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Silver Wings Ball takes flight



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
On Saturday, Jan. 27, the Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual Silver Wings Ball was held at the Hotel Settles. This annual donation ball is held once a year in order to raise money for the Hangar 25 Air Museum. "It means a lot to have so much support shown from the community for the museum," said Ryan Bond, Silver Wings Ball committee chairman. "This is our 20th annual donation ball that Hangar 25 has hosted. It's such a fun event that all goes to a great cause." At left, the crowd was dressed to nines, drinking champagne, and eating crab cakes at this year's annual Silver Wings Ball at the Hotel Settles. At top, the Southwest Jazz band plays for the Silver Wings Ball guests. The band played a variety of jazz, country jazz, and smooth music to help ball-goers have a good time.

Songwriter to sing 'Big Spring' at renovated spring plaza

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

A few years ago, singer/songwriter Tom Newman of Canada visited Big Spring, and that visit sparked the idea for the recent Historic Spring Restoration Project. Now, Newman is coming back the spring to perform his 2015-released song "Big Spring" on the outdoor stage at the site of Big Spring's namesake.

"The CD cover for my album features a photo, taken by (Big Spring resident) Aubrey Weaver, of me standing in front of the spring with my guitar," Newman said. "I casually mentioned to Aubrey that I thought it was a shame that such a significant historical site was not shown more respect, with garbage in the water and a lot of graffiti on the nearby features."

The comment resonated with Weaver. "Aubrey said that he would approach the local council about doing something to upgrade the spring and its surroundings, and the rest is history," Newman said. "I can't wait to see all the work that has been done at the Comanche Trail Park, when I visit Big Spring later this month."

Since then, the town's namesake has been completely renovated with a plaza constructed of native stone, featuring historic displays, lighted walkways, and scenic overlooks of the spring itself.

Newman will perform "Big Spring" on the Historic Spring Plaza outdoor stage at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Newman has a long history with the local area.

"My mother Pattie was born and raised in Big Spring," he said. "My Father, Tom Sr., who lived in Toronto, Canada, came to Big Spring as a guest of the local Lions Club about 70 years ago, and was given a tour of the Cosden Oil Refinery by Pattie McDonald, my future mother. They fell in love, and after a long-distance relationship of several years, they married in Big Spring in 1951 and moved to Canada to live."

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Bruno Mars crashes rap's big party at the Grammys

By **DAVID BAUDER**

AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Grammy Awards seemed poised to make this a triumphant year for rap at music's showcase event — until Bruno Mars crashed the party.

The song-and-dance man from Hawaii won

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Porter's holds beer, jerky sampling

HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield
On Saturday, Jan. 27, Porter's hosted a craft beer and jerky sampling session that was open for the public enjoyment. "There are still a lot of people who don't know that Porter's is here, and this is a great way to promote not only Porter's but the products we carry as well," said Amber, an employee at Porter's. "With the Super Bowl right around the corner, these beers and jerky would go along great with any party."



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Courtesy photo

Canadian singer/songwriter Tom Newman poses by Big Spring's Historic Spring on the cover of his 2015 album "Big Spring." Newman's visit sparked the idea for the recently completed Historic Spring Restoration Project. Newman will return to town to perform the title song from his album at the restored spring Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

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As he grew up, the Newman family visited extended family in the area.

"I first visited Big Spring when I was about 10 years old in the mid-'60s. My parents and their five children traveled all the way from Canada in a very crowded station wagon. Two things stand out in my memory about that visit: going hunting for rattlesnakes with one of my uncles, and visiting the spring at Comanche Trail Park."

After Newman's father died, he started

bringing his mother down to visit friends and family each year. One of her friends was Joyce Weaver, Aubrey's mother.

"On my visits to Big Spring, I would always go to the Comanche Trail Park to see the spring and soak up the atmosphere," he said. "My mother's friends and family had told me many interesting stories about the spring and the surrounding area, and so I started to do some research on the internet. I was amazed at the rich history that I discovered, and I was particularly surprised to learn that the spring had run dry, as the pop-

ulation in the area had grown."

Newman's interest in the spring grew into an idea for a song.

"I thought that the story of the spring would make excellent material for a song, a song with a message about the need to manage our natural resources in a sustainable way. I used the song - "Big Spring" - as the title track for an album with an environmental theme that I released in 2015."

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Keurig buys Dr. Pepper Snapple, creating a beverage giant

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Keurig will buy Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, creating a beverage giant with about \$11 billion in annual sales.

The companies, both the result of previous mergers, will bring under one tent global brands like Dr. Pepper, 7UP, Snapple, A&W, Mott's, Sunkist and Keurig's single-serve coffee makers.

The company is still vastly outsized by PepsiCo Inc. and Coca-Cola Co., which had sales in 2016 of \$63 billion and \$41 billion, respectively.

Keurig Green Mountain Inc., which is a privately held company, said Monday that Dr. Pepper Snapple shareholders will receive \$103.75 per share in a special cash dividend and keep 13 percent of the combined company.

Shares of Dr. Pepper Snapple soared more than 39 percent before the opening bell.

Keurig CEO Bob Gangort will lead the new company, called Keurig Dr. Pepper. Larry Young, CEO at Dr. Pepper Snapple will become a director.

Keurig and Dr. Pepper Snapple will continue to run out of their current locations. Keurig is based in Waterbury, Vermont and Dr. Pepper Snapple has headquarters in Plano, Texas.

Keurig was acquired by Europe's JAB Holding company in 2016 in partnership with the snackmaker, Mondelez International.

JAB will be the controlling shareholder, and Mondelez will hold a stake of about 13 percent to 14 percent.

The deal is expected to close in the second quarter, with the company estimating total debt to be about \$16.6 billion at that time.

The acquisition must still be approved by shareholders of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group Inc.

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all six awards he was nominated for on Sunday night, including the three most prestigious Grammys for song ("That's What I Like"), record ("24K Magic") and album of the year. His music also dominated the rhythm and blues categories.

The Grammys on Sunday also saw Kendrick Lamar win five awards, Jay-Z go home empty-handed, some memorable performances by the likes of Lamar, Kesha, Mars and Logic, an odd oversight of singer Lorde and a surprise cameo from Hillary Clinton.

