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Big Spring Chamber preps for annual banquet

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

It's time for the Chamber Extravaganza, the theme of this year's banquet, "Where Business Means Business." "Yes the name may have changed and the evening may be more of networking and mingling with all the members, Board of Directors and community leaders and other in attendance, but we will still be passing the gavel from the outgoing president Andrea Barr to incoming president Manny Negrón and we will be announcing the Man & Woman of the Year," said Executive Director Debbye ValVerde.



ValVerde

This year, chamber members hope to do more networking and have some fun with the decorated tables. Just like years past, members are contacted and asked to purchase and decorate their table in order to promote themselves; this year will be no different except the chamber will be allowing attendees to vote for their favorite table with \$1 bills and will award the winning business a traveling plaque with monies going towards the Chamber's Program and Event fund. There will also be a silent auction of items from Chamber members. "We hope that by doing this, more attendees will meet and get to talk to our members, board of directors, and staff," said ValVerde. "We want the

businesses who decorate a table to meet the people that sit at their table, introduce themselves, and give out information and/or giveaways to those at their table."

The Chamber Extravaganza will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Jan 30 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Sonic Floor, located at 1001 Birdwell Ln. Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and are available now. ValVerde urges any members who have not been contacted about decorating a table to please contact her about being added to the list. "We will only be decorating 45 tables for the evening," she said.

Sponsors for the event are: Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau; Delek US; H-E-B; Oncor; SM Energy; Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram; State National Bank; Water, Water; Wells Fargo Bank.

Man and Woman of the Year for 2017 will be announced towards the end of the evening by 2016 winners, Raul Marquez and Vicki Stewart. The Chamber will also be awarding the "Russ McEwen Community Hero Award." This award came about from former Mayor Russ McEwen because he wanted to recognize groups and individuals who have given back to the community through service (monetarily or otherwise), to better Big Spring residents' quality of life. Previous recipients of this award were Big Spring Fire Dept and Howard County Volunteer Fire Dept; Brint Ryan - Hotel Settles; Food-2Kids; Mike & Sheila Abusaab with Sonic; Emma Krabill with Scenic Mountain

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Big Spring man killed in 2-car crash in New Mexico

Special to the Herald

Authorities say a Texas man is dead after a head-on car crash in New Mexico.

New Mexico State Police say 26-year-old Robert Granado of Big Spring was declared dead at the scene of

Sunday morning's accident on U.S. 285.

They say Granado was driving a sedan at a high rate of speed when it crossed into the other lanes and struck an SUV.

A passenger in Granado's car was transported to an

Albuquerque hospital for treatment while the driver and passenger of the SUV were taken to a hospital in Santa Fe. The names of the injured weren't immediately released. State Police say the crash remains under investigation.

Out with the old



HERALD photos/Amber Mansfield
 Yesterday afternoon the Howard County Courthouse got a little bit cooler. The old air conditioning unit was replaced with a new one that will do the job a lot better.

"We had been having some issues with it last summer, but we kept it running," said Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson. "The county commissioners decided it was time to go ahead and replace it, but they decided not to do it during the summer."

According to Olson, the cost of the new chiller unit was \$104,500, but additional installation costs will be added to that total.

Commissioners to hold first 2018 meeting Wednesday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners will hold their first meeting of 2018 tomorrow. The meeting also marks the first which adheres to the new schedule set in December; instead of meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month, commissioners will now meet on alternate Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Meetings will still be held in the



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courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County courthouse.

Items under consideration by the commissioners will include:

- Discussion and possible action on the Howard County Appraisal District Board ballot;
- Discussion and possible approval of an amendment to the agreement with Trinity Services Group Inc. to provide food services for the Howard County Detention Center;
- Accepting a rewards check from the Texas Association of Counties Wellness

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Trump takes victory lap on taxes with rural Americans

By **ZEKE MILLER**
 Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Connecting with rural Americans, President Donald Trump on Monday hailed his tax overhaul as a victory for family farmers and pitched his vision to expand access to broadband internet, a cornerstone of economic development in the nation's heartland.

"Those towers are going to go up and you're going to have great, great broadband," Trump told the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"Farm country is God's country," he declared.

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Trump

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Obituaries

Jeff Lavelle Brown



MARBLE FALLS — Jeff Lavelle Brown, 94, died of natural causes on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2018, at the Baylor Scott and White Hospital in Lake-way Texas. Jeff leaves his wife of 73 years, Elizabeth Sue (Denson) Brown; his son, Bob Brown and his wife Vee Brown; son-in-law Ray Daily; and Jeff's grandchildren, Robert Matthew Brown and his wife Monica Brown, Kris and Jay Brown, Amanda Huerta, Angelica Covington and her husband Kevin Covington; and six great-grandchildren, including Brad Oiler, Taylor Brown, Matthew James Modesto, Jacob and Maritza Covington, and Noa Brown; and many close friends.

Jeff was adopted at 14 months of age. Among the deceased include his daughter, Ginger Brown Daily; and Jeff's adopted parents, John and Jessie Brown; his biological parents Arthur and Marry-Ann Pritchard; and Jeff's brother, Jack Pritchard; sister Mary-Alice Harrison; and half sisters, Thelma Morgan and Trella Sparks.

Born in 1923, Jeff spent his early years in the small West Texas community of Dunn, in Scurry County (near Snyder, Texas). Growing up on a farm, as many did in his generation, he aspired to get an education and attended John Tarleton University in Stephenville, Texas, as a Journalism major. His college days were interrupted by World War II, and

he volunteered for military service in the Army Air Corps, graduating as a pilot and Second Lieutenant. Jeff served more than dozen missions on a B-24 Bomber, as part of the 15th Air Force out of Foggia Italy, until the war in Europe ended in 1945.

After World War II, Jeff spent several years with two major oil companies, Texaco and Fina. With a strong desire for entrepreneurs, he and Sue founded several businesses in Big Spring, Texas, where they owned both commercial and residential real estate, and insurance brokerages respectively. He later served on the Texas Real Estate board and served as an appraiser for many years until he retired, holding the MAI and SRA designations.

During his business years, Jeff was very active in civic and trade affairs, and traveled worldwide with his wife Sue. Having also served as a Mason for more than 70 years, Jeff had the distinguished honor of becoming a 32nd-degree Mason. Furthermore, Jeff was very active in the church, including serving on the committee in the late '80s to build the First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls, Texas.

There will be a viewing at Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Marble Falls on Friday Jan. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. The funeral service will be Saturday, Jan 13 at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Marble Falls, followed with the burial service at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet, Texas.

Online condolences may be made at: www.clements-wilcoxfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Randall Witte



Randall Witte, 64, of Brady, went to be with the Lord on Sunday morning, Jan. 7, 2018.

Visitation will be held at Heritage Funeral Home in Brady on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at the Redeemer Church in Brady, starting at 10 a.m. Burial will be at the Eula Cemetery in Eula at 3 p.m.

Randall Curtis Witte was born in 1953 on June 27 to his father, Curtis Roy Witte, and mother, Elma Alene (Farmer) Witte, in Baird, Texas. After graduating high school in Big Spring, he went on to college to receive his associates degree. After Randall retired from a long career as a district manager and consultant in the grocery industry, he became a hunting guide and was an avid hunter himself. The last few years he would travel and go on big game hunts. He has many photos of him beside the animals he could shoot. He also liked to play golf and enjoyed his time with his family and his friends. He was a member of the Redeemer Church in Brady. He was very loved by many people, especially his family and church family.

Surviving him include his mother, Alene Witte of Clyde; son, Jonathan Witte and spouse Slade Roberts of Providence Village; three sisters, Vicki Arnold and spouse Tony of Kyle, Paula Kolb and spouse Jeff of The Woodlands, and Willis and spouse Johnny of Eden; and one brother, Gary Witte and spouse DeLynnnda of Midland; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Curtis Roy Witte; and one daughter, Randi Jo Witte.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made in Randall's name to the Redeemer Church in Brady, Texas.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KARLA DAWN PART-LOW**, 44, of 810 E. 18th St. was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **PEDRO CHAVARRIA**, 47, of 801 W. FM 700 Apt. #10 was arrested on a warrant for failure to identify – fugitive giving false information; and on two outstand-

ing warrants.

