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## Tech Teach teacher education program to host two more informational meetings



AP photo

The Howard College Board of Trustees hears a presentation on planned renovations to the college's Student Union Building at their meeting Monday. Also during the meeting, board members heard an update on the Tech Teach teacher education program.

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

People interested in becoming a teacher will have a couple more chances to find out about Howard College and Texas Tech's innovative "Tech Teach" program, which enables incoming college freshmen the chance to earn a bachelor's degree in education and teaching certifica-

tion all within three years.

Howard's Administrative Dean of Instruction and Student Services Erin Mackenzie gave the Howard College Board of Trustees an update on the program at their meeting Monday.

"Last time we had talked, we said we had had an informational session here in Big Spring, and we were going to get back together and

plan one for Lamesa. So our committee got together and we are going to be doing an informational session in Lamesa March 28," Mackenzie said. "So we are taking our whole crew over there, with registration, financial aid, student services...all of us are going over there to make sure we do the exact

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## Run 2 Love 2 Run



HERALD file photo

Martin DeLosSantos shows off his first-place Valentine's bear at last year's Run 2 Love 2 Run event. This year, the 5K run will be Feb. 9.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

Run for love and bring your friends and family to walk, jog, or run at the Big Spring State Park!

At the beginning of February, Permian Basin Events presents the 2019 Run 2 Love 2 Run at Big Spring State Park on Scenic Mountain, benefiting CASA of West Texas.

The run is slated for Feb. 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Big Spring State Park, 1 Scenic Drive.

"Run 2 LOVE 2 Run is a fun 5k Valentine's Day themed run, starting at the Park Headquarters at the top of Big Spring State Park, and then all the way around and back up," said Cherise Felty of Permian Basin Events. "There will be individual and couples awards for first through third places. Couples must cross the finish line together, and instead of a boring old medal, the first through third place prizes are cuddly stuffed animal toys."

Felty also stated that, along with the adults, there will also be youth awards, so bring the entire family to this event,

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## Chilly? Try some chili

### Big Spring Center for Skilled Care plans Third Annual Chili Cook Off

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

Chili is a classic Texas dish, and in the cold months, there's no better way to warm up and have fun with the spicy flavor and aroma.

Now, local residents can take a shot at crafting their own chili masterpieces during the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care's Third Annual Chili Cook Off.

"We are so excited to be able to bring our Third Annual Chili Cook Off to the community," said Christy Brownfield of Skilled Care, Event Organizer of the Chili Cook Off. "It will be Thursday, Jan. 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m."

A chili cook-off is a social event, similar

to a barbecue, in which competitors prepare their own particular recipe for chili con carne and submit it for taste testing. A cook-off may be an informal gathering with the simple goal of sharing recipes and enjoying food, or it may be a larger-scale event with an official panel of judges and substantial prizes for winners.

"I love hosting events where they bring the community together, and this event serves no other purpose that to come together, have fun, and have some delicious chili," said Brownfield. "It's also my birthday that day, so that will just be a bonus, getting to have some warm chili surrounded by friends."

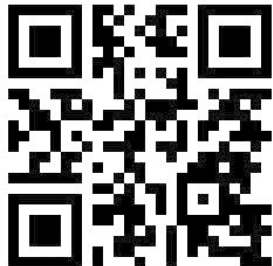
Brownfield stated that they are no specific set of rules, nor is there a fee to enter the competition, just bring your chili on out at 11 a.m. that day to the Skilled Center.

"Anybody can come and be a judge. In fact, the more we have, the better," said Brownfield. "Whether you want to cook and compete, or just want to come eat, you will have

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## Cowboys and Heels Trade Show scheduled for April

HERALD file photo

Pictured is one of the booths from last year's Cowboys and Heels Trade Show. For this year's show, scheduled March 9, admission is free and there will be items for all ages.



By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**

Staff Writer

The next Cowboys and Heels Trade Show is scheduled for Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

This year, Cowboys and Heels has partnered with Up Events from Odessa. "Together we will be working close to

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## Obituaries

### Pauline V. Walters



Pauline V. Walters, 86, of Granbury, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, in Granbury. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Jan. 29, 2019, at Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Walter McCall officiating. Interment to follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. She was born Feb. 24, 1932, to Johnny and Rosie Bateman in Monticello, Arkansas. She had

been a resident of Big Spring for 34 years before moving to Granbury in 2006.

She is survived by her sister, Joyce Shell and husband, Eugene of Granbury.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Vernon Walters; three brothers, Albert Bateman, Odell Bateman, and Leo Bateman; and one sister, Marie Steel.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Mary Helen Escovedo



Mary Helen Escovedo, 54, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary was born March 26, 1964, in Odessa to Lucia Zapata Martinez and Aginaldo Martinez.

Mary is survived by one daughter, Loryn Escove-

do of Big Spring; two twin sons, Nicolas Escovedo of Big Spring and Lucas Escovedo of Big Spring; mother, Lucy Gomez of Big Spring; four sisters, Lupe Martinez of Colorado, Lydia Martinez of Big Spring, Virginia Granados of Big Spring; and Nancy Rodriguez of Big Spring; one brother, Aginaldo Martinez of Oklahoma; three grandchildren all of Big Spring; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Aginaldo Martinez, Sr.; grandmother, Nancy Sanchez, and nephew.

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

### Carol Rains,



Carol Rains, 75, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 15, 1943, in Winters to Verline Allen Koenig and L. Leonard Koenig.

Carol is survived by two daughters, Cindy Lyle and her husband Mark of Harper and Charla Weaver and her husband Vance of Big Spring; one son, Richard Rains of Big Spring; one brother, Troy Koenig of Granbury; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother, Verline Allen Koenig Kelley; father, Leonard Koenig; and two infant brothers.

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

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CLINTON BRANDON JR BOLLIER**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500.

• **LARRY RAY BOUNDS**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid, violate promise to appear.

• **FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **RAFAEL CISNEROS**, 47 was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property shopping lifting.

• **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BRYCE JON CORNETT**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of possession controlled substance with intent to deliver.

• **RICARDO REYNA ESPARZA**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on

warrants of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest, aggravated assault, criminal mischief, accident involving damage to vehicle.

• **ROY GARCIA JR.**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750.

• **VICTORIANO HILARIO JR.**, 67, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property in between \$750 and \$2,500.

• **TONY LEON JETTON**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SHANE ALLEN JOHNSON**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of contempt of court non payment.

• **SAMUEL LEDESMA**, 27, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and driving while intoxicated.

• **DEMETRIO MARTINEZ**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of motion for enforcement.

• **RICHARD EDWARD PEREZ**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on

a charge of public intoxication, and on duty on striking fixture/Hwy landscape.

• **DANIEL RIOS**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of resist arrest, and on warrants of parent contributing to non-attendance, two counts of assault causes bodily injury, violation bond/protective order, two counts of evading arrest, bond/protective order assault.

• **DAVID RIOS**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault against public servant, and bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of no driver's license.

• **TIARA SHEME WARE**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on charge of arson intend damage, aggravated assault, and possession of controlled substance.

• **MICHAEL LEE WHITE**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of sex abuse of child contentious.

## Take Note

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

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

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson Big Spring, Texas 432-213-1046, Call today for educational needs. In School, High School

graduation, Tutoring, homeschool. We are qualified to help you with your child's education, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Come by or give us a call. Open enrollment.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

who are still attending school.

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

day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

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### Hayzel Jesusita Ruiz



Hayzel Jesusita Ruiz, 3 days, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial park.

She was born Jan. 23, 2019, in Odessa.

She is survived by her mother, Maricela Lucia Ruiz of Big Spring; one sister, Honesty Ruiz of Big Spring; grandmother, Elisa Ruiz of Big Spring; grandfather, Fernando Ruiz of Big Spring; several uncles and aunts including three aunts, Ashley Ruiz, Clarissa Ruiz and Mia Gutierrez, all of Big Spring.

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

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Maple St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of E 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4600 block of Aspen. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Hickory. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 7700 block of S Service Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 20th St., and Gregg. No one transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's 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.

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

### 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.

### THURSDAY

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

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

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same thing we did here for Big Spring. So that will be March 28. We decided to go ahead and have another informational session here on April 8, just a kind of smaller scale. So we're trying to target students right before we have registration, which will begin on April 9. So we thought we'd give two more big sessions right before April 9, get people excited about it, and maybe they'll register and get going."

Mackenzie also noted that Big Spring ISD trustee Melissa Miller has been selected as Teacher Education Coordinator and "Teach Across Texas" Site Coordinator for the project.