In accepting a trophy for the album "24K Magic," Mars recalled when he was 15 years old and singing shows for tourists. He'd perform hits written by Babyface, Teddy Riley and Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis, and loved looking down from the stage to see people from all over the world who had never met dancing together and toasting one another.

"All I ever wanted to do with this album was that," he said. "These songs were written with nothing but joy."

Mars has won 11 Grammys in his career.

His success, however, instantly became a target for second-guessers, similar to people befuddled last year when Adele won album of the year over Beyonce. Social media filled with commentary about whether Lamar's hard-hitting disc "DAMN" was more deserving. One meme that spread on Twitter showed Houston Rocket James Harden rolling his eyes in supposed "reaction" to the news.

Beyond being a critical favorite, Lamar seemed primed to be the evening's star. He opened the Grammys with a hard-hitting medley that depicted black dancers falling to the floor to symbolize being shot, and won the night's first televised award. His work swept the rap categories, the prime factor in the night's most-nominated artist, Jay-Z, winning nothing.

Lamar paid tribute to Jay-Z ("Jay-Z for president," he said with a smile) and other forebears in accepting a Grammy.

"I thought it was about the accolades and the cars and the clothes," he said. "But it really is about expressing yourself and putting that paint on the canvas for the world to evolve for the next listener, the next generation after that. Hip-hop has done that for me."

Clinton's appearance was the punch line for a skit where host James Corden pretended to cast celebrities for what he thought would be a sure-fire Grammy contender for spoken world performance next year, reading from Michael Wolff's best-seller about the Trump administration, "Fire and Fury." Cher, John Legend and Snoop Dogg left him frustrated, but then Clinton lowered a copy of the opened book in front of her face to reveal herself.

The attempt at humor wasn't a hit with everyone: President Trump's ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, tweeted that the skit ruined the show for her.

Most of the show's political references — to topics like gun violence, immigration reform and women's rights — were carefully scripted.

Kesha was joined by Cyndi Lauper, Camila Cabello, Julia Michaels, Andra Day and others in a performance of her Grammy-nominated song "Praying," which is about fighting back from abuse. Singer Janelle Monae introduced Kesha and tied the appearance to the current flood of women speaking up about sexual misconduct. Dozens of artists and music industry players also sported white roses in support of the Time's Up and #MeToo movements against sexual abuse and harassment.

"We come in peace but we mean business. To those who would dare try to silence us, we offer two words: Time's Up," Monae said. "It's not just going on in Hollywood. It's not just going on in Washington. It's here in our industry, too."

The show also featured a somber performance of Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven" by country artists Maren, Eric Church and the Osborne Brothers. All were on the bill for the Las Vegas show in October that was torn apart by a mass shooter.

Social media was curious about the seeming snub of album of the year nominee Lorde. She wasn't among the night's performers, even as classic rockers Sting and U2 made multiple appearances.

"It's hard to have a balanced show and have everybody involved," producer Ken Ehrlich said backstage. "Every year's different. We can't have a performance from every nominee."

The Grammys were also a clear example of rock 'n' roll's decline as a creative force. No rock awards were given during the televised portion of the Grammys. Sting sang a 30-year-old hit and the majority of rock's references were about artists who had died like Chuck Berry, Fats Domino and Tom Petty.

The Rolling Stones, once judged rock's kings, won the third Grammy of their career — for best traditional blues recording.

Alessia Cara won the Grammy for best new artist, and remembered the time when she would "win" Grammys in her dreams while singing in the shower.

Chris Stapleton won three Grammys in country categories. Other multiple winners included Ed Sheeran, CeCe Winans, Justin Hurwitz and Jason Isbell. The late Leonard Cohen won a Grammy for his performance of "You Want It Darker." Actress Carrie Fisher and sound engineer Tom Coyne were other posthumous winners. As it has in recent years, the Grammys downplayed the awards for performances by the industry's biggest stars.

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Jack Weldon Lawhon, 69, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Texas Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

John Swindell, 87, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will be at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Kathrene Ann Chavarria, 46, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Juvenile charged with murder in fatal Lubbock shooting

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Lubbock police say a juvenile is in custody and is charged with murder for the fatal shooting of a 17-year-old.

Police say a vehicle pulled up to a Lubbock hospital Saturday, dropped off gunshot victim Brenden McGuire and then left.

McGuire later was pronounced dead.

Investigators say they were able to find the juvenile and arrest him. Also under arrest is an 18-year-old charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Police say the case remains under investigation.

US Supreme Court asked to halt Texas execution this week

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Attorneys for a Texas prisoner facing execution this week for killing a woman in Dallas in 1999 are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to halt his punishment after the top Texas criminal court refused to consider their appeal.

Lawyers for 64-year-old William Rayford say his execution set for Tuesday evening in Huntsville should be halted so the high court can review whether his trial lawyer during questioning of a witness improperly introduced race as a possible factor jurors could have considered when they decided Rayford, who is black, should die for killing his ex-girlfriend Carol Lynn Thomas Hall.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said Friday Rayford's appeal was improper for procedural reasons and rejected it. Two of the court's nine judges say they would have stopped the execution.

Father in North Texas denies selling daughter for sex

ROCKWALL, Texas (AP) — A 31-year-old man jailed in North Texas for selling his teenage daughter for sex is denying the charge.

Child welfare authorities say Steve Marks has seven children from age 1 to 14 and at least three of them previously were removed and placed in foster care.

Marks was arrested Thursday in Rockwall County and held on \$1 million bond on charges of purchasing or selling a child for sex. A 31-year-old woman he says is his wife also is charged and jailed. His parents are jailed on charges of harboring a runaway.

Marks tells Dallas TV station WFAA he'd never sell a child for sex and someone who does that "needs to be put away for the rest of their life."

Child welfare officials say the case remains under investigation.

Life jackets save 4 off Texas coast in Gulf of Mexico

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The Coast Guard is crediting proper life jacket use for helping save the lives of four people who were thrown from their boat when it capsized in the Gulf of Mexico near Port O'Conner.

A Coast Guard helicopter recovered three of the people Saturday and a fourth was recovered by a family member in another boat.

Coast Guard Cmdr. Keith Pierre says the 20-foot boat was equipped properly with life jackets and the people all were wearing the devices when the craft capsized Saturday about 17 miles south of Pass Cavallo off Matagorda Island.

