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## Local students rock UTPB science fair



By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

Albert Einstein famously said "To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination, and marks real advance in science."

Einstein was an avid seeker of knowledge and someone who appreciated the study of all that is science. Some local young scientists are also showing interested in the field. Students from Big Spring Jr. High, Intermediate School, Goliad Elementary, and Washington Elementary descended on the University of Texas of the Permian Basin science fair on March. 3, and a few of those students went to play for keeps.

Local students placed in a variety different science subjects:

- In the Junior Division, Gissele Holguin, from Big Spring Jr. high, placed first in Earth and Environment

Sciences;

- Placing second in Robotics and Intelligent Machines were Kaiden Roberts, David Villagrana, and John Maniyali from Big Spring Intermediate;

- From Washington Elementary there was Genesis Olivares, who placed third in Chemistry; Brennan Pike placed 2nd in Life Sciences; and Alexander Phillips placed 3rd in Physics/Astronomy;

- From Goliad, Reagan Thompson placed 2nd in Behavioral/Social Science; and Lillian Francher won the "Friends of the Science Fair" award.

"We are proud of all our students," said Monica Fierro at Goliad Elementary. "They work so hard and are passionate about what they do."

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Courtesy photos

Students from Big Spring Junior High, Big Spring Intermediate, and several local elementary schools participated in the recent University of Texas of the Permian Basin Science Fair, and brought home awards. Top left are Goliad Elementary's Lillian Francher, who won the "Friends of the Science Fair" award, and Reagan Thompson, who took second place in Behavioral Science; top right, Washington Elementary's Brennan Pike, who took second place in Life Science; lower left, Washington's Genesis Olivares, who took third place in Chemistry; and lower right, Alexander Phillips, who took third place in physics; were among the students who won awards.

## Interlocal agreement on agenda for commissioners

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will consider the interlocal agreement between Howard County and the city of Big Spring for law enforcement services at their meeting Wednesday.

The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Howard County Courthouse.

The interlocal agreement provides for joint administration of the Troy M. Hogue Law Enforcement Center between the county and the city of Big Spring, and also provides for combined dispatching services for the Sheriff's Department and the Big Spring Police Department.

The item was up for discussion on the agenda at the commissioners' Feb. 20

meeting, but no action was taken on the issue at that time.

According to the agenda for the meeting, commissioners will also hear a request from County Attorney Josh Hamby for the county to host a blood drive at the courthouse. No further information is given about the item.

County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek has submitted a request to purchase a pickup truck for the county road department. Commissioners will consider the request at the meeting.

In other business, commissioners will:

- Meet in closed executive session to discuss personnel considerations;
- Consider invoices, purchase requests, and budget amendments;
- Consider approval of county payroll for the two-week pay period;

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## Taking a walk

Big Spring State Park to host bi-annual Walk March 10



Courtesy Photo

Two people enjoy the sights of Scenic Mountain at they walk around it during a previous Walk at Big Spring State Park. This year's Walk, sponsored by Midland's Walkabout Volkssport Club, is slated for March 10.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

Get your walking shoes ready for a walk around the mountain as Big Spring State Park is having their bi-annual Walk at Big Spring State Park, March 10 at 8:30 a.m.

The walk is hosted by Midland's Walkabout Volkssport Club, which is a nonprofit organization that enjoys being active with individuals who also enjoy physical outdoor activities and to promote good-times, fun, fitness and friendship through non-competitive walking, biking and swimming events.

"Volkssporting actually began in Ger-

man, and came to the US back in 1976." said Sammy Hunnicutt, HSE Coordinator. "The Midland Walkabout Club is just one of many walking clubs, over two hundred fifty in fact, throughout the US, there is even an International Volkssporting Association." The Midland Walkabout Club came into being in 2001, and has been active ever since.

"The Walkabout Club sponsors ten walks in West Texas; from Big Spring to Ft. Davis," said Hunnicutt. "The walk at Big Spring State Park is one of our very best, and certainly is better than any in the Midland - Odessa

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## Obituaries

### Barbara Jean Mohn-Lewis



Barbara Jean Mohn-Lewis, 68, died Feb. 27, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring, Texas.

She was born Feb. 21, 1950, in Onawa, Iowa, to Harold & Joan Mohn.

She is survived by her mother, Joan Howard of Anchor Point, Alaska; daughter, Tania Hope Lucas of Fairbanks, Alaska; siblings, Laura and husband Mike Hughes of Big Spring, Texas, Dennis Mohn of Anchor Point, Alaska, and Twila Mayes of Big Spring, Texas; step-siblings Jimmy and wife Sandy Howard, Diane Price, and Rhonda Howard-Smith husband

Scott, all of Arizona; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews.

Preceding her in death were all her grandparents; her father, Harold Mohn; her stepdad, James Howard Sr.; brothers, Chuck Mohn and Larry Mohn; and stepsister, Darla Howard.

In lieu of flowers, her wish was to have donations made to your favorite local literacy program, or to the American Cancer Society.

A memorial service will be held at Canterbury South, 1700 S. Lancaster St., Big Spring, Texas, on March 14 at 2 p.m. Condolences may be sent to the family at 508 Highland Dr., Big Spring, Texas. 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com).

### Beebe Permenter



Beebe Permenter, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 4, 2018.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 21, 1932, in Portland, Indiana. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She married Vernon Permenter on Oct. 6, 1969. He preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 2012. She was a member of East Side Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Beebe is survived by one son, Daniel Permenter of Big Spring; three daughters, Donna Dugger, Ann Young, and Jean Noggler, all of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Willard Augustus Spears and Ruth Pauline Valentine Spears, and her adopted mother, Marie Eason; one son, Jimmy Carl Young; four brothers, Lonnie Spears, James Spears, Willard Spears, and an infant brother; two sisters, Frances Spears and Jessie Spears.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com).

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **EDWARD AGUILAR**, 39, of 1600 Robin was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **LYNDSEY RACHELLE KELLY**, 29, of 1009 N. St. Mary in Stanton was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

- **ELIAS ANGEL VASQUEZ**, 23, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt #52 was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia; wrong, altered, or obscured

registration insignia; failure to appear; and another outstanding warrant.

- **NICHOLAS PHILIP SMILEY**, 20, of 3600 Boulder Dr. was arrested on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

- **JEREMY DANIEL SELPH**, 27, of 1504 S. Benton St. was arrested on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

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

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported on Highland Cove and in the 900 block of West Fourth Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1300 block of South Scurry Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of East 13th Street.

- **THEFT** was reported at the intersection of Eighth and Goliad streets and in the 1600 block of South Gregg Street.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3000 block of Boulder Drive.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of East 16th Street.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Harding Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 200 block of North Moss Lake Road.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of West Sixth Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Oak Glen Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE** was reported twice in the 2700 block of West Highway 80.

## Take Note

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

- Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

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

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

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

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very

rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.

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

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

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

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

## 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.

- **EDWARD AGUILAR**, 39, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **EPIFANIO JOE GUZMAN JR.**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify/fugitive intentionally giving false information.

- **LYNDSEY RACHELLE KELLY**, 29, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

- **ABILENE RENEE MOJICA**, 35, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for kidnapping.

- **JEREMY SELPH**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

- **NICHOLAS PHILIP SMILEY**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

- **ELIAS ANGEL VASQUEZ**, 23, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia; wrong, altered, or obscured registration insignia; failure to appear; and another outstanding warrant.

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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# WALK

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area." Volkssport Club is a family friendly club and participants come from the general public and everyone is welcome. Pets are allowed at most outdoor events. The events are not timed – you walk at your own pace. You may have as much as eight hours to complete an event, depending on

the course. Most Volkssport events are VOLKSWALKS, which are walks of 10 kilometers or 6.2 miles, (With shorter options normally available). Most Volkswalks are friendly to families with strollers, and wheelchairs as well. Other events include the popular bike rides, which are 25 kilometers or 15 miles. Swimming, snow skiing, and even kayaking and canoeing events complete the set of Volkssports. People are welcome to walk

with the club anytime, and welcome people to come join and participate in walk organization as you wish. Guest are equally welcome to enjoy events at your leisure. You do NOT have to be a member of any of the clubs to join a walk! Just show up, sign up, and go on your way! For more information the walks check out, [www.midland-walkabout.wordpress.com](http://www.midland-walkabout.wordpress.com). Here is the link to the American Volkssport Association website: [www.ava.org/](http://www.ava.org/),

for those who have additional questions.