"We were very excited about that," said Mackenzie. "We got her moving very quickly. Melissa is already planning on going to schools and talking to students about the program."

For more information about the Tech Teach program, attend one of the scheduled meetings or contact Mackenzie at 432-264-5017.

In other business during the Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees:

- Heard from designers regarding proposed renovations to the Howard College Student Union Building.
- Heard a report on an ongoing audit of the college's finances, as well as a fund balance report.
- Heard a request for proposals on student health services.
- Considered requests for board training, new trustee training, and the Board of Trustees Institute.

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## TRADE SHOW

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bring Big Spring the best show in town," says Danielle Ramirez, owner of Cowboys and Heels

Trade show. "We share a passion for shows and, being vendors ourselves, we want to thrive at being the best."

Admission is free, and Ramirez hopes to have items for all ages. "We will be giving away tickets for spring break and door prizes," says Ramirez. "The first 100 people will receive a swag bag."

For any additional information, please visit their new website at www.cowboysandheels.com, or you can follow their Facebook page.

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

# Houston police: 5 officers hurt in shooting, 2 suspects dead



AP photo

Police investigate the scene where several Houston Police officers were shot in Houston on Monday, Jan. 28, 2019. At least five Houston officers were injured in a shooting Monday in an incident involving a suspect and taken to a hospital, police said.

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Two suspects are dead after a shooting on Monday that injured five Houston police officers, including four who were hit by gunfire as they attempted to serve a search warrant at a home where drug selling was suspected, the police chief said.

A group of about a dozen officers with the Houston Police Department's narcotics unit were attempting to serve the warrant when they forced open the home's front door and immediately faced gunfire from one or two individuals, said Police Chief Art Acevedo.

Police targeted the southeast Houston home following an investigation that began after officers got a tip from a neighbor that black tar heroin was being sold from the house, Acevedo said.

"Once the officers breached the door and the gunfire began from the suspects, one of the suspects actually retreated momentarily to the back of the room and then that suspect came back and again engaged the officers in gunfire," Acevedo said at a Monday evening news conference.

It was not immediately known how many officers returned fire but the two suspects were later found dead after SWAT officers used two robots to go into the home and determine that it was safe to enter after the gunfire stopped.

All the officers were taken to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center in Houston, with two of them transported by helicopter.

Four officers were shot, with two being hit in the neck. Those two officers underwent surgery and were in critical but stable condition, Acevedo said.

"We're hopeful that they will recover," Acevedo said of the two critically injured officers.

The other two officers who were shot were in stable condition and were able to walk around, Acevedo said. Police later said that one of

those officers was released after being treated for a gunshot wound to the shoulder, and that the other remained hospitalized in good condition.

A fifth officer suffered a knee injury during the shooting and was also in good condition.

Acevedo didn't immediately have additional information about the suspects. The names of the injured officers were not immediately released.

"This has been a tough day for our city," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.

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a whole lot of fun."

Big Spring Skilled Care is located at 3701 Wasson Rd. For more information call Christy Brownfield at 432-606-5012.

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

## RUN 2 LOVE

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because they don't just run, they run in style, walkers not excluded.

"There will also be, as well, a best Valentine-themed costume award, with 'G' ratings please – this is a family friendly event," said Felty. "A long-sleeved event T-shirt proclaims to all that you 'Run 2 Love & Love 2 Run.'"

Felty also went into detail about how to register on the day of the Run 2 Love 5k, stating that there will be on-site registration, \$35 individual, and \$65 couples, registration closing at 9 a.m., cash or check only.

"You can park by the summit playground, and the front gate will be closed at 9:45 a.m., so nobody will be able to drive in or leave after that," said Felty. "The 5k will begin at 10 a.m., at Big Spring State Park HQ, and at 11 a.m. we will reopen the front gate."

Felty said that Permian Basin Events is about loving fitness and helping others get fit, along with realizing that motivation built through endurance events can also yield powerful results in giving back to our communities.

"We have always hope to encourage those to come out to our events to have fun, stay healthy, and to give back to others who help within the local community," said Felty. "This year we are benefiting CASA of West Texas who help local children."

CASA of West Texas supports people who give their time or volunteer and advocate for child abuse victims in Midland, Howard, Dawson, Gaines, Andrews, Martin and Glasscock Counties. When severe child abuse and neglect occurs in a home, foster care may be the only option to keep a child safe.

When a child enters foster care, a judge will appoint a CASA Volunteer to advocate for that child's best interest in court and in the community.

"Join Permian Basin Events and our Sponsors as we Get Fit, this Feb. in our Run 2 Love. Get dressed up and warm," said Felty. "Then come enjoy friendly competition, and give to a worthy cause. That way everyone wins!"

Register early for the Run 2 Love 2 Run by going online to CASA of West Texas or Permian Basin Events.

Dorothy Darling, 83, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Imogene Hall, 93, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2019. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jim Coker, 68, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2019. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, at Midway Baptist Church.

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## Texas news briefs

### Police chief: Crime in Houston down 4.4 percent in 2018

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's police chief says crime in the nation's fourth largest city decreased by 4.4 percent in 2018, compared to 2017.

While officials say most categories of violent and non-violent crime were down, murders increased by 3.7 percent, from 269 in 2017 to 279 in 2018.

But Chief Art Acevedo said Monday that long term, crime in Houston is trending downward, "in the right direction."

Acevedo says the city saw a 10.4 percent decrease in violent crime, which he called "huge."

Acevedo says aggravated assaults fell by 11.3 percent; robberies dropped by 10.1 percent; and sexual assaults fell by 5.5 percent.

In the non-violent crime categories, burglaries were down 7.7 percent and thefts fell by 2.4 percent. But auto thefts were up by 2.3 percent.

### Former Southwest Airlines CEO James Parker dies at 72

DALLAS (AP) — James F. Parker, who succeeded Herb Kelleher as CEO of Southwest Airlines and led the carrier through the aftermath of the September 2001 terror attacks, has died. He was 72.

Parker died unexpectedly on Saturday night, according to Southwest.

Parker was a lawyer in San Antonio and former state assistant attorney general before joining Dallas-based Southwest in 1986. He was general counsel in June 2001 when he was named to replace Kelleher as CEO.

The terror attacks undermined air travel; other airlines cut thousands of jobs. Southwest remained profitable and avoided layoffs, but Parker's tenure was also marked by rising tension with the flight attendants' union.

Parker stepped down surprisingly in July 2004 and was replaced by Gary Kelly, who is still CEO.

Kelleher died Jan. 3 at 87.

### Texas agency makes plea on behalf of 'unaccompanied veteran'

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — The death of a U.S. Air Force veteran with no known family and whose Central Texas funeral was not expected to bring any visitors has drawn the attention of a state agency.

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush in a statement encouraged the public to attend the service Monday for Joseph Walker at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Walker served four years in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. Officials didn't indicate when he died or the circumstances of his death. His service is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

A spokeswoman for the Land Office told KVUE-TV in Austin that efforts began in 2015 to ensure a proper burial for "unaccompanied veterans."

Prior to that, a veteran's burial was up to the discretion of a county judge and could result in cremation and the remains being placed in storage.

### Police: North Texas shot man who pointed gun at them

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — Police in a North Texas suburb say two officers are on leave after fatally shooting a man they encountered during a welfare call.

Garland police were called around 11 p.m. Friday with a report that a man was parked in a white pickup truck with the intention of killing himself.

Police say two officers arrived at the scene with duty rifles. Garland Police Officer Albert Irazarri said the officers tried to speak to the man from a distance, but when the man pointed his weapon at them, they fired their rifles.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene.

The officers were not immediately identified. The newspapers reports that one was on the force for six years and the other for eight.

### Tarleton State phases out "TexAnns" name for women's teams

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Tarleton State University's women's sports teams have been referred to as "TexAnns" since the late 1960s.

But all Tarleton athletes will be "Texans" — which has been the men's team name — starting this fall.

Two basketball players and a team manager led an effort to discontinue the use of "TexAnns" and adopt the Texans name for all athletes.

Women's Basketball Coach Misty Wilson said, although "TexAnns" isn't derogatory, it's "almost working adversely."

# Railroad industry see surges amid New Mexico, Texas oil boom



HERALD file photo

National, state, and local leaders gather on the tarmac at Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and prepare to cut the ribbon at the opening of Phase Four of Big Spring Rail's expansion project, increasing the capacity of rail traffic at the site. The recent oil boom is creating the need for expansion in the rail industry in West Texas and southeast New Mexico.

