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DAV honors local businesses



Courtesy photo

The local O'Neal-Kunkle chapter of Disabled American Veterans honored 13 local businesses at their meeting Monday evening for donations of money and services to assist the chapter's mission of assisting veterans. Seven of those honored sent representatives to attend the meeting to accept the accolade in person. Here, those honorees pose with local DAV members.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's O'Neal-Kunkle chapter of Disabled American Veterans honored 13 local businesses at their monthly meeting Monday evening for providing donations and services to assist the chapter's support of veterans.

"We have businesses in the area as well as individuals who make contributions to the DAV in the form of monetary donations as well as services," said Chapter Commander Ed Meiser. "Tonight, we'll honor those businesses who are able to be here with a certificate of recognition, recognizing and thanking them

for helping our local chapter of the DAV with their donations. It goes to help the local veterans here in the area."

Representatives of seven of the businesses were on hand to accept the certificates in person.

Those honored for

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Victim identified in Moss Lake drowning



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Fire/EMS, Howard County Fire Department, and Texas Parks and Wildlife responded to the scene of a drowning at Moss Lake on Sunday.

Special to the Herald

Authorities in Big Spring recovered the body of a man who went missing in Moss Lake on Sunday. 20 year old, John Paul Rodriguez, was said to have been on the lake with two other people, on an air mattress being used as a raft.

According to Big Spring Police Department, the mattress was pushed away from shore by the wind and then began to deflate. Two people on board were able to swim to shore safely but Rodriguez went underwater and didn't resurface.

Authorities were called at 4:36 p.m. Sunday afternoon after the man was not found.

According to Lieutenant Brian Gordon with the Big Spring Police Department,

there was a report that adults were swimming on a raft when the raft deflated and one man was said to be struggling in the water soon after.

The investigation was treated as a crime scene until they were able to locate Rodriguez. Members of Big Spring Fire/EMS, the Howard County Fire Department, and Texas Parks and Wildlife responded to the scene to help find Rodriguez, but were unable to find him before nighttime on Sunday.

Search and rescue efforts were underway until Rodriguez's body was discovered, when the search began again on Monday morning. Detectives investigating the case do not believe foul play or alcohol was a factor in his drowning.

New Warlord MMA location to open doors this Saturday



Courtesy Photo

Shown above is the new location for Warlord MMA, located on 602 Main Street. On Saturday, Feb. 24, Warlord MMA will have a grand opening to reveal their facility. A small tour of the new building will be given, along with some giveaways and a Brazilian jiu-jitsu/Judo seminar with professor Bruno Bastos. The public is invited to attend.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

"Everybody loves kung-fu fighting, those kicks were fast as lightning."

Ok, not everybody loves

kung-fu, and surely there are those who would agree that they are slightly slower than lighting.

Although, here in Big Spring there is a place that

does happen to love mixed martial arts, jiu jitsu and other fighting styles just as much, if not more than Carl Douglas loved singing "Kung Fu Fighting."

Warlord MMA Martial Arts Academy & Fitness Facility, located here in town, is a place that offers strength and conditioning classes or bootcamp, kids MMA (5 and up), boxing, Muay Thai judo, Brazilian jiu jitsu, and personal training from fitness to self defense.

"Warlord MMA will be open six years on the 15th of June," said Nathan Torres, the teacher and General Manager of Warlord MMA. "We just recently bought a new facility located here at 602 S. Main St. I'm pretty happy about it."

Warlord MMA will have a grand opening to showcase their new location this Saturday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"It took a lot of hard work and sacrifice for us to make it to such a nice facility. It's

much better than our previous one. I have not been in many MMA Gyms that have central heat and air and this new one does. Also, I am loving all the parking and space," said Torres. "At the grand opening we will be giving a small tour, some giveaways, and have a Brazilian jiu-jitsu / Judo seminar with my professor Bruno Bastos to finish it off."

Also offered at Warlord is Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, MMA, self defense, and of course the popular MMA Bootcamp.

"Bootcamp is a strength and conditioning program that has brought people tremendous results in their fitness journey," said Torres. "We will have a Bootcamp open to the public to come and take

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Two closed sessions on tap for commissioners Wednesday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

During their regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, Howard County Commissioners plan to hold two closed executive sessions, one at the beginning of the meeting, and the other at the end.

The meeting, scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the second-floor conference room of the Howard

County Courthouse, will commence with a closed session to discuss personnel considerations, and close with another closed session for a consultation with an attorney. The final closed session is listed under the heading of County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek.

Between the two closed-door sessions, commissioners will meet in open session.

On the agenda for the open part of the meeting is a presentation by Family and Consumer Sciences County Extension Agent Sandy Taylor on a 4-H Foods and Nutrition project.

In other business, the commission-

ers will:

Discuss approval of an order authorizing the issuance of Howard County, Texas, Tax Notes, Series 2018.

Discuss action on a County Officials Political Action Committee request for donation.

Consider invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments, and the presentation of the monthly auditor's report.

Consider approving the county's bi-weekly payroll.

Consider taking action on personnel considerations.

Discuss action on changing the signature authority and a new permit

form for road bores.

Consider the Road Department's report on pipeline crossings and road maintenance.

Hear the presentation of County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf's monthly report.

Citizens who wish to address the commissioners should arrive to the meeting early to fill out and submit a brief form. For more information contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office at 264-2202.

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



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Obituaries

Bertha Isbell McFarland



Bertha Isbell McFarland, 87, of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Brad Daniels, chaplain with Hospice of West Texas, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2018, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 5, 1930, in Anderson County, Kansas to Anna Mae Isbell (Wiggans) and Dwight Zenzo Isbell. Bertha met William "Mac" McFarland on a blind date at Fort Scott Junior College and they were married Nov. 25, 1950, at Lackland Air Force Base Chapel in San Antonio.

Bertha and Mac lived in many places across the world until being stationed at Webb Air Force Base. She worked as a hairdresser and became an instructor at the Academy of Hair Design from 1973 until retiring in 1992.

Survivors include her husband, William "Mac" McFarland of Big Spring; one son, James McFarland and wife, Kathie of Big Spring; two daughters, Sandra Bradbury and husband, Alan of Midland, and Terry McFarland of Canada; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231, or to Hospice of West Texas, 1900 S. Gregg St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid Obituary

Patrick Fader



Patrick Fader, 76, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at Sene Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Patrick was born July 7, 1941, in Omaha, Nebraska. He married Beverly McIntosh on March 20, 1960, in Logan,

Iowa.

He is survived by his wife Beverly Fader of Big Spring; two daughters, Connie Hector and Patty Edwards, both of Big Spring and a son, Shannon Fader and wife Leslie of Greenwood, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents Bernice Parmentier Fader and Elmer Fader.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Humane Society, PO Box 823, Big Spring, TX 79721-0823.

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

Sheriff

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

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

• **SCOTTY JOE BRYANT**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family violence threat.

• **EFRIN VITAL CHAVEZ**, 53, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of bail jumping and failure to appear, and operate unregistered motor, and failure to appear.

• **LARRY CORWIN**, 59, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, and no driver's license.

• **GOMEZINDO DIAZ**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous convictions.

• **JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **MARIA ESTELLA FLORES**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance less than one gram and on a warrant of theft of property under \$100.

• **KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of bail jumping and failure to appear, and two counts failure to yield row-stop intersection.

• **BERTHA FUENTES**, 27, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving with license with previous convictions.

• **DAVID ORTIZ GAONZALES**

JR., 38, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of accident involving damage to vehicle, and on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RAYMUND VERA GONZALES**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT GONZALES**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JAMES DEWAYNE HEADRICK**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of theft of property, two counts on possession of controlled substance, bail jumping, driving while license invalid, and on a charge of failure to identify fugitive intent.

• **TRAVIS CLINT HULL**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of unlawful possession of firearm.

• **GILBERT JIMENZ JR.**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication, assault family violence, and arrested by HCSO on warrants of disregard stop sign, and no driver's license.

• **HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving with license invalid, and possession of controlled substance.

• **NICKOLAS VANCE JONES**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on charges of false report to police, and theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.

• **JEREMY R MINTER**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams,

and two counts of man delivery in between 4 to 200 grams, and on charges of failure to identify fugitive intent, and unlawful possession of firearm.

• **DELILAH LIBRADA MONCADA**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property in between \$1,500 to \$20,000.

• **JOSE DANIEL MUNOZ**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams.

• **MICHAEL DWAYNE RENTERIA**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property in between \$750 to \$2,500, and on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **KYLE WINDELL RICHARDS**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.

• **DONNI KAY ROBERTSON**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of fraud use possession identifying info.

• **ERNESTO RODRIQUEZ**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of assault family house member, and on assault int/reck breath/circ fam.

• **JOE LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear, and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **BRANDON RASHAD SPARKS**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **LEROY HILBERT ZUBIATE**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a bench warrant.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **KYLE WINDELL RICHARDS**, 34, of 1604 E 16 St., on a charge of no driver's license.