Come join us next Saturday, March 10 at 8:30 AM at the Big Spring State Park," said Hunnicutt. "I always say that walking around Scenic Mountain is better than therapy."

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# Emergency personnel prepare for wildfires in parts of Texas

By JON MARK BEILUE

Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — It was a bad day — a very bad day.

The Amarillo Globe-News reports earlier in the morning, wildfires broke out in the western part of the Texas Panhandle in Oldham County near Vega. They moved south into Deaf Smith County and threatened the outskirts of Hereford.

Then separate wildfires started in Randall County, and winds nearing 50 mph were moving fire dangerously close to the villages of Timber Creek, Palisades and Lake Tanglewood.

Then, to make it worse, in the eastern part of the Panhandle, wildfires in Wheeler County began to consume ranch land. That thick dry fuel fed fires that raged out of control for miles. The Panhandle was essentially in flames.

That terrible day was Feb. 13. If that escaped your attention, perhaps an explanation is needed. There were no real wildfires that day, only false scenarios set up as an exercise for more than 100 people and 50 agencies in the Texas Panhandle whose job it is to combat wildfires.

"That's one of the best ones I've been a part of in years," said James Amerson, Randall County Fire Chief.

'Tis the season — not for holiday greetings, but for natural disasters that are almost replacing tornadoes as a scourge on the Panhandle. March is the unofficial beginning of wildfire season, when spring winds combine with low humidity that can turn thousands of acres into a tinderbox.

Tuesday was the one-year anniversary of the tragic wildfires that consumed 480,000 acres in the eastern and northeastern Panhandle. The fires took the lives of four, three trying to rescue cattle on the Franklin Ranch near McLean, and the other trying to reach home and his wife along Highway 305 near Higgins. More than 1,500 cattle were killed.

For veteran firefighters and emergency managers, this season has an ominous feel, that factors have come together to make 2018 a near perfect storm for fires.

"We get into March and the weather patterns we've had, we're going to be looking at for sure a devastating wildfire season," said Cody Holloway, regional fire coordinator with the Texas A&M Forest Service based in Amarillo. "Last year, we had lot of fuel (grass) and a lot of this country burned. This year, it's even worse."

The benchmarks for wildfire devastation in the last dozen years are:

- March 2006, 13 dead, 10,000 horses and cattle dead, 840,000 acres burned in the eastern Panhandle.
- Feb. 27-March 1 2011, 1 dead, 70 area homes in Tanglewood complex and Willow Creek destroyed, \$13 million in damage.
- Memorial Day weekend, 2011, 13 homes destroyed on edges of Amarillo, 1,000 acres burned south of Stinnett.
- May 2014, 225 homes and 118 vehicles destroyed, 2,583 acres burned in Double Diamond area near Lake Meredith and Fritch.

"I'll be honest, we're waiting for 'that one,'" said Chip Orton, emergency services manager for Amarillo and Potter and Randall counties. "We haven't had those extreme weather conditions yet, but they're coming."

Those conditions are winds around 50 mph and single-digit humidity. Tall grass, the fuel for fires, is in abundance because of the third-wettest August in history that saw 7.40 inches of rain. By the end of that month, the Amarillo National Weather Service reported 20.88 inches of rain for 2017.

But then it quit. Amarillo crushed the record of consecutive days without moisture of 75 with 126 days of no precipitation. The .03 in mid-February stopped the streak, but did nothing to alleviate drought. And that tall grass is now dry and a huge fire accelerant waiting on that one day.

"All indicators are this is going to be a very active year," Amerson said. "You're on edge, but this time of year, we all are. We're in the busy time of the year for us, but we're ready to go."

Agencies try to be proactive to limit fire damage. Since the first of the year, there have been as many as a half-dozen controlled or prescribed burns in the area, fires intentionally set and monitored to reduce the grass fuel that could help ignite a big one. In the past, controlled burns in the Panhandle have been rare.

"Like in 2006 and 2011, you can't get in front of those fires," said Mark Mitchell, manager of the Crutch Ranch, an 18-section ranch east of Borger. "You've got to be smarter and do things like this (controlled burns). If someone told me 10 years ago we're going to put fire on your ranch, I'd throw rocks at them. But it's so hard to get in front of these fires, this can be a good way to prevent trouble."

The Crutch Ranch is one of several large area ranches that have their own firefighting equipment. Since 2010, the Crutch Ranch has had its own state licensed fire department with nine on the roster, and seven that are active. Mitchell is fire chief. "It started out as neighbor helping neighbor and has morphed into a lot more than that," Mitchell said. "We've started working with other ranches with training and being proactive."

The A&M Forest Service helps supplement local county, city and volunteer firefighting agencies in moving equipment across the state to areas where weather reports show danger. The closest branches, in addition to Amarillo, are in the Lubbock area, Childress and Wichita Falls.

"If we think we have a bull's-eye in, say, Canadian, we'll send a strike team of dozers and others up there and stay for a week if we have to," Holloway said. "We're pre-positioned. We'll park in a parking lot, stay in a motel, and wait for a fire if that's what it takes."

Weather forecasts and red flag warnings are the lifeblood to firefighting agencies and other first responders. Like forecasting storms, that has improved over the years.

"The tool they've created for us," Amerson said, "when they tell you it's going to be an outbreak day, they're nearly always right."

Mike Gittinger of the National Weather Service

# COUNTY

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- Hear the presentation of the payroll report and County Treasurer Sharon Adams' monthly report.
- Hear the monthly road boring report from County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek.
- Consider approval of revised roadway base material bids for 2018.
- Consider approval of hotel costs for Naomi Diaz.
- Hear the presentation of County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf's monthly report.

Those wishing to address the commissioners should arrive prior to the meeting start time to fill out and hand in a brief form. For more information call Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office at 432-264-2202.

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in Amarillo said much of those warning forecasts depend on the models.

"It can be very subtle things that affect that," he said, "but if the models are doing well, we can potentially see bad days four to five days out. Usually, if you start getting more than three days out, it can get iffy. But if we see a potential of an outbreak with high winds and low humidity, we may start sending briefings four of five days out to heighten awareness."

Gittinger said this fire season could extend into April and May. Because of a lack of ground moisture and rain, grass won't green up until later than normal. In 2011, it was the driest year on record with just more than 7 inches of rain, and fires reached the edge of Amarillo on Memorial Day weekend in late May.

"So windy days in April will continue to be a problem," he said. "April and May are going to be interesting."

The NWS set in motion an exercise in mid-February that involved representatives from all firefighting agencies in the Panhandle. High winds and low humidity sparked fires all over the area that forced agencies to act in real time.

The purpose? Agencies studied the effectiveness of weather briefs, got all in rooms to put faces with names and agencies, and then created taxing scenarios to see the effectiveness of communication.

"That's the key to everything," Orton said of communication, "and one of the things we struggle with the most. Are you completely prepared for a nuclear accident or an active shooter situation? The answer is probably 'no,' you never totally are. But we are as prepared as we can be. We plan, train and exercise as much as possible."

But for many in the Panhandle, confronting wildfires has gone beyond playing out scenarios to the real thing — putting out flames that can cover a mile in eight minutes.

"Whether you are paid or volunteer, experience is a huge role in how you move forward," Holloway said. "You are able to add tools to your tool box, so to speak. In being able to see a large fire, work that fire, get it suppressed and be ready for the next time, that's huge."

So many tasked with that across the Panhandle wait — hoping for the best, but expecting the worst.

# Democrats hopeful as Texas opens midterm primary season

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Democrats turned out in force ahead of the first-in-the-nation primary Tuesday in what could be an early hint of a mid-term election backlash against President Donald Trump, but their party remains a longshot to make much of a dent in Republican political dominance of the state.

Democratic early voting across Texas' 15 most-populous counties, the only figures available, more than doubled that of the last non-presidential cycle in 2014, while the number of Republican early ballots cast increased only slightly. Total Democratic early votes exceeded Republican ones roughly 465,000 to

420,000, though those figures combined accounted for less than 9 percent of the state's total registered voters.