The three people taken by helicopter were treated by emergency medical crews at the Victoria Regional Airport. All four of the people pulled from the water are reported in good condition.

Texas inmate says he killed fellow prisoner

ROSHARON, Texas (AP) — Texas prison officials say an inmate serving a life sentence for capital murder in Bexar County has confessed to the slaying of a fellow inmate earlier this month at a Southeast Texas prison.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark says while the slaying remains under investigation, Alfred Brosig told authorities he killed 57-year-old Kenneth Johnson at the Ramsey I Unit in Brazoria County, south of Houston, on Jan. 17.

The Houston Chronicle reports other inmates say Johnson had a radio cord wrapped around his neck and Brosig blew "farewell kisses" as he was led from his cell.

Brosig's prison record goes back to 1990. He's now in a prison psychiatric unit.

Johnson was serving 18 years for engaging in organized criminal activity in Navarro County, south of Dallas.

Strong health sign-ups under Obamacare encourage Democrats

By JAMES ANDERSON

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Republicans on the campaign trail this year will be eager to tout the potential benefits of their tax cut plan.

Voters like Jeanine Limone Draut, a freelance technical writer in Denver, have something else in mind: health care.

Failed efforts by congressional Republicans last year to repeal former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act exposed not only deep divisions within the party but also revealed core benefits of the law that millions of Americans now take for granted. Draut is tired of the attacks and the uncertainty surrounding the law's future.

"As a small business owner, it just wreaks havoc on how you do business," Draut, an independent, said of the on-again, off-again repeal talk from Republicans. "I don't know if either party has a solution. My vote is pretty closely tied to my livelihood."

Both parties are paying attention, especially after a better-than-expected enrollment season under the health care law. Democrats especially have used health care to go on the attack, and the issue is coming up in congressional races in California, Colorado, Michigan, Washington and elsewhere. A Kaiser Family Foundation poll released Friday found health care as the top issue voters want congressional candidates to address.

Enrollment was especially robust in many of the states that operate their own insurance marketplaces, where enrollment periods were longer than on the federal exchange and promotional budgets were beefed up. Strong sign-ups came despite Republican attacks against the law and President Donald Trump's administration taking several steps to undermine it, including cutting the federal sign-up period in half and slashing advertising.

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Maryland, New York, Vermont and other states with their own exchanges saw enrollment approach or surpass 2017 levels. Minnesota's health insurance exchange set a record for private plans with an enrollment period that was more than two weeks shorter than in 2017.

California's state exchange, the nation's largest, has reported more than 1.2 million renewals for 2018 and an additional 342,000 new customers. Its 2018 enrollment period doesn't end until Wednesday, as does New York's.

Democrats say the level of consumer interest presents a political opportunity.

"We're definitely making it an issue," said Jason Crow, a Democrat who is challenging five-term Republican Congressman Mike Coffman in a suburban Denver district.

Crow has criticized Coffman's vote for the GOP tax bill, which eliminated the tax penalty for people who don't get health insurance. That move is expected to undermine the individual insurance market starting next year.

More than 22,000 people enrolled last year for coverage on the state exchange in Coff-

man's district, which went for Hillary Clinton in 2016.

"People in our district recognize the progress we've made under health care. The fact that 20 million more people have health care matters — it matters a lot," Crow said. "And under Trump, we are now moving in the opposite direction."

Coffman encountered hoots and boos at town halls last year for his insistence that Obama's health law be repealed, even though he eventually voted against the legislation. He insists that any replacement guarantee coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.

Coffman's campaign manager, Tyler Sandberg, described the incumbent's approach to health care as nuanced.

"His stance ultimately is about pre-existing conditions. It's something everyone can relate to," Sandberg said. "And if Democrats think they can hit him over the head with it, I think they're going to be sorely mistaken."

Democrats also are making health care a key part of their strategy in this year's race to select a successor to Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper. The Democrat last year worked with moderate Republican Gov. John Kasich of Ohio, lobbying Congress in an unsuccessful attempt to maintain the requirement that all Americans have health insurance.

A Republican field that includes former Rep. Tom Tancredo and Attorney General Cynthia Coffman is focusing on roads, education, immigration and spending limits. The Democrats, including Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne, a long-time health care executive, and U.S. Rep. Jared Polis, have made protecting the state exchange a central campaign theme.

Safeguarding the Obama-era health care reforms is essential to Colorado voters such as Draut, 45, who said her state exchange policy gives her peace of mind that she'll be covered if she becomes ill, and Caleb Jackson, a 27-year-old graduate student at the University of Colorado-Denver.

Under the Affordable Care Act, Jackson was covered until last year on his parents' policy, which allowed him to receive a \$200,000 bone marrow transplant that stabilized a debilitating neurological condition. Now treatment-free, he has taken advantage of

the law's Medicaid expansion while he pursues an advanced degree in public administration and urban planning.

He said he switched his voter registration from Republican to Democrat because of the GOP's repeated attempts to repeal the law.

"At this point I couldn't, in good conscience, vote for people who voted to repeal the ACA," Jackson said. "I think it will come back to haunt them."

Democrats began using health care as part of their congressional campaign strategy last fall. That's when the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee ran its first radio and cable TV ads of the 2018 election cycle. They were in 11 Republican-held congressional districts and asserted that a Republican-run federal government would keep trying to undo Obama's overhaul. "They'll never stop," the ad said.

Democratic committee spokesman Tyler Law said health care is an issue that should help his party in races across the country.

Jesse Hunt, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee, said his party won't run away from the health care debate, but the focus will be different. If Democrats take control of the federal government in the future, he said, they are likely to push for government-run, single-payer health care.

"It's become the litmus-test issue for Democrats," Hunt said.

In California, many Democratic candidates are unapologetic about their support for a single-payer system and say it's time for the U.S. to follow the health care models in most other wealthy countries.

Among Republicans considered vulnerable in the state is Rep. Steve Knight, a former state lawmaker who has drawn criticism from progressive groups for his vote on the GOP health care bill. Knight's 25th Congressional District stretches from the middle class suburbs north of Los Angeles to the high desert. An estimated 34 percent of its residents rely on public health coverage.

He defended his vote, saying structural problems with the Affordable Care Act discourage people from buying insurance, which has driven up premiums and forced insurance companies to leave the marketplace.