• **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOLMES**, 45, of 1407 Princeton Ave, on warrants of theft of property, two counts on possession of controlled substance, bail jumping, driving while license invalid, and on a charge of failure to identify fugitive intent.

• **ERNESTO RODRIQUEZ**, 42, of 2006 S Johnson St., on warrants of other agencies.

• **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of W I 20.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 900 block of Baylor Blvd., and in the 300 block of E 3rd St.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

• **TELEPHONE HARRASSEMENT** was reported on 30 Meadowbrook Rd.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of E 3rd St.

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.

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Trump offers support for background checks on gun buys

By CATHERINE LUCEY and MARIA DANILOVA

Associated Press
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump supports a limited strengthening of federal background checks on gun purchases, the White House said, as pressure mounts on Trump to take action after 17 students and teachers were killed in last week's shooting at a Florida high school.

One side of the renewed gun-control debate was embodied outside the White House on Monday as dozens of teens lay down in the street to symbolize the dead and call on the president to limit access to firearms.

Trump was not in Washington, but rather at his Florida club about 40 miles from the Parkland community grieving lost friends and loved ones. Trump gave a nod toward a specific policy action with the White House saying he had spoken Friday to Sen. John Cornyn, a Texas Republican, about a bipartisan bill designed to strengthen the FBI database of prohibited gun buyers.

Trump spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders qualified the support, stressing that talks continue and "revisions are being considered," but said "the president is supportive of efforts to improve the federal background check system."

The main action Trump has taken on guns has been to sign a resolution blocking an Obama-era rule designed to keep guns out of the hands of certain mentally disabled people. The president has voiced strong support for gun rights and the National Rifle Association.

The bipartisan background check legislation would be aimed at ensuring that federal agencies and states accurately report relevant criminal information to the FBI. It was introduced after the Air Force failed to report the criminal history of the gunman who slaughtered more than two dozen people at a Texas church.

The White House statement comes as shooting survivors and other young people press for more gun control in a rising chorus of grief and activism. Their "March for Our Lives" is planned March 24 in Washington.

Ella Fesler, 16-year-old high school student in Alexandria, Virginia, was among the students at the "lie-in" in front of the White House. She said it was time for change, adding: "Every day when I say 'bye' to my parents, I

do acknowledge the fact that I could never see my parents again."

But previous gun tragedies have not led Congress to act. After the Las Vegas massacre in the fall, Republicans and Democrats in Congress talked about taking a rare step to tighten the nation's gun laws. Four months later, the only gun legislation that has moved through Congress eases restrictions for gun owners.

Kristin Brown, co-president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, said the measure Trump discussed with Cornyn would help to enforce existing rules but would not close loopholes permitting loose private sales on the internet and at gun shows. She's pressing for a ban on assault-type weapons and for laws enabling family members, guardians or police to ask judges to strip gun rights temporarily from people who show warning signs of violence.

"We need a comprehensive system," Brown said. "One of these isn't enough."

Trump, who visited first responders and some victims Friday, has focused his comments on mental health, rather than guns. The White House says the president will host a "listening session" with students and teachers on Wednesday and will discuss school safety with state and local officials on Thursday. They have offered no further details on who will attend those sessions.

Trump spent most of the weekend at his private Palm Beach estate, Mar-a-Lago. White House aides advised against golfing too soon after the shooting. But on Presidents Day, the avid golfer headed to his nearby golf club. The White House did not answer questions about whether he was playing golf.

President Barack Obama took heavy criticism in 2014 when he went golfing during a vacation just minutes after denouncing the militants who had beheaded an American journalist. He later regretted playing golf so soon after the killing.

Trump watched cable television news during the weekend and groused to club members and advisers about the investigation of Russian election meddling.

In a marathon series of furious weekend tweets from Mar-a-Lago, Trump vented about Russia, raging at the FBI for what he perceived to be a fixation on the Russia investigation at the cost of failing to deter the Florida school attack.

Grocery retailer Albertsons to buy drugstore chain Rite Aid



(AP) — The privately held owner of Safeway, Vons and other grocery brands is plunging deeper into the pharmacy business with a deal to buy Rite Aid, the nation's third-largest drugstore chain.

Albertsons Companies is offering either a share of its stock and \$1.83 in cash or slightly more than a share for every 10 shares of Rite Aid. A deal value was not disclosed in a statement released Tuesday by the companies.

Shares of Rite Aid, which have shed more than half their value over the past year, surged 26 cents, or 12.2 percent, in premarket trading after the deal was announced.

Shareholders of Boise, Idaho-based Albertsons will own more than 70 percent of the combined company, which is expected to trade on the New York Stock Exchange. The companies say the deal should close in the second half of this year, but regulators and Rite Aid shareholders still have to approve it.

Rite Aid Chairman and CEO John Standley will lead the combined company as CEO, while Albertsons leader Bob Miller will serve as chairman. The companies say they will keep headquarters in both Boise and Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, which is where Rite Aid is based.

Albertsons said it will continue to run Rite Aid

stand-alone stores, and most of the grocery operator's pharmacies will be rebranded as Rite Aid. Albertsons also runs Jewel-Osco, Shaw's and Acme stores.

Rite Aid Corp. said earlier this year that it runs around 4,400 stores. Larger rival Walgreens had tried unsuccessfully to buy the chain, but the company scuttled that push last year after encountering regulatory resistance.

Last September, Walgreens agreed to buy nearly 2,000 Rite Aid locations and some distribution centers for about \$4.38 billion. Rite Aid said late last month that it had transferred about 625 stores to Walgreens.

Preventive treatment for peanut allergies succeeds in study

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

AP Chief Medical Writer

The first treatment to help prevent serious allergic reactions to peanuts may be on the way. A company said Tuesday that its daily capsules of peanut flour helped sensitize children to nuts in a major study.

Millions of children have peanut allergies, and some may have life-threatening reactions if

sule and sprinkled over food, as a way to prevent that.

California-based Aimmune (AIM-001) Therapeutics says that 67 percent of kids who had its treatment were able to tolerate about two peanuts at the end of the study, compared to only 4 percent of others given a dummy powder. Full results will be presented at a medical meeting next month.

Doctors have been testing daily doses of peanut flour, contained in a cap-

MMA

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some classes. The Bootcamp will start March 1 at our new location." The cost of Bootcamp at Warlord MMA will be \$89 if paid by Feb. 25th, and then \$99 anytime after the 25. There will be cash prizes for first place with classes of 20 or more people.

"All info is on Facebook just search our page or March Bootcamp," said Torres. If you ask those who practice MMA, it is more than an exercise, it's a way of life. Bruce Lee who is known for his love of martial art, was also a martial arts instructor, philosopher, and founder of the martial art Jeet Kune Do, one of the wushu or kungfu styles. He once said, "To me, the extraordinary aspect of martial arts lies in its simplicity. The easy way is also the right way, and martial arts is nothing at all special; the closer to the true way of martial arts, the less wastage of expression there is."

"This is my 11th year as a practitioner of MMA/Brazilian jiu-jitsu," said Torres. "I love it, it is my passion. I Couldn't imagine life without it. Come check us out first class is free to try!"

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David Orlando Yanez, 50, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carol Mathis, 57, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Senior Vice Commander Mike Tarpley, left, and Commander Ed Meiser of the local O'Neal-Kunkle chapter of Disabled American Veterans speak about some of the services provided to veterans by the chapter. The DAV honored 13 local businesses for monetary and service donations at their meeting Monday evening.

DAV

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monetary donations included the Big Spring Independent School District; Al's and Son Barbecue; Churchill Insurance; Super Rod; Partee Drilling; Harris Ace Hardware; Fox, Garcia and Company LLC; and Boyd's Auto Glass.

Those honored for providing services to help the DAV in their mission included Spring Creek Fellowship; the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department; KBST Radio; KBYG Radio; and the Big Spring Herald.

"We appreciate the community because they have taken such an interest in our DAV chapter," Meiser said.

Disabled American Veterans was founded in the wake of World War I, and held its first meeting under the name Disabled American Veterans of the World War in September of 1921. Today, the DAV provides assistance navigating the maze of veterans' benefits, provides advocacy and assistance with rent and utilities, among other programs, for more than 1.3 million member veterans.

For more information, call 432-263-5163, or visit www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/tx/47/.

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Dallas: State Fair Theme is 'Celebrating Texas Innovation'

DALLAS (AP) — The theme of the 2018 State Fair will be "Celebrating Texas Innovation."

Officials with the State Fair of Texas on Monday announced the theme for the event scheduled Sept. 28 through Oct. 21 at Fair Park in Dallas.

Authorities say the annual state fair and exposition has been a breeding ground for Texas education and innovation over the past 132 years. Education remains a main focus of the State Fair's nonprofit mission that also includes promoting agriculture and community involvement.

Organizers will be launching a social media campaign to highlight significant Texans and Texas organizations involved in the state's history and hopes for future accomplishments.



AP photo
This Sept. 27, 2013, file photo shows thousands of visitors to the Texas State Fair making their way around the fair grounds circle after an official ceremony where the 55-foot-tall Big Tex fair symbol welcomed everyone to the fair, in Dallas.