Democrats haven't won any of Texas' 29 statewide offices since 1994, the nation's longest losing streak. That's expected to continue this cycle despite any possible "Trump effect" because Democrats fielded little-known candidates against top Republicans such as Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. Even Attorney General Ken Paxton, who has been indicted on felony securities fraud charges, remains favored for re-election.

A record six Texas Republicans and two Democrats are leaving Congress, meaning the state will be losing clout on key House committees. But none of those open seats are expected to flip. They've drawn

so many hopefuls from each party, that most primary races won't have anyone winning a majority of Tuesday's votes, meaning runoff elections May 22 will determine who will be on November's general election ballot.

Democrats have a better shot in November of unseating three Republican congressional incumbents — Rep. Pete Sessions in Dallas, Rep. John Culberson in Houston and Rep. Will Hurd in a district stretching hundreds of miles from San Antonio to El Paso. Hillary Clinton beat Trump in all three districts in 2016, but primary runoffs are likely in each of those races.

One of the Democrats leaving his House seat, former punk rock guitarist Beto O'Rourke, has generated national buzz in his uphill bid

against Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. Neither faced serious primary challengers but O'Rourke has outtraced Cruz and the incumbent has warned conservatives against complacency, suggesting that liberals will "crawl over broken glass in November to vote," against Trump and the GOP.

The Democrats have had their own internal strife in Texas over congressional hopeful Laura Moser, who moved from Washington to her native Houston to try and unseat Culberson. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, fearing Moser may be too liberal to win the general election, blistered her for comments from a 2014 Washingtonian magazine article in which Moser said she'd "rather have her teeth pulled out" than live in rural

Paris, Texas. Strategists will be watching if she advances to a runoff despite attacks from fellow Democrats.

Despite that, Texas Democratic Party chairman Gilberto Hinojosa has remained optimistic, noting that Trump beat Clinton by fewer than 10 percentage points in Texas in 2016, the smallest margin of victory for a Republican White House candidate since 1996.

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# Region 18 Education Service Center launches new teacher certification program

## Teach18 Focuses on Training and Certifying Educators for West Texas Districts

MIDLAND, TX – Region 18 Education Service Center is launching a redesigned teacher training and certification program called "Teach18 Teacher Certification Program" to meet the needs of school districts throughout West Texas.

Teach18 is an accelerated, affordable alternative

to traditional certification programs. The program targets recent graduates, career changers, and professionals already in the education sector, including paraprofessionals and substitutes, seeking to earn their teacher certification.

Region 18 ESC is currently accepting applications for

Teach18 via a new website, [www.teach18.org](http://www.teach18.org), with the next application deadline April 2. There will be subsequent application periods throughout the year.

"Teach18 is an evolution for how we train teachers in West Texas, giving aspiring educators the skills they need to help all our students suc-

ceed," said Dr. Dewitt Smith, Executive Director of Region 18 ESC. "Through this program, participants will spend time practicing their instructional skills in real classrooms alongside experienced educators."

Once accepted into the program, participants will complete an intensive summer

training and teach in classrooms under the guidance of an experienced coach. Their training is focused on the most important skills they'll need to be successful in their first year of teaching and beyond so that they are ready to meet the needs of students.

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# High Court: Feds have role in Texas-New Mexico water fight



given uncertainty about the future sustainability of water supplies throughout the Rio Grande Valley. In dry years when there's not enough water in the river, chile and onion farmers and pecan growers in southern New Mexico are forced to rely on wells to keep their crops and trees alive.

Texas took its case to the Supreme Court in 2013, asking that New Mexico stop pumping groundwater along the border so that more of the Rio Grande could flow south to farmers and residents in El Paso. Critics contend the well-pumping depletes the aquifer that would otherwise drain back into the river and flow to Texas.

New Mexico has argued that it's meeting delivery obligations to Texas.

The Supreme Court appointed a special master in 2014 to analyze the case. He later recommended that the court reject New Mexico's motion to dismiss the Texas lawsuit.

The latest ruling clarified the grounds under which the federal government could pursue its claims, but it could be years before the court issues a ruling on the merits of the case.

The compact requires Colorado to

AP photo

This Feb. 22, 2018 file photo The Rio Grande flows north of Albuquerque, N.M.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A lawsuit pitting Texas against New Mexico and Colorado over access to water from the Rio Grande must be sent back to an arbitrator, also known as a special master, to resolve the dispute, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday.

Justice Neil Gorsuch noted the federal government has an interest in ensuring water commitments are kept involving one of North

America's longest rivers, citing an international agreement with Mexico and the decades-old Rio Grande Compact. The federal government has said it may pursue claims for compact violations involving the dispute.

"A breach of the compact could jeopardize the federal government's ability to satisfy its treaty obligations to Mexico," Gorsuch wrote.

All sides say the stakes are high

# DPS Offers Spring Break Safety Tips

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to keep safety a top priority as they prepare for this year's Spring Break. Texans should be mindful that increased traffic often accompanies Spring Break, so the department is urging drivers to obey all traffic laws and use extra caution when driving during the next few weeks.

Additionally, DPS troopers and local law enforcement in the coastal areas of Texas will be enhancing enforcement efforts during Spring Break, watching for speeders, drunk drivers and seat-belt violators.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

Do not drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol.

Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits using a portable wireless device to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.

Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it's the law. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Don't drive fatigued – allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

If you see a road hazard or if you observe anything suspicious, report it to the nearest law enforcement agency.

Before your trip begins, make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and always double check to make sure all cargo is secure.

Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling. In the event of inclement weather, use extra caution on roadways. For road conditions in Texas, visit <https://drivetexas.org>.

Additionally, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest security information related to their travel destination. Those traveling out of the country can also register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country.html>.

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# 4 teens charged with defacing West Texas public art murals

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Police say three men and a woman have been charged with defacing religious murals in a West Texas public art display known as Paintbrush Alley.

San Angelo police on Monday announced the arrest of three 18-year-old suspects, plus a 19-year-old man, on criminal mischief charges after several murals were found defaced last month.

Paintbrush Alley, in downtown San Angelo, features various colorful murals on brick walls. Police say security video from a nearby business shows several people walking in the area on Feb. 20 and some allegedly spray-painting the artwork.

Investigators say the vandalism included phrases such as "They Won't Save You" and "False Idol" painted on or near religious-theme murals.

Crews used high-pressure water sprayers to help clean up the graffiti.

# US oil expected to meet most of world's growth in demand

By DAVID KOENIG

HOUSTON (AP) — A global energy watchdog says booming production in the United States will meet most of the world's growth in demand for oil in the next few years.

The International Energy Agency believes U.S. oilfields will offset slow growth from the OPEC cartel.

The group, based in Paris, issued its annual oil market report on Monday. The resurgence in U.S. production is the most prominent change since the group's last

forecast.

The agency continues to worry that globally, investment in new production has not recovered from the oil price plunge between mid-2014 and 2016. If not enough is spent on exploration, that could lead to future shortages and price spikes.

The IEA predicts that within five years, the cushion of production capacity over expected demand will fall to its lowest level since 2007. That was the year

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# Push is on to restore power with a 2nd storm on the way



**Kaylee Collin, right, and Spencer Stone walk through water** along North Avenue in Camp Ellis in Saco, Maine on Sunday, March 4, 2018. The coastal neighborhood as well as other parts of the southern Maine coast were flooded for the third day in a row on Sunday.

BOSTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses from Virginia to New England remained without power Monday, several days after a major nor'easter struck the East Coast, and with another storm bearing down.

Residents faced a massive cleanup Monday following the storm, which was blamed for nine deaths, including two children struck by trees. The storm downed trees and power lines, flooded

coastal towns and forced schools to cancel classes.

Utility crews worked around the clock to restore power to the roughly 440,000 customers still without electricity Monday afternoon. At the height of the storm, more than 2 million homes and businesses were without electricity.

Some coastal communities in Massachusetts were bringing in heavy equipment to clear sand, rocks, trees and other debris blocking waterfront

neighborhoods.

Fierce winds and high tides damaged dozens of homes in Scituate, where on Monday water still filled yards and rocks blocked streets. Quincy is sending trash trucks through the hard-hit neighborhoods all week to pick up trash.

Even as the cleanup is underway, another storm is headed to the region Wednesday, albeit a much different beast.