### Staff and wire reports

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — Traffic is surging in the railroad industry in West Texas and southeast New Mexico thanks to the oil boom in the state and West Texas.

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Director Terry Wegman said Big Spring has focused on developing its rail infrastructure over the past few years, and the area is beginning to see the benefits of that investment.

"Business and industry don't believe in locating and relocating in communities unless you've got the infrastructure in place to support their businesses. This is just part of developing all of that," said Wegman at the ribbon cutting for Phase Four of Big Spring Rail's expansion project in October. "We are a destination now, when before we were just another spot on the map. Now that we have all these tools to work with, we've got a great way to attract business, and we're starting to see it every day. We get calls on a weekly basis, and even more often than that, because word's getting around that we have this capacity and we have this infrastructure. It just creates lots of opportunities. We've just got to capitalize on those; attract them and make them stick. That's the whole thing. Business brings employees, employees bring a lot of life to the city. You've got to kind of build it from the ground up. This is what you call the ground floor. This is where you start. This is what makes it happen."

New Mexico is seeing some benefits too.

The number of rail cars traveling through the Carlsbad area almost tripled during the region's recent oil boom as extraction continued to grow in Permian Basin, the Carlsbad Current-Argus reported.

Around 150 rail cars daily — or about 4,250 in a month — passed through the Carlsbad Subdivision that runs from Clovis to Loving in November 2016, according to Southwestern Railroads data.

In 2017, the numbers show about 400 cars per day pass through the division, or about 12,000 per month. The jump came as operations shifted from Southwestern to Burlington Northern Santa Fe, or BNSF.

Southwestern Senior Vice President Bruce Carswell said the increase is no surprise amid significant growth in southeast New Mexico's oil and gas industry.

"It tends to trend with economic cycles," Carswell said.

"A general view is what's going on in the Permian (Basin) is phenomenal. It's definitely created a lot more opportunities for other industries."

Since it took over the region, BNSF has replaced roughly 36 miles (58 kilometers) of rail, as well as over 43,000 ties, switches and bridges, records show.

Twenty-five crossings have been replaced or rehabbed at no cost to the local road authorities, said BNSF spokesman Joe Sloan.

In 2018, the company spent \$3.4 billion overall, mostly on rail maintenance and efforts to limit unscheduled outages.

Construction of a third mainline connected Belen to Dalies, and improved traffic and capacity in the area, with 10 miles (16 kilometers) of new track constructed, and five bridges and four grade crossings.

Amarillo, Texas — which Sloan called a "high density" area for the region and a change point for crew — saw 5 miles (eight kilometers) of rail constructed.

Jonathan Green, CEO of CIG Logistics, said his company uses BNSF rail cars extensively in the region, transporting sand for hydraulic fracturing, pipe, crude, diesel and potash.

He said the sand makes up about 60 percent of CIG's business, a resource necessary to perform hydraulic fracturing — a practice experts said was a major cause of the recent boom in southeast New Mexico and West Texas.

"We needed to get well consumables into that market," Green said. "The closer you can get to the well, the better. The goal for our business is to be as close as possible. Rail only goes where rail is built."

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# Church abuse victims wait to see if Legislature will act



By MARC LEVY

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Lawmakers have returned to the Pennsylvania Capitol but have yet to revisit legislation on child sexual abuse scandals since an October fight killed a bill that would have allowed long-ago victims to sue the Roman Catholic Church and other institutions.

The Legislature's new two-year session began in earnest Monday, with little mention of legislation reflecting the state attorney general's landmark grand jury report on child sexual abuse in Pennsylvania's Catholic dioceses.

No votes are scheduled and talks are low-key as Pennsylvania's dioceses begin opening temporary victim compensation funds spurred by the grand jury report.

Continued deadlock in the Legislature raises the possibility that now-adult victims will have little option but to apply to a diocese compensation fund — and sign away their right to sue — even if lawmakers later approve legislation giving them another chance to sue.

John Delaney, who has told of his rape as a 12-year-old boy by a priest in the Philadelphia archdiocese, said several people he knows have received offers ranging from \$180,000 to \$375,000. Delaney, now 48, isn't sure he would accept an offer if it means giving up the right to sue.

"It's not about the money," Delaney said. "It's about holding people accountable for their actions. I want my day in court."

Several other states have approved a window for time-barred victims to sue, and neighboring New York's Legislature was expected to approve such a bill Monday.

For Delaney and many other victims in Pennsylvania, including those in the grand jury's Aug. 14 report, state law ended their right to sue decades ago, when they turned 20.

Compensation funds are fine for some victims, victim advocates say. But, they say, they allow the church to control its own punishment, while some victims want the tools offered by a court to force dioceses to divulge what church officials knew about an abuser, and whether they covered it up.

Compensation funds promise a faster payout. Lawsuits take longer but promise bigger payouts, say veteran victims' lawyers.

The grand jury recommended a two-year reprieve, and the bill included provisions to give future victims more time to sue and prosecutors more time to pursue charges.

The Republican-controlled state House of Representatives passed it overwhelmingly, and it had

two-year window, and a critical mass of the state Senate's Republican majority blocked a floor vote on it.

The legislation collapsed.

Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati said he has no plans to restart legislation in his chamber and has had little contact about it since the debate stalled late at night Oct. 17.

"Nobody has picked up the phone to call me since I left here that Wednesday evening of session with a counterproposal," Scarnati, R-Jefferson, said this month. "I have not received anything."

The House now has a new majority leader, Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster, who is not as friendly to a two-year window as his predecessor.

Cutler's office said he is discussing a compromise bill with Shapiro's office and other lawmakers.

Philadelphia's archdiocese opened a fund in November, and the Pittsburgh and Scranton dioceses followed suit last week. The dioceses set a deadline of Sept. 30 to apply, and they require someone accepting an offer to forfeit their right to sue later.

The funds are modeled on a system adopted by five New York dioceses in the past two years as a debate raged there over allowing victims a window to sue.

New York's diocese funds, using the same third-party administrator, awarded a maximum payout of \$500,000 and an average of about \$188,000.

Other dioceses in Pennsylvania are expected to set up something similar.

Scarnati said he is satisfied by how Pennsylvania's dioceses have moved to set up compensation funds.

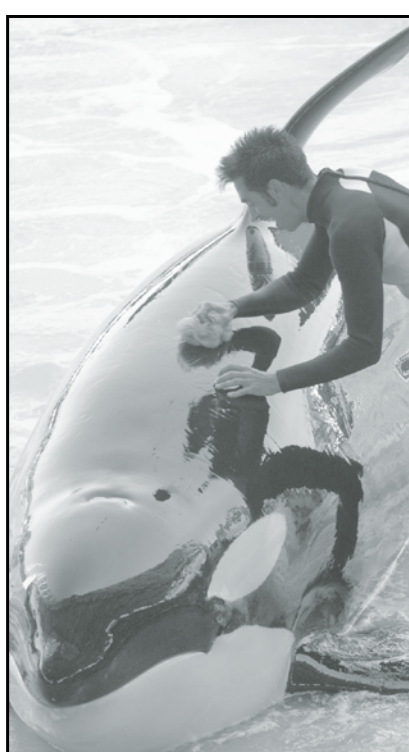
"I think we give that time, see how that goes and it can only be judged by the victims that participate in it," Scarnati said. "And that will be the judgment."

In this Aug. 14, 2018, file photo, victims of clergy sexual abuse, or their family members, react as Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro speaks during a news conference in Harrisburg, Pa. Lawmakers have yet to revisit a response to child sexual abuse scandals since the debate's late-night collapse that closed last year's final voting day.

support from Attorney General Josh Shapiro, Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf and Senate Democratic leaders.

However, Catholic bishops and for-profit insurers opposed the

# 30-year-old orca dies at SeaWorld's Orlando park



AP photo  
In a March 7, 2011, file photo, trainer Joe Sanchez, works with killer whale Kayla at the SeaWorld Orlando theme park in Orlando, Fla. The 30 year old orca has died at SeaWorld's Orlando park. SeaWorld officials say Kayla died Monday, Jan. 28, 2019 after a brief illness.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A 30-year-old orca died Monday at SeaWorld's Orlando park after a brief illness, company officials said.

A cause of death won't be known until a post-mortem examination is conducted, according to SeaWorld.

Kayla began showing signs of discomfort on Saturday, and veterinarians began treating her based on what they found from a physical exam. Her condition worsened on Sunday and she was given around-the-clock care until her death, park officials said.

Kayla was among the last orcas at SeaWorld's Orlando park, as well as parks in California and Texas.