Opinions vary on possible Dallas-Houston bullet train

By **DIJG BEGLEY**

Houston Chronicle
COTTON GIN, Texas — William Shelton will not let go of the past, even if it is in the way of someone else's future.

The Houston Chronicle reports he has spent more than five years rebuilding his family's ancestral home, board by board, and has no intention of leaving it or the 250-acre farm that has been in his family since 1851.

Two years ago, surveyors started showing up, wanting a clear idea of his property lines for Texas Central Railway, the company behind plans for a 200-mph "bullet train" connecting Houston to Dallas. The proposed route would go through Shelton's farm.

"I guarantee I will be restoring that house until that first train comes over that hill," Shelton said.

Down in Houston, Melanie Sowell dreams of being on that train and 90 minutes away from family rather than four hours.

Her Texas ties go back as far as Shelton's. The Latino side of her family crossed the Rio Grande when Mexico still controlled the land on the north side.



AP photo
This photo taken Feb. 5, 2018, shows Matt Schiel, left, looking at a map of the Houston-to-Dallas bullet train going through the middle of his property with AECOM environmental planner Reggie Herman during a public hearing held by the Federal Railroad Administration to discuss the high-speed train in Cypress, Texas.

"I know what this land means to people. Believe me, I do," Sowell said. "I also know Texas isn't stuck in place."

The fight over Texas Central Railway — aka. the Texas Bullet Train — rests on many of the contentious fault lines that shape the Lone Star State. City interests versus rural identity. Urban dwellers versus people who want their stars at night to shine big and bright.

Mostly, it is about land. Who controls it, what's the best use for it and how much of it can the two metro areas — Houston and Dallas — claim so their economic futures are secure.

"How do you achieve that balance?" Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle asked. He supports the project despite the strong opposition

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Conway family welcomes baby home after 300 days in NICU

By **EDEN CORLEY**

The Log Cabin Democrat

CONWAY, Ark. — A Conway family came together Feb. 9 to welcome home one of their newest members.

Ten-month-old Avery Stewart arrived by chartered jet into Conway Municipal Airport at around 1 p.m. after a six month stay at Texas Children's Hospital.

There to greet her were many members of her family including her

parents, Jake and Ashley Stewart, and with older brother Jack, 4, and twin sister Ella.

"We were shocked. We weren't expecting twins at all," Ashley said of finding out, "I was hoping for a girl for sure, and we were so surprised to find out that we would be having two girls."

Avery and Ella were born 12 weeks premature on April 14, 2017 at

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US postal worker found fatally shot in mail truck in Dallas

By **DIANA HEIDGERD**

Associated Press

DALLAS — A U.S. Postal Service worker was found fatally shot inside a mail truck along a busy highway in Dallas on Monday, and investigators are treating the case as a homicide, according to police.

Officers found the worker's body inside the government vehicle around 2:30 a.m. after responding to a reported shooting along Interstate 30 just west of downtown, according to a statement released by Dallas police.

Sr. Cpl. DeMarquis Black said no arrests have been made, and investigators are still trying to determine a possible motive behind the shooting. The victim's name hasn't been released.

The U.S. Postal Service operates two large mail sorting and processing complexes nearby, according to Amanda

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University of North Texas Health Science Center to pay \$13M

DALLAS (AP) — A medical school and research center in Texas must repay \$13 million to the U.S. government for violating certain rules related to use of federal research grants.

The University of North Texas Health Science Center agreed to the repayment, announced Friday. A statement from U.S. Attorney Erin Nealy Cox says the case involved allegations that center officials inaccurately measured, tracked and paid researchers related

to some National Institutes of Health grants.

Center officials self-disclosed the errors, in a review from 2011 through February 2016, and cooperated in the investigation. UNT has since upgraded compliance monitoring and procedures.

The University of North Texas System includes the University of North Texas in Denton, the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth and the University of North Texas at Dallas.

Police: Child, 4 adults shot outside Texas restaurant



AP photo
A 6-year-old boy and three adults were shot in the parking lot of a popular San Antonio Steakhouse Sunday night. San Antonio's Police Chief says two adults have life-threatening injuries and that the shooting is not believed to be random.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A masked shooter opened fire on a family waiting to be seated at a San Antonio restaurant, wounding a 6-year-old boy and four of his relatives, police said Monday.

Police Chief William McManus said shortly after the Sunday night shooting that the boy was shot in the leg and was expected to survive, but that two of the adults' injuries were life-threatening. He said investigators don't believe the shooting was random.

The child, two men and two women were sitting on a bench outside a Texas Roadhouse when they were struck by gunfire around 8:40 p.m., according to a preliminary police report released Monday.

The suspect walked up to a nearby parking lot and fired multiple rounds from a handgun before fleeing, according to the report. Police said the suspect was about 15 feet (4.6 meters) from the front of the restaurant when he opened fire.

Police said the suspect hasn't been identified and remains at large.

The child and four adults were taken by emergency responders to University Hospital in San Antonio, while the fifth victim, a 27-year-old man, was later discovered at the hospital after transporting himself, according to the report. Police said the adults ranged in age from 22 to 50.

Police said Monday that they had no immediate updates on the victims' conditions. Citing hospital policy, a spokeswoman for University Hospital said Monday that she couldn't confirm whether the victims were being treated at the facility.

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of many in his district. "They don't want to have that next generation of development, and you have to be sensitive to that."

Sensitivity, however, has not dissuaded local officials from full-throated support of the project.

Supporters call the project an honest attempt at taking Texas' size and shrinking it so the metro regions will prosper. The train and its tracks — 200 feet wide, 240 miles long — are an all-electric attempt and a new option for convenience and conveyance, for Americans.

"It is just marvelous to go from the downtown of one city to the downtown of another city," said Felix Madrigal, a Hutchins resident who came to support the train in Dallas at a Jan. 29 meeting held by the Federal Railroad Administration.

When both metro areas have 10 million or more residents — which demographers expect over the next 25 to 30 years — Interstate 45 will be overloaded. Widening it won't handle the anticipated travel demand, even with autonomous cars cruising at more than 90 mph.

"It is false security to think automated technology will solve our travel," said Sam Lott, an engineer and professor who has overseen dozens of rail plans and feasibility studies in a roughly 40-year career.

Texas Central wants to build another way to move. It is seeking federal approval for a privately-funded high-speed rail line using Japanese Shinkansen trains. The line would be a sealed corridor between a station on the southern end of downtown Dallas and Northwest Mall in Houston at Loop 610 and U.S. 290.

Trains would operate every 30 minutes, with the trip taking 90 minutes end-to-end. A third stop is planned in the Roans Prairie area northeast of Navasota, aimed at luring travelers from College Station and Huntsville.

A ticket for the train would be comparable to airline prices, which average \$199 each way for Houston-to-Dallas flights. Like airline tickets, prices would fluctuate based on sales and how early in advance someone purchases a fare.

"We have different prices for families," Texas Central CEO Carlos Aguilar said, noting his priority is making the trains tempting for all travelers.

The company expects at least 5 million people to hop aboard annually, as airlines focus on other connections and travel times via I-45 prompt some to look for alternatives. A Federal Railroad Administration draft environmental report estimated ridership as high as 7.2 million a year.

The ridership estimate, which opponents call preposterous, is ambitious, compared to the roughly 700,000 travelers who fly between the metro areas each year.

Company officials, however, say their economic analyses show it is reasonable. If not, they said, lenders will not loan them the money. The government, they note, is not on the hook.

"We're not looking for grants from the government... We're doing this with private funds," said Drayton McLane, chairman of Texas Central's board and former owner of the Houston Astros.

Aguilar said he hopes to have a record of decision, one of two major federal approvals needed, by the end of the year.

The company said the release of the FRA's draft environmental report, which assesses a host of conditions — noise, watershed effects, air quality, historic properties — clears up a lot of the misconceptions about the project.

Amid more than 5,600 pages of studies and maps, the report lays out the project more specifically than anything before it. From it, the federal government has narrowed a long list of options to a proposed route, that generally follows a utility alignment. That means the train would cut a path through the Texas brush, along rolling hills and cattle pastures and close to more than a dozen small towns and rural communities.

The release of the draft environmental report on the project has led to more questions than answers for many critics, who packed by the hundreds into schools to scold federal officials for even getting this far without writing the project off as

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Consumers Energy to stop burning coal by 2040



AP photo

In this April 12, 2016, file photo, the B.C. Cobb Plant, which closed April 15, 2016 is shown in Muskegon, Mich. A major Michigan utility says it will reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent and no longer use coal to generate electricity by 2040. Consumers Energy is the second state utility to announce it's phasing out coal as it switches more to cleaner and renewable sources.

By JOHN FLESHER

AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Consumers Energy will phase out electricity production from coal by 2040

to slash emissions of heat-trapping gases that cause global warming, the Michigan utility's president and CEO told The Associated Press.

The utility plans to generate 40

percent of its power from renewable sources such as wind and solar energy by then, Patti Poppe said in an interview ahead of the public announcement Monday. She said the utility will also rely on natural gas, hydropower and improved efficiency to meet customer needs.