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## Striking teachers descend on Capitol to demand pay raises

By **JOHN RABY**

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Thousands of striking teachers descended on the West Virginia Capitol on Monday, forcing officials to briefly cut off access to the building six days after Gov. Jim Justice and unions representing the teachers reached an agreement on a 5 percent pay raise that was subsequently rejected by the state Senate.

The Capitol - closed after 5,000 people had entered early Monday, posing security concerns - was reopened an hour later, but teachers continued to vent their frustration over the lack of progress in agreement over a pay raise. Their strike, in one of the poorest states in the country, has disrupted education, forced working parents to scramble for child care and put children who rely on meals at school at risk of going hungry.

The strike entered a new week Monday with teachers waiting for state lawmakers to agree on a pay raise; House and Senate negotiators scheduled a Monday afternoon meeting to try to resolve their

differences. The statewide strike has kept public schools shut for 277,000 students and 35,000 employees for a week.

In a state with a 17.9 percent poverty rate, teachers, bus drivers and other volunteers are collecting food and helping to distribute it to students who rely on free breakfasts and lunches at school. Teachers were sharing stories about how they've donated their time, their own money or their own food for that cause. At least two GoFundMe pages have been launched in support of the walkout.

"It does make you feel good because we are helping them," said Ann Osburn, a special education teacher at Buckhannon Academy. "I think we're reaching as many as we can. We're getting as much help out there as we can for those kids."

Rachel Stringer, as a stay-at-home mom from Cross Lanes, hasn't had to struggle to find care for her five children, but numerous friends are in a bind. She said her biggest challenge has been making sure her children don't

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**In this April 24, 2015 file photo, pumpjacks work in a field near Lovington, N.M. The boom in US oil production is expected to satisfy most of the world's growing appetite for oil through 2023, according to a new forecast by a global energy group. The International Energy Agency worries that that investment in oil exploration and production is too low. The result could be the thinnest margin of oil-production capacity over demand in more than a decade.**

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before the price for oil in the U.S. surged close to \$150. Prices are less than half that today.

The energy agency, which advises energy-consuming countries, said Monday that global energy demand will grow about 7 percent by 2023, to 104.7 million barrels of oil per day. Citing the production capabilities of drillers operating in U.S. shale fields, the world capacity to produce oil will hit 107 million barrels a day.

The strongest growth is expected to come from the Permian Basin, a vast oil and gas pool that lies under parts of Texas and New Mexico. Output there is expected to double by 2023.

The energy group forecasts that the U.S. will supply enough oil to meet 80 percent of the growing demand over the next three years, and Canada, Brazil and Norway will

meet the rest.

All that U.S. production should keep prices at the pump from rising. The energy group's director, Fatih Birol, said the study assumed oil prices around \$60 a barrel, which is just below the current international benchmark price of \$65.64 a barrel.

OPEC, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, will increase capacity only modestly through 2023 largely because of sharply falling production in Venezuela, according to the energy agency forecast.

OPEC has squeezed production enough to drive prices up — benchmark crude has roughly doubled since bottoming in early 2016. The rebound, however, also spurred more drilling in the U.S., where operators found success in shale formations stretching from Texas to North Dakota to the Northeast.

"We think we are going to see a major second wave of U.S. shale production coming strongly," Birol said Monday at the CER-AWeek IHS Markit conference in Houston.

Meanwhile, the energy agency has scaled back its forecast of OPEC production since last year, another sign of the United States' ascendancy in energy.

Environmentalists, scientists and some energy analyst question whether the world is rapidly approaching a "peak demand" scenario as policies are enacted to reduce carbon emissions from burning coal, oil and natural gas.

Birol said, however, that his group sees no sign that demand for fossil fuels will peak — or even plateau — in the next five years.

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Only those who show that they're on the way to mastering those core instructional skills at the end of training will be recommended for certification.

"Here in West Texas, we see a bright future ahead—growing economy and a proud and caring community. We're looking for educators who are ready to help us build on our successes and help make sure every student gets a great education," added Dr. Dewitt Smith.

The program represents a multi-year partnership between Region 18 ESC and TNTP, a national education non-profit organization. The program is funded by a federal Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) grant. The program is a Texas Education Agency-approved alternative route to certification.

Aspiring teachers can apply for the program by visiting [www.teach18.org](http://www.teach18.org).

If you're interested in learning more, Teach18 will host its first information session of the year on Thursday, March 22nd from 5:30-6:30pm at the Region 18 ESC Conference Center (2811 LaForce Blvd, Midland, TX 79706).

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deliver a specified amount of water annually to New Mexico at the state line and directs New Mexico to deliver a specified amount to the Elephant Butte Reservoir.

Colorado argued the federal government should be permitted to pursue claims only to the extent they arise under a treaty with Mexico.

Farmers, water policy experts, municipal officials in New Mexico and Texas as well as others have been working behind the scenes to build a framework for a possible settlement.

While irrigators in New Mexico and Texas had brokered an ar-

angement a decade ago to deal with water deliveries during dry years, then-New Mexico Attorney General Gary King later challenged that agreement in federal court, prompting the state of Texas to sue.

The Rio Grande is one of North America's longest rivers, stretching from southern Colorado to Mexico and irrigating more than 3,100 square miles (8,000 square kilometers) of farmland along the way. Several major cities also rely on the river's water supply.

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# Can ride-hailing companies cure medical transportation woes?

By **TOM MURPHY**  
AP Health Writer

Lyft and Uber are attempting to cure a major medical problem for poor people and the elderly: Getting a ride to the doctor.

The ride-hailing services are expanding their offer to take patients around the country to and from non-emergency health care appointments, and they have a huge market to target.

More than 7 million Americans miss medical care every year due to a lack of transportation, according to health economist Paul Hughes-Cromwick.

Health insurers and care providers have been trying to solve this problem for years. Those who have studied it say Lyft and Uber will help, but improving access to health care involves more than just lining up a ride.

A closer look:  
Q: What are these

companies offering?

A: Lyft said Monday it is partnering with the information technology company Allscripts to expand the number of rides it offers through doctor's offices and other health care providers. The company already provides transportation to millions of patients each year through partnerships with insurers, large health care systems and others.

Uber announced last week that it will offer health care transportation in every U.S. market where it operates, the continuation of a venture it has been testing since last summer.

Both companies say they will operate in cities and less-populated rural areas, and they will bill the care provider or an insurer — not the patient — for the rides. Patients don't need a smartphone or an application to use their services.

They're digging into

an issue that has long been a concern for insurers and health care providers. The state- and federally funded Medicaid program for poor people and the disabled covers transportation costs.

The insurer Molina Healthcare, which specializes in Medicaid, has offered a transportation benefit for around 25 years. Molina provides bus passes and works with transportation brokers to arrange rides.

Q: What are the benefits?

A: Health care providers say rides with Uber or Lyft can be easier to schedule and cheaper than other alternatives like taxis. Uber, for instance, says it can schedule rides within a few hours or up to 30 days in advance.

These companies help people who might otherwise have to wait around for a friend or family member to pick them up, said Carlos Ospina, chief clinical



officer of New Jersey-based Pro Staff Physical Therapy.

"It gives the patient more independence or power to get to and from visits," he said.

The company has had a "significantly lower" number of cancellations due to transportation problems since it started using Uber last fall, Ospina said.

Q: Can they erase the problem?

A: Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania offered Lyft to help around 300 Medicaid patients make primary care appointments at two practices in Philadelphia. They were surprised to find that relatively few people accepted the offer in their study, and it did not lead to a drop in missed appointments.

Lead author Dr. Kris-

da Chaiyachati said there were several possible reasons for the low interest. The offer was made over the phone, and patients might have been more receptive if it was done in person, like at a doctor's office.

He also noted that many of the patients were familiar with Lyft but hadn't used it. They may have been reluctant to switch from rides they were used to like public transportation.

Chaiyachati said he's optimistic that ride-hailing services will ease transportation problems for some, but other options like home visits or telemedicine may also be needed.

"It's just not that easy or that straightforward," he said.

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forget what they've learned this school year. Despite the long layoff, Stringer is supportive of the teachers.

"They deserve to be paid," she said. "They deserve to be able to have insurance."

The House approved a 5 percent pay hike for teachers last week, but the Senate agreed on 4 percent. Many teachers said they'd rather be in the classroom but believe they've come too far to back down.

"We feel like we're under attack constantly," said Cody Thompson, a social studies and civics teacher at Elkins High School. "Eventually whenever you're pushed into a corner, you've got to push back."