- **CLIFFORD PRATT**, 71, of 110 W. Airport in Irving was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **LANA RUTH MUNOZ**, 54, of 709 W. Rochelle Rd. Apt. #2114 in Irving was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 900 block of East FM 700.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway, the 1600 block of State Street, and the 900 block of East 16th Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of Runnels.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Madison Street.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ENRIQUE MARTINEZ ALVAREZ JR.**, 54, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

- **PEDRO CHAVARRIA**, 47, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for failure to identify – fugitive giving false information;

and on two warrants for issuance of a bad check.

- **CHRISTI GRANT HARRISON**, 48, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **ERIC KIRKWOOD MULLEN**, 39, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

- **LANA RUTH MUNOZ**, 54, was booked by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **KARLA DAWN PART-LOW**, 44, was booked by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- **CLIFFORD HENRY PRATT**, 71, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

- **BERTHA MUNOZ RUBIO**, 46, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving with a suspended or invalid license.

Take Note

- Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- 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 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

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.

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TRUMP

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Trump became the first president in a quarter-century to address the federation's convention, using the trip to Nashville as a backdrop for a White House report that included proposals to stimulate a segment of the national economy that has lagged behind others. His Southern swing also included a stop in Atlanta for the national college football championship game.

Joined by Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and a group of Tennessee lawmakers, Trump said most of the benefits of the tax legislation are "going to working families, small businesses, and who — the family farmer."

The package Trump signed into law last month provides generous tax cuts for corporations and the wealthiest Americans, and more modest reductions for middle- and low-income individuals and families.

The president vastly inflated the value of the package in his speech, citing "a total of \$5.5 trillion in tax cuts, with most of those benefits going to working families, small businesses and who? The family farmer." The estimated value of the tax cuts is

actually \$1.5 trillion for families and businesses because of cuts in deductions and the use of other steps to generate offsetting tax revenue.

The president warned against voting for Democrats in this November's midterm elections, saying they would undo the tax bill. "If the Democrats ever had the chance, the first thing they would do is get rid of it and raise up your taxes," Trump said.

"Oh, are you happy you voted for me," he added. "You are so lucky that I gave you that privilege."

Trump also highlighted the doubling of the threshold for the estate tax — earning a standing ovation from the audience— and the ability for companies to immediately write off the full cost of new equipment. He said that "in every decision we make, we are honoring America's proud farming legacy."

Central to the report is the assessment that the "provider for an equalization among rural America is connectivity; that high-speed internet should remain a high priority for the administration," said Ray Starling, the special assistant to the president for agriculture, trade and food assistance. The report calls for expediting federal permitting to allow for broadband internet expansion in rural areas and for making it easier for pro-

viders to place cell towers on federal lands.

Trump signed an executive order following his speech on rural broadband, aimed at easing the process to put private broadband infrastructure on federal property. The White House described the move, along with a memorandum directing the Interior Department to work on a plan to increase access to their facilities for broadband deployment, as "incremental," but the start of an effort to make progress on the issue.

White House officials said all work was in the early stages and did not offer an overall timeline. Officials noted the price tag for rural broadband expansion has been estimated at \$80 billion, but said the administration had not determined a cost.

The president also took credit for working to roll back the Obama administration's interpretation of the Clean Water Act, which had greatly expanded the list of bodies of water subject to federal regulation. The Farm Bureau ran a public relations campaign against the rule and called it "dangerous and unlawful."

The Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Task Force report highlights the importance of addressing the opioid crisis, which has disproportionately affected rural communities.

Trump also called on Congress to renew the farm bill this year, adding he supports providing for federal crop insurance. The massive federal legislation funds federal agriculture and food policy, and it offers assistance to rural communities.

From Nashville, Trump traveled to Atlanta to watch Alabama's Crimson Tide and Georgia's Bulldogs face off Monday night in the College Football Playoff National Championship. The game was played in Mercedes-Benz Stadium, the new \$1.5 billion home field of the Atlanta Falcons.

Before departing for the game, Trump referenced his ongoing defense of the American flag and the national anthem, saying there was enough space for to people to express their views. "We love our flag and we love our anthem and we want to keep it that way," he said.

The president was greeted by cheers and a smattering of boos when he took to the field in Atlanta, escorted by ROTC members. With his hand over his heart and an American flag pin on his lapel, Trump sang a few words as Georgia's Zac Brown Band and a gospel choir performed the anthem.

Trump left the game at halftime to return to the White House.

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Anyone who wishes to address the commissioner's court should arrive early to complete and turn in a brief form prior to the meeting.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

CHAMBER

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Medical Center.

For more information about the Chamber Extravaganza call Debbye ValVerde or Nancy Davenport at 263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

Cliven Bundy emerges free, defiant after Nevada case tossed

By KEN RITTER

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Nevada rancher accused of leading an armed standoff that stopped federal agents from rounding up his cattle in 2014 walked out of a courthouse in Las Vegas a free and defiant man Monday, declaring that his fight against U.S. authority is not over.



Bundy

Cliven Bundy emerged to supporters' cheers, while environmental and conservation advocates worried that the dismissal of his charges would bolster "violent and racist anti-government" followers who aim to erode established parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands controlled by U.S. officials.

"We're not done with this," the 71-year-old Bundy declared in his first minutes of freedom since his arrest in February 2016.

The family patriarch and states' rights figure said he had been held as a political prisoner for 700 days and promised that if U.S. Bureau of Land Management agents come again to seize his cattle over unpaid grazing fees, they will encounter "the very same thing as last time."

"The whole world is looking at us," he said. "Why is America acting like this? Why are we allowing the federal government, these bureaucracies, to have armies?" That's a big question the whole world wants to know.

The stunning collapse of the federal criminal case against Cliven Bundy and his sons Ryan and Ammon marked a new low for government lawyers

whose work is now under review by the Trump administration. Prosecutors have faced several losses in Oregon and Nevada arising from armed Bundy standoffs over federal control of vast stretches of land in the U.S. West.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions launched an investigation into the Nevada case last month after Chief U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro declared a mistrial. On Monday, she dismissed outright all 15 counts against Bundy, his sons and Montana militia leader Ryan Payne.

"The court finds that the universal sense of justice has been violated," Navarro said as audible gasps and sobs erupted in a court gallery crammed with Bundy supporters.

It comes after prosecutors failed to gain full convictions in two trials against six other defendants who acknowledged carrying assault-style weapons during the April 2014 confrontation outside Bunkerville, 80 miles (129 kilometers) northeast of Las Vegas.

Jurors in Portland, Oregon, also acquitted Ryan and Ammon Bundy more than a year ago of taking over a federal wildlife refuge in early 2016 and calling for the U.S. government to turn over public land to local control.

The judge ended the latest case by ripping government prosecutors, led by First Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Myhre, for "intentional abdication of ... responsibility," "flagrant misconduct" and "substantial prejudice."

Navarro found "deliberate attempts to mislead and distort the truth" and blamed FBI agents for "reckless disregard" of requirements to turn over evidence relating to government snipers and cameras that monitored the Bundy homestead.

Residents rescued as mud inundates California burn areas

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Crews rescued residents from inundated homes Tuesday as mud and debris from wildfire-scarred hillsides flowed through neighborhoods and onto a key Southern California highway during a powerful winter storm that dropped record rain across the state.

Helicopters were being used even during the downpours because roads were blocked, Santa Barbara County spokeswoman Amber Anderson said. "The primary issue right now is access. We've got trees and power lines down," she said.

There were reports of injuries, but Anderson didn't immediately know how many or the extent. She said "multiple" residents had been rescued and more were calling for help in Montecito and Carpinteria. Thousands were without power. Evacuation orders

were issued Monday over fears of mudslides in those foothill neighborhoods where the state's largest-ever fire raged last month.

Water and debris in lanes brought coastal U.S. 101 to a standstill, and traffic accidents on rain-slicked roadways across the region slowed the morning commute to a crawl.

The first significant storm of the season soaked much of the state. Record-breaking rain fell on the San Francisco Bay region before the storm largely passed overnight, leaving diminishing showers there before dawn Tuesday. Stormy weather continued to the east in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada.