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Forbes' season-high 23 lead Spurs past Kings, 113-98

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Spurs almost ruined Gregg Popovich's 69th birthday.

Popovich blew a fuse instead of candles at halftime after seeing a lack of effort from his veteran team.

Bryn Forbes scored a season-high 23 points and San Antonio overcame its sluggish second quarter for a 113-98 victory Sunday night over the Sacramento Kings, who saw coach Dave Joerger exit the game in the opening minutes after suffering a dizzy spell.

Popovich had a direct message to the Spurs at halftime during a second straight listless performance.

"Come ready," Forbes said. "He kind of snapped on us at half, told us we weren't ready, we had to pick it up. Our effort wasn't great in the first half, he said."

The Spurs outscored the Kings 64-48 from there, but it was the effort they put into the advantage that pleased Popovich.

LaMarcus Aldridge and Manu Ginobili each added 15 points in San Antonio's 13th

straight win over Sacramento. Dejounte Murray had 14 points and 10 assists, and Pau Gasol had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

"Second half I thought Bryn and Dejounte were great at both ends of the court and that's the effort and the execution of doing your job that we need," Popovich said. "They were great and other people followed."

Joerger exited two minutes into the game after slapping his hands together after a non-call, taking two steps toward midcourt and then turning toward his bench

and dropping to one knee. He braced himself with one hand on the court and another on a staff member before rising with the help of assistant Elston Turner.

Joerger was taken to the locker room and examined by a Spurs team doctor. A San Antonio official said Joerger was experiencing lightheadedness and was being kept in the locker room for precautionary reasons.

"He's OK, he'll be all right," Turner said.

Joerger left with the team afterward. His status for Tuesday's game in New Or-

leans is unknown.

De'Aaron Fox finished with 26 points and Vince Carter added 21 for Sacramento. The Kings finished 18 for 34 on 3-pointers.

Popovich left for the locker room with 1.4 seconds remaining in the first half even though Fox was shooting free throws.

He had cause to be upset. The Spurs scored only 20 points in the second quarter, two nights after setting several scoring lows in a 97-78 loss to Philadelphia.

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Nuggets beat Mavericks



AP photo

Denver Nuggets guard Jamal Murray, left, blocks a shot by Dallas Mavericks guard Kyle Collinsworth during the first half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, in Denver.

Jokic has triple-double as Nuggets beat Mavericks 91-89

By MICHAEL KELLY

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets' offense has carried them most of the season, but this time they leaned on their defense — and Nikola Jokic — to hold off the Dallas Mavericks.

Jokic completed his second triple-double with a late jumper to put Denver ahead, and the Nuggets held on for a 91-89 victory Saturday night.

Jokic had 11 points, 16 rebounds and 11 assists. Gary Harris scored 24 to help Denver rally from nine points down in the fourth quarter for its third straight win.

The 91 points were the fifth-fewest Denver has scored in a game this

season, and it came two nights after the Nuggets put up 130 in a win over New York.

"You never know how the game is going to go so we adjust to what the game gives us," Jokic said. "We missed open shots and layups, but that's the kind of game it was."

Nuggets point guard Jamal Murray was healthy but did not start after violating a team rule, coach Michael Malone said after the game. After averaging 26.7 points in his previous three games, Murray struggled early Saturday before scoring all 15 of his points in the second half.

"My whole tempo was off," Murray said. "Normally I start games with up tempo and I didn't come out talk-

ing and with the same energy I normally do."

The Mavericks were missing guards J.J. Barea (oblique strain) and Devin Harris (personal reasons) but played well without them even though it was the second of back-to-back games. They faltered down the stretch, going 4:27 without a field goal late in the game.

Harrison Barnes had 22 points and Dennis Smith Jr. had 13 points, six rebounds and six assists for Dallas. The Mavericks have lost three in a row.

Dallas trailed by 13 early but quickly erased the deficit and took a three-point lead in the second quarter. The Mavericks went on a

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Harden leads Rockets to 113-102 victory over Suns

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden wasn't sure if Houston's first afternoon game of the season was to blame for the Rockets' lack of energy.

"I don't know, but it was pretty ugly," Harden said. "We won, but it wasn't pretty."

Harden had 27 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Rockets to a 113-102 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday. Harden fell two assists shy of his third triple-double of the season.

The Rockets beat the Suns for the 14th time in their past 16 meetings, including seven straight. But after struggling to find a flow, making just 11 of 37 3-pointers (29.7 percent) and committing 12 turnovers, the Rockets knew something was off.

"We just didn't play well, spirit-wise, energy-wise," Houston coach Mike D'Antoni said. "Hopefully, we'll learn a little bit from it, but these are the dog days right now, and they've got to find within themselves to be able to concentrate for 48 minutes and get 'Ws.'"

Rockets guard Gerald Green said D'Antoni kept reminding the team throughout the game that they were playing with fire against the Suns, who came in 17-32.

"Luckily, we didn't get burned," Green said. "We can't do those things if we want to be a good team."

Houston led 60-53 at halftime and outscored the Suns 32-24 in the third quarter to provide enough of a lead to hand Phoenix a fourth straight loss.

Rockets forward Trevor Ariza injured his left leg early in the first quarter after colliding under the basket with Marquese Collins on a dunk attempt and landing awkwardly. Ariza was slow to get up, made both free throws and then, after jogging down the court in apparent pain, committed a foul to stop play and check himself out of the game to head to the locker room.

D'Antoni said Ariza injured his hamstring and would be re-evaluated on Monday.

Houston had another scary moment late in the fourth quarter when Harden was slow to shake off an apparent leg injury sustained during a jump-ball tangle with Josh Jackson. Harden, who missed seven games earlier this month with a hamstring strain, finished the game.

Chris Paul added 17 points and five assists for Houston, making all nine free

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Wallace, No. 3 Baylor women rally past West Virginia 83-72

By JOHN LOWE

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Once Kalani Brown and Baylor got busy on the boards, they were fine.

Brown put up her third straight double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds, Kristy Wallace scored 25 points and third-ranked Baylor rallied in the second half to beat No. 20 West Virginia 83-72 on Sunday.

The Lady Bears (19-1, 9-0 Big 12) trailed 37-28 midway through the second quarter

and were down 47-41 at halftime. Wallace and Brown led a 10-2 scoring run to open the second half.

