is to marry the son of the next king. Such a sentence could simply not have been written a generation ago."

The Daily Mail, which devoted its first 17 pages to the engagement, said the couple would give the royal family "the injection of vigor and exuberance it so desperately needs."

In the couple's first joint interview Monday, 33-year-old Harry said Markle immediately fitted in with his family. He said when she visited Buckingham Palace to meet the queen, "the corgis took to her straight away."

The ex-soldier prince and the 36-year-old star of TV show "Suits" revealed that Harry proposed over a roast chicken dinner at his London home, after months in which they tried to keep their long-distance relationship out of the public eye.

Clearly happy in each other's company, the beaming couple recounted how they met on a blind date set up by a mutual friend, and immediately clicked.

"The fact that I fell in love with Meghan so incredibly quickly was sort of confirmation to me that everything, all the stars were aligned, everything was just perfect," Harry said.

"It was this beautiful woman just sort of literally tripped and fell into my life. I fell into her life."

Kenya president sworn in after months-long election turmoil

With BC-AF-Kenya-Inauguration-The Latest. NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta was sworn in for a second term Tuesday in what some hoped would be the end of months of election turmoil, which Kenyatta said stretched the country "almost to the breaking point." But violence continued, with at least one person killed as police fired rifles and tear gas to break up a large opposition gathering.

During and after Kenyatta's inauguration, police elsewhere in the capital, Nairobi, tried to stop the opposition from holding peaceful demonstrations to mourn dozens killed by police and militia since the original election in August. A witness said one person was shot dead, and opposition leader Raila Odinga was shoved into his vehicle amid clouds of tear gas shortly after he called Kenyatta's presidency illegitimate.

Associated Press video shows the crowd fleeing amid the sound of gunfire, and then helmeted security forces striking unarmed people with batons. Other people dipped water from slum puddles to clean their eyes.

Kenyatta, speaking to a cheering crowd at a local stadium, said the past few months "have been a trying time," and he called for an end to hate and divisiveness. He again criticized the Supreme Court's nullification of his August election win, saying that "despite ... being told that the processes mat-



In this photo taken from video Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan Markle talk about their engagement during an interview in London, Monday, Nov. 27, 2017. It was announced Monday that Prince Harry, fifth in line for the British throne, will marry American actress Meghan Markle in the spring, confirming months of rumors.

AP photo

ter more than your vote, we complied."

But he added that the court, whose justices he once called "crooks" for their ruling, acted with independence, and he said the recent events show that "our constitution is no piece of paper." Institutions should not be destroyed whenever they don't deliver the desired results, he added.

Kenya's election drama has meant months of uncertainty in East Africa's economic hub. The court in nullifying the August result cited irregularities after a legal challenge by opposition leader Raila Odinga, and it ordered a new vote.

It was the first time in Africa that a court had nullified a presidential election, and Kenya's events have been closely watched across the continent by opposition parties and leaders alike.

Irish deputy PM quits to avert snap election as Brexit looms

LONDON (AP) — Ireland's deputy prime minister resigned Tuesday to avert a parliamentary vote that would have collapsed the government and triggered a snap election at a crunch time for Brexit negotiations.

Frances Fitzgerald quit hours before lawmakers had been due to vote on a no-confidence motion targeting her, filed by opposition party Fianna Fail.

She said she was stepping down "to avoid an unwelcome and potentially destabilizing general election at this historically critical time."

Fianna Fail wanted Fitzgerald ousted over her involvement in a long-running police scandal. Opposition leaders accuse a previous government, in which Fitzgerald was justice minister, of failing to defend a whistleblower exposing corruption in Ireland's police force.

They say newly disclosed emails show Fitzgerald knew about attempts by senior officers to discredit the whistleblower earlier than she had previously acknowledged.

Prime Minister Leo Varadkar's Fine Gael party backed Fitzgerald, and she denied wrongdoing. But she said in a statement that she had decided to "put the national interest ahead of my own personal reputation."

Had Fitzgerald not resigned, the minority government would almost certainly have lost Tuesday's vote.

The resignation defuses the immediate crisis, but has weakened Varadkar's five-month-old government, which relies on support from Fianna Fail to win votes in parliament.

It comes at a sensitive time in the Brexit process. EU leaders will decide at a Dec. 14-15 summit whether there has been enough progress to start discussions over Britain's future relations with the bloc. A key barrier to progress is the Irish border. Varadkar is pressing the U.K. to spell out how it can keep the currently invisible Ireland-North-

ern Ireland frontier free of customs posts and other barriers when the U.K. leaves the EU while Ireland remains a member.

The 310-mile (500-kilometer) frontier will be the U.K.'s only land border with an EU country. Any hurdles to the movement of people or goods could have serious implications for the economies on both sides, and for Northern Ireland's peace process.

In Zimbabwe, missing activist's family still holds out hope

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — The wife of a missing Zimbabwean activist who was abducted by suspected state agents in 2015 after urging then-President Robert Mugabe to resign said Tuesday that she hopes the country's new leader will shed light on what happened to her husband.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa, a close ally of Mugabe for decades, can prove he is different from his predecessor by resolving the case of Itai Dzamarara, one of the few activists at the time who was regularly protesting in the streets for the ouster of the longtime ruler, Sheffra Dzamarara said.

"I hope the new president will do something," she said in an interview with The Associated Press at her home in Harare, the Zimbabwean capital. "Even if they've killed him, I just want his body so that we have closure."

Itai Dzamarara, a former newspaper reporter, was accosted by five men when he was in a barbershop near his home and was bundled into a waiting car on March 9, 2015. Two days before his abduction, Dzamarara said at a rally organized by opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai that Zimbabweans should rebel against Mugabe.

Police have previously said they were investigating the activist's disappearance, though the lack of progress drew criticism that it was not a serious inquiry. Mugabe, who took power after independence from white minority rule in 1980, resigned on Nov. 21 after a military takeover that set off a nationwide clamor for the 93-year-old leader to quit. Since becoming president, Mnangagwa has called for national reconciliation but has not addressed allegations of human rights violations at a time when he was a top official in Mugabe's government.

Mnangagwa was justice minister at the time of Dzamarara's disappearance and did not respond to a letter asking him for help in the case, said Dzamarara's brother, Patson.

Mnangagwa "was part of the government which led Zimbabwe to where it is right now," but should be given a chance to lead the country on a reform path, he said.

Patson Dzamarara spoke of the citywide celebrations last week after Mugabe's resignation was announced during impeachment proceedings by lawmakers against him.

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