Downtown San Francisco had a record 3.15 inches (8 centimeters) of rain on Monday, smashing the old mark of 2.36 inches (6 centimeters) set in 1872 and making it the city's 16th

wettest day since 1849, the National Weather Service said.

To the south, a staggering 9.6 inches (24 centimeters) of rain fell on Mining Ridge on the Big Sur coast. Highway 1, still not recovered from last winter's damaging rains, suffered new blockages.

Forecasters issued flash flood warnings and predicted that the cold front with powerful winds could bring higher rain totals to downtown Los Angeles than recorded over the past 10 months. Mandatory evacuations were ordered for about 700 homes in former burn areas of Los Angeles County.

A winter weather advisory was in place for mountain areas, where officials warned motorists to prepare for difficult travel conditions, including gusty winds, low visibility

and snow-covered roads

A yearslong drought eased in the state last spring, but Northern California had a dry start to winter and hardly any measurable rain fell in the south over the past six months. The extremely dry conditions and high winds last year led to some of the most destructive blazes on both ends of the state.

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Ollie Steele, 91, of Waco, formerly of Midland, died Friday. Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

Rosa V. Bustamante, 78, of Big Spring died Thursday. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Ex-Houston college trustee gets 70 months for taking bribes

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Houston Community College trustee has been sentenced to 70 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to accepting cash bribes of more than \$225,000 to use his trustee position to steer business contracts to the school.

Testimony before U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore shows Chris Oliver took 69 payments from at least four people from 2009 through 2016. Among the payments was one for \$12,000 from a former college contractor using money provided by the FBI.

Oliver served more than 20 years in the elected post before resigning. He pleaded guilty last May. Gilmore allowed him Monday to remain free on bond until his prison is determined.

Houston Community College has nearly 70,000 students attending 23 campuses in Houston and areas primarily southwest and west of the city.

3 shot dead, 1 seriously wounded at Texas beachfront hotel

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Police say three people were shot to death and a fourth was wounded in an apparent murder-suicide at an upscale beachfront hotel in Southeast Texas.

Galveston Police Capt. Josh Schirard says the shootings happened around 4:30 a.m. Monday at the San Luis (loo-EE') Resort.

Schirard says another guest reported hearing a popping sound from a nearby room and called the police.

Officers entered the locked room and found three bodies, plus a fourth person who was seriously wounded. That person has been taken to a hospital.

Houston police: Missing journalist found, appears unharmed

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston sports journalist who went missing over the weekend after saying she believed she was being followed by a suspicious man was found, apparently unharmed, beneath a highway overpass and has been taken to a hospital for evaluation, police said Monday.

Police said Courtney Roland, 29, was found near the shopping mall where she was last seen a day earlier. A passer-by who had seen news reports that Roland was missing recognized her along Interstate 610 in west Houston and reached out to authorities, police said.

Responding officers found no obvious injuries but arranged for her to be taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Authorities say additional information will be released later Monday.

Family members told KHOU-TV that Roland texted her roommate Saturday to say a suspicious man was following her in a blue truck. Roland and her roommate intended to meet up later that day, but she never appeared.

Gov. Greg Abbott on Sunday retweeted a plea to help find Roland with the hashtag #HelpFindCourtney. She was seen Sunday evening walking alone in a store at the Galleria mall. Her Jeep later was found with her phone and other personal items inside. Her purse was found at a nearby business.

Roland covers Texas A&M athletics for Rivals, a Yahoo!-owned online publication focusing on college sports. Her website features videos of her work covering Aggies football and other teams. She has also worked as a model in the Houston area.

Death row inmates from San Antonio, Houston, lose appeals

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review appeals from two Texas death row inmates, including a San Antonio man convicted of killing a convenience store owner during a robbery and man condemned for his involvement in the slaying of a former suburban Houston police officer's wife.

The high court, without comment Monday, refused the cases of 34-year-old Christopher Young and 60-year-old Joseph Prystash. Neither has an execution date. Young's lawyers argued his Bexar County jurors may have received incomplete instructions at his 2006 trial for fatally shooting 55-year-old store owner Hasmukh Patel.

Prystash's attorneys raised questions about jury selection and instructions and evidence at his trial for being the middleman in a plot orchestrated by former Missouri City police officer Robert Fratta to murder 34-year-old Farah Fratta in 1994.

Praise for judge in Houston with 25 years on federal bench



Former state district judge Ryan Patrick, left, the newly appointed U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, stands next to outgoing U.S. Attorney Abe Martinez, center, as Chief U.S. District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal prepares to deliver the oath of office at the federal courthouse Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Houston.

By GABRIELLE BANKS

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — In her early days as a trial lawyer, Lee Rosenthal contemplated what it took to be a great judge.

The Houston Chronicle reports you had to be thoughtful, efficient, compassionate, creative, practical and independent. But above all, she's often said, a judge had to be fair to all.

Decades later she taught a class for judges at Duke University with biographies of the greats — Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. and Judge Learned Hand. Now presiding in Houston as chief judge over one of the busiest federal dockets in the country, she often recalls the judges who heard her cases in the late 1970s through the early 1990s — the outstanding ones and those who were flat-out awful.

"I saw how much good a good judge could do and how much worse a bad judge could make any case," said Rosenthal, 65. "I guess I'm grateful to both."

She brought her experience as a lawyer and 25 years on the federal bench to a series of high-profile cases last year that drew national attention.

Her rulings backed disenfranchised citizens and triggered bitter rebukes from local civic leaders in a Voting Rights Act challenge that upended the Pasadena city elections

and in a suit that led to sweeping revisions of the Harris County bail system.

Among the dizzying blur of 621 civil and criminal cases before her last year was the indictment of former U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman and two aides on charges they lied in campaign filings and helped Stockman solicit \$1.2 million under false pretenses.

And perhaps as significantly, Rosenthal has also made a mark in American law beyond her seat at the Rusk Street courthouse. She has lectured and taught about the justice system in five countries, sat by invitation on six circuit courts and risen to national prominence helping shape the rules by which courts will function in an increasingly technological society. She is considered a pioneering voice on how judges should handle troves of electronic evidence in the digital age.

Appointed in 1992 to the lifetime seat by Republican President George H.W. Bush, she has strived to be impartial and non-ideological, following the law and the facts where they lead, colleagues said.

Lawyers consistently rate her among the top jurists in the Houston Bar Association's annual poll, which grades judges on courtesy, timeliness, impartiality, decisiveness and knowledge of the law.

That assessment carries over to appellate court, where official data shows her rulings are reversed at a significantly lower rate than other trial judges.

One high court jurist, Senior Judge Carolyn Dineen King of the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, describes Rosenthal's rulings as "first rate" and "put together like a Swiss watch."

"There's no fat on them and there's also not likely to be any mistakes," she said.

Rosenthal declined Chronicle requests for an interview, but confirmed certain information by email. Details of her legal career and early life emerged in interviews with dozens of judges, former clerks, lawyers, academics, friends and family. Peers in the sprawling Southern District of Texas hit on similar themes, calling her rational, patient and impeccably prepared, with exceptional integrity, extraordinary intellect and boundless energy.

Even her harshest critics do not fault her dedication.

C. Robert Heath, the lawyer for Pasadena in the voting rights case, said the judge was attentive, clear and fair, even though he believes she was wrong in ruling against his client.

"People disagree on the law," he said. "She's a good judge."

Attorney John O'Neill, who defended

15 trial court judges in the bail lawsuit, said she is "a very bright and deeply involved jurist."

But that's where the praise stops.

"I also believe that her opinion in the Houston bail case is the most tragic of my 45-year legal career, causing unnecessary carnage in the entire criminal justice system of Harris County, including chaos and a massive increase in both non-appearance rates and crime," O'Neill said, adding that her 193-page ruling was "exhaustive but deeply at war with both the text of the Constitution and many years of Supreme Court precedent."

The eldest of three children, Lee Hyman was born in Indiana and grew up moving from one college town to the next as her father pursued jobs in academia. Her mother Ferne was a librarian. Holiday and birthday presents were usually books.

The judge's sister, Ann Root, said Lee was a very studious child, reading storybooks to her younger siblings and spending car trips glued to a book.

"Lee loved her books," Root said. "Often she would be sitting in the middle of all the chaos, I'd be playing with my brother and she would have her nose in a book."