Consumers Energy and DTE Energy Co., which supply most of Michigan's electricity, are among many U.S. providers moving away from coal even as President Donald Trump's administration boosts fossil fuels and seeks to unravel former President Barack Obama's policies that promoted cleaner power.

"We believe that climate change is real and we can do our part by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, and we also believe it doesn't have to cost more to do it," Poppe said. "We believe we're going to be on the right side of history on this issue."

Coal is becoming less competitive as the cost of producing renewable energy steadily falls, she added.

Environmental groups praised

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Wind-driven wildfire forces people to flee rural California

BISHOP, Calif. (AP) — A wind-driven wildfire in rural central California forced mandatory evacuations and threatened hundreds of buildings Monday, including a historic railroad station, after it tripled in size overnight, officials said.

The blaze burning through chaparral brush and shrub oak had scorched 4 square miles (11 square kilometers) in the small town of Bishop on the eastern slopes of the

Sierra Nevada that is popular for hiking, fishing, climbing and hunting.

It comes as California has seen some record-high temperatures and little rain after emerging from a five-year drought, helping fuel some of the deadliest and most destructive wildfires in state history late last year. U.S. drought monitors this month declared parts of

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AP photo

This Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018 photo taken by the Bishop California Highway Patrol and released by the Inyo County Sheriff's Office shows smoke rising from wildfires near Bishop, Calif

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UAMS, but were transferred to Arkansas Children's Hospital to undergo multiple surgeries.

Ella underwent Patent Ductus Arteriosus surgery and had to have a third of her colon removed.

Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) is a condition mostly seen in premature babies. It occurs when the ductus arteriosus, or the blood vessel present in babies still in the womb that allows blood to bypass the pathways to the lungs, doesn't close after birth.

Ella spent a total of 105 days in Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Avery, however, had a longer journey ahead of her.

About a week after she was born, they discovered that Avery's right pulmonary artery had formed in the wrong location and never attached to her main pulmonary artery.

At 4 months old, Avery developed severe Pulmonary Hypertension causing right ventricle shut down.

Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) is a type of high blood pressure that affects the arteries in the lungs and the right side of the heart.

As the pressure builds, the heart has to work harder to pump blood, resulting in weakening of the muscle and sometimes failure.

Avery was flown into Texas Children's Hospital, where they have a fully staffed PH team.

"NICU life was a whole new world of tiny babies smaller than you could imagine," said Michella Gillum, Avery's grandmother.

"Survival that's all we wanted to accomplish. What comes next? What to expect? It all depends on the baby's will and we had no idea how much this would come into play with Avery's diagnosis," said Gillum.

In her six month stay in TCH's NICU, Avery underwent open heart surgery that the Texas hospital had never before found successful in preemies.

Gillum told the Log Cabin that the surgery was "probably one of (the family's) biggest hurdles and risks," since no prior studies proved benefit over risk.

According to the family, Avery is the only premature baby that has survived long enough for surgery to correct her right pulmonary artery.

"Her condition is really rare," said Ashley, "She's the only premature baby that they (TCH) know of to have this issue that has actually survived."

The family said that Avery is part of an exclusive PH medical research study with partnering Baylor Research Hospital and that medical journals and articles are being presented at medical summits, explaining her pathway to overcoming a once thought fatal prognosis.

The family hopes that Avery's case can pave a way for more successful outcomes in children with the condition.

"Don't ever lose hope. Keep asking questions and don't rely on (professional) advice alone. Advocate every day, take notes, take pictures, cry if you need to, but never (give up)," advised Avery's grandmother.

She will continue to be monitored indefinitely, and will likely need future procedures to check her pressures, lungs and heart, but after 6 months in Texas Children's Hospital NICU, baby Avery is home, and her family is whole once again.

"I'm just glad to get her home after being away for 300 days, in three different hospitals. I'm just so glad that we are all going to be together," said Ashley.

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McMurrey, an inspector with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the law enforcement and security arm of the USPS.

Requests sent to the USPS for details about the employee were referred to the inspection service. McMurrey had no immediate information on the employee's route, but she said it isn't unusual for a postal service worker to be on the job before dawn.

"It is routine for postal employees to be making deliveries to stations and other post offices at that time," McMurrey said.

The Dallas Main Post Office, which includes a processing and distribution plant, is on the north side of I-30, she said. A USPS National Distribution Center is located on the south side of the highway, a main route connecting Dallas and Fort Worth.

Any charges in the slaying would be referred to federal prosecutors because the victim worked for a U.S. government agency, according to McMurrey.

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Southern California back in severe drought.

In the most recent fire, several communities and campgrounds in the Pleasant Valley Reservoir area were ordered to leave and persistent winds were expected to pose a challenge, said Cathey Mattingly, spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

It's not clear how many people had to evacuate after the blaze started Sunday, Inyo County sheriff's spokeswoman Carma Roper said. But at least 500 structures were threatened, including the Laws Railroad Museum, a railroad station built in the 1880s, Mattingly said.

"We had pretty heavy wind activity overnight and we are expecting more windy conditions today," Mattingly said. "That is hampering firefighting efforts."

She said at least 400 firefighters are working to contain the flames north of Bishop, a former mining town of about 3,800 that still celebrates mules each year with country music concerts, mule chariot races, log skidding and parades.

The fire broke out shortly Sunday afternoon near the Pleasant Valley Reservoir and quickly grew to 900 acres. It forced the closure of a highway that connects rural Inyo County to Nevada.

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a fraud.

"The FRA is just going through the motions," said Glenn Mannina, a vocal critic of the train who spoke at five of the public hearings, pointing out a litany of problems he has identified with the environmental report.

Mannina, and others, have said the lack of a feasibility study in the federal report is a glaring omission, as they believe the project cannot possibly make money. Critics have said noise studies used by Texas Central are inadequate because they rely only on the noise from one train — not two trains passing each other.

The Japanese trains, meanwhile, operate on similar tracks but cannot share the line with anyone else. Mannina said he believes the goal of Japanese supporters is to get Texas Central to build the line, fail to operate it profitably, and then swoop in and acquire it for pennies on the dollar once they write off federally-backed loans.

"When they get the assets, all they have to do is operate for positive," Mannina said.

Texas Central stands by its ridership projections, calling some of the speculation misinformation intended to confuse residents.

"We are a private-sector company and we have spent millions of dollars on advanced research to show our investors they will not lose money," David Benzion, communications director for Texas Central, told the Gulf Coast Rail District. The district, made up of officials appointed by various cities and counties, is aimed at advancing passenger rail and freight projects in the region.

What some landowners have seen from the company makes them wary. Repeatedly, residents in Waller, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Navarro and Ellis counties have accused Texas Central of dubious practices, ranging from vague economic projections to a lack of public scrutiny, in addition to what they see as aggressive efforts to enter private lands to conduct surveys.

In Leon County, where opposition among elected leaders is universal, Sheriff Ken Ellis said his department already has responded to calls regarding surveyors seeking access to private property.

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the move after the utility officially announced the move Monday. But they also urged the utility to make the transition from coal to renewable sources in less than 22 years.

"It's a great sign that the tide is turning," said Kate Madigan, an energy policy specialist with the Michigan Environmental Council. "We're looking forward to working with them and making sure they follow through on this commitment — and seeing if we can get there even faster."

Power companies are under increasing pressure to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, which are trapping heat in the atmosphere and promoting what scientists describe as a dangerously warming climate that will endanger human health and natural systems.

A 2016 state law set a renewables target for Michi-

gan utilities of 15 percent by 2021. Environmentalists are circulating petitions for a statewide ballot initiative that would require 30 percent by 2030, which Consumers Energy and DTE have criticized as unnecessary.

Poppe told the AP that Consumers Energy will file a plan by June with the Michigan Public Service Commission with a detailed timetable for phasing out coal and supplying its customers with power from a mix of renewable and traditional sources. Commission approval will be needed before the utility can proceed.

The utility closed seven of its 12 coal-fired plants in 2016, which the company said had lowered its carbon generation by 38 percent from 2008 levels. Its long-term strategy will yield an 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions, Poppe said.

Rapidly developing technology and falling prices are making green energy more cost-effective than

it was even a decade ago, when many in the industry warned that mandating use of renewables would drive up rates. Particularly helpful are improvements of systems for storing renewable energy for use when the wind isn't blowing or skies are cloudy, Poppe said.

"We don't have to make a sucker's choice of either affordable prices or clean energy," she said. "We can do what's right for the planet and the customers we serve. We don't think there's a trade-off to be made here."

Consumers Energy owns two wind turbine farms and buys power from a third. It co-owns with DTE a hydroelectric plant on Lake Michigan. The utility says it is upgrading its natural gas infrastructure around the state.

Along with its renewable energy plan, Consumers Energy also announced a five-year plan for reducing its environmental footprint that includes saving 1 billion gallons of water, reduc-

ing waste sent to landfills by 35 percent and restoring or improving 5,000 acres of land.

The utility says its customers include 6.7 million of Michigan's 10 million residents.