SeaWorld announced

the end of its breeding program in March 2016, following years of pressure from animal rights protests and shifting public opinion about orcas being held in captivity. The protests intensified after the release of the 2013 documentary "Blackfish," which focused on the life of Tilikum, a killer whale responsible for killing trainer Dawn Brancheau when he dragged her into a pool in front of shocked visitors in 2010.

The movie implied that killer whales become more aggressive in captivity.

SeaWorld has 20 orcas left at its parks. There are five in Orlando, five in San Antonio, and 10 in San Diego.

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# Rescuers search in deep mud after Brazil dam breach, 65 dead



Firefighters pull a body from the mud days after a dam collapse in Brumadinho, Brazil, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019. Firefighters on Monday carefully moved over treacherous mud, sometimes walking, sometimes crawling, in search of survivors or bodies four days after a dam collapse that buried mine buildings and surrounding neighborhoods with iron ore waste.

By **MARCELO SILVA DE SOUSA** and **PETER PRENGAMAN** and **ANNA JEAN KAISER**

Associated Press

BRUMADINHO, Brazil (AP) — Brazilian firefighters and Israeli rescue workers carefully moved Monday over treacherous mud — sometimes walking, sometimes crawling — during their search for survivors or bodies following a dam collapse that buried buildings for an iron ore mining complex and inundated nearby neighborhoods with ore waste.

The death toll rose to 65, with 279 people still missing, said. Lt. Col. Flavio Godinho of the civil defense department in the southeastern state of Minas Gerais, where the dam is located.

Officials said earlier that death toll was expected to grow "exponentially" after no one was found alive Sunday. That stood in contrast to the first two days of the disaster, when helicopters whisked peo-

ple out of the mud.

Search efforts were extremely slow because of the treacherous sea of reddish-brown mud that surged out when the mine tailings dam breached Friday afternoon. The mud was up 24 feet (8 meters) deep in some places, forcing searchers to carefully walk around the edges of the muck or slowly crawl onto it so they would not sink and drown.

Rescue teams Monday morning focused their searches on areas where a bus was immersed and the cafeteria of mining company Vale, where many workers were eating lunch when the

dam ruptured. Vale SA is the world's largest producer of iron ore, the raw ingredient for making steel. The Brazilian company's American depository shares plunged 18 percent Monday on the New York Stock exchange.

At the scene of the disaster, helicopters looking for bodies took off and landed nonstop. On the ground, dozens of rescuers with tracking dogs were searching for bodies through the mountains of mud. The Associated Press witnessed a helicopter rescue of three bodies that arrived at the search center. More than 100 Israelis equipped with specialized rescue technology joined the 200 Brazilian firefighters in the search.

Rescue efforts were suspended for about 10 hours Sunday because of fears that a second mine dam in Brumadinho was at risk of failing. About 24,000 people were told to get to higher ground, but by afternoon civil engineers said the second dam no

longer posed a risk.

Areas of water-soaked mud appeared to be drying out, which could help firefighters get to areas previously unreachable. Still, it was slow going for the search teams, residents were on edge and some started searching on their own for relatives.

A Catholic priest for a church now being used as a command center for rescuers said many of his parishioners are believed to be buried in mud.

"It's going to be difficult to rebuild our hearts," said the priest, Rene Lopez. "This won't take a month or a year. It's an open wound for all of the people in Brumadinho."

And there was mounting anger directed at Vale amid questions about the area's largest employer following an apparent lack of a warning siren ahead of Friday's collapse.

"The company didn't take care of the people," said Josefa de Santos, who has friends and neighbors among the missing. "I heard the cries of people asking for help, everyone was running and screaming. The siren didn't go off at all, it was horrible."

In an email, Vale told The Associated Press that the area has eight sirens, but "the speed in which the event happened made sounding an alarm impossible" when the dam burst.

Sen. Renan Calheiros called for Vale's board of directors to step down and Attorney General Raquel Dodge told reporters that Vale executives could be held responsible.

Over the weekend, courts froze about \$3 billion from Vale assets for state emergency services and told the company to report on how it would help victims.

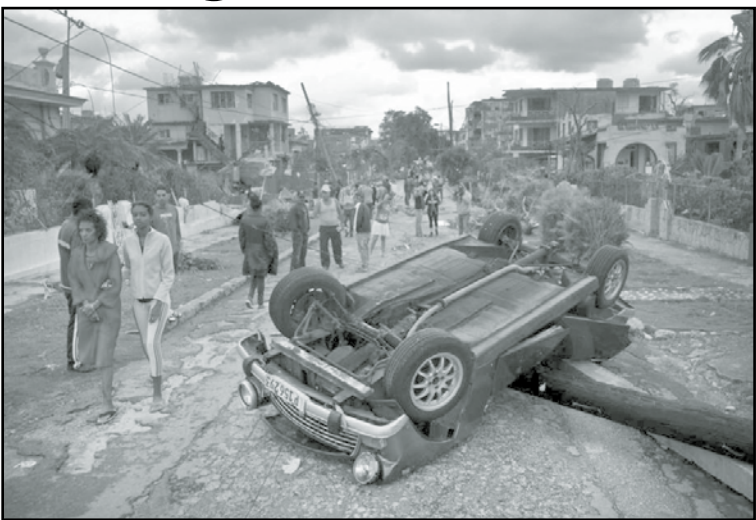
The carpet of mining waste also raised fears of widespread environmental contamination and degradation.

According to Vale's website, the waste is composed mostly of sand and is non-toxic. But a U.N. report found that the waste from a similar Brazil disaster in 2015 "contained high levels of toxic heavy metals."

That dam owned by Vale and Australian mining company BHP Billiton collapsed in the city of Mariana in Minas Gerais, killing 19 people and forcing hundreds from their homes.

About 250,000 people were left without drinking water thousands of fish died. An estimated 60 million cubic meters (646 million square feet) of waste flooded nearby rivers and eventually flowed into the Atlantic Ocean.

# Strongest tornado in 8 decades hits Cuba; 3 dead, 172 hurt



A car overturned by a tornado lays smashed on top of a street pole in Havana, Cuba, Monday, Jan. 28, 2019. A tornado and pounding rains smashed into the eastern part of Cuba's capital overnight, toppling trees, bending power poles and flinging shards of metal roofing through the air as the storm cut a path of destruction across eastern Havana.

By **MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN** and **ANDREA RODRIGUEZ**

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Neighborhood brigades and teams of government workers hacked at fallen trees and hauled chunks of concrete out of collapsed homes Monday as the Cuban capital attempted to recover from what officials called the strongest tornado to hit Cuba in nearly 80 years.

Three people were dead and hundreds injured, at least 12 in critical condition, after the tornado touched down with estimated winds of 200 mph (320 kph) in three neighborhoods across eastern Havana.

Members of the Provincial Defense Council of Havana said 90 homes collapsed completely and 30 suffered partial collapse.

A quarter of the city's roughly 2 million people were without power Monday afternoon and more than 200,000 people had lost water service because of a broken main and power cuts that left pumps out of service. Some 100 underground cisterns close to the coast-

section of Havana were contaminated by seawater.

Three electric substations were knocked out by the tornado, the strongest to hit Cuba since Dec. 26, 1940, when a Category F4 tornado hit the town of Bejucal, in what is now Mayabeque province, officials said. It also appeared to be the first tornado to hit the capital in at least as many years.

Residents of the three relatively poor boroughs hit by the tornado were bracing for further calamity once the tropical sun started to dry sodden buildings, which can often lead to structures shifting and collapsing.

Julio Menendez, a 33-year-old restaurant worker, said his neighborhood in Havana's 10 de Octubre district looked "like a horror movie."

"From one moment to the next, we heard a noise like an airplane falling out of the sky. The first thing I did was go hug my daughters," who

are 9 and 12, he told The Associated Press.

Driver Oster Rodriguez said that amid a fierce storm, what looked like a thick, swirling cloud touched down in the central plaza of the Reparto Modelo neighborhood "like a fireball."

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# No. 16 Texas Tech ends 3-game Big 12 slide 84-65 over TCU

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Jarrett Culver had an emphatic dunk to punctuate a much-needed big Monday performance for No. 16 Texas Tech.

Culver had 12 of his 18 points after halftime, including the thundering slam on a lob pass from Davide Moretti for a 20-point lead late as the Red Raiders snapped a three-game Big 12 losing streak with an 84-65 win over TCU.