At the dinner table, the family discussed

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Hurricane Harvey survivors feel grief, distress months later

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Deb Eberhart couldn't sleep and was easily moved to tears as she worked to coordinate repairs to her Houston home in the months after flooding from Hurricane Harvey besieged it with 3 feet (0.91 meters) of water.

She clenched her jaw so hard that it hurt. She couldn't eat.

"I thought: 'Well, I'm not handling things as well as I should be,'" the 69-year-old retired teacher said.

Eberhart realized she needed help that had nothing to do with construction crews and insurance adjusters. So she joined storm survivors seeking help from therapists in the wake of the destructive winds and heavy rains in August that caused more than 80 deaths and an estimated \$150 billion in damage in Texas.

Experts say the emotional distress caused by such an event can take many forms — grief, anxiety, depression, even fear of storms — and progress through several stages over a year or longer. Even months after the storm hit, new patients have been coming to free counseling being offered by private and government-funded programs.

In the small coastal town of Port Aransas, which experienced major destruction after Harvey made land-fall nearby, psychologist Andrew Reichert said he began noticing a

shift about a month ago in what was bringing people in.

"It's gone from kind of the immediate stress and shock to more just kind of a chronic stress and long-haul type of thing," Reichert said. "A lot of my work is helping people prioritize and focus on what they can control versus what they can't."

Eberhart headed to Austin before the storm hit, even though she thought her Houston home would be fine. She later received photos of the flooding at her house from a neighbor who used a boat. When she returned home, she was heartbroken by what she found: "Mud and slush, and everything just gone."

She lived with her son and his roommates in Houston for about three weeks, then she moved into a starkly furnished apartment near her home. The stress increased amid the frustrations of being displaced, remodeling work and the grief from losing irreplaceable items such as furniture that belonged to her mother and childhood photographs.

"I think after a while you just have to accept the fact that maybe you're just stuck in a place, and somebody can just get you over the hump and it would be a therapist," Eberhart said.

She had her first counseling session in November with Judith Andrews, a psychologist who co-chairs the Texas Psychological Association's disaster resource network. Eberhart, who was

able to return to her house in December, said talking to Andrews helped her realize she should not be mad at herself for still being upset and that she needed to take steps to deal with the stress, such as starting to exercise again.

Andrews, whose organization is offering free counseling sessions, said survivors feel grief over the loss of both property and stability. "They're grieving about the loss of what was," she said.

They usually first experience the survival-focused "heroic phase," when people are responding with high intensity, helping others to survive or being rescued, Andrews said. A few weeks later comes the "honeymoon" phase, which can last up to six months as people are buoyed by feelings of solidarity and bonding from their shared experience.

But anger, resentment and feelings of isolation and abandonment can creep in during the "disillusionment" phase, when survivors struggle to rebuild. The "reconstruction" phase follows — and can last for years — as victims learn to accept that everything won't be the same.

"What happens when people don't process it by talking, then they really don't get rid of it," Andrews said. She noted that most people won't need long-term counseling but many "would certainly benefit by short-term therapy."

The Texas Education Agency is heading a task force to mobilize the mental health response in schools. One goal is to help teachers understand how to spot children who might benefit from talking to someone, said Andy Keller, a psychologist and president and chief executive officer of the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, which is collaborating with the state on the task force.

Megan Davis took her 3-year-old and 6-year-old daughters — who escaped their Houston home by boat with their mother — to sessions with Andrews to make sure the girls were OK. Davis said she was encouraged to hear her girls were "age-appropriately handling the large changes in their lives." The 34-year-old attorney said she also was given tools to talk to her daughters and to know how to let them guide the conversation.

"I think that oftentimes we focus on the immediate effects of disasters, and that's really a small portion of what's important in terms of looking at mental health, especially with respect to kids," said Jeff Temple, a psychologist at The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has been working with mental health care providers to offer free counseling across affected areas in Texas until Jan. 24 through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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literature and world news. Fairness and kindness were essential.

Rosenthal's father had been a Marine sergeant in Hawaii during World War II and was close enough to see pilots' faces as they dropped bombs on Pearl Harbor.

Harold Hyman became a historian, specializing in the Civil War and Reconstruction. He told his children the scariest moment of his life was as a demonstrator crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, with Martin Luther King Jr. because he couldn't tell who his enemies were, Root said.

A job offer at Rice University brought the family to Houston for Lee's senior year at Bellaire High School. Her mother took a position at Rice as research librarian, where she worked for 35 years.

A year after moving to Houston, the Hymans left for a Fulbright stint in Japan and Lee, who graduated at 16, set off for the University of Chicago. She earned her bachelor's in philosophy and a law degree at the university.

She landed a coveted spot after graduation as a clerk for Chief Judge John R. Brown on the Fifth Circuit, who was known for trailblazing rulings during the civil rights era. Brown's willingness to risk vilification or harm in order to do what he believed was right resonated deeply with her. She has said she learned it was vital to be correct on the law and at the same time sensitive to the practi-

cal impact of a ruling.

Bill Barnett, a partner at Baker Botts where she landed next, recalled being surprised at the caliber of her work for someone right out of law school. Her analysis and writing were sharp and she was well-prepared, he said.

She tried civil cases and did appellate work for corporate clients in state and federal court. She made partner in 1985 and put her name in for judge in 1991.

By the time she took her oath as a federal judge, she and her husband, Gary Rosenthal, also a lawyer who is now a partner for a private equity firm, had four young daughters. The eldest now lives in Brookwood, a community for adults with functional disabilities that has been a hub for volunteerism among her extended family. The judge's next child served two tours in Afghanistan as an Army intelligence officer with the 82nd Airborne and now attends medical school. As for her twin daughters, one is in Denver working for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, known as AIPAC, and the other is in Boston working on a graduate degree in art history.

In 25 years of donning a black robe, Rosenthal has heard a broad range of criminal and civil matters of varying complexity and backed out of a few along the way. She was assigned 45 cases involving claims against Enron, but recused herself in 2002 because she had once owned stock in the company. She presided over the murder-for-hire tri-

al of Robert Angleton, a River Oaks bookie acquitted in his wife's slaying.

In 2006, she ruled against the city of Houston and Harris County in an Americans With Disabilities Act lawsuit, ordering them to install sidewalk ramps at 34 intersections in Montrose that had been repaved in a transit project.

After the circuit court overturned another judge's sentence, Rosenthal presided over the resentencing of Tyrone Williams, a truck driver involved in a smuggling attempt that resulted in the deaths of 19 immigrants. He got 34 years in prison.

And in one of her most cited opinions, *Rimkus v. Cammarata*, Rosenthal laid a framework for courts to deal with spoliation — the destruction of evidence — in the digital era. She ruled that a person shouldn't be sanctioned for negligently losing data, saying that lawyers had to prove that data were lost or destroyed in bad faith.

In the Harris County bail case, her ruling resulted from a class action by indigent defendants who were held for days on minor charges, including a young mother who couldn't post \$2,500 after an arrest for driving with a suspended license. The case created a rift among county officials, with one judge, the sheriff, the district attorney and a county commissioner publicly siding with the indigent defendants.

But the majority on Commissioners Court opposed the suit and spent more than \$5 million fighting it. Their

lawyers argued the county had reformed its bail protocol and the judges should maintain discretion to set bail rates.

Rosenthal reviewed videos of thousands of bail hearings, and ultimately concluded that the "wealth-based" system discriminated against poor defendants. Harris County's appeal to the 5th Circuit is pending.

In the voting rights case, Rosenthal ruled that Pasadena discriminated against Latinos when it changed the way it elected city council members. After reviewing reams of election data, she found that Latino voters, many of whom lived on the poorly maintained north side of town, did not have an equal chance to elect officials who would represent their needs.

As chief judge, Rosenthal is the chief administrative officer of the court, overseeing its operations, the office of the Clerk of Court and serving as the judiciary's liaison to local, state and federal agencies.

Her fellow jurists have high praise.

"She's the judge we all aspire to be and the judge all lawyers aspire to appear in front of," said U.S. District Judge Gray H. Miller, a colleague in Houston.

Another Rusk Street

Magistrate Judge Mary Milloy, noted her voracious appetite for reading and "ardent passion for the law."