Baylor (AP) the game shooting 35 of 65 (54 percent) from the field. WVU (17-5, 5-5) started out impressively, but made just 2 of 13 in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Bears out-rebounded the Mountaineers 41-25, dominating the second half on the glass 23-8.

"We kind of separated ourselves in the second half rebounding," Baylor coach Kim

Mulkey said.

Wallace came within two points short of matching the career high she had at No. 6 Texas on Thursday. Dekeiya Cohen added 13.

After three straight scoreless games, Natalie Chou came back to have 13 points, shooting six of 12 from the field. It was her best performance since the Lady Bears' 89-49 win over Iowa State on Jan. 3.

"I told Natalie on the bench, 'shooters have to keep shooting,'" Mulkey said. "If you go

0-for-10, shoot it again. Don't lose your confidence."

Naomi Davenport scored 27 points for injury-plagued West Virginia. Teana Muldrow added 21 points and Chania Ray had 12.

"I thought our girls played hard, though," WVU coach Mike Carey said. "I told them in there 'we should've won that game.'"

BIG PICTURE

Baylor: Has dominated its three-game stretch of Big 12 ranked opponents so far, crushing No. 6 Texas and

coming back to beat No. 20 West Virginia.

West Virginia: After being ranked as high as ninth, West Virginia has lost four of their last eight games since New Year's Day.

TITLE GAME REMATCH Sunday's game was the first since the Big 12 championship final, when the Mountaineers upset the Lady Bears 77-66 last March 6.

Mulkey did not use the game as motivation for the win.

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♥	4 3 2		
♦	J 7 6		
♣	A K 2		
WEST			
♠	K J 5		
♥	J		
♦	A 10 5 4		
♣	J 10 9 7 5		
EAST			
♠	—	♥	K 10 9 8 7 6
♥	—	♦	K 9 8 3 2
♦	—	♣	6 4
SOUTH			
♠	A 10 9 7 6 4		
♥	A Q 5		
♦	Q		
♣	Q 8 3		

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 3♥ 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Foresight is one of the key traits of the top-flight player. The ability to see in advance what may transpire a few tricks later in the play can make all the difference in a great many deals.

Consider this gem from the 1967 Far Eastern championship played in Manila in the match between Taiwan and Australia. When a Taiwanese pair held the North-South cards, they got to four spades doubled on the bidding shown. West led the jack of

hearts, won by South, Patrick Huang, with the queen. Declarer then played the ace of spades, on which East showed out.

Huang realized that if he played a trump toward the queen at this point, he could be defeated by West's taking the king and leading a low diamond to East for a killing heart return. The Australians would end up scoring a spade, a diamond, a heart ruff and, later on, another heart.

Huang saw there was no way he could avert the impending heart ruff, but he did find a way to circumvent the other heart loser. Accordingly, he cashed the A-K-Q of clubs and then led a spade toward the queen.

West went up with the king but found himself in dire straits regardless of how he continued. If he played the ace and another diamond, he would not get a heart ruff, and declarer's only losers would be a spade, a heart and a diamond.

And if he led a low diamond to East's king instead, he would be able to ruff South's ace of hearts when East returned the king, but that would mark the end of the road for the defense. Whether West returned a club, presenting South with a ruff-and-discard, or led a diamond, converting dummy's jack into a trick, Huang was certain to make the contract.

Tomorrow: Any port in a storm.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Cozy Cancer Moon

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

At a zenith of international popularity, the Danish concept of "hygge" perfectly fits the aesthetic of the current moon. There is not an exact English translation, but hygge is described as a special cozy feeling. It's contentment, comfort and warmth. It's often, but not solely, togetherness. And it's homey, just like this Cancer moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To feel young, fun and big-hearted -- that's the aim. And there are plenty of people and circumstances to get you there. Furthermore, run from anything that's making you feel small, dreamless and muted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone makes mistakes with money. Blame it on having a homo sapiens brain and being subject to the quirks of human psychology. Logic won't dictate how you spend energy or money today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not that some people are favored or more deserving; it's just that there's a bit of strange randomness going on and what works for some doesn't work for everyone. If you're going to dwell, dwell on what works for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Complex questions don't have simple answers -- not correct ones, anyway. Too bad, because you're really not in the mood to hang around sorting today's issue, but sorted it must get, and you're the sharp thinker who will do it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you can't beat them... pet them? Or better yet, keep your hands to yourself.

There's not a race or an egg or anything at all that needs a vigorous application of your attention today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You show up and put the time in. It's a little uncomfortable and maybe embarrassing, but this is what you need to do. This is how you learn. There's no other way. This is how you get great.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-



Oct. 23). You're turned off by those who rush to get to the front of the line. In today's case -- and in most cases -- it doesn't matter who gets there first or who lingers last. What matters is that people are taken care of when they need it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The bubble of romance that floats and bobs above the hubbub of ordinary life eventually has to pop and come down. This is in no way a sad happening. Real love cannot begin until the fantasy of love bursts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your gift for the day is knowing unequivocally and without a second guess what to use and what to leave out, what to pay attention to and what to ignore, what to say and what to swallow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The "on sale" sign is a mind trick. By focusing solely on what something really costs (instead of on how deeply it is discounted), you'll get an accurate feel of its value to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A confident appearance could be hiding fear. A giant personality could be masking insecurity. You sense how people feel about themselves and do everything you can to help them improve the feeling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What matters is not how much you pay for the printer but how much you pay for the ink. Watch out for the hidden costs, the add-ons and the extras.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 29). One of your most useful cosmic birthday gifts will be uncannily excellent timing. You'll use it to seek and find opportunity. You'll use it to make people laugh. And you'll

use it to get close to the ones who have your heart. Featured times: Money in March, adventure in May and higher learning in August. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 33, 31 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "We are zodiac polar opposites. He's a Virgo, and I'm a Pisces. Dozens of eerie coincidences between us astound me. For instance, in the same night, he dreamed of eagles, and I dreamed of doves. What do you make of it?"

There are few symbols more consistent throughout the world than the symbol of the dove. All over the world, the dove is associated with peace and love. Before phones, doves carried messages like their cousins the pigeons, and perhaps it's this legacy of communication -- and the instinct to return home -- that has earned doves their place in the pantheon of universal symbols. The dove is feminine, or Venus, fertility.