"It was a big game for us, first time on ESPN Big Monday in Lubbock since 2006," said Tech coach Chris Beard, then an assistant for Bob Knight. "We embrace that. We didn't act like it wouldn't happen and we embraced it because we want to play more meaningful games like this."

Texas Tech (17-4, 5-3 Big 12) had its biggest lead after Tariq Owens blocked a shot that was rebounded by Moretti, who worked the ball up the court before passing to Culver to make it 80-60 with 3:16 left. Culver had another dunk after that.

Texas Tech, which made it to the NCAA Elite Eight last season, had lost three Big 12 games in a row before a win over Arkansas in the SEC/Big 12 Challenge on Saturday night. The Red Raiders dropped two spots from 14th in the new AP poll earlier Monday, after being in the Top 10 two weeks ago.

Matt Mooney also had 18 points for the Red Raiders, while Owens had 17. Moretti had 11 points and seven assists.

"I think we had a good game overall as a complete team," Owens said. "Everybody stepped up to the part, that was a big focus from our coaches, you know, everybody taking the time and



AP photo  
Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver (23) jumps back to shoot the ball over TCU's Kouat Noi (12) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Monday, Jan. 28, 2019, in Lubbock, Texas.

doing what you need to do, everybody individually and collectively. ... The place was electric, so that always helps us."

Kouat Noi had 16 points for TCU (15-5, 3-4), while Desmond Bane scored all 13 of his points in a short span after halftime. Kendrick Davis and Kevin Samuel, both freshmen, had 10 points. Samuel also had 12 rebounds for his fourth double-double.

Texas Tech started the game with Mooney's alley-oop pass to Owens for

a dunk. Noi's then-scored six in a row before Tech's 8-0 run that put them ahead to stay — and was capped when Owens banked in a 3-pointer.

"Certainly disappointed by how we played. But you know, we got what we deserved," TCU coach Jamie Dixon said. "We got outexecuted and they obviously got a good start and made shots, and I think to their credit they made the shots. But I think our defense had something to do with it."

The Red Raiders had a 37-18 lead af-

ter Moretti hit consecutive 3s. After TCU cut into the gap a bit, Tech took a 43-27 halftime lead when Moretti had a defensive rebound and Culver then drove nearly the length of the court for a buzzer-beating layup.

BIG PICTURE

TCU: The Horned Frogs have won their last seven Big 12 home games, dating back to last season, but are 0-4 on the road in conference this season. The last two have been double-digit losses. They are 0-3 against Top 25 opponents.

Texas Tech: An encouraging offensive performance for the Red Raiders with four players scoring in double figures while shooting 54 percent (32 of 59) overall — and 43 percent (9 of 21) on 3-pointers. They had 43 points at halftime — just two points less than they had overall a week ago in a 58-45 loss at Kansas State.

"We played one of our better games this season," Beard said.

BANE'S BURST

Bane scored all 13 of his points in the first eight minutes of the second half, including three 3-pointers in a span of 2 1/2 minutes. When he scored his last points on a layup with 12:09 left, the Frogs still trailed by 14. The last field goal made by Noi, the reigning Big 12 player of the week, came on a layup for TCU's first basket after halftime.

NOT MUCH HELP

TCU's Alex Robinson had only one assist. He entered the game leading the Big 12 and third nationally with 7.7 assists per game. The Horned Frogs had a season-low nine assists as a team. They led the league with 17.6 a game.

## Mason leads Baylor in 77-47 win over Oklahoma



AP photo

Baylor guard Makai Mason (10) shoots over Oklahoma guard Jamal Bieniemy, left, in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Norman, Okla., Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

By CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — Baylor coach Scott Drew thinks it was just one of those nights for Oklahoma and coach Lon Kruger.

Makai Mason scored 12 points, and Baylor rolled past the Sooners 77-47 on Monday night for its fifth straight win.

"Some days, you just have those days where you play well, and we really played well," Drew said. "Obviously, OU, it wasn't their best game. I have so much respect for coach Kruger and the job he does,

so anytime you're able to get a win like that — it doesn't happen often."

Mario Kegler scored 11 points and Jared Butler added 10 for the Bears (14-7, 5-2 Big 12), who claimed their third league road win of the month and moved into a tie for first place in the conference with Kansas State and Kansas State.

The Bears already had beaten Oklahoma State and West Virginia away from home in Big 12 play. Mason said Baylor's team-first approach helps on the road.

"We play for each other," he said. "One guy's not going to get it done

every night. We've got to have multiple guys doing multiple things. So sharing the ball is a huge thing for us, and then I think our defense and rebounding is going to keep us in every game as well."

Kristian Doolittle scored 12 points and Miles Reynolds added 11 for Oklahoma (15-6, 3-5), which was sitting just outside of the newly released Top 25. The Sooners got blown out two days after beating Vanderbilt by 31 points in the SEC/Big 12 Challenge.

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## Jackson's unusual path to point guard for No. 1 Baylor women



AP photo

Baylor guard Chloe Jackson runs the offense during an NCAA college basketball game against Connecticut in Waco, Texas. Jackson took an unusual path to being the starting point guard for top-ranked Baylor and coach Kim Mulkey.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Basketball Writer

WACO, Texas — Chloe Jackson took an unusual path to being the starting point guard for top-ranked Baylor and coach Kim Mulkey.

Jackson was a graduate transfer last summer after two seasons as a shooting guard at LSU. She was a standout soccer player who also loved basketball in high school, and if not for a rare earthquake affecting her home state of Maryland then, she might now be kicking balls somewhere instead running the floor for the nation's top women's basketball team.

"Chloe has been great to play with. ... Being a point guard is tough, considering I'm the third-string point

guard on this team. It's good to see she can come to a new team and run a whole bunch of different plays with a whole bunch of different players from LSU," Baylor teammate DiDi Richards said. "It's cool to see she can adapt to something so quickly."

Big 12-leading Baylor (17-1) on Monday took over the No. 1 spot in the AP women's basketball poll for the first time since the end of the 2012-13 regular season, when the Lady Bears had All-American point guard Odyssey Sims and national player of the year Brittney Griner.

When Jackson left LSU for Baylor, she was looking for the chance to win a championship and prepare herself for playing at a higher level.

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Responsible for operating  
and monitoring plant equip-  
ment outside of the control  
room. Records operational  
data and reports any abnor-  
malities. Performs minor  
maintenance tasks. All du-  
ties are performed in accord-  
ance with approved proced-  
ures, guidelines and operat-  
ing directives in effect. As-  
sists in coordinating, direct-  
ing and training the assigned  
crew. Work is performed with  
minimal supervision and Dir-  
ection from the control oper-  
ator.

### Primary Job Duties and Re- sponsibilities (Essential Job Functions)

Read meters and gauges or  
automatic recording devices  
at specific intervals. Record  
data such as temperature of  
equipment, hours of opera-  
tion, pressures, Voltage load  
and generator balance and  
power meter readings. Moni-  
tor plant performance and en-  
sure optimum operating con-  
ditions are maintained.

Assist in the start-up, opera-  
tion and shutdown of all  
equipment. Assist or perform  
start-up of turbine/generators  
sets and synchronization and  
place them on the grid.

Maintain the wellfield, brine  
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read and interpret docu-  
ments such as safety rules,  
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manuals. Ability to write  
routine reports and corres-  
pondence accurately.

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(or subdivision) of the fol-  
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DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb  
22, 2019 Address: Railroad  
Commission of Texas ATTN:  
Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box  
12967 Austin, Texas 78711-  
2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780

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Lateral: TH1 Penetration  
Point Location Lease Lines:  
350.0 FNL 823.0 FEL Ter-  
minus Location BH County:  
HOWARD Section: 11 Block:  
32 T2N Abstract: 268 Survey:  
T&P RR CO Lease Lines:  
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Field Rules for ALL fields on  
the permit application are as  
follows: SPRABERRY  
(TREND AREA): Special  
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well is to be drilled to an ap-  
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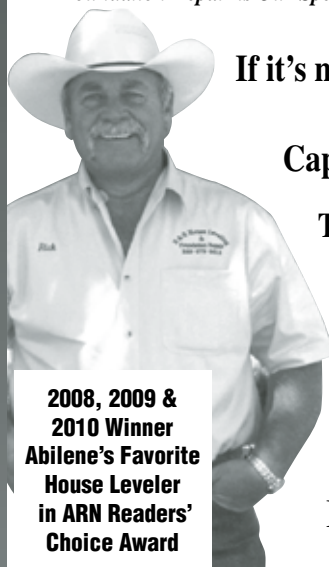
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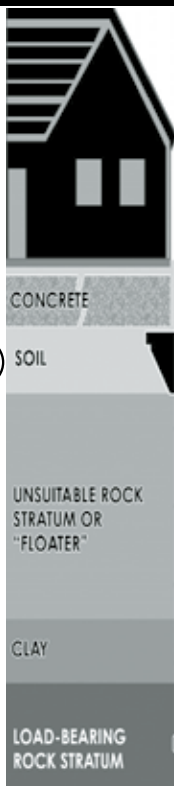
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**Annie's Mailbox**