"She's like the queen of the nerds when it comes to rules and procedure," she said.

U.S. District Judge Keith P. Ellison, who appeared before her as a lawyer, noted her fairness.

"You know when you're in Lee's court your client will get an absolutely level playing field — nobody starts with an advantage or a disadvantage," he said.

Beyond the courtroom, Rosenthal has taken on leadership roles in academia and at the prestigious American Law Institute, of Philadelphia, where she helped draft a model penal code on sexual assault. She was tapped by two chief justices of the Supreme Court, William Rehnquist and John Roberts, to chair advisory committees that craft and revise rules to help federal courts function fairly and efficiently.

"Lee's years in these committees had a permanent mark on how the federal courts around the United States operate," said David G. Campbell, a district court judge in Arizona who served with her on a civil rules committee.

She has demonstrated some of her most stellar work in this capacity, others said.

Attorney David Beck, who served with her on the standing committee overseeing all the federal court rules committees, recalled watching her mind at work during one distilled moment that showed the judge she's come to be.

About 30 of the greatest legal minds Beck ever worked with — judges, lawyers, academics — were having a very heated debate on a rule of civil procedure.

Rosenthal sat back and took it in. She chimed in once or twice to say something.

Then she sensed it was time for a resolution.

"In a very articulate way she laid out the pros and cons articulated by both sides," he said. "And then she said it seems ... that the reasonable position was X. She just laid it out, and that was what we did. There was no further debate."

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Howard College splits conference double header with South Plains

Lady Hawks hold off Lady Texans for 54-46 victory

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

Both the Lady Hawks (10-8) and the Lady Texans (13-5) entered Monday night's game with an 0-2 conference record and one common goal in mind, to win this game and advance to the 2018-19 conference play 0-3. With as many good teams as there are in their conference, an 0-3 start would be a tough hole to dig oneself out of. On top of that, a loss in this game would guarantee a spot at the bottom of the conference and a long ladder to climb to get back into the race for the top four. Fortunately for the Lady Hawks, they dodged that bullet and managed to shut down the Lady Texans' offense and pull out a 54-46 much needed win.

The first half was neck-and-neck the whole way through. While South Plains threatened to take the lead a few times, they were never able to do so. Howard found themselves up by as many as four points a couple of different times, but there was not much separation between the two teams at all. The first quarter ended with the Lady Hawks up 12-10. The half concluded with Howard still in the lead 25-22, thanks to a buried three by Howard freshman, Kaki Simpson, at the buzzer to regain the lead.

South Plains struggled to shoot the ball in the first half as they went 9-27 from the floor (33%), 2-13 from behind

the three-point line (15%) and 2-5 from the charity stripe (40%).

Howard shot 10-25 from the field (40%), 3-7 from beyond the arc (42.9%) and 2-4 (50%) from the free throw line. Howard also won in rebounds for the half as they totaled 21 to South Plains 15.

The Lady Hawks were able to minimize their turnovers with 5 for the half, which is a big change from their season average of 16.3 per game.

South Plains came out into the third quarter with purpose. Though they found themselves down by as much as eight points early into the second half, they quickly gained back some momentum and turned things around. They went on an 11-2 run to tie things up with under three minutes left in the third.

Howard College's Addyson Moseley

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Hawks fight hard, but fall to Texans 80-72 in tight battle

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Hawks took an L in the loss column of their conference record after falling 80-72 to the South Plains Texans on Monday night in what was a back-and-forth game throughout.

Howard came into the game 13-3 on the season, 1-1 in conference play while South Plains entered 10-4 on the season and an undefeated 2-0 conference record. With the win the Texans remain undefeated at 0-3 and the Hawks drop to 1-2.

It wasn't a huge game one way or the other for either team, but it was pretty even in a lot of categories. In the first half, both teams held leads and both teams also had stretches they probably would like to forget about.

The Hawks led by as many as eight points, but after bringing themselves back within two points the Texans

went on a 6-0 spurt to take a four point lead at the end of the first half. Both teams headed for the locker room with the scoreboard at 41-37.

Howard shot 14-28 from floor (50%), 3-10 from downtown (30%), and 6-10 from the free throw line (60%) in the first half, while South Plains went 15-32 from floor (46.9%), 2-14 from downtown (14.3%), and 9-11 from the free throw line (81.8%).

Amari McCray (So.) lead the Hawks offensively in the first half with 10 points. Jeremy Hayes (So.) and Jack PagenKopf (So.) added six points each, followed by Andre Ferguson (So.) and Andrija Blatancic (So.) with four points each, Jake Hutchings (So.) with three and both Derrick Green and Garrick Green with two points each.

The Hawks entered a scoreless drought that lasted over five minutes to open the second half while South Plains kicked things off with three shots netted from beyond the arc to increase their lead to 50-37. The Texans' speed and athleticism started to show as Howard had trouble dropping any shots. South Plains led by as many as 17, but the Hawks clawed their way back within five points with just six minutes remaining in the game.

If Howard had any chance to take the game it would have had to start

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Aldridge, Bertans lead Spurs to comeback win over Kings



AP Photo

Sacramento Kings' Buddy Hield, left, and Willie Cauley-Stein, center, pressure San Antonio Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Sacramento, Calif.

By **MICHAEL WAGAMAN**

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Out of sync for most of the first three quarters, the San Antonio Spurs got a big lift from LaMarcus Aldridge down the stretch and an even bigger boost off the bench from Davis Bertans.

With star forward Kawhi Leonard sidelined indefinitely by a left shoulder tear, it was the perfect combination to keep San Antonio's three-year winning streak against Sacramento going.

Aldridge had 31 points and 12 rebounds, Bertans scored a career-high 28 and the Spurs came back from 13 down in the second half to beat the Kings 107-100 on Monday night.

"Guys (were) just being more active," Aldridge said. "In the first half we made a bunch of mistakes and in the second half we cleaned it up. Guys competed, played smarter and we ended up getting a win."

Aldridge provided his normal spark while dominating the normal low. He scored 21 points in the second half, including six over the final two minutes.

Bertans was just as crisp. The

25-year-old Latvian shot 11 of 15 and made a career-high six 3-pointers while teaming with Aldridge to lead the comeback.

"He's a wonderful shooter but he also understands how to play," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He really spreads the court for us. He was a big factor tonight."

Patty Mills added 14 points and five assists, and Bryn Forbes scored 12 to help the Spurs to their 12th consecutive win over the Kings.

But it wasn't easy.

One night after losing to Portland 111-110, San Antonio was outplayed and outthustled in the first half and was still down 95-90 with four minutes remaining.

Kyle Anderson made one of two free throws and Bertans hit back-to-back 3s to put the Spurs up 97-95. After Willie Cauley-Stein's free throw, Aldridge tipped in Mills' miss and then converted a three-point play as San Antonio closed on a 10-3 run.

Mills punctuated the win with a steal at midcourt that led to an uncontested layup. That left the Sacramento crowd stunned and silent after the

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Gordon, Paul lead way as Rockets beat Bulls 116-107



AP Photo

Bulls' Denzel Valentine, right, pressures Houston Rockets' Clint Capela (15) as Bulls' Robin Lopez watches during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Chicago.

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — The Houston Rockets nailed plenty of 3-pointers early and late, and the lull in between couldn't prevent them from picking up a win they certainly needed.

Eric Gordon and Chris Paul each had 24 points and nine assists, Gerald Green scored 22 and the Rockets beat the Chicago Bulls 116-107 on Monday night despite blowing a 21-point lead.

Trevor Ariza added 18 points and nine rebounds for the Rockets, who had lost seven of nine.

The fact that they've been without NBA scoring leader James Harden lately hasn't made things easier. He missed his fourth straight game because of a strained hamstring.

"We've just got to have everybody play well and play hard because we have a small margin for error," Gordon said. "We've just got to continue to play consistently, play well throughout the game."

It helps when the freewheeling Rockets are connecting from long range. They made 20 of 54 3-pointers despite a big lull in the middle quarters, with Ariza draining six in the

game and Green and Gordon each hitting four.

The Rockets went 8 of 13 in the first quarter and 7 of 16 in the fourth. In between, they were 5 of 25.