That leaves West Virginia's parents anxiously trying to fill their children's idle hours with something besides playing video games, and teachers showing rising discontent as the strike drags on amid concerns about their own income.

The teacher walkout over pay and benefits shuttered classrooms Feb. 22. Since then, angry teachers have gone to the Capitol to press legislators to raise their pay, among the lowest in the nation, after four years without an increase.

"What we're seeing is a movement in the U.S.

Not just a labor movement. It's a class of people rising up," said Sam Brunett, an art teacher at Morgantown High School.

The walkout began after Justice signed a 2 percent pay raise for next year. After an initial round of protests, the House of Delegates later approved a 5 percent increase, negotiated last week between Justice and the unions.

Then on Saturday, the state Senate approved a 4 percent raise, prompting angry union leaders to vow to stay out indefinitely. The House wouldn't agree to the Senate's move, sending the bill to the conference committee.

To make ends meet for themselves, many of these teachers have side jobs.

Brunett does freelance art work on the side. Thompson has sold pizza, served tables and worked at a discount store. He now also works in a federally funded outreach program to help prepare students for college.

Kristie Skidmore, an elementary school reading specialist, has a clothing shop at her home.

"You're looking at people here who every day care about other people, other families. People's kids," Skidmore said. "But at the end of the day, now we're forced to be able to figure out how to care for our own families."

Elsewhere, Brady Stafford and about a dozen of his friends got in some extra practice at a South Charleston soccer field.

Stafford, a Charleston seventh-grader, said

that since the strike began, he's attended sleepovers and played Xbox games.

At a nearby ice arena, Melissa Hodges took her two daughters for regular skating les-

sons. Additional bonding with mom aside, fifth grader Kelsie Hodges is ready to get back to school.

"I miss my friends," she said.



AP photo

Elizabeth Ferguson Hollifield, a teacher from Princeton W.Va., holds a sign as she walks to a teacher rally Monday, March 5, 2018, at the West Virginia Capitol in Charleston, W.Va.



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"There's going to be a lot more snow over a wider area," said National Weather Service meteorologist Lenore Correia, in Taunton, Massachusetts.

The forecast is for 8 to 12 inches of snow west of Boston and south into Rhode Island and Connecticut, she said.

The good news is that the winds won't be as strong and there is less risk of coastal flooding.

The Mid-Atlantic states will likely see some precipitation starting late Tuesday and continuing through Thursday. A winter storm watch has been issued for northern New Jersey and parts of Pennsylvania.

The nor'easter pounded the Eastern Seaboard with a combination of gusting winds, rain and snow, and coastal communities were left to deal with damaging high tide flooding as powerful waves and churning surf pounded shorelines and beachfront homes.

Dozens of Massachusetts schools remained closed Monday, most in coastal areas south of Boston, the region which bore the brunt of the storm. It could be midnight Tuesday before everyone is back online.

In Pennsylvania, more than 100,000 were waiting for power to be restored as hundreds of crews worked to clear trees and repair power lines. Officials said some customers may not have service restored until at least Tuesday. At the peak of the storm, roughly 587,000 customers were without power. Some schools were closed, while others were delaying their opening.

Nearly 50,000 people in the Washington area were without power Monday, and some might not have service restored for a few more days. The vice president of technical solutions at Dominion Power, Kevin Curtis, told WTOP-FM that last week's storm was a "top five event" as far as the number of customers affected, which totaled almost 70,000 homes and businesses. He said about 25 percent of the company's system was affected by the storm.



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### BSJH sets new records at Pecos swim meet



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Junior High plunged right into the Jr. High Swim season in Pecos this past Saturday Feb. 3, 2018. With four guys, the Steers captured a 6th place finish in the team standings. The Lady Steers finished 3rd overall. Altogether, the girls team set four new Big Spring Jr. High school records. The relay of Camilia Rodriguez, Averielle Nuno, Naomi Reyes and Chloe Ashcraft broke the Girls 200 Medley Relay record with a new time of 2:52.88. Averielle Nuno broke her own school record in the 50 free, setting a new record of 34.16. Naomi Reyes broke the school record for the girls 50 butterfly with a time of 35.14. Reyes also broke the school record in the Girls 500 free with a time of 8:23.32. According to swim coach Randall Shaw, this was a great start to what looks like will be an amazing season. The steer and lady steer swim teams will compete in Odessa on March 24th.

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Spurs leaned on their championship pedigree, and Tony Parker turned back the clock.

Parker had 23 points, sparking San Antonio to a needed 100-98 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night before embarking on a difficult road trip.

Parker, the Spurs' starting point guard since his rookie season in 2001, was supplanted by second-year player De-jounte Murray earlier this season. The 17-year veteran responded to an increased workload in the fourth quarter by scoring eight points in eight minutes.

"He was great tonight for us," Spurs veteran Danny Green said. "Tony was his old self, got a little rhythm going. We got him open, had some screens (and) we got some defensive stops, which we

were able to get our pace going. He found his mid-range and started knocking them down, put a lot of pressure on them. We needed it. It was big tonight."

Green had 14 points and Davis Bertans added 17 points for San Antonio, which snapped a four-game losing streak at home.

The Grizzlies had lost 14 straight, but the Spurs' recent skid has had a greater impact on the Western Conference playoff picture. San Antonio had dropped eight of 10 and fallen from third to sixth in the crowded West, putting them at risk of missing the postseason for the first time in 21 years.

The Spurs moved up to fifth place ahead of Minnesota with the victory.

San Antonio needed the victory considering its next three games are at Golden State, Oklahoma City and

Houston.

The Spurs were thrown into this dilemma after losing two straight at home by blowing a lead in the final two minutes of each game.

LaMarcus Aldridge returned after spraining his right ankle in the first half against the New Orleans and missing the following game against the Los Angeles Lakers. Aldridge's absence contributed to San Antonio blowing a 15-point lead against the Pelicans and a 17-point lead to the Lakers.

Grizzlies center Marc Gasol, who finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds, did scare the crowd by draining a 3-pointer and then banking in jumper with 0.3 seconds remaining to cut the Spurs lead to 100-98. Gasol pleading for a foul, but none was given as San Antonio inbounded the ball to close out the win.

"In the fourth quarter we

### Lady Buff golf

Special to the Herald

Forsan girls competed in the ECISD Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

On Friday the girls played at Odessa Country Club with Jillian Jones shooting an 85 and Razyl Yanez an 87. The 2nd round of the tournament was held



at Ratliff Ranch on Saturday. Jillian Jones had an outstanding round of 70, and Razyl Yanez 78.

Jillian finished the tournament as a 2nd place medalist, and Razyl tied for 5th. Up next, the Forsan girls will play on March 12 at Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

### Tony Parker propels Spurs past Grizzlies 100-98



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs guard Patty Mills (8) looks for room around Memphis Grizzlies forward Dillon Brooks (24) during first half action Monday March 5, 2018 at the AT&T Center.

played a little bit better defense than we have, but we still make it tough on ourselves," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "But we got the win, and that's what matters."

The championship reserve squad of subs Parker, Green and Manu Ginobili prevented

another crushing last-minute loss.

"Tony, you could see he had a couple of days off," Bertans said. "He did what he does, he got some shots going."

Parker's 11 points in the first quarter were the most

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### Rangers' Moore looks to rebound from rough 2017



AP photo

In this Feb. 15, 2018, file photo, Texas Rangers pitcher Matt Moore throws during a baseball spring training workout, in Surprise, Ariz. Moore hopes for a revival with the Rangers after tying for the most losses in the NL last season in San Francisco.

By JOSE M. ROMERO

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Early in spring training, many pitchers take the same approach to the basic work-on-stuff, build-innings-and-conditioning, reach-pitch-limit kind of thing.

For Matt Moore, it was a little different.

After a poor year with the San Francisco Giants last season, the Texas lefty faced them Monday in his second outing. He allowed a run on one hit, a pair of walks and a wild pitch

over 2 2/3 innings, striking out two. Moore left after giving up an RBI single to Austin Jackson.

"I was looking forward to it, absolutely," Moore said. "Not like I have anything out for them, it's just that those are the guys that I sat in the dugout with for the last year and a half, and got to know them pretty well. It was fun to just compete against them."