DTE last year pledged a carbon emissions cut of more than 80 percent by 2050 by phasing out coal, boosting wind and solar energy, and building a 1,100-megawatt natural gas plant. The company described the new gas facility as essential to providing reliable and affordable power while reducing carbon emissions.

Environmentalists contend DTE and Consumers Energy should make bigger commitments to renewables instead of gas.

"Gas prices are unpredictable. They're low now but there's no certainty they will be in the long term," said Margrethe Kearney, staff attorney with the Environmental Law and Policy Center. "There's zero fuel costs for wind and solar."

Ellis said no arrests were made, but deputies repeatedly were called when residents saw surveyors near private land, or placing equipment on county roads and rights of way. Residents reported when surveyors asked for access to property, were declined, and then demanded residents sign a document saying they refused access.

When landowners balked at signing, Ellis said, some called the sheriff's office.

"If those surveys were taken illegally, those surveys should be discarded," said Kyle Workman, president of Texans Against High-Speed Rail, a group formed to oppose the project.

Workman and others urged federal officials to extend the comment period, citing the huge amount of information the environmental review provided. Authorities added 15 days, making the final day to comment March 9. Even that irked opponents.

"They had three years to develop this, we have 75 days," said Donovan Meritic, who worries his autistic son — the reason he moved to 25 acres away from lights and noise — will be affected by the train.

Beyond concerns over the plan and rural lifestyle effects, Texas Central faces a virulent opposition based solely on the company's planned use of eminent domain. Though state lawmakers essentially have barred the company from using state authorities to condemn property, Texas Central maintains it has some options via federal authorities as a railroad, under Texas law.

The certainty of that, however, is murky, and something Texans Against High-Speed Rail has challenged in court.

The notion of a private company having condemnation power riles residents along the line and political supporters from across eastern Texas.

"It is fundamentally immoral for private land to be taken from landowners, some of which has been in their families for generations, and be given to some company," said Reagan Reed, a Montgomery County resident active with local conservative groups and the Austin-based Empower Texans.

Candidates for elected offices also lined up in droves at the federal meetings to declare their opposition to the bullet train, citing eminent domain concerns.

Texas Central has said it needs 8,000 acres for the project. The company says it has 30 percent of the parcels needed for the route, but officials have not specified where those tracts are located or how much of the 8,000 acres they include.

Company



This photo taken Feb. 5, 2018, shows Nel Coffey, right, talking about the impact of the Houston-to-Dallas bullet train on her property with AECOM environmental planner Reggie Herman, left, during a public hearing held by the Federal Railroad Administration to discuss the high-speed train in Cypress, Texas.

officials said they still are negotiating with many landowners even as the federal project narrows the route.

"We are paying above fair-market value," said Michael Moore, regional vice president for Texas Central in the Houston area.

Still, any condemnation is a concern for opponents, along with a host of powerful politicians who have lined up against some of Texas Central's plans. That includes Rep. Kevin Brady, a Woodlands Republican and one of the most powerful members of Congress as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee that prepares the federal budget. Brady has said he opposes the project moving forward, if it does so over the objections of most people north of Houston.

"While I don't oppose high-speed rail as a concept, and strongly support infrastructure that addresses the dynamic growth of Texas, transportation improvements need to work for local communities, not against them," Brady said in a statement.

Brady said he would prefer the train line rethink running parallel to I-45, a route the company and federal railroad officials discounted as more damaging than the utility path. He added he would oppose any efforts to allow Texas Central to use eminent domain, or acquire federal funds.

"Your tax dollars should not go to split your land in half," Brady said in a statement his district director, Heather Washburn, read aloud to federal officials in Navasota, to thunderous applause from local opponents.

Up and down the proposed train's 240-mile path, there is anger, fear and frustration.

"It is hard on us people

who live out in the country to see our way of life going down the drain," Pam House told a standing-room-only crowd at a Federal Railroad Administration meeting in Cypress.

Barbara Miles, a longtime Leon County resident, compared plans for the train line to catastrophic floods, raids by Native American tribes against early settlers and another rail line planned in the late 1980s.

"It too threatens to destroy our way of life," Miles said. "We will defend our homes and way of life here until this latest obstacle is overcome."

It is not about opposition to progress, many insist. It's about preservation of their communities and their character. The train is just the latest thing bearing down on them, they say.

When the Shelton House was first built, Cotton Gin was booming. It went bust when the Houston and Texas Central Railway — ironically sharing a similar name to the current company — took its tracks through Mexia, 6 miles to the west, instead.

The Sheltons stayed, and over time the home became more than a shelter. It became a portal.

"It is so unique for any family to be able to stand in the very rooms in which seven generations were conceived, born, christened, wedded, and hosted their funerals," William Shelton said.

That's why, when surveyors started coming down the road to look at his land, Shelton nailed a notice to his front gate: "No trespassing. Violators will be shot, survivors will be shot again."

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Howard College splits with Odessa College

Fans storm the court as Hawks beat No. 4 ranked Wranglers 78-77

By STEVE BELVIN
Staff Writer

It was court storming time at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. That's what you do when your team knocks off the number four ranked team in the nation. Howard College Hawks fans got to do just that as their Hawks upended the Odessa College Wranglers 78-77 in WJCAC play Monday night.

This was a different Hawks team from last Monday night than when Howard was pushed around by a much smaller Clarendon squad. This time the Hawks went toe-to-toe with one of the best teams in the country, a team that had beaten Howard 70-65 in Odessa earlier this season.

The Hawks had no quit in them. Odessa jumped on them from the start and took a 8-2 lead with some nice three point shooting. Things looked a little more bleak as the Wranglers surged to a 32-19 advantage with 6:30 left in the first half.

Howard clamped down behind the play of Amari McCray and Jeremy Hayes and outscored the Wranglers 14-7 for the remainder of the half to pull within 39-33 before heading into the locker room for halftime.

Jake Hutchings got Howard started on the right foot in the second half as

he hit one of his patented left-handed three-point jumpers. Meanwhile, the Howard defense got even stingier. At one stretch, Odessa went eight minutes without scoring a single bucket. By then, the lead had been cut to 63-62.

The two teams went back-and-forth, but Howard edged forward.

Jack Pagenkoph sunk two free throws, and with that Howard seemingly had a comfortable 71-65 advantage with 1:10 left in regulation.

However, Odessa kept its composure and battled back with help from a couple of missed free throws by the Hawks and managed to send the game in overtime, tied at 72 apiece.

Howard won in overtime as they fouled the boards and dominated a frustrated OC squad. Howard out-rebounded Odessa 38-22 for the game.

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Lady Hawks fall short 65-48 in tough battle against Lady Wranglers

By STEVE BELVIN
Staff Writer

It was just of those nights for the Lady Hawks.

In a game where Howard needed to win to stay in playoff contention, nothing went their way as they dropped a 65-48 decision to the Odessa College Lady Wranglers Monday night.

With one game remaining, the loss drops Howard to 5-8 in league play, saddled in fifth place. Odessa College moves closer to that fourth playoff spot at 6-5. The Lady Wranglers

have three games remaining and would have to lose all three for Howard to still have a chance, assuming Howard can beat Midland College next Monday.

Tried as they might, the Lady Hawks could not get anything going and it seemed Odessa could do no wrong. Take for instance at the

end of the half, Howard was foolishly fouled in the back court with 2.8 seconds left. Kaki Simpson sunk the two free throws for an unexpected two points. Odessa then inbounded and Chinna Fair banked in a bomb from mid court at the buzzer.

Howard post player Taylor Allison went down with an injury right before the half, had to be helped into the locker room. In the second half Allison was right back out there, pounding the paint. She injured herself again on a drive to the basket. Again, she had to be helped to the locker room and was done for the night. The extent of her injury is unknown at this time.

It was just that kind of night for the Lady Hawks.

Odessa shot the lights out, and Howard couldn't buy a bucket while turning the ball over 21 times against a tight Odessa man-to-man defense.

After a close first quarter, Odessa outscored Howard 26-12 in the second quarter and went into the second half with a 38-20 lead.

Howard had no answer for OC post player Leticia Soares from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. She pierced Howard's defense for 24 points, all underneath,

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Baylor clinches Big 12 title with 93-87 win over Texas



Baylor center Kalani Brown (21) celebrates a score against Texas during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, in Austin, Texas.

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Baylor had barely clinched its eighth consecutive Big 12 title when the team started passing around green and gold baseball caps to commemorate the championship.

The fact that they were even at the ready — and worn into the post-game

news conference after a 93-87 win over Texas Monday night — shows just how dominant the Lady Bears are in one of the best conferences in the country.

And just how confident they are in their long-standing reign over it all. The Lady Bears had figured this could be their night.

"Hey, it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark," Baylor coach Kim

Mulkey said of the hats. "It took some planning."

Kristy Wallace scored 23 points and had seven assists and Dekeiya Cohen scored 24 for Baylor, which had to overcome a third quarter surge by Texas to get the win, its 18th in the last 19 matchup with their chief league rival. With two games left on the regular season, Baylor is gunning for a third undefeated conference sea-

son in school history.

As the final seconds ticked off Monday night, a large group of visiting fans chanted, "B-U!" from behind the Baylor bench.