"It means we take a lot of 3s, I do know that," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We are trying to take the right shot and the right play. We will go on a fast break and jack up the 3. ... We will do that. If guys feel comfortable and confident, why not? I kind of like us doing that."

Clint Capela added 15 points and 16 rebounds, and Houston won for the second time in four games without Harden.

Bobby Portis led the Bulls with 22 points. Denzel Valentine and Kris Dunn each scored 19, but Chicago lost for the fifth time in six games.

"I think we're definitely improving," Dunn said. "The chemistry is there."

Houston nearly put this one away early, going up by 21 late in the first quarter after Paul's four-point play. But the Bulls got more physical and went ahead in the third.

The Rockets regrouped, scoring eight straight to stretch a two-point

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of this application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Planetary Power Trio

It's a one-two punch of motivational mojo as the sun joins with Venus in Capricorn followed by a conjunction of Pluto two hours later. This planetary power trio in the sign of authority and big challenges lends confidence, clarity and a strong sense of purpose to the mission. "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right." -- Henry Ford

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You won't have everyone's approval, and frankly it would be weird if you did. You so have the blessing of all who matter in this, though -- even if it's only you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are wise. Wisdom can be practical -- but often isn't. Wisdom can point to the popular choice -- but often doesn't. Wisdom can provide comfort -- but it also tolerates the very uncomfortable and uncertain realities of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's been a while since you fantasized about the future. You used to do this often and well! It's time to get back to that rich imagination of yours and apply it creating some magic for yourself in the weeks to come.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everything feels better when you have a plan. It doesn't have to be a good plan. Even a janky, under-researched, unfeasible plan will give you the measure of purpose and confidence necessary to go one step further.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to make an improvement, and here's what will help. Plan the "ifs" and "thens": If (SET ITAL) this(END ITAL) happens, then I'll do that. If (SET ITAL)that(END ITAL) happens, then I'll do this. Decide in advance and set yourself up for success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While you've been known to do excellent work in phases, you've neither the patience nor the time for that today. You'll throw it all down in the white-hot heat of one long frenzy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you muster up the courage

Sagittarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 20, 12 and 33.

COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT... EMPATHS.

Over the next three days we will cover three things an Empath shouldn't leave the house without. Besides the keys, wallet and breath freshener, there are things you're going to need if you're the sort of person who tends to be more affected by environments than others.

Tool 1: An intention you can get behind.

For people with sensitivities, there are many reasons to leave the house that seem joyless, ordinary or draining. Sensitive people are more affected by environments, so they need bigger reasons to take them on.

Banking or grocery shopping might seem like a nothing errand to some, but if you're sensitive, a few hours out in traffic, interacting under fluorescent lighting, having exchanges with people of all different energies and emotional levels... well, simple errands like this can take more energy. An intention that goes beyond the ordinary can turn the outing into a greater purpose or a fun game.

What if your intention was to smile at 10 random people in the world? What if your intention was to listen to an interesting podcast on the ride or to sing in the car? Intentions such as these will keep the mind of the empath -- which is creative and warm and needing a positive focus -- engaged in the higher vibrations of life.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Happy birthday to Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge (aka Kate Middleton), a Capricorn whose star is burning so bright that the entire world seems to be watching her every move. With Mercury and Venus in philanthropic Aquarius, Middleton is focused on the good of humanity. Meanwhile, her Mars, Saturn and Pluto, all in Libra, promise that diplomacy and tact will eternally stand the princess in good stead.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bridge is a logical game

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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♠ 10 9 8 3
♥ A Q
♦ J 9 7 5 2
♣ Q J

WEST
♠ J 6 5 2
♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ 6 4
♣ 10 6 5

EAST
♠ A 7 4
♥ J 9 6 3
♦ A K
♣ K 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q
♥ K 10 5
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ A 7 4 2

The bidding:
South 1♦ West Pass North 1♠ East Dble
3 NT

Opening lead — two of hearts. When the defense starts off on the wrong foot — which happens quite often — it is not necessarily fatal. Some hands can be salvaged by changing course in midstream.

Assume you're East and that your opponents bid aggressively to reach three notrump as shown. Partner leads a heart, and dummy's queen wins. Declarer plays a diamond, which you take with the king, and now, being a thoughtful player, you take careful stock before making the next move.

You can't see declarer's hand, but you already know a great deal about it. First, it is certain that South started with precisely three hearts, since your partner bid hearts and also led the deuce, indicating a four-card suit. Second, South must have the king of hearts for his bids to make sense.

You can also see 25 points in dummy's hand and your own, so it is reasonable to assume that South, who could have passed North's three-diamond bid, has all the missing points except for perhaps a jack.

All these deductions can be put to good use, for they make it clear that continuing to attack hearts will produce only four tricks for the defense, and that a shift to spades will lead to the same result. Therefore, if declarer has any exploitable weak spot, it must be in clubs.

Accordingly, you shift to a low club. Dummy's jack wins, and declarer leads another diamond. You take the ace and, with fingers crossed, return the king of clubs.

Let's say declarer wins with the ace, and your partner, bless him, drops the ten on it. He's also been doing some heavy calculating despite his miserable hand, and he cooperates smartly with your effort.

The result of all these mental pyrotechnics is that South goes down one, losing a spade, two diamonds and two clubs.

Tomorrow: Preparing for the unexpected.
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9	3	2	5	6	1	8	7	4
8	9	7	1	6	2	4	5	3
1	8	9	4	6	5	3	7	2
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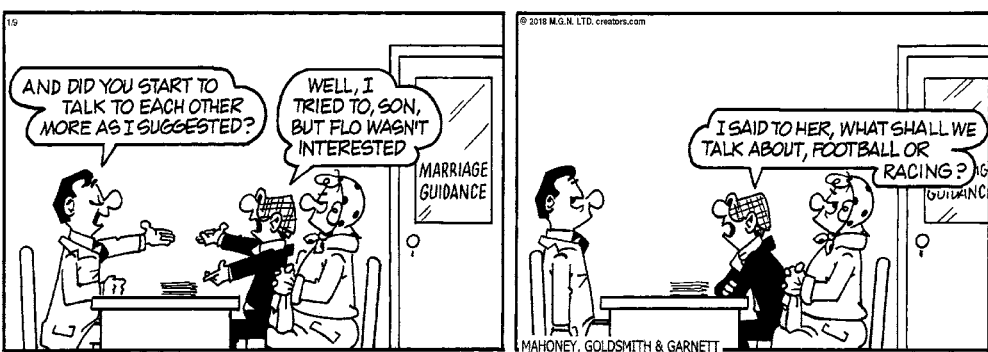
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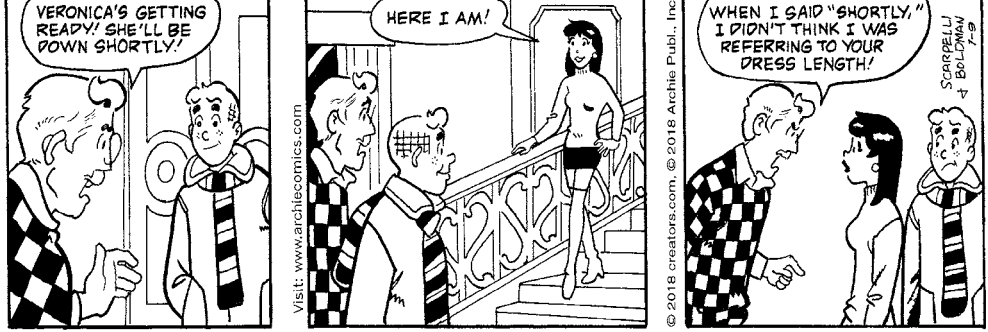
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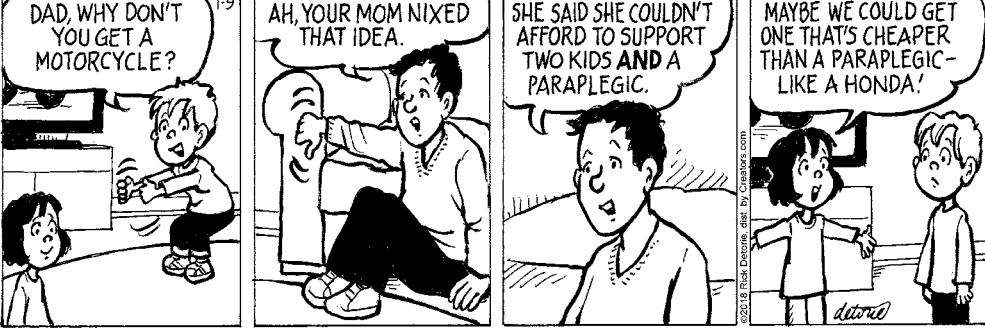
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ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2018. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 9, 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew from Philadelphia to Woodbury, New Jersey.