His dream yangs your ying with the eagle, a very masculine bird. These lions of the sky represent power and truth. Because of the eagle's superior eyesight and high flying ability, the majestic creature can see the big picture and the small one all at once. Many cultures have characterized eagles as messengers of the divine because from our point of view on earth, they seem to be able to fly up to the sun.

Given your polar zodiac position and your poetic dream connection, I'd say this romance goes with a serving of inspiring spiritual growth.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Entertainment mogul, societal leader, philanthropist and human rights activist Oprah Winfrey was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were all in the sign of Aquarius. Symbolized as the water bearer, Aquarius is the great humanitarian of the zodiac, finding a deep sense of purpose in serving and contributing to humanity.

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8	9	4	7	3	7	4	5	8
9	3	9	1	6	2	4	5	8
3	4	9	6	8	5	1	2	7
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ANDY CAPP

1. I MUST SAY, YOU ARE VERY ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, MISTER CAPP.

2. HOW'S THAT THEN, VICAR?

3. WELL, THERE'S CERTAINLY NO OVERFISHING GOING ON HERE.

AGNES

1. SINCE "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER" IS WARMONGERING, I WROTE A NEW NATIONAL ANTHEM.

2. LET'S HEAR IT.

3. THIS IS AMERICA. GET OVER YOURSELF!

4. WELL? A LITTLE SHORT BUT EASY TO SING.

ARCHIE

1. SINCE MOM'S BEEN WORKING MORE, I'VE TAKEN ON EXTRA DUTIES AROUND THE HOUSE!

2. LIKE THE LAUNDRY! YEAH, EXACTLY!

3. HOW DID YOU KNOW?

ONE BIG HAPPY

1. I FEAR A COUP D'ÉTAT, PRINCEY!

2. JOE, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT'S A COODY TAH?

3. DUH! IT'S A LITTLE KID WITH COOTIES.

4. OH, A COOTIE TOT! YEAH, I'M SCARED OF 'EM, TOO.

NEST HEAD

1. THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON SAYING THEY "COULDN'T CARE LESS" WHEN THEY MEAN THEY "COULDN'T CARE LESS." WHY CAN'T PEOPLE GET THAT RIGHT?

2. WHAT'S MOM RANTING ABOUT? SHE HAS A THING ABOUT CARELESSNESS.

MOMMA

1. THOMAS, I'M SO HAPPY YOU WERE MY FIRSTBORN!

2. YOU WERE THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED YOUR FATHER AND ME TO THE WONDERS AND MYSTERIES OF PARENTHOOD!

3. THANKS, MOMMA!

4. WAIT A SECOND... I WAS THE PRACTICE CHILD?

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2018. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 29, 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's famous narrative poem "The Raven" ("Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary...") was first published in the New York Evening Mirror.

On this date:

- In 1820, King George III died at Windsor Castle at age 81; he was succeeded by his son, who became King George IV.
- In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.
- In 1856, Britain's Queen Victoria introduced the Victoria Cross to reward military acts of valor during the Crimean War.
- In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.
- In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.
- In 1936, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, New York.
- In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married in Las Vegas.
- In 1963, the first charter members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio (they were enshrined when the Hall opened in September 1963). Poet Robert Frost died in Boston at age 88.
- In 1964, Stanley Kubrick's nuclear war satire "Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" premiered in New York, Toronto and London. The Winter Olympic Games opened in Innsbruck, Austria. Actor Alan Ladd, 50, died in Palm Springs, California.
- In 1975, a bomb exploded inside the U.S. State Department in Washington, causing considerable damage, but injuring no one; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility.
- In 1984, President Ronald Reagan announced in a nationally broadcast message that he and Vice President George H.W. Bush would seek re-election in the fall.
- In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama, killing security guard Robert Sanderson and critically injuring nurse Emily Lyons. (The bomber, Eric

Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)

Ten years ago: John McCain won a breakthrough triumph in the Florida primary, easing past Mitt Romney for his first-ever triumph in a primary open only to Republicans. Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton claimed victory in a campaign-free Florida presidential primary in which all the candidates had signed pledges not to compete. (The national Democratic Party had stripped the state of its delegates as punishment for moving its primary ahead of Feb. 5.) Margaret Truman, the only child of President Harry S. Truman, died in Chicago at age 83. Raymond Jacobs, believed to be the last surviving member of the group of Marines photographed during the first U.S. flag-raising on Iwo Jima, died in Redding, California, at age 82.

Five years ago: BP PLC closed the book on the Justice Department's criminal probe of its role in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster and Gulf of Mexico oil spill, with a U.S. judge agreeing to let the London-based oil giant plead guilty to manslaughter charges for the deaths of 11 rig workers and pay a record \$4 billion in penalties. The Senate overwhelmingly confirmed President Barack Obama's choice of five-term Sen. John Kerry to be secretary of state, 94-3. (Kerry voted present.)

One year ago: Six people were killed in a shooting at a Quebec City mosque during evening prayers; a 27-year-old university student was charged with murder and attempted murder. The White House vigorously defended President Donald Trump's immigration restrictions, as protests against the order banning travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries spread throughout the country. The AFC won a 20-13 victory over the NFC in the Pro Bowl in Orlando, Florida. Roger Federer won his 18th Grand Slam title, defeating Rafael Nadal 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 at the Australian Open.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Katharine Ross is 78. Feminist author Robin Morgan is 77.

Actor Tom Selleck is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bettye LaVette is 72. Actor Marc Singer is 70. Actress Ann Jillian is 68. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 65. Rhythm-and-blues/funk singer Charlie Wilson is 65. Actor Terry Kinney is 64. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 62. Actress Diane Delano is 61. Actress Judy Norton Taylor (TV: "The Waltons") is 60. Rock

musician Johnny Spampinato is 59. Rock musician David Baynton-Power (James) is 57. Rock musician Eddie Jackson (Queensryche) is 57. Actor Nicholas Turturro is 56. Rock singer-musician Roddy Frame (Aztec Camera) is 54. Actor-director Edward Burns is 50. Actor Sam Trammell is 49. Actress Heather Graham is 48. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is 48. Actor Sharif

Atkins is 43. Actress Sara Gilbert is 43. Actress Kelly Packard is 43. Actor Justin Hartley is 41. Actor Sam Jaeger is 41. Writer and TV personality Jediah Bila is 39. Actor Andrew Keegan is 39. Actor Jason James Richter is 38. Blues musician Jonny Lang is 37. Pop-rock singer Adam Lambert (TV: "American Idol") is 36. Country singer Eric Paslay is 35.