The Giants traded Moore to the Rangers for prospects in the offsea

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### Cowboys put franchise tag on DE Lawrence at \$17.1 million

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

The Dallas Cowboys placed the franchise tag on DeMarcus Lawrence on Monday, and the Pro Bowl defensive end quickly signed the one-year contract that guarantees him \$17.1 million in 2018.

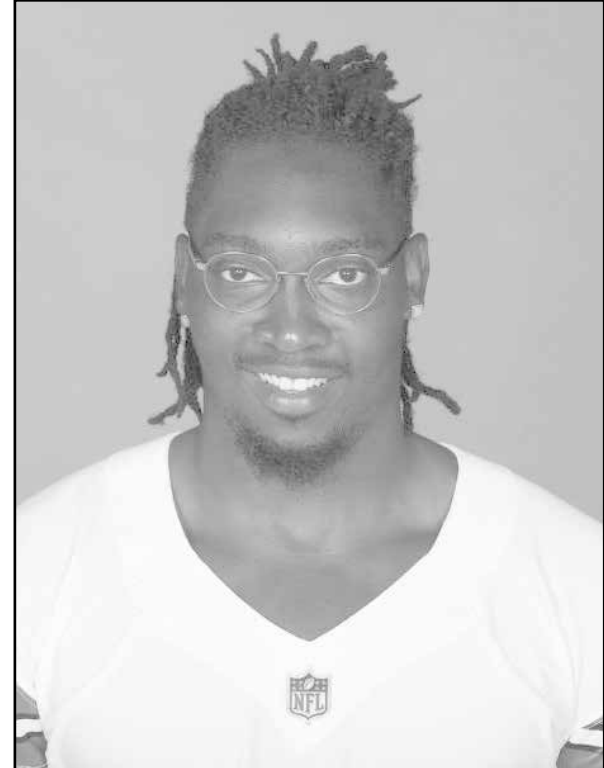
The Cowboys had until Tuesday to put the tag on Lawrence, who can still sign a long-term deal with the club that traded up him to get him early in the second round in 2014. Lawrence's agent, David Canter, wrote on Twitter that his client signed the deal.

Lawrence tied All-Pro Calais Campbell of Jacksonville for second in the NFL with 14½ sacks last season. The 25-year-old's breakout year came after he struggled with injuries most of his first three seasons. He had back surgery each of the previous two off-seasons.

On the one-year contract, Lawrence's salary would be the average of the NFL's five highest-paid defensive ends.

Lawrence is an important piece with the Cowboys trying to get back to the playoffs after missing at 9-7 a year after they had an NFC-best 13 wins before losing a divisional playoff to Green Bay.

The former Boise State player emerged for a Dallas defense that has



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This June 5, 2017 file photo shows DeMarcus Lawrence of the Dallas Cowboys NFL football team

lacked star power beyond 2016 All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee. Lawrence surpassed his previous career high of eight sacks in the fifth game.

Pass rushing was a problem for the Cowboys in each of their past two trips to the playoffs. In 2014, they finished 28th in sacks and couldn't get to a hobbled Aaron Rodgers in a

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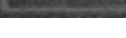
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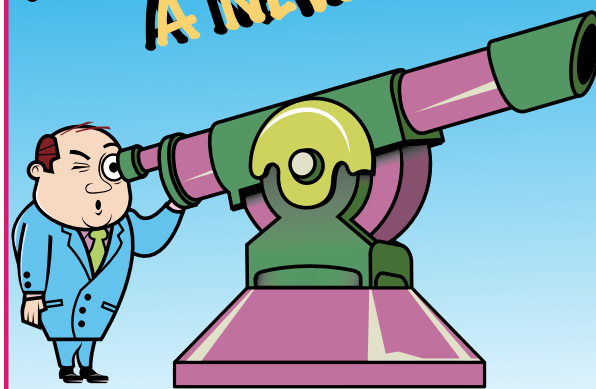
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The reason I'm writing: My second-youngest daughter, "Elle," who is 27, is getting married this fall and wants to invite

Marta but not Brian.

Elle and her fiance would have preferred to skip this whole ordeal altogether and just get married at the courthouse. But they are doing the wedding his parents want (spending money that is supposed to be saved for a down payment on a house, but I digress). Elle has been really stressed out about it from the outset.

They said that they are only inviting people they talk to regularly and that Brian isn't someone they talk to regularly.

Brian and Marta were already saving up money for both of them to go. Additionally, Marta is not capable of getting there herself because of her

forementioned disability. I said all this to Elle, but she still said Brian can't come. I said, "Then maybe we won't come, either, because it's not fair that you're treating your sister this way." Now Elle is not talking to me or Marta and blocked my number and my messages online.

Am I wrong here? I do understand that they haven't wanted the wedding from the beginning. But now that they're having one, I think it would be wrong to exclude her brother-in-law. Family is family, whether you talk every day or not. -- **Wedding Woes**

**Dear Wedding Woes:** You're not wrong, but you can't force them to do what's right.

Though it does strike me as odd to exclude a brother-in-law, this isn't my wedding -- and it's not yours, either. If Elle and her fiance don't want to invite Brian, that's their mistake to make.

Were I to squint hard to try to see a halfway decent rationale for their actions, I suppose I might focus on the fact that they didn't want a ceremony or reception to begin with. They may not see this as a big deal or understand how hurtful such a snub can be. As for how they expect Marta to get there when she needs Brian's assistance while traveling -- well, I have no idea what they're thinking. You and Marta might contact airlines to see what assistance is available for

travelers with disabilities, if she'd still like to go. But it would be perfectly OK for her to stay home, too. That would be the bride and groom's fault and, most of all, their loss.

**Dear Annie:** In this day and age, when one has to be constantly aware of scams, I find it terribly annoying to receive phone calls from people who do not identify themselves when they call. Often when my wife and I get phone calls from fundraising groups or even from doctors' offices and the like, they ask for my wife or me immediately, without first identifying themselves. What's the deal? -- **Who's Calling**

**Dear Who's Calling:** If I had to hazard a

guess, I'd say the decline of phone etiquette corresponded with the rise of cellphones and, specifically, texting. I completely agree that it's impolite not to identify yourself when someone answers your phone call. It seems a lot of people never learned that or else have forgotten. I'm printing this as a reminder.

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**Diagnostic defense**

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**NORTH**

♠ A 7 4  
♥ K 6 2  
♦ 5  
♣ A J 10 8 5 3

**WEST**

♠ 10 8 2  
♥ J 7 4 3  
♦ K 10 8 7 3  
♣ 6

**EAST**

♠ Q J 5 3  
♥ Q 9 5  
♦ A 9 6  
♣ K 7 4

**SOUTH**

♠ K 9 6  
♥ A 10 8  
♦ Q J 4 2  
♣ Q 9 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

**Defending well** is partly a matter of diagnosing how the unseen cards are divided, and then, partly a matter of determining how to take advantage of your diagnosis.

**Assume you're West** and lead a diamond against South's three-notrump contract. East wins with the ace and returns the nine, South playing the queen. If you win with the king and start to think about what to do next, it is already too late, because declarer is now sure to make 10

tricks, whatever you do.

**But if you take the time** to analyze the probable diamond distribution after declarer plays the queen on East's nine at trick two, you should reach the conclusion that East started with the A-9-x and South with the Q-J-x-x. You therefore play the three on the queen and eventually score a one-trick set.

**How can you know** how the diamonds are divided in the unseen hands? To begin with, the bidding tells you that South is unlikely to have five diamonds — and if he does, the chances are that the contract cannot be defeated. Nor can South have three diamonds, because that would mean East had four, in which case he would have returned his original fourth-best diamond at trick two rather than the nine.

**It follows that South** started with exactly four diamonds headed by the Q-J, and that ducking the queen is necessary in order to maintain communications with East.

**Of course,** South could have fixed your wagon beyond repair had he played low on the second diamond instead of putting up the queen, but that is a play he will have plenty of time to regret if you fulfill your obligations by ducking the queen at trick two. Worrying about the opponents' errors is their problem, not yours.

**Tomorrow:** There's got to be a better way.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**



will change your mind, and October brings a move. The best time to invest will be July and September. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 20, 22 and 38.

**COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT... SELF-PARENTING (PART 12).** The road to maturity involves becoming an increasingly adept parent to oneself. For AQUARIUS, self-parenting has an intellectual bent to it. Books and higher education will provide guidance and mentorship. Because Aquarius is willing to seek help in this way, Aquarius opens himself or herself up to guidance from the very best -- from people who have thought through, tried and tested the concepts. It's a smart way to go, and the benefits of conversation and human contact can't be underestimated, either.

The water bearer is so creative, social and intelligent that an abundance of directions and methods will cross the open mind of Aquarius. Therefore, self-parenting often requires great powers of discernment. Who is worthy of following? What method should I adopt? How can I best take care of myself? Even something as simple as eating styles can get rather complicated when a person is open to being vegan, low-carb, high-carb, raw and paleo, too. For Aquarius, the learning curve of adulthood involves allowing for experimentation and not getting too dogmatic about any single approach to life. Different solutions will work for different phases of life. Stay open!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Pisces basketball star Shaquille O'Neal is widely regarded as one of the best centers of all time; he's also a respected sports analyst, rapper and spokesperson. Mercury and Venus in Aries, the warrior planet, are the aspect of a competitive spirit. Mars in Taurus represents strength, consistency, stability and money. Jupiter in Capricorn also bodes well for material wealth.

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Transitional Time for Venus and Mercury

Do you believe that you deserve to have fun? How you answer may have more to do with your generation than your personality. Whether you think fun is a birthright or a reward for work, without enjoyment you're not going to be at your best. Give yourself some fun during this transitional time of Venus and Mercury moving into Aries.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Focus on the issue at hand -- or better yet, make sure it is squarely in front of your face. Give yourself a choice among options, but don't give yourself the option of procrastinating or doing nothing.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** This is a day when you will begin and end things well. You'll have a stellar sense of what to start and how. But more importantly, you'll know how and when to conclude.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Maybe you'd rather chitchat for 15 minutes than embrace for five seconds. There's something so intimate about a hug that it can be a little unnerving at times. Go for the hug anyway. It's what you need.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Your creativity is flowing strong. All your ideas are good, but they're not all shareable. You don't want to overwhelm your audience. Stay on point. You don't want them to lose sight of the forest because one of the trees was so interesting.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Much of the day will be spent doing things that you used to do because you had to. The difference is that now you're doing them because you can. It's an honor to be able to contribute.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your life is mundane exuberance today -- a riot of color -- all because you know where to look and how to look at it. It's not just about the visuals, either... all of your senses are tuned in and searching for the celebration of life.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** If you put up your shield against bad moods, you'll also

be blocking out the livelier parts of life. Much will depend on the range you're willing to accept. The pendulum swings as far north as it does south.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Think twice before trading your information for a prize today. Most transactions are harmless, but err on the safe side. An adage for the digital age: If something is free, that means (SET ITAL)you(END ITAL) are the product.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You have a knack for making the scene more vivid to those lucky enough to share it with you. Your secret: The layers of protection you've shed have allowed you to experience things more keenly.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The richest one could be the one who has the most, or the one who needs the least. Either direction is acceptable. Go whichever way appeals to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** A lot of the conversation today is a competition. If you had to distill it to its essence, it would go something like this: "I'm the best." "No, I'm the best."

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** To understand that money doesn't buy happiness doesn't necessarily make anyone happier with less money. Bottom line, you want more money, and you have your reasons, many of them nonemotional.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 6).** The next three weeks will bring exciting news, goodwill gestures and the completion of a task that's taken years to accomplish. Three key relationships will lead up

to a grand adventure in the summer. A discovery

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

ANSWER:



# Texas Tech gives Beard new \$19M contract through 2023-24

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach Chris Beard was rewarded Monday with a new \$19 million contract after leading the Red Raiders to 23 wins in the regular season and their best finish in the Big 12 Conference.

The No. 14 Red Raiders (23-8) go into this week's Big 12 tournament as the No. 2 seed. "Coach Beard continues to elevate Texas Tech basketball to a record level of success," athletic director Kirby Hocutt said. "Under his leadership, our program is going to continue to elevate to an elite level. I am extremely proud of the direction of his program and know that Red Raider Nation joins me in our level of excitement for the future."

The 23 wins already match the most for the Red Raiders since they were 30-2 and made it to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 1995-96, the final season of the Southwest Conference.

Beard spent a decade as an assistant coach at Texas Tech for the Knights, first Bobby and then Pat, until the younger Knight was fired after the 2010-11 season.

After that, Beard was a head coach for one season in the semipro American Basketball Association before stops at two lower-division schools in Texas and a 30-win season at Arkansas-Little Rock two years ago. He then agreed to a five-year contract to become UNLV's coach, but returned to Texas Tech after Tubby Smith unexpectedly left for Memphis.

Beard has a 41-22 record in his two seasons at Texas Tech, and is 71-27 in his 98 games as a Division I coach. The new deal replaces the five-year contract Beard initially got from Texas Tech through the 2020-21 season.

Texas Tech has been ranked in the top 10 six



AP photo

Texas Tech coach Chris Beard yells to a referee during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against TCU, Saturday, March 3, 2018 in Lubbock, Texas.

times this season, and its No. 6 ranking in mid-February was the highest in program history. The Red Raiders play their Big 12 tournament opener Thursday night in Kansas City against Texas or Iowa State.



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge (12) is pressured by Memphis Grizzlies forward JaMychal Green, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, March 5, 2018, in San Antonio.

## SPURS

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he's scored in any quarter this season, and Green's 3-pointer at the close of the first half erased an eight-point deficit and gave the Spurs a 47-45 lead.

Memphis rookie Dillon Brooks finished with 21 points, one off his season high.

### TIP-INS

Grizzlies: Gasol and Deyonta Davis both played after being listed as questionable with left ankle injuries. ...

JaMychal Green had 14 points and 15 rebounds.

Spurs: ... Danny Green is the only guard with 50-plus steals and 50-plus blocks in the last six seasons. The only other players to achieve that feat are Detroit's Anthony Davis and New Orleans teammates Anthony Davis and DeMarcus Cousins.

### INJURY REPORT

Parker said he does not expect Pau Gasol to play against Golden State on Thursday after the Spurs starting center injured his shoulder late against Memphis.

"Maybe, he said it's pretty bad, so I'm just assuming that were going to lose him," Parker said.

### BROTHERLY LOVE

The Gasol brothers prepared to battle under the boards by competing at darts at Pau Gasol's home Sunday night. Marc Gasol lost the contest by a bull's eye.

"He had the home board advantage," Marc Gasol said. "He plays all the time. I have two kids and I don't get to play darts. He doesn't have any kids. He has

no kids. And he cheats. He gave me the weighted darts."

### UP NEXT

Grizzlies: Visit Chicago on Wednesday night.

Spurs: Visit Golden State on Thursday night.

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divisional loss to the Packers after Lawrence clinched a wild-card win over Detroit with a sack of Matthew Stafford.

In the rematch with Rodgers, Dallas sacked him three times but couldn't get a stop in the final minutes of a 34-31 loss in January 2017.

Lawrence broke a foot in training camp

his rookie year, missing half the season. His second year was Lawrence's only full season, when he had 31 QB pressures to go with the eight sacks.

After serving a four-game drug suspension to start 2016, he had three sacks in nine games before missing the final three regular-season games with a back injury. He played in the divisional loss to the Packers.

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# Brown leads No. 2 Baylor past No. 8 Texas in Big 12 final

By CLIFF BRUNT  
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Baylor coach Kim Mulkey knew folks wondered if her team could win a big game after losing its starting point guard.

The Lady Bears answered emphatically. Freshman point guard Alexis Morris stepped in and scored 19 points to help No. 2 Baylor beat No. 8 Texas 77-69 in the Big 12 championship game on Monday night.

Morris became the starter after senior Kristy Wallace, an all-conference selection, tore her right ACL in the regular-season finale. Morris had one turn-

over in the title game and played all 40 minutes.

"It's just kids gutting it out, and then you go out there and do it with a freshman," Mulkey said. "Because, see, everybody was watching that. Can they do it without Kristy Wallace? And I kept telling y'all, the kid (Morris) can play."

Mulkey wasn't worried about the Lady Bears earning a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, yet she's not sure they could have done much more to earn one.