On this date: In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, retreated because of artillery fire.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Gallipoli ended after eight months with an Ottoman Empire victory as Allied forces withdrew.

In 1931, Bobbi Trout and Edna May Cooper broke an endurance record for female aviators as they returned to Mines Field in Los Angeles after flying a Curtiss Robin monoplane continuously for 122 hours and 50 minutes.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing on the shores of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines as the Battle of Luzon got underway, resulting in an Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address to Congress, warned of the threat of Communist imperialism.

In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported autobiography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

In 1987, the White House released a January 1986 memorandum prepared for President Ronald Reagan by Lt. Col. Oliver L. North showing a link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

In 1993, the two owners of a fast food restaurant in Palatine, Illinois, and five employees were found shot and stabbed to death. (Two suspects were arrested in May 2002; both were

convicted in separate trials and sentenced to life in prison.)

In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, on his first visit to Israel while in office, warned Iran of "serious consequences" if it again harassed U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf. The U.S. military reported nine American soldiers were killed in the first two days of a new offensive to root out al-Qaida in Iraq fighters holed up in districts north of Baghdad. Johnny Grant, the honorary mayor of Hollywood, died in Los Angeles at age 84.

Five years ago: Vice President Joe Biden heard personal stories of gun violence from representatives of victims groups and gun-safety organizations at the White House as he undertook to draft the Obama administration's response to the mass shooting at a Connecticut elementary school. The Seastreak Wall Street, a commuter ferry, made a hard landing into a Manhattan pier, injuring 85 people (investigators later cited operator error). No one was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame; for the second time in four decades, baseball writers failed to give any player the 75 percent required for induction to Cooperstown, sending a firm signal that stars of the Steroids Era would be held to a different standard.

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump appointed his influential son-in-law Jared Kushner as a White House senior adviser. The outgoing Obama administration black-listed five Russians as the feud over U.S. election hacking escalated. Master Sgt. Debra Clayton, an Orlando, Florida, police officer, was fatally shot in the parking lot of a Wal-mart store while trying to arrest a man suspected of killing his pregnant ex-girlfriend (the suspect has since been arrested). In college football's first national championship rematch, No. 3 Clemson took down top-ranked Alabama 35-31.

Today's Birthdays: Author Judith Krantz is 90. Football Hall of Famer Bart Starr is 84.

Actress K. Callan is 82. Folk singer Joan Baez is 77. Rockabilly singer Roy Head is 77. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 74. Actor John Doman is 73. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 68. Singer Crystal Gayle is 67. Actor J.K. Simmons is 63. Actress Imelda Staunton is 62. Nobel Peace laureate Rigoberto Menchu is 59. Rock musician Eric

Erlandson is 55. Actress Joely Richardson is 53. Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is 51. Actor David Costabile is 51. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 51. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 51. Actress-director Joey Lauren Adams is 50. Actress Angela Bettis is 45. Actor Omari Hardwick is 44. Roots singer-songwriter Hayes Carl is 42. Singer A.J. McLean (Backstreet

Boys) is 40. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, is 36. Pop-rock musician Drew Brown (OneRepublic) is 34. Rock-soul singer Paolo Nutini is 31. Actress Nina Dobrev is 29. Actor Basil Eidenbenz is 25. Actress Kerris Dorsey is 20. Actor Tyree Brown is 14.

sure, not knowing what next or how. The moment you know how, you begin to die a little. The artist never entirely knows. We guess. We may be wrong, but we take leap after leap in the dark."

Agnes de Mille
American dancer-choreographer (1905-1993).

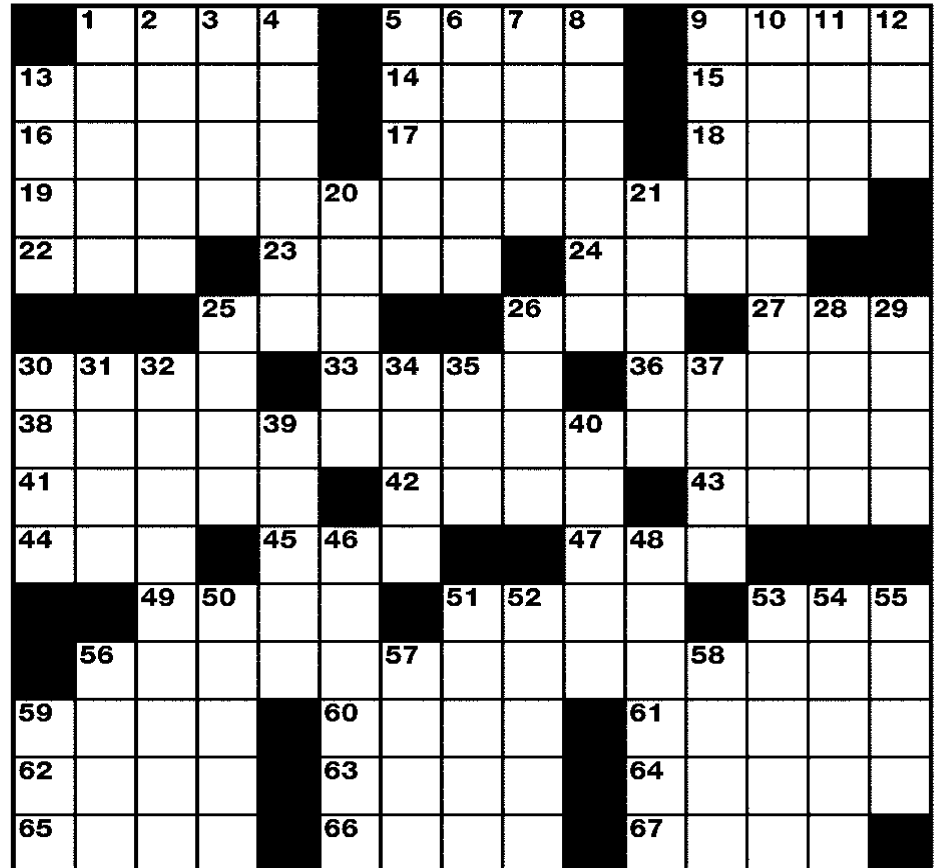
Thought for Today:
"Living is a form of not being"

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Newsday Crossword

I'M A FAN by Sally R. Stein
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- ACROSS**
- 1 High-school support grps.
 - 5 *Moby-Dick* captain
 - 9 "Wherefore art __ Romeo?"
 - 13 Satirical comedy
 - 14 Additional
 - 15 Gather up, as crops
 - 16 Coral island
 - 17 Necklace ornament
 - 18 __ and crafts
 - 19 Top-of-arm bones
 - 22 Sugar amt.
 - 23 Repairs, as a driveway
 - 24 Vicinity
 - 25 Dairy animal
 - 26 "Let me see . . ."
 - 27 Medicine-testing agcy.
 - 30 Suffix for kitchen
 - 33 Prime-time hour
 - 36 Available from a keg
 - 38 Has a chat
 - 41 Language of a novel
 - 42 Alan of *M*A*S*H*
 - 43 Fearsome dinosaur, for short
 - 44 Laugh, informally
 - 45 Actor Gibson
 - 47 Prosecutors: Abbr.
 - 49 African poisonous snakes
 - 51 Runs for one's health
 - 53 Boxing result, for short
 - 56 Gets very angry
 - 59 Green citrus fruit
- DOWN**
- 10 From now on
 - 11 Meal for a mare
 - 12 Increases, as an ante
 - 13 With great speed
 - 20 Daybreaks
 - 21 Knight's metallic suit
 - 25 Corp. heads
 - 26 Follow, as advice
 - 28 Bewildered state
 - 29 Acme
 - 30 Get a glimpse of
 - 31 Drive-__ window
 - 32 Prepared to deal with
 - 34 Type like *this*: Abbr.
 - 35 Stanley Cup org.
 - 37 Shows a profit of
 - 39 Short-term workers, for short
 - 40 Police officer's shield
 - 46 High regard
 - 48 Incidental comments
 - 50 Flower stalks
 - 51 Legendary outlaw
 - 52 Eight-person band
 - 53 Windshield colorings
 - 54 Leg joints
 - 55 Fairy tale monster
 - 56 Stay out of sight
 - 57 __ and hearty (in good shape)
 - 58 *Mona* __
 - 59 Scientist's workshop