All Not in the Family

**Dear Annie:** My husband of two years was divorced from his ex six years ago. They had no children. The divorce was the result of infidelity on his part. When we began to date, he was very upfront with me about his dysfunctional marriage and about how his infidelity was the result of his being shut down by his wife in the bedroom for several years. They split, and she bought a house 1 mile away from him. He was honest about what happened and was very clear he had nothing to hide. She has suddenly become all about "the family." It is as if she is taking out her anger over the divorce on me. 1) I wasn't the girl he was seeing back then. 2) It isn't her business. Now it has been made perfectly clear that his family recognizes her as family and not me, and he is also treated like an outcast. She is front and center of everything, attending all family events. I have tried to be nice and civil to her, but she is always rude to me. My husband's sister finally came around and apologized, recognizing that the ex's being around all the time does pose a problem. I love him, and I hate to see him hurting like this. How should I handle his family when we both feel like outcasts? -- Outcast

**Dear Outcast:** Though you can't control other people's actions, you can control your reactions to other people. Try to be sympathetic to your husband's ex-wife. Clearly, she has struggled to move on from their marriage. By focusing all of her energy on his

family, she is wasting opportunities to meet a new partner and move on with her life. As far as how your in-laws are treating your husband and you, all you can do is lend your support and love to him. It sounds as if you're off to a good start toward repairing your relationship and, in turn, your husband's relationship with his family, given his sister extended an olive branch and apologized. Try as best you can to be the bigger person and accept her apology. Let go of any resentment you hold. Let's hope that in the future, he will once again feel close to his family. As is always the case, communication is key. When your feelings and expectations are clear -- and you are clear on everybody else's -- then the situation will go more smoothly.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to "Blindsided by Blue," who's losing her eyesight from looking at a computer screen all day. Many years ago, the company I worked for rented office space to a lighting company. The woman running the lighting company suggested that we put some sort of secondary lighting by our computers so our eyes could adjust to different levels of light. I did this. I have been retired for over 20 years, and I still have a lamp by my computer. I've had no loss of eyesight. I hope this helps. -- Still Seeing

**Dear Still Seeing:** Thank you for your insightful (no pun intended) advice on protecting eyesight.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

**Sun and Mercury Conjunction in Aquarius**

In a show, entrances and exits are a big deal. Often they are applauded. Usually they happen in a manner that gives insight into a character. Today's big identity marker of a sun aligns with Mercury, master of comings and goings. Life is a stage and we can win applause with those entrances and exits. Make them count.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There's so much to do. You're not sure if it's work or play, but you know it's fun, so who cares? Tonight: You'll find your way through what is, essentially, a maze.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If you're not sticking to your personal rules -- not erecting and enforcing personal boundaries -- then it's possible you're unconsciously telling someone that it's OK for them to continue in a way that's not desirable to you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You recognize what is convenient for you and what makes sense for you, and you have the right and the ability to say no when it doesn't fit into either category.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The easiest way to learn the needs and wants of others is to

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**By HOLIDAY MATHIS**



simply ask. And if you can't ask others, ask yourself. To understand yourself more thoroughly is to understand others at deeper levels, too.

ing that signals a shifting of roles.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** A friendship takes your focus. This relationship thrives with good timing and healthy balance, which currently favors giving attention and quiet support over advice and efforts.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There's an illusion going on, made possible by distance. Get closer to the action. Get inside the action if you can. That's how you're going to know what's really going on.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** To glimpse the future, observe what's happening at the boundaries. Boundaries include: edges of territory, opening and closing time, the limits of manners, customs and rules, the change of cloth-

together? What's the commonality? Inside this information is all you need to know to form a good group or dissolve a bad one.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** There's always the option to walk out of the room. It doesn't even have to be a bad room. There might not be anything technically wrong with the room, but if it's not for you, it's not... and you can just walk out.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Not long ago, you set out to solve a problem and you built a thing -- a system, tool, attitude, set of rules or a guiding philosophy you hoped would be the answer. Now it's time to check that what you built works as intended.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** An agreement you made is turning into much more work for you than you thought it would be. There are people around you who, with a request and some clear instructions, could easily help. All will go well.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You won't start what you can't finish. That's just not your style. Actually, it's no professional's style. Professionals decide what they are going to do and what "done" looks like, and they don't stop until the picture matches.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 29).** Your birthday gift will be a productive shortcut that takes you on a 10-week journey in five weeks. Other highlights of the year include: getting reacquainted with an old friend, enjoying family and your extended support system in a new and more relaxed way and the introduction of a novel and hip hobby. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 22, 4, and 16.

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

ANSWER:

**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**High-class defense**

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

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

**WEST**  
♠ J 8 7 4 2  
♥ 5  
♦ A 10  
♣ 9 8 6 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 6 3  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ K Q 7 2  
♣ 7 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 9 5  
♥ A 7 6 4 3  
♦ J 8 5 3  
♣ Q 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
Pass Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
1 ♥ Pass 4 ♥  
Opening lead — four of spades.

Good defense often requires meticulous care to achieve the desired goal. Take this case where East-West must function perfectly to defeat four hearts.

South wins the fourth-best spade lead in dummy and plays the A-K of hearts, West discarding the spade deuce. For whatever it's worth, this discard tells East that West started with precisely five spades.

Declarer next plays three rounds of clubs, discarding a diamond as East ruffs the third club with the queen. East must now return a low diamond, not the king; if he returns the king, the suit becomes blocked, and South makes the contract.

Actually, East has all the clues he needs to justify the low diamond return. He knows South started with two spades, five hearts and two clubs, and therefore with four diamonds. East's only hope thus lies in assuming that his partner has the ace of diamonds; if declarer has the ace, the contract cannot be defeated. So East returns the deuce of diamonds, hoping to score three diamond tricks.

The burden of the defense now shifts to West, who must not win the ten after declarer follows low. Winning with the ace may seem abnormal when the trick can be won with the ten, but it is the right play nonetheless.

West is in a similar position to gauge the situation accurately. He knows his side cannot win any tricks in the black suits, so three diamond tricks must be taken before South can discard another diamond on dummy's remaining club. The only way this can happen is if East holds the K-Q of diamonds. West therefore wins the diamond with the ace and returns the ten to defeat the contract.

Tomorrow: A shadow on the horizon.