"We ran the table in the Big 12," she said. "We won the Big 12 Tournament. We did it without

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## MOORE

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son after he spent part of 2016 and all of 2017 in the Bay Area. He's in his seventh season in the majors at only 28 years old, and is coming off a season of career lows.

Those included 15 losses, 107 earned runs allowed and a 5.52 ERA. The Giants exercised his contract option last September, and Moore thought he'd still be around.

"I was surprised. You only know what people are writing in the paper and such," Moore said. "I hadn't heard my name out there and then kind of just got a call one day and this might happen, might not."

Moore has no hard feelings, and was able to smile again after a tough year when he learned he was going to Texas. He's on his third team in three years.

"Last year I felt like I fell short in too many of those games where the deciding runs, deciding situations, too many times was I not coming through for the guys for whatever reason," Moore said. "Being on a team, that's all you want to do. You want to feel like you're contributing in a positive fashion and you're pulling on the same side of the rope as everybody else is."

Moore, a 2013 AL All-Star with Tampa Bay, figures to be in a Rangers rotation that could open the season with six pitchers. Cole Hamels, Martin Perez, Doug Fister and Moore are penciled in for four spots.

In trying to fix what didn't work last season, Moore is keeping his back foot on the rubber as long as possible to keep the direction of his pitches true. He's also not trying to rely as much on a cut fastball.

"We think that he's primed to have one of those strike back-type years, trend upwards," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "We feel good about it. Still young, still got a good lively arm."

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AP photo

Baylor center Kalani Brown, right, drives to the basket past Texas forward Rellah Boothe (33) in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the championship game of the women's Big 12 conference tournament in Oklahoma City, Monday, March 5, 2018.

## FINAL

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Kristy Wallace. Our only loss was to UCLA, who was ranked at the time."

Kalani Brown scored 20 points in the final. The 6-foot-7 center was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after averaging 24.7 points in three games. Lauren Cox had 13 points and 12 rebounds and Dekeya Cohen added eight points and 12 rebounds for the Lady Bears (31-1), who won their 28th straight game.

It was Baylor's third win over Texas this season. The Lady Bears did it with just one sub who played more than one minute.

"I've been around a lot of basketball, and this is going to go down as one of the gutsiest performances I've ever been a part of," Mulkey said. "There wasn't a lot of Xs and Os for me to draw up the last five minutes of that game."

Baylor had won six straight tournament titles before losing last year's championship game to West Virginia.

Lashann Higgs scored 20 points, Brooke McCarty scored 16 and Ariel Atkins and Jatarie White each added 12 for Texas (26-6).

Baylor led 35-33 at halftime. Baylor got 10 points from Brown and nine rebounds from Cohen before the break. Texas countered with 14 points from Higgs.

Brown drove for a layup in the closing seconds of the third quarter and Texas' Jordan Hosey fouled her hard. Brown was helped off the court. No flagrant was called, and Brown returned after the review. Baylor led 52-46 at the end of the third quarter.

Juicy Landrum's 3-pointer to start the fourth quarter pushed Baylor's lead to nine, and it looked like the Lady Bears might be off and running to another one of their blowouts. Instead, Texas responded with a 9-0 run. Joyner Holmes' layup with about seven minutes to play tied the score at 55, and McCarty's 3-pointer with just over five minutes to play finally gave Texas the lead at 58-57.

"After we made that run, I thought we kind of let them off the hook a little bit by just not playing smart enough, overaggressive instead of just playing the tendencies of the players and make them take tough shots," Texas coach Karen Aston said.

With Baylor leading 65-64 with 1:41 remaining, Cox was fouled by Holmes on a rebound. Aston didn't like the call, and her argument drew her first technical foul of the season. Cox made four free throws to make it a five-point game.

"I felt like there was a lot going on at times that it just seemed to maybe in that moment — it felt like a nit-picky call based on everything that was going on, and it was a timely call, but also a timely technical, no question," Aston said.

### BIG PICTURE

Texas: The Longhorns are in good shape for the NCAA Tournament. Their guards are formidable and their depth should serve them well.

Baylor: The Lady Bears lack depth, but their talent was enough. Morris showed she could lead the team and gained her teammates' confidence.

### QUOTABLE

Mulkey, on what she told Brown after the hard foul: "All I said was, 'Your momma spansk you harder than that.'"

### PITCH FOR A RIVAL?

Mulkey said Oklahoma should make the NCAA Tournament despite its 16-14 record. The Sooners tied for third in the Big 12 regular-season standings and lost to TCU in the tournament quarterfinals. Mulkey stood up for Oklahoma and coach Sherri Coale because of the Sooners' strength of schedule.

"I'm going to plug the Big 12 here," Mulkey said. "If strength of schedule is that important to the committee, you can't leave Sherri Coale out. Doesn't she have one of the toughest strength of schedules in the country? So you can't have it both ways."

### UP NEXT

Both teams will play in the NCAA Tournament.

## Karlsson scores in overtime, Senators beat Stars 3-2



AP photo

Dallas Stars center Jason Dickinson (16) controls the puck in front of Ottawa Senators left wing Mike Hoffman (68) in the first period of an NHL hockey game in Dallas, Monday, March 5, 2018.

DALLAS (AP) — Craig Anderson was in good spirits after Erik Karlsson's goal 2:19 into overtime lifted the Ottawa Senators over the Dallas Stars 3-2 in overtime on Monday night.

Anderson, who made 31 saves, spoke tongue-in-cheek about 3-on-3 play in OT and even threw in a Scandinavian pun.

"I think 3-on-3 is one of our strong suits. Maybe we should try to take coinciding penalties throughout the game and get 3-on-3 going in the regular game.

"(Karlsson) has the breakaway speed, finds a way to finish even though he's Swedish."

Dallas appeared to have a chance to score the winning goal, but Devin Shore couldn't get to John Klingberg's pass in front of an open net. The puck went back to the blue line, where Karlsson beat Tyler Pitlick to the puck and skated in to beat goalie Kari Lehtonen.

Stars goalie Ben Bishop left because of a lower-body injury after making 12 saves in the first period. Lehtonen replaced Bishop and had 15 saves. Bishop is expected to miss at least two games.

"Tonight Erik was outstanding and our goalie was outstanding," Senators coach Guy Boucher said. "That's what you get when the two most important players on the team are at their best, that's when we're at our best."

Boucher was happy that his team finished 2-2 on a week-long road trip.

The Stars have tied the score in the final three minutes of regulation in the last three games but won only one in overtime. They could have extended their lead for the first wild card in the Western Conference to more than three points over Los Angeles.

Dallas' Tyler Seguin scored twice, on the power play in the first period and from the top of the right faceoff circle with 1:02 left in the third period to tie it.

"We shouldn't be waiting for the last two, three minutes to start going," Seguin said. "That's a point that

should never have not been ours.

"I think we played that team like where they are in the standings (seventh in the Atlantic Division). I think we forgot that we're still in the NHL and every team's good with the parity in this league."

Goals by Mike Hoffman on the power play in the second period and Matt Duchene in the third gave Ottawa a 2-1 lead before Seguin tied it with his 36th goal of the season.

Seguin first scored from the left of the net on a narrow angle. His shot went in off Ottawa defenseman Ben Harpur's skate.

Play was stopped with 11:05 left in the first period after Bishop and Dallas defenseman Dan Hamhuis fell in a heap in front of the goal. A trainer attended to Bishop, who stayed in the game but didn't return for the second period.

"We picked up some more injuries and we've got to move along quick," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said.

Dallas will be without Bishop, defenseman Esa Lindell (who missed his first game this season) and checking-line center Radek Faksa for Tuesday's game at Central Division-leading Nashville.

Ottawa cashed in on its second power play of the second period just two seconds before the period ended.

Mark Stone passed from the left faceoff circle across to Hoffman below the edge of the right circle. His shot went off the sprawling Lehtonen's upper left arm and into the net.

NOTES: Duchene has 33 points (13 goals, 20 assists) in 35 career games vs. Dallas. ... In the last six games, Seguin has seven goals and four assists. ... Ottawa RW Marian Gaborik returned after missing two games with an undisclosed injury. ... The Senators had killed 13 of 14 penalties in the previous six games. Dallas had been 17 for 18 over five-plus games.

### UP NEXT

Senators: Return home to meet Buffalo on Thursday.

Stars: Play at Nashville on Tuesday. The Predators have won eight straight.

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