Answer to previous puzzle

CHAR	DECOY	ASPI
LIFE	EXUDE	COIL
AREA	PILES	RAKE
NEWCASTS	HOPED	
SORTS	PESO	
TAMEST	GRASPED	
ALIST	PILOT	ERE
PAINS	PARED	TROT
AMT	WORSE	TRADE
SOSPADS	TEASER	
EONS	CARES	
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ARIA	RATON	BRIE
MEET	UPEND	ASSI
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SPURS

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Kings had led by as many as 14.

"Once you get out there you forget about tired legs," Bertans said. "Coming off that loss in Portland it was very important to just keep pounding the rock until the end."

Cauley-Stein had 22 points and nine rebounds for the Kings. De'Aaron Fox added 11 points and 10 assists, and Bogdan Bogdanovic and Garrett Temple scored 16 apiece.

The Spurs have not lost to the Kings since Nov. 15, 2014, and have won seven straight in Sacramento.

The Kings have dropped six of eight overall.

"It's a tough one to swallow," Fox said. "It was just a few turnovers and then defensively we couldn't get a stop (late)."

Both teams traded buckets early before Sacramento built a double-digit lead before halftime.

Zach Randolph, who sat out Sunday's win over Denver because of oral surgery, made a 3-pointer

to start an 11-2 run. Fox made a layup and Buddy Hield followed with a 3 after Aldridge turned the ball over in the backcourt.

Bogdanovich hit his second 3 of the second quarter to put the Kings up by 14 before the Spurs closed to 56-46 at halftime.

"Guys were playing hard but we were making fatigue mistakes, throwing the ball out of bounds, throwing it to the other team," Aldridge said.

Aldridge scored 11 of San Antonio's first 13 points in the third quarter, but it was Bertans who kept the Spurs close with his career night. He had two 3s in the third and two in the fourth to fuel the comeback.

"That's what we need from him," Aldridge said. "When he shoots with confidence and he plays with a determination, he's a big-time player. When he's indecisive and he's trying to overthink it, that's when he's not as good as he can be. Today he played with confidence and took the shots that he had."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Manu Ginobili was given the night off after scoring a season-high 26 points in the loss to Portland on Sunday. ... Danny Green (groin tightness) missed his fourth consecutive game.

K i n g s : Cauley-Stein had 10 points and five rebounds in the first quarter. ... George Hill missed his second straight game for personal reasons.

UP NEXT
Spurs: At the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday.

Kings: At the Lakers on Tuesday.

ROCKETS

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lead to 10 late in the quarter. Back-to-back 3s by Green and Paul made it 87-76 going into the fourth.

LAVINE MEETING

The Bulls had no update after forward Zach LaVine and his representatives met Monday with management, coaches and medical staff to set a date for his Chicago debut. Vice president of basketball operations John Paxson figures to give one when he meets with the media on Tuesday.

Acquired along with Dunn and Lauri Markkanen in the draft-night trade that sent Jimmy Butler to Minnesota, Lavine appears ready to play for the first time since he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee last February. The two-time slam dunk champion av-

eraged 18.9 points in 47 games for the Timberwolves last season.

TIP-INS

Rockets: Houston had dropped four of five road games. ... Capela has 20 double-doubles. ... Paul has five straight games with at least nine assists. He also grabbed eight rebounds.

Bulls: F Nikola Mirotic missed the game because of a stomach virus that's been bothering him the past few days. Chicago coach Fred Hoiberg said Mirotic "felt much better" prior to playing 23 minutes at Indiana on Saturday but took a bad turn after that game. He saw a doctor on Monday. ... Hoiberg said G Cameron Payne, recovering from a broken right foot, is cleared to do "pretty much everything except jumping." Payne had surgery in September and has not played this season. ... Chicago's bench outscored Houston's 40-29.

UP NEXT

Rockets: Host the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday.

Bulls: Visit the New York Knicks on Wednesday.



LADY HAWKS

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and Ruthie Fox were a problem for the Lady Texans defensively. Corbyn Cunningham lead the team with eight total boards, four of them offensive boards.

After a huge four-point play from Cunningham and a deep three by Kendall Alsup with about two minutes remaining in the game, the Lady Hawks managed to work their way up to a ten point lead, their biggest lead of the game.

South Plains just couldn't quite recover from their deficit, and couldn't seem to get any offense going against the Lady Hawks' defense to bring them back in it. With a final score of 54-46, Howard defended their home court and got their first conference win.

"I thought it was a great win. I am so tickled for everybody. I give a lot of credit to the girls rebounding after that conner

state game. I just thought we really battled and we did some really good things defensively. We struggled a little bit offensively. They have got great quickness that really hurt us at times. But hey, we won the game and did some pretty great things going down the wire. We really got tough there at the end of the game defensively and rebounded the ball." said head girls basketball coach Earl Diddle. "I think it's big. Both teams here came in at 0-2. I think the WJCAC is as good as it's ever been. I mean we have got some real parody, you've got Western, you've got Frank, you've got Clarendon. Everybody is good, so it's going to be a rough road. This one was just a great win for us and I am happy with the way different players came in and battled. I thought we showed a lot of courage and a lot of character. Im just tickled to death. We had big baskets and we had some great defensive stops. It was great."

Howard held South Plains to just 9-26 shooting from the floor in the second half, giving them a

total of 18-53 on the night (34%). They went a game total of 4-22 from beyond the arc (18.2%) and sank six of their eight free throws.

The Lady Hawks game totals were were significantly higher as they finished 18-44 from the floor (40.9%), 5-12 from deep (41.7%) and 13-17 from the charity stripe (76.5%).

Simpson lead the team offensively with 14 points for the game and went 3-6 from downtown.

While South Plains has been ravaged with inconsistency issues this season, Howard College has been ravaged with injuries. They are without three big names for the remainder of the season: Daria Vatrishkina (So.), Brielle Milford (Fr.) and Gabbi Villarreal (Fr.).

Howard has an intriguing conference match up against Clarendon College on Thursday, in Clarendon. They will need a win there to give themselves a good shot to rally back into the top four of a very competitive conference.

HAWKS

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with defensive stops, but South Plains had an answer for anything the Hawks dealt them. Howard couldn't quite get back over the hump from giving up all of those points early in the second half. From there, as you would expect from a good South Plains team, the Texans were able to hang on and close it out with a final score of 80-72.

Hutchings led the team offensively with a total of 17 points for the game. McCray was right behind him with 14 followed by Pagenkopf with 10.

Howard finished the game shooting 44.3% from the floor compared to South Plains' 50.8%, 7-21 from beyond the arc vs. South Plains 7-23, and 11-19 from the free throw line next to the Texans' 13-20.

The Hawks went into the second half leading by five in the rebound category, but ended up losing 36-35 for the game. 7 of those rebounds were offensive rebounds, but Howard couldn't seem to translate them into any points as they only totaled five second chance points for the contest.

While both teams finished with nine assists, Howard did however win in points off turnovers 14-7, but at the end of the day the long ball just could not fall consistently enough for the Hawks.

Howard still has a little bit of work to do to get where South Plains is at in this stage, but it was a strong effort nonetheless. When they are on, they can be unstoppable. They have a habit of starting out strong and finishing strong, but it's the in-between that we have seen get them into trouble. It's just a matter of playing a full 40 minutes of consistent basketball that they are still trying to nail down. Hopefully they can get that handled before their road conference matchup against Clarendon College on Thursday, who was 2-0 in conference before falling to Western Texas College 83-76 last night.

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