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5:30 PM	Big 2 ABC	P. Luche Noticiero	Broke Girl	CBS 7	Tele	News	Dollars	Focus	Mama's	American	Fam. Guy	Movie: Central Intelligence (DVS)	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	Basket	Mod Fam	The First 48	Garage Rehab
6:30 PM	Jeopardy! Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatlón Unidos (SS)	News	Our Mess	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	Mod Fam	Leah Remini	Garage Rehab	
7:30 PM	House Kids	Jesús	Lethal Weapon	Super Bowl Greatest	Ellen's Game	News	House	Finding Your Roots	Griffith	The Flash	Big Bang	NBA Basketball: Pelicans at Rockets	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	Champ Spotlight	Mod Fam	Leah Remini	Garage
8:30 PM	State of the Union 2019	Mi marido	State of the Union 2019	State of the Union 2019	Jugar con fuego	State of the Union 2019	Light of Southwest	State of the Union 2019	G. Pyle	Roswell, NM	Big Bang	College Basketball: Pelicans at Rockets	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	Champ Spotlight	Leah Remini	Garage Rehab	
9:30 PM	Big 2	Impacto	FOX 24	CBS 7	Tele	News	Creation	Amanpour-Co	C. Burnett	Gold	Conan	NBA Basketball: 76ers at Lakers	SportsCenter	College Basketball: Nevada at UNLV.	Power of SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Many Sides	Street Out-laws
10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	M:25	Finding Your Roots	Perry Mason	Seinfeld	New Girl	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	College Basketball: Nevada at UNLV.	Power of SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Leah Remini	Garage Rehab
11:30 PM	Nightline	Deportivo	Funny	James Corden	Jugar con fuego	Seth Meyers	Way of	Way of	Twi. Zone	Rules	Conan	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	College Basketball: Nevada at UNLV.	Power of SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Leah Remini	Garage Rehab
12:30 AM	Extra	Soy tu dueña	Two Men	Access	El barón (SS)	Daly	Think Red	Hitchcock	Hitchcock	King	New Girl	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	College Basketball: Nevada at UNLV.	Power of SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Leah Remini	Garage Rehab
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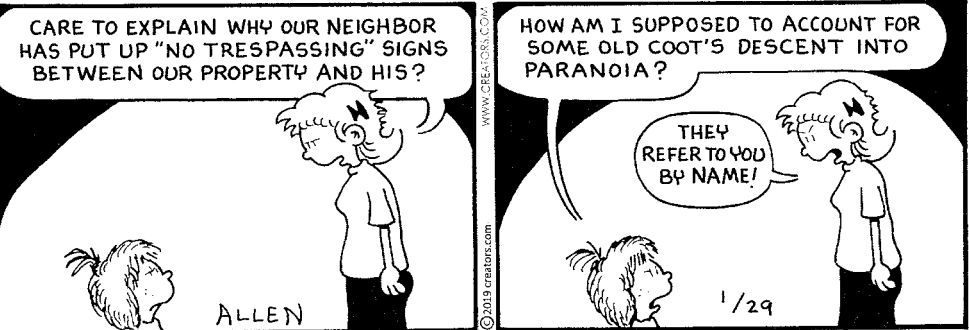
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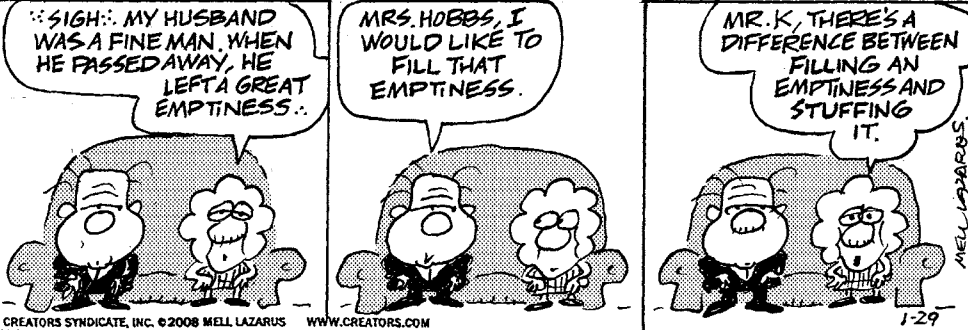
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2019. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 29, 1936, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, New York.

On this date:

In 1820, King George III died at Windsor Castle at age 81; he was succeeded by his son, who became King George IV.

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

In 1856, Britain's Queen Victoria introduced the Victoria Cross to reward military acts of valor during the Crimean War.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1863, the Bear River Massacre took place as the U.S. Army attacked Shoshone in present-day Idaho. The New York Stock & Exchange Board changed its name to the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In 1963, the first charter members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio (they were enshrined when the Hall opened in September 1963). Poet Robert Frost died in Boston at age 88.

In 1975, a bomb exploded inside the U.S. State Department in Washington, causing considerable damage, but injuring no one; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan announced in a nationally broadcast message that he and Vice President George H.W. Bush would seek re-election in the fall.

In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama, killing security guard

Robert Sanderson and critically injuring nurse Emily Lyons. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)

In 2002, In his first

State of the Union address, President George W. Bush said terrorists were still threatening America — and he warned of "an axis of evil" consisting of North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

Ten years ago: Declaring that ending pay disparity is not just a women's issue, President Barack Obama signed The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, giving workers more time to take their

pay discrimination cases to court. The Illinois Senate voted, 59-0, to convict Gov. Rod Blagojevich (blah-GOY'-uh-vich) of abuse of power and throw him out of office nearly two months

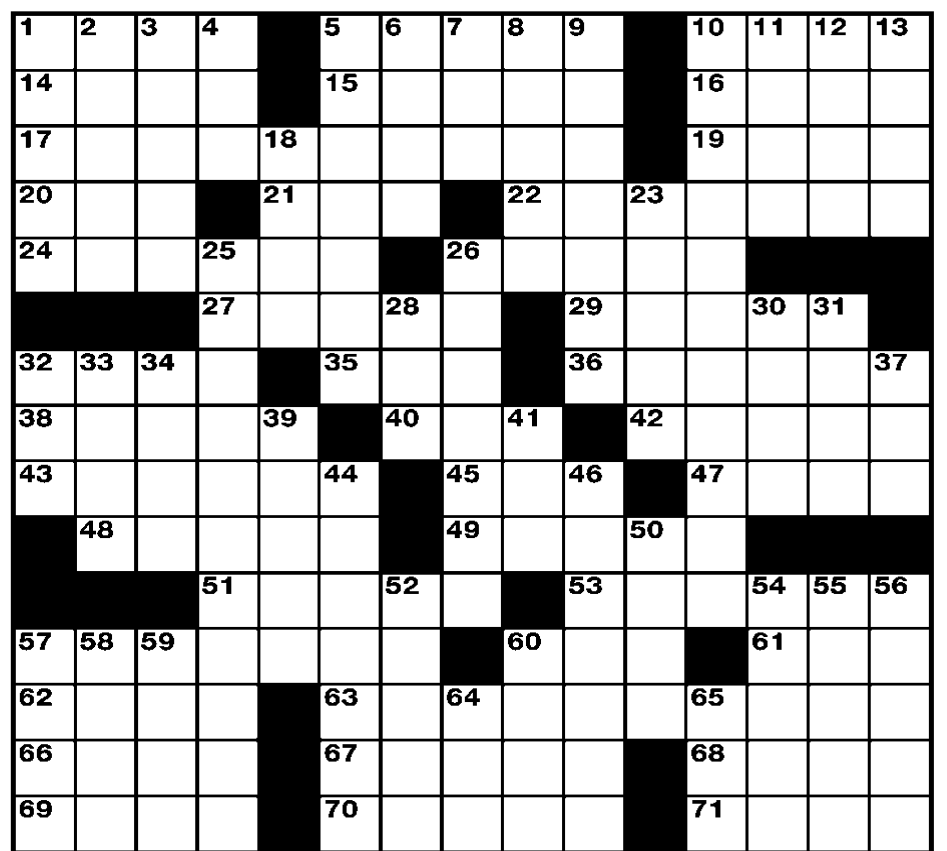
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Polio conqueror Jonas
  - 5 Three-note chord
  - 10 Holders of peas
  - 14 Tell \_\_\_ (be deceitful)
  - 15 Door-to-wall hardware
  - 16 A Great Lake
  - 17 Crisp cookie
  - 19 Treaty
  - 20 Lincoln's nickname
  - 21 "A mouse!"
  - 22 Knocks over, as a house of cards
  - 24 Not married
  - 26 Spooky
  - 27 Colorado ski resort
  - 29 Human body sculpture
  - 32 Mustache or sideburns
  - 35 Glossy publication, for short
  - 36 Lazy \_\_\_ (pantry turntables)
  - 38 Speak highly of
  - 40 Compete in a marathon
  - 42 Adhere
  - 43 Start drawing a pension
  - 45 President after JFK
  - 47 Swirling current
  - 48 Style of furnishings
  - 49 Flora and \_\_\_ (plants and animals)
  - 51 "God \_\_\_ America"
  - 53 "Grownups only" restriction
  - 57 Have items in common with
  - 60 Ventilate
  - 61 Just published
  - 62 Personal assistant

- 63 Briny spear with a sandwich
  - 66 Dog-biting bug
  - 67 Wear away slowly
  - 68 Adorable
  - 69 "Transmit email" button
  - 70 Pave again, as a driveway
  - 71 Minor argument
- DOWN**
- 1 Lengthy tales
  - 2 Excuse that might be "ironclad"
  - 3 Tablecloth or pillowcase
  - 4 Barrel for beer
  - 5 Common dismissal hr. for elementary school
  - 6 Jeopardize
  - 7 Rural hotel
  - 8 Stone used for marbles
  - 9 Banishes from a country
  - 10 Chinese beef entrée
  - 11 Word-of-mouth
  - 12 Board game cubes
  - 13 Movie sound stages
  - 18 Snakelike fishes
  - 23 Very devout
  - 25 Pungent loaf served with pasta
  - 26 Surrounds overwhelmingly
  - 28 Portion of corn
  - 30 Uttered
  - 31 How many LPs were rereleased
  - 32 \_\_\_ Royal Highness (queen's title)
  - 33 Chopped down
  - 34 "Just had dinner"
  - 37 Pie in the \_\_\_ (improbable idea)
  - 39 Bridge guard of folklore
  - 41 Hoops org.
  - 44 Device that stores digital books
  - 46 Tree whose berries flavor gin
  - 50 "Me either"
  - 52 Tip of a tower
  - 54 Refill, as a stamp pad
  - 55 River mouth formation
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# Fear The Beard: James Harden on a roll, revives Houston

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HOUSTON — James Harden has been scoring at a pace not seen since Wilt Chamberlain in the 1960s.