"These kids don't come to Baylor to win games, they come to win championships," Mulkey said. "They have a competitive fire."

Wallace scored 14 in the third quarter and rescued the Lady Bears after Texas had started the second half with a charge and briefly held the lead. Wallace scored eight in a 14-5 run that allowed Baylor to take control of the game keep Texas at a safe distance the rest of the way.

Texas came in two games behind Baylor and needed a win to keep its own conference title hopes alive. Brooke McCarty led the Longhorns (22-5, 13-3) with 32 points, with 16 in the fourth quarter in a furious comeback bid.

The teams could meet again in the Big 12 tournament. They will start on opposite sides of the tournament bracket with a course set to meet in the title game. And there's always a potential matchup in the NCAA Tournament as well.

Baylor's title meant another season without a trophy for Texas seniors like McCarty.

"Of course we're frustrated," McCarty said. "We'll see them again."

BIG PICTURE

Baylor: The Lady Bears overcame foul trouble to star forward Kalani Brown and the big push from Texas in the third. Brown was dominating

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Beltre still the big name for Rangers without big additions

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Adrian Beltre would bring in some big-time free agents if he was making those kinds of decisions for the Texas Rangers.

The veteran third baseman just wants to win a World Series before the end of his career.

While there have been no such marquee additions for the Rangers, the newest member of the 3,000-hit club said after arriving at spring training Monday that he's not unhappy and still believes the Rangers can compete for a postseason spot.

"Obviously we can be better, especially with the free agents out there that are still not signed," Beltre said. "There is no doubt that I would like to win and have the best chance to win. ... If it was my option, I would like to add some other people and make the roster even stronger."

Going into his 21st big league season, when he will turn 39 just more than a week after opening day, Beltre's primary focus is to win a World Series. He has been there only once, in his first year with the Rangers in 2011, when they lost in seven

games to St. Louis after twice being within a strike of clinching the title in Game 6.

Beltre was limited to 94 games last year because of calf and hamstring issues, his fewest games since 77 during his rookie season with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1998. He missed the first 51 games last year because of issues he was dealing with even before getting to camp.

He got to camp this year lighter and feeling good. "I'm scary good," he said. "I want to make sure I'm 100 percent mentally and physically ready to go."

When slugger Joey Gallo walked by and told him he got small, Beltre quipped that he had on a big shirt.

As Beltre was ending a 15-minute session with media, manager Jeff Banister came by and the two shared a big hug.

"Spring training has started, but spring training begins when AB walks in the door," Banister said.

General manager Daniels said throughout the off-season that the Rangers weren't going to be in play for top-tier free agents, and thus the highest-priced ones. He knows that would have been different had Beltre got to be in the GM role.

"He probably would have made some different moves this winter. I think he would have addressed some different things," Daniels said last month.

There was no expensive reunion with Yu Darvish. Shohei Ohtani, the two-way player from Japan, signed with the AL West rival Los Angeles Angels.

The most significant additions were pitchers Doug Fister, Mike Minor, Matt Moore and Bartolo Colon, a 44-year-old right-hander also going into his 21st season — "It's just nice to have somebody older than me on the team," Beltre said.

Daniels and Beltre had several conversations throughout the offseason.

"He has been honest with me. He let me know kind of the way they were going this year," Beltre said. "He let me know it was going to be a little different. Did I want to hear that? Probably not."

At the same time, Beltre conceded that he doesn't have to write the checks for expensive free agents.

Beltre, now with 3,048 career hits and 462 home runs, is going into the last season of his contract.

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Beltre

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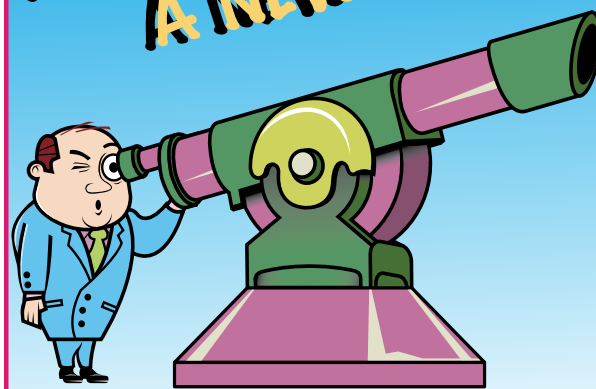
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By Steve Becker

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♥ 10 9 2
♦ K 8 7 4
♣ K Q 6

WEST
♠ 9 8 4
♥ K 7 4 3
♦ A 6
♣ J 10 9 8

EAST
♠ A J 7 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ 5 3 2

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♠ Q 5 2
♥ A Q J 6
♦ Q J 5
♣ A 7 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — jack of clubs.
There are times when declarer arrives at a critical point in the play and fails to recognize an impending danger that poses a threat to his contract. For example, consider today's deal where South is in three notrump and West leads the club jack.

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But West wins the heart with the

king and shifts to the nine of spades, presenting declarer with the option of playing the king, the ten or the three from dummy.

Whether he knows it or not, South is now at the crossroads of the hand. If he plays the ten, East covers with the jack, and if he plays the three, East signals with the seven. Either way, as soon as West gains the lead with the ace of diamonds, he returns the eight of spades, and the contract goes down the drain, declarer losing three spades, a heart and a diamond.

But if South plays the spade king from dummy at trick three, he makes the contract. East wins with the ace but cannot afford a spade return, which would establish dummy's ten as a trick. If East returns any other suit, South wins and forces out the ace of diamonds to assure scoring at least nine tricks.

When West leads the spade nine at trick three, declarer is in good position to judge that the nine is a top-of-nothing lead, which in turn means that East holds the A-J of spades. South should therefore play the king from dummy to short-circuit the danger that might develop later on if West has the ace of diamonds. If South takes this precaution, the defense disintegrates, and the contract is made.

Tomorrow: The trickless double.

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1			5					
			8		2			3
		7		4		8	6	
				8				
	5	4						9
2		9						
9	6							2
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9	4	7	3	6	2	8	1	5
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8	5	4	7	3	6	1	2	9
6	3	9	1	5	2	8	7	4
7	1	1	6	8	9	6	4	3
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Moon of Patient Inaction

Be wary of those who are always pushing action, progress and "go time!" Do they have something to gain from the bustle? What about when doing nothing is actually the smarter move? It so often is. "Nothing" is a move that requires no actual movement, yet it does take a lot of energy to be patient (less so under the Taurus moon, though).

ARIES (March 21-April 19). New ventures always come with a beat or two of bedlam. The confusion and chaos only add to the fun! So take a breath and head in, expecting that it won't be perfect but it will be an experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Obstacles are necessary. Otherwise, there's no game. Catapult over them and you'll build up your strength. Push against them and you'll build stamina. Rub them out and you'll wind up polishing your work to the brilliance of a jewel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are those who reach adulthood unwounded; they are the exception, not the rule. Time usually makes its marks. You'll connect with someone over the scars (either inside or outside) that show what you've survived.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Avoid people and situations that test your knowledge. It's better to gravitate toward those who like how you think instead. To know is to close

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your mind to learning. So don't know. Stay curious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's risky to talk to strangers, but you're fearless today, so you'll reach out and expand your circle with an introduction or two. You're a magnet for interesting people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You embrace life's lopsided nature. You'll be intrigued by people, ideas and places that seem a little off. Also, you crave novelty these days, so if it doesn't look like anything you've experienced, you'll want to sign up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Magicians know that children can often figure out tricks that adults don't. Why? They make fewer assumptions. They're more open to randomness. They notice more details. Today you'll be like a child whom no one can trick.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). We operate on what we've seen to be true. But sometimes what we've seen is only part of the truth or is actually more of an anomaly. Leave room for doubt. Being wrong happens. Defending wrong -- now that's just wrong!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Go mingle in a new place. At the very least, you'll have a fresh experience and story to report. But you're even likelier to find love, friendship, adventure, work or all of the above.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Anyone can give others the benefit of the doubt, but you'll take it into radically generous territory, giving total trust without hesitation. If they have ill intent, they'll go elsewhere; your kindness takes the fun out of the swindle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your attention actually makes the other person fascinating. The person was interesting to begin with, but his or her story becomes great because of your unique brand of curiosity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You dislike social situations in which you're expected to network, schmooze and sell. You see life as a creative process, not as a series of trophies. Don't worry; many will find your approach appealing. Show up and just be you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 20). The objective still seems far off, and you're not even sure how you're going to get there, but that's all part of what makes this year so magical. You sweat and toil for some successes, and others happen by sheer miracle. With a ripple of kindness and effectiveness, you'll make a difference in the lives of many. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 44, 19 and 3.

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Annie's Mailbox

Mom's House of Horrors

Dear Annie: I am a stay-at-home mom with three children under the age of 6. They currently go to their grandmother's (my mother's) day care one day a week to give me a chance to run errands and do extra housework. Lately, I have noticed signs of negligence. Some are minor, such as dirty faces and rear ends not properly wiped. Some are more serious, such as a 2-year-old child's being left unattended outside with a small kiddie pool. Children frequently play unsupervised in a basement with litter boxes and alcoholic beverages within reach. Bathrooms are often unsanitary, and the play area smells of cat urine.