Thought for Today:

"Any idiot can face a crisis — it's this day-to-day living that wears you out."
Anton Chekhov
Russian author and playwright (born this date in 1860, died in 1904).

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ACROSS

- "When You Wish Upon ___"
- Final
- Wren or robin
- Stir up, as a fire
- One of the Great Lakes
- Garfield's dog friend
- Gin and ___ (cocktail)
- Mend, as socks
- Gift-wrapping adhesive
- Start of an auction
- Sound of dull impact
- Tips of shoes
- Boy Scout groups
- Sink's water controller
- Close-up lens
- Overflowing with vegetation
- Grain-storage tower
- "Babbling" stream
- Vicinity
- Signs of the future
- Suggest strongly
- Sounds of astonishment
- Sound from a baby 10 Across
- ___ a soul (no one)
- Soft throw
- "Bald" birds
- Tennis star Williams
- Have a yen for
- Lions' den
- Start of a golf tournament
- Norway's capital

- For each, informally
- Bert's *Sesame Street* buddy
- Ball-___ hammer
- Campus military grp.
- River through Paris
- Otherwise
- Creative thought
- Native American carved pole
- iPhone's "digital assistant"
- Take care of
- Start of a stepladder
- Potato-growing state
- Tear into shreds
- Home-ownership documents
- "Untrue!"
- Steal from
- Stars and Stripes
- Subtle glow
- Avails oneself of
- Start of a novel
- Time ___ (Central Standard, for one)
- Mischief makers
- Movie director Spike
- Word-of-mouth
- Scary fairy-tale character
- Piano's 88
- Paid out
- Daughter's brother
- African animal-watching adventure
- Not moving
- Skier's mountain surface
- Artist's stand
- Annoys
- Composed, as an email
- Pet welfare org.
- Apple's music player
- Black-and-white cookie
- Army group
- On cloud ___ (elated)
- Consider to be

Answer to previous puzzle

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AP photo

Sacramento Kings' JaKarr Sampson (29) grabs the ball ahead of San Antonio Spurs' LaMarcus Aldridge, left, during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018, in San Antonio.

SPURS

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"We had some bad lapses of plays offensively and defensively," said guard Danny Green, who did not play in the second half. "Obviously, he wasn't too happy about it and we weren't happy about it, but had to make some changes in the second half."

Popovich had a long talk at halftime, with most of the Spurs returning to the court with less than a minute remaining before the start of the third quarter. Popovich also sat starters Gasol, Green and Kyle Anderson in favor of Forbes, David Bertans and seldom-used Darrun Hilliard.

"Coach got on us, really tough," Murray said. "We didn't even get to get out and get any shots up. You know, so it was mainly a mental thing. The great thing about it is there's two halves to basketball, so you know we had a bad first half and we got to make up for it in the second half."

The Spurs responded by outscoring the Kings 30-19 in the third quarter.

TIP-INS
Kings: Sacramento was without six players, including C Willie Cauley-Stein (bruised right knee bone and sprained left foot), G Garrett Temple (sprained right ankle) and F Skal Labissiere (sprained left shoulder). ... Sacramento's last win in San Antonio came on Jan. 20, 2012.

Spurs: Kawhi Leonard missed his 12th game as he continues to rehab his right quadriceps tendinopathy, but was in uniform and sitting on the

bench for the second straight game. ... Ginobili returned after a six-game absence due to a bruised right thigh. He played 25 minutes.

SING AND DANCE
The Spurs serenaded Popovich with their rendition of "Happy Birthday" following Sunday's game.

"Did I lead the singing? No, no, I was backup dancer," San Antonio veteran guard Patty Mills said. "I leave the singing to the singers. I know my scouting report, so I stick to that."

FAMILY FAVORITE
Carter was happy to learn that he was one of the top five favorite players of Ginobili's 3-year-old son, Luca. Ginobili is sixth on his son's list.

"It's pretty cool," Carter said. "My kids are the same way, I'm not their favorite. I'm OK with that."

ACHES AND PAINS
Ginobili said it took longer for him to heal than in previous seasons after missing six games with a bruised right thigh.

"Last year I felt like every bruise and every ache, I was recovering very fast," he said. "This one is the first this season, and yeah, it took me a little longer. But I think the hit was harder than we all thought because it was a lot of blood in the area, so it took us time to get it out of there. So, we'll see, hopefully it's the first and last, so we won't have to experiment anymore."

UP NEXT
Kings: At New Orleans on Tuesday night.

Spurs: Host Denver on Tuesday night.

BAYLOR

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"No, it didn't have any bearing," Mulkey said. "We're trying to win another Big 12 regular season championship."

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE
A month after complaining about the attendance at his team's home games, Carey had the biggest crowd of the season on hand for Sunday's game with 5,073 people, which is nearly three times higher than average.

TOUGH WEEKEND IN MORGANTOWN

West Virginia lost a day after its men's basketball team lost at home to Kentucky. Both the Kentucky men and Baylor women scored 83 points

against West Virginia in their comebacks.

UP NEXT
Baylor: Returns home to host No. 19 Oklahoma State on Wednesday.

West Virginia: Has a few days off before heading to Oklahoma on Saturday.

MAVS

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16-1 run to end the third and take a 74-66 lead.

Denver rallied to get back into it, and Jokic drained a jumper from the top of the key to give the Nuggets a 91-89 lead with 1:12 left. Barnes missed a 3-pointer, but an offensive foul was called on Jokic with 12.7 seconds left. After Mason Plumlee blocked Smith's layup out of bounds, Wesley Matthews missed a 3 at the buzzer.

"We got the ball back and we did get a look on the last shot," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "The thing was a fraction of an inch to the left and we are having a party right now. They got lucky. They dodged a bullet tonight."

TIP-INS
Mavericks: Carlisle said he hopes Barea's oblique injury is not a long-term issue. "I hope it's a one-nighter," he said. "It happened on a freakish play (Friday) night where he was reaching for the ball." ... Harris missed his second straight game for personal reasons and fourth in a row overall. He had missed the previous two games with a concussion.