Additionally, I have witnessed my mother calling children names and talking cruelly about them in front of other children. My children also report this happening when I am not around. She has even spanked one of my children out of frustration, which she didn't tell me but confirmed later when questioned. It is not unusual for accidents to happen at the day care without her knowing or mentioning them to parents.

I have voiced concern about the amount of processed food given for most meals and snacks,

as well as the amount of time the television stays on during the day. I have spoken with other parents who have similar concerns.

I could go on and on with my list of complaints. The bottom line, however, is that I don't want my children to spend time at their grandmother's house without me anymore, but I don't want to ruin the relationship I have with my mother. I'm not sure how straightforward to be with her, as she is not likely to change her practices after 30 years. (She most likely behaved the same way when I was a child, and now I'm in therapy.) I'm also not sure whether her day care should be reported to any authorities. Any suggestions would be most welcome.

-- Concerned Parent

Dear Concerned Parent:

Act first as a concerned parent and second as a concerned daughter, because it's the children at this day care who need you most right now. Place an anonymous tip with the relevant local agency (find out what agency that is in your state at <http://www.daycareabuse.com/how-to-report>) and let the authorities confront your mother about her negligence. Encourage other parents to file complaints, too. And if you ever witness a child being physically abused or otherwise put in immediate danger, dial 911.

Dear Annie: I'm writing because I've seen several people write to you to complain of friends or relatives who repeat stories. My elder brother shared this helpful hint with me when I was caring for my 88-year-old father and 90-year-old uncle. Each time you are listening to a repeated story, you must come up with a different question to ask about that particular story. Because you have heard it before, you don't need to listen as intently -- and it keeps you from becoming aggravated, as your mind is distracted with trying to come up with a new question.

It also makes them happy because they're able to tell their stories and not be dismissed. It worked wonders for me and the people with whom I have shared this hint. Thought there are others out there who could use this tool. -- Grateful Sister

Dear Grateful Sister:

I love this tip because it's a way to improve our listening skills and become more compassionate. Thanks for sharing.

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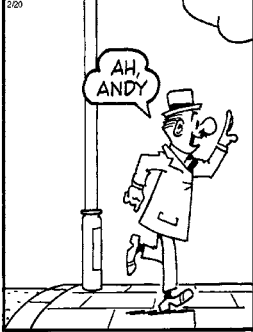


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Thought for Today:

"I've always believed in the adage that the secret of eternal youth is arrested development."

Alice Roosevelt Longworth former first daughter (born 1884, died this date in 1980).

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2018. There are 314 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft, which circled the globe three times in a flight lasting 4 hours, 55 minutes and 23 seconds before splashing down safely in the Atlantic Ocean 800 miles southeast of Bermuda.

On this date:

In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office Department.

In 1816, the opera buffa "The Barber of Seville" by Gioachino Rossini premiered in Rome under its original title, "Almaviva, or the Useless Precaution."

In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an immigration act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the United States.

In 1915, the Panama Pacific International Exposition opened in San Francisco (the fair lasted until December).

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary following Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's decision to negotiate with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

In 1942, Lt. Edward "Butch" O'Hare became the U.S. Navy's first flying ace of World War II by shooting down five Japanese bombers while defending the aircraft carrier USS Lexington in the South Pacific.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Rabinowitz, ruled 5-3 that authorities making a lawful arrest did not need a warrant to search and seize evidence in an area that was in the "immediate and complete control" of the suspect.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

In 1987, a bomb left by Unabomber Ted Kaczynski exploded behind a computer store in Salt Lake City, seri-

ously injuring store owner Gary Wright. Soviet authorities released Jewish activist Joseph Begun.

In 1998, Tara Lipinski of the U.S. won the ladies' figure skating gold medal at the Nagano Olympics while fellow American Michelle Kwan won the silver; Chen Lu of China won the bronze.

In 2003, a fire sparked by pyrotechnics broke out during a concert by the group Great White at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

Ten years ago: A U.S. Navy cruiser blasted a disabled spy satellite with a pinpoint missile strike that achieved the main mission of exploding a tank of toxic fuel 130 miles above the Pacific Ocean. Space shuttle Atlantis and its crew returned to Earth after delivering a new European lab to the international space station.

Five years ago: The Obama administration announced a broad new effort to fight the growing theft of American trade secrets following fresh evidence linking cyberstealing to China's military. Former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., entered a guilty plea in federal court to criminal charges that he'd engaged in a scheme to spend \$750,000 in campaign funds on personal items; his wife, Sandra Jackson, pleaded guilty to filing false joint federal income tax returns.

One year ago: President Donald Trump tapped Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster as his new national security adviser, replacing the ousted Michael Flynn. Thousands of demonstrators turned out across the U.S. to challenge Donald Trump in a Presidents Day protest dubbed Not My President's Day.

Today's Birthdays: Socialite Gloria Vanderbilt is 94. Actor Sidney Poitier is 91. Racing Hall of Famer Bobby Unser is 84. Actress Marj Dusay is 82. Racing Hall of Famer Roger Penske is 81. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 77. Hockey Hall of Famer Phil Esposito is 76. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is 76. Movie director Mike Leigh is 75. Actress

Brenda Blethyn is 72. Actress Sandy Duncan is 72. Actor Peter Strauss is 71. Rock musician Billy Zoom (X) is 70. Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is 67. Country singer Kathie Baillie is 67. Actor John Voldstad is 67. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 64. Actor Anthony Head is 64. Country singer Leland Martin is 61. Actor James Wilby is 60. Rock musi-

cian Sebastian Steinberg is 59. Comedian Joel Hodgson (HAHD'-suhn) is 58. Basketball Hall of Famer Charles Barkley is 55. Rock musician Ian Brown (Stone Roses) is 55. Actor Willie Garson is 54. Actor French Stewart is 54. Actor Ron Eldard is 53. Model Cindy Crawford is 52. Actor Andrew Shue is 51. Actress Lili Taylor is 51. Actress Andrea Savage is 45. Singer Brian Littrell is 43.

Actress Lauren Ambrose is 40. Actor Jay Hernandez is 40. Actress Chelsea Peretti is 40. Country musician Coy Bowles is 39. Actress Majandra Delfino is 37. Singer-musician Chris Thile (THEE'-lee) is 37. Actress-singer Jessie Mueller is 35. Comedian Trevor Noah is 34. Actor Jake Richardson is 33. Actress Daniella Pineda is 31. Actor Miles Teller is 31. Singer Rihanna is 30. Actor Jack

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Not at all spicy

5 Revered entertainer

9 Shut forcefully

13 All over again

14 Small sheltered bay

15 Range of view

16 Enthusiastic review

17 Notion

18 Total confusion

19 Yellow vegetable

21 Enthusiasm, informally

22 Made from medicinal plants

23 Shout like "Scat!"

25 Bartlett or Bosc

28 "That's good enough"

32 Southwestern brick

36 Work hard

38 Bird's bill

39 Wise advisor

40 Mechanical worker

41 Beef inspection agcy.

42 Toward the dawn

43 Give off, as light

44 Opinion piece

45 Slow-moving mammals

47 Astronauts' org.

49 Has supper

51 Arts and ___

56 In separate pieces

59 Yellow candy

DOWN

62 Low card in a deck

63 Aroma

64 Long skirt

65 ___ operandi (usual procedure)

66 Gawk at

67 "Sign me up!"

68 Scissors sound

69 Cats, dogs and fish

70 Change for a \$20 bill

6 Long-gone bird

7 At an end

8 Tilts

9 Yellow vehicle for students

10 Rich soil

11 Each, slangily

12 Window screen material

15 Hurry off

20 Roll of sticky cellophane

24 Dagger handle

26 Molecule part

27 Batman's sidekick

29 Not so much

30 Father, to a baby

31 "Fine by me"

32 Matures

33 Two-purpose

34 Roughly

35 Yellow wildflower

37 Tiny amount

40 Leftover portion

44 Be worthy of

46 Despises

48 Makes a touchdown

50 Small sailboat

52 Confess

53 Picture holder

54 Snake venom, for example

55 Whirls around

56 Naval VIPs wearing stars

57 Lowly worker

58 German auto

60 Outer boundary

61 Lose feathers

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HAWKS

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Leading the board work was Derrick Green. It was Green's three-point play off an offensive rebound that put Howard up 77-76 with 58 seconds left.

Odessa's Kelvin Jones made one of two free throws to tie the game at 77 with just 30 seconds left.

Howard went down and ran time off the clock with the ball in Hayes' hands. He was fouled on a drive to the basket with four seconds left. Hayes missed the first free throw, but he made the second.

Odessa hurried down and in its haste to get off one final shot. LJ Figueroa tripped over his own teammate's foot and the celebration for Howard College was on.

Despite the loss, Odessa College is still in firm control of the league race with a 12-1 conference record, 23-3 overall. The loss still snapped a 14-game win streak for the Wranglers.

Hayes was a catalyst in the win, scoring 16 of his 28 points in the second half.