Nuggets: Malone said F Wilson Chandler left in the first half with

symptoms of a migraine. He did not return. ... F Tyler Lydon had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Friday and is expected to miss the rest of the season. Lydon was hurt Wednesday while playing for the Rio Grande Valley Vipers in a G League game.

THROWBACK SATURDAY
The Nuggets hosted 1990s alumni Tom Hammonds, Reggie Williams and Robert Pack as part of their 50th anniversary season. They were honored at halftime, and before the game reminisced about the 1994 first-round upset of the Seattle SuperSonics.

"We were underdogs. Nobody expected us to do anything," Pack said. "We not only won, but we won on their court against the No. 1 seed."

The flight home from Seattle after the Game 5 win was as memorable for Hammonds as the 3-2 series win.

"We're flying back across the Rockies and we hit some bad turbulence," he said. "I said, 'We just made NBA history and now we're getting ready to die!' The plane was going up and down, up and down, but we finally made it back."

UP NEXT
Mavericks: Host the Miami Heat on Monday night.

Nuggets: Host the Boston Celtics on Monday night.



AP photo

Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul gives instructions during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Phoenix Suns, Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018, in

ROCKETS

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throws. Paul played just 27 minutes and less than two minutes in the fourth quarter.

"We just didn't look in sync today," Paul said. "I don't know if it's because of our first afternoon game or what it is, but no excuses."

Devin Booker had 31 points and 10 assists for Phoenix, shooting 5 for 9 from beyond the arc.

He scored 21 points in the second half to keep the Suns close. Booker was playing at the point guard position for a second straight game and said although it's not his natural position, he's working to make adjustments and better learn the position.

Booker said he injured his ribs and hip and will have an X-ray evaluation on Monday in Memphis.

"It was a tough fall, but I'll bounce back," Booker said.

T.J. Warren added 24 points for the Suns.

Phoenix center Tyson Chandler returned to action after missing two of the three previous games due to illness. Chandler had 11 points and 15 rebounds in 30 minutes, picking up his first double-double of 2018.

His last double-double came on Dec. 31 in a 123-110 loss to Philadelphia.

Suns center Greg Monroe was ejected late in the third quarter after picking up two technical fouls for arguing with an official following an offensive foul called on him. Monroe was given the first technical and appeared to continue talking to the official while the teams were walking to the other end of the court.

It was the second straight game a Suns player was ejected. Booker was tossed in a loss to the Knicks on Friday.

TIP-INS
Suns: Phoenix center Alex Len missed his second straight game with an ankle injury and will be a game-time decision for Monday night's game in Memphis. In his place, Dragan Bender played 25 minutes off the bench, getting five points and four rebounds.

Rockets: Luc Mbah a Moute had 13 points in 32 minutes off the bench. Mbah a Moute, usually known for his versatile defense, has scored in double figures in three of his past four games. Houston is 9-1 when Mbah a Moute scores in double figures.

HE SAID IT
Green was called for goaltending on a block where his offhand appeared to graze the net and rim. He received a technical after arguing with officials.

"I told the ref, 'I jump extremely high so I have to be able to control myself to keep my neck from hitting the rim,'" he said.

The Rockets welcomed pilot and former U.S. Air Force general officer Chuck Yeager, who was the first pilot to break the sound barrier in 1947. The pilot, who turns 95 on Feb. 13, received a standing ovation by the Toyota Center crowd and posed with D'Antoni after the game.

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Victims' families: Jealousy drove car wash shooting suspect

By BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI

Associated Press

A man suspected of gunning down four people at a Pennsylvania car wash was driven by jealousy, according to family members of the shooting victims.

State police said Timothy Smith, 28, was armed with a semi-automatic rifle, a .308-caliber rifle and a handgun and was wearing a body armor carrier without the ballistic panels inserted when he opened fire early Sunday morning at Ed's Car Wash in Saltlick Township, a rural town about 55 miles (89 kilometers) southeast of Pittsburgh.

Twenty-seven-year-old William Porterfield, 25-year-old Chelsie Cline, 23-year-old Courtney Snyder and 21-year-old Seth Cline were all killed. Another woman was able to hide in the back seat of a truck and only suffered minor injuries from broken glass, police said.

Smith was on life support Sunday and not expected to survive after suffering a possibly self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head, police said.

Porterfield and Chelsie Cline spent time together in the days before the shooting after Cline broke off a relationship with Smith, Porterfield's widow, Jenna Porterfield, 24, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. She said a state police investigator told her Smith was a jealous former boyfriend of Cline.

Cline shared a meme on her Facebook page last week that read, "After this week, I rilly (sic) need to get taken out ... on a date or by a sniper either one is fine w me at this point." A Facebook friend named Tim Smith replied, "I could do both."

Authorities would not reveal how Smith knew the victims, but Chelsie Cline's half-sister, Sierra Kolarik, told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Smith developed an obsession with Cline after the two

possibly dated. She said he left beer on her car, and sent her flowers and presents.

Kolarik said Smith "came off as the most king-hearted person" but that his interests were "guns and guns and guns and shooting and beer and rolling cigarettes."

Porterfield said that she and her husband — who were married in November — had been "having some troubles" this month.

"I'm not holding that against Will. We weren't fighting. We were fixing. And if he was with someone else while we were having problems, honestly, I don't care what he did. I'm not going to hold that against him," Porterfield told the newspaper. "I'd give anything to have him back."

State police said Smith was the first person to arrive at the scene and parked his pickup truck on the side of the two-bay car wash. They said he shot Porterfield and Cline when they got out of their car and walked to the side of the car wash.



AP photo

An official walks along a line of tow trucks on Indian Creek Valley Road as they remove three vehicles from a scene where a shooter killed four people Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018, outside Ed's Carwash in Saltlick Township, Fayette County, Pa.

Snyder and Seth Cline arrived in a pickup truck at the same time and were both shot and killed in their vehicle, state police said. Another unidentified woman in the rear seat took cover in the truck and survived with only minor injuries from broken glass.

Cayleigh Myers said she was friends with Seth Cline, Chelsie Cline's half-sibling, and described the construction worker as "very outgoing, very funny and very smart." "You always had fun when you were around him," Myers said.



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