Although he continues to battle foul trouble, McCray was deadly when he was in the game. Before fouling out with 5:47 in regulation, he contributed 14 points on a six-for-nine shooting performance from the floor.

Garrick Green had a blue collar night, scoring 10 points and grabbing 11 boards. Hutchings scored 10 points, and Garrick Green, a

freshman from Baton Rouge, La., came off the bend to give Howard good quality defensive minutes.

Odessa reserve forward, Braxton Shaw, and 6-8 point guard Jermaine Haley, led Odessa with 16 points each.

Figueroa and Keandre Cook each scored 15 in the losing cause.

Howard improves to 9-5 in conference play and 21-7 overall as they start preparing for post season play.

Howard will be on the road Thursday in Roswell, NM against New Mexico Military Institute at 7:30 p.m.

HOWARD

- Amari McCray 6-2-14
- Jeramy Hayes 8-7-28
- Derrick Green 4-2-10
- Jake Pagenkoph 2-3-7
- Garrick Green 1-0-2
- Jake Hutchings 3-2-10
- RicQuail Smoot 2-0-4
- team total 26-26-78
- ODESSA**
- JJ Simpson 2-0-5
- Kejuan Johnson 2-0-4
- Braxton Shaw 6-0-16
- Jermaine Haley 6-3-16
- Keandre Cook 5-0-15
- Johnattan Maxwell 1-0-3
- LJ Figueora 6-2-15
- Kelvin Jones 0-1-1
- team total 28-6-77
- Halftime - Odessa 39, Howard 33.
- Regulation - Odessa 72, Howard 72.
- Records- Odessa 12-1, 23-3; Howard 9-5, 21-7.

LADY HAWKS

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except for a rare three-pointer in the second quarter.

Then there was Wellington, New Zealand native Tanaka Gapare, who controlled the boards with 16 points to go along with 10 rebounds. Odessa had a 41-28 rebounding edge.

Forward Chinna Fair had the firepower from the outside, knocking down five three-pointers while scoring 21 points.

The only Lady Hawk that had a good offensive game was Corbyn Cunningham, who scored 20 points and got seven rebounds. Kaki Simpson and Kendall Alsup, Howard's outside threats, struggled. They combined to make only four of 24 from the floor. Simpson was the only other Howard in double figures with 14 points. Allison put up a game fight with six points and six rebounds before she exited.

Howard coach Earl Diddle said his team never got untracked.

"We wanted to create some space so we could shoot the ball," he said. "We started

the game with three or four turnovers; they were real aggressive. They took us out of our rhythm. I was very disappointed in the way we handled the ball, but give Odessa credit, they did a great job."

Howard will close out the season Monday at home against Midland College. Game time is 5:45 p.m.

HOWARD

- Addyson Moseley 1-0-2
- Cierra Morris 0-4-4
- Kendall Alsup 1-0-3
- Kaki Simpson 3-7-14
- Corby Cunningham 7-6-20
- Taylor Allison 2-2-6
- team total 14-19-48
- ODESSA**
- Kassie Ybarra 1-0-3
- Tanaka Gapare 4-2-10
- Amanda Soderqvist 1-0-2
- Chinna Fair 8-0-21
- Wtalla Motta 1-0-2
- Shannon Dozier 3-0-6
- Letricia Soares 11-1-24
- team total 28-3-65
- SCORES BY QUARTER**
- Howard 08-12-11-18 - 48
- Odessa 12-26-15-12 - 65

BELTRE

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He said he hasn't thought about an extension yet, though it sounds like he could play beyond this season.

"I assume, yes, but I don't know," he said. "Things could change one day to the next. I don't want to tell you 100 percent yes or 100 percent no. It's going to be year

by year. After the year is over I will decide what is next."

Would such a decision be swayed by a World Series title, either with the Rangers or another team?

"That would probably make it easier for me to go home. No doubt," he said. "If I would go 100 percent if we win the World Series, I can't say that right now. But that would make it easier."

BAYLOR

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the boards and the defensive space in the lane, but picked her second and third fouls in the first minute of the third. Texas led 51-50 when Ariel Atkins stabbed away a pass and coasted in for a layup. Wallace took over from there, picking her shots on jumpers and layups.

"That's a lot of scoring out of the game," Wallace said. "We didn't panic ... I just found my opportunities and my teammates found me and I took it to the rack a few times."

Texas: Poor rebounding and defensive lapses against Wallace and Cohen let the game get away with free looks at the basket. Forwards Joyner Holmes and Jatarie White combined for 18 points and 10 rebounds, but even with Brown's long absence, the Longhorns were outrebounded 42-27.

"You can't get away from the rebounding number at all, it was very clearly the difference in the game," Texas coach Karen Aston said. "There were critical moments in the game we couldn't get a defensive rebound."

MCCARTY'S SHOOTING TOUCH

A good sign for Texas has been McCarty's scoring run of late. She's led Texas in scoring four straight games and seems primed for the postseason after a midseason dip in form. McCarty even made an off-balance, hook shot, buzzer-beating 3-pointer from the wing at the end of the third quarter.

"The basket's getting big for her again. That's a good thing for us down the stretch," Aston said.



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US rides Zapolski, college kids to Olympic quarterfinals



Goalie Ryan Zapolski (30), of the United States, reaches for the puck during the first period of the qualification round of the men's hockey game against Slovakia at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018.

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GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — Tony Granato knew going into the Olympics that Ryan Zapolski would be his goaltender and that the college kids on the Team USA roster would be counted on to supply offense.

It's worked just like Granato and the late general manager Jim Johannson had hoped, and just in time: Zapolski stopped 21 shots in his best game of the tournament and NCAA players Ryan Donato and Troy Terry dominated offensively in a 5-1 win against Slovakia that put the United States into Wednesday's quarterfinals against the Czech Republic.

"Jimmy, like we said since Day One, this is his plan," Granato said Tuesday's win. "It's been a really nice mix."

Zapolski and Donato both took hits to the head against Slovakia, and both said they were fine afterward.

It looked worrisome at the time.

In a frightening play, Ladislav Nagy crashed into Zapolski's head and the goaltender was down on the ice for several minutes. Needing to be on top of

his game in the Americans' first elimination game, Zapolski was, even after jamming his neck.

"My hands and feet went numb a little bit, so it just kind of pinched my nerve, I guess," Zapolski said. "I think I just needed time for the feeling to come back. It took a little bit. It was a little bit of a scary thing for me kind of losing feeling in your body for a little bit, but it went away pretty quickly."

Donato took a shoulder to the jaw from 6-foot-4 Slovakia defenseman Michal Cajovsky, who was ejected, and didn't miss a shift despite a bloody nose he thought might be broken. On the next play, he set the screen on James Wisniewski's 5-on-3 power-play goal in a game that helped the U.S. get its offensive groove back.

"He's a really tough kid, and you see how much just of a natural goal-scorer he is," Terry said of Donato. "He's fun to play with, and if I get the puck to him I know it's got a pretty good chance of going in."

Donato and Terry have had fun and made some magic playing on a line with former NHL forward Mark Arcobello, who Granato joked was the happiest person at the Olympics because of his skilled

linemates. Arcobello, who scored his first Olympic goal against Slovakia, knew at the first practice how good Donato and Terry would be.

"You could just see the talent they've got," Arcobello said. "They look like pros. They don't look like college players. They're poised and they do the right things. They're smart players. So I knew right away they were going to be pretty good."

Johannson and Granato wanted to bring three to seven college players and hoped they'd be this good. But their first conversation about a player was about Zapolski, a 31-year-old journeyman with no North American professional experience above the ECHL.

Zapolski is among the best goaltenders in the Kontinental Hockey League but conceded "maybe things weren't going the way I had hoped the first few games" when he allowed a few soft goals. There were none of those against Slovakia.

"In a tournament like this, you only win if you have a good goalie," Wisniewski said. "You're going to have to have a good power play and a good penalty kill, but your best penalty killer is going to be your goalie. With his numbers he's had in the KHL, he's come in ready to play every game, which has been huge for us."

It's huge for the U.S. to get its power play and offense going. And to no one's surprise, Harvard's Donato, University of Denver's Terry and Boston University's Jordan Greenway are at the forefront.

"You see it more and more in the NHL with these young kids coming in and making a huge impact," Wisniewski said. "They come in guns a blazing, they get every opportunity and they want you to make plays. The game has changed and you can see with the guys on our team."

The U.S. came into the game scoring only four goals in three games. Scoring five against the team Granato called perhaps the best defensive team in the tournament has the Americans feeling good going into the quarterfinals.

"I think people saw tonight we have a very fast team and a team that can play good hockey," Terry said. "So we have a lot of belief in our team and we're excited to keep going."

Despite a 4-0 loss to the Russians to wrap up group play, Granato and his players believe they've gotten better each game and see a benefit in playing the extra qualification-round game to keep improving. The Czech Republic is up next for the U.S.

"There's some different weapons that we'll have to be aware of," Granato said. "I think what we learned from our team is it doesn't matter what the other team does. We have to attack, we have to get in on the forecheck, we have to use our offensive players that we do have, the skillset that we do have."

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