He doesn't want to talk about it, of course. He never does, whether things are going well or not. But it is clear he is enjoying this because his scoring outburst has coincided with Houston climbing the standings, back among the top teams in the Western Conference after an early-season slump.

"I love to hoop," he said. "I love to just be out there and the grind."

He scored 40 points in Houston's win over Orlando on Sunday night to extend his stretch of consecutive 30-point games to 23, the fourth-longest streak in NBA history behind three such streaks by Chamberlain. In 13 games this month, last season's MVP is averaging 44.1 points. He has scored at least 40 points in eight games in January, including two 50-point games and a franchise-record 61 in a win over the Knicks.

"It's remarkable," teammate Eric Gordon said. "I've been around a lot of big-time players and he's for sure the best scorer I've ever been around and he does it so easily. It's a credit to him. He's one of the best scorers ever."

It isn't only Harden's teammates who have been wowed by his work. Memphis coach J.B. Bickerstaff, who worked for the Rockets from 2011-16, gushed about him.

"When we left here we thought he was really good and then somehow, some way he's gotten even better," he said. "Last year he was the MVP and now he's even better and it's a credit to him, his work ethic and the passion that he plays the game with."

Harden led the league in scoring last season for the first time by averaging 30.43 points a game, but injuries to Chris Paul and Clint Capela have forced him to carry an even bigger load this year and he's averaging in NBA-best 36.33.



AP photo

**Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) dribbles around Orlando Magic forward Aaron Gordon during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, in Houston.**

If he keeps this pace up for the rest of the season he would be the first player to average more than 36 points a game since Michael Jordan averaged 37.09 in 1986-87. If the season ended today, Harden would have the seventh-highest scoring average in NBA history behind that season by Jordan, which ranks fifth, and five seasons by Chamberlain.

His average is seven points higher than Steph Curry and Anthony Davis, who are tied for second with 29.3 points a game. But as much as Harden is scoring, he's also finding ways to get his teammates involved, and his 8.2 assists a game are tied for fourth in the league.

"I know the attention I draw on the court and the

defense is locked on me so I try to help the guys get their opportunities to make it easier for them to score," Harden said.

As Harden has been piling up points, opponents are searching for ways to slow him down. He's often asked about the different things teams have thrown at him and seems amused at the varying tactics.

"I've been seeing double teams, triple teams, zones," he said. "I've been seeing it all these past few weeks."

During this streak more than one opposing coach has considered it an accomplishment to limit Harden to less than 40 points.

Kenneth Faried, who signed with Houston last week, has had to defend Harden in the past and noted the mindset he had when faced with that task.

"He's going to get 30," Faried said. "It's going to happen. So you might as well just mark that down in the book. You've just got to make sure he doesn't get the 60 points."

In the days following his 61-point show at Madison Square Garden, the Beard was asked if he feels like he's un-guardable right now.

"I mean, I've always felt like that," he said with a sly smile and laugh. "So I don't know about now, but I've had that feeling. It's just confidence. That's all it is."

Houston went 12-5 in 17 games without Paul, who returned over the weekend. The Rockets have won three straight to improve to 29-20 and are in fifth place in the Western Conference. While they've made strides since a terrible start had them near the bottom of the conference, Harden and Houston know they need to get much better if they hope to bring the team its first title since 1995.

That, Harden says, is why he doesn't like all the talk about his high scoring and why those close to him know they shouldn't discuss it either.

"Nobody can praise me," he said. "None of my friends and close family, I don't want them to be talking about it. We've got a long way to go."

## JACKSON

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"Never knew how big my role was going to be, but I knew what (Mulkey) wanted me to do, and I felt like that would better me for the next level," Jackson said. "Obviously playing on the biggest stage on an elite level."

Her anticipated role changed drastically in September, when sophomore point guard Alexis Morris was dismissed from the team for violating team rules.

Jackson is averaging 10.9 points, 6.8 assists and 3.6 rebounds a game. The Lady Bears were tied for the national

lead with their 1.81 assist-to-turnover ratio, and Jackson was 15th nationally at 2.78 — she has more than four times as many assists as turnovers (37 to 9) in the past four games.

"The biggest adjustment was just being more vocal, having to be that quarterback on the floor ... just having to learning all the plays," Jackson said. "In that month span, going from trying to learn from (Morris), to having to be the one to learn it and teach it."

All while playing for Mulkey, who long before winning two national championships as Baylor's coach played point guard for two national titles at Louisiana Tech and is demand-

ing of her players at that spot.

Mulkey described Jackson as "smart, doesn't try to be something she's not."

In a win over Iowa State last week, Jackson had her first double-double at Baylor with 11 points and 11 assists.

"Everything Chloe does with the ball in her hands impresses me, because that's like taking a wide receiver and making them a quarterback their fifth year in college," Mulkey said. "An athlete might run the ball a lot, but you've got to have patterns, you've got to throw the ball on a dime when they make their cuts, you've got to have a presence in the pocket, and she's having to do all of that stuff."

Jackson played for an elite girls basketball program at Riverdale Baptist High in Maryland, though before her sophomore year in the summer of 2011 she had moved to a different school with a standout soccer team to play both sports there.

"That was a crazy summer," Jackson said. "I spent the whole summer working out, playing soccer and doing all of that, but when school started, I went to school for literally one day and then that night an earthquake occurred. ... Everything happens for a reason. In high school, that happened for a reason. This situation that I'm in right now, it all happened for a reason."

## BAYLOR

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Baylor's suffocating zone held the Sooners to season lows in scoring and field goal percentage (.269).

"They were sharp," Kruger said. "On both ends of the floor, we didn't do what we had to do to fight that off. We've got to do a lot better. Baylor was playing great. They had a good attitude and good enthusiasm, and we were way too tentative to match their physicality."

Baylor dominated every phase to take a 39-21 half-time lead. The Bears' defense packed the paint and made the Sooners take uncomfortable shots. It was a season low for points in a half for the Sooners.

Oklahoma's offense improved in the second half, but the Sooners just traded baskets with the Bears and couldn't make up ground. Baylor hit some 3s late to push out the final margin.

"At the end of the day, you put them in position where if they make a shot, it's good offense, if they miss it, it's bad offense, and I just thought it wasn't their day from the field," Drew said.

**BIG PICTURE**

Baylor: The Bears became a legitimate threat to win the conference title. They shot 54 percent against the conference's No. 2 field-goal percentage defense.

Oklahoma: Trae Young has gone on to the NBA, and the Sooners really missed him in this particular case. Young scored 44 points in a 98-96 win

against Baylor in Norman last season. The entire team barely reached that total this time around. The Sooners have sometimes struggled to manufacture points, and this time, the defense didn't bail them out.

**FAMILY PRIDE**

Vanderbilt coach Bryce Drew got blown out on Saturday, but big brother Scott's team beat the Sooners nearly as badly two days later.

**SCORER STYMIED**

Oklahoma's top scorer for the season, Christian James, was held to eight points on 2-for-9 shooting. He entered the night averaging 16.8 points per game.

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Rashard Odomes' run of double-figure scoring games ended at four. He scored six points on Monday night.

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# In the younger, cheaper NFL, Super Bowl champs get cut, too

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

A word of warning to all those soon-to-be Super Bowl champions in New England or Los Angeles: Don't get too comfortable. You might be looking for a job fairly soon.

The NFL's inexorable trend of going younger and cheaper does not bypass the best teams in the league. In fact, it may help them stay as good as they are.

An Associated Press analysis of Super Bowl champions over the past seven years revealed that title teams shed an average of 20.4 players off their 53-man rosters from the Super Bowl to Week 1 of the next season. That's 38.5 percent. On average, the new players had 1.8 fewer years of experience than the players they replaced.

The findings were in line with data analyzed by the AP that showed a steady trend downward in experience of all teams despite attempts in the 2006 and 2011 collective bargaining agreements to stem that tide. Average experience on opening-day rosters has dropped from 4.6 years to 4.3 since 2005.

"I mean, look, there's a lot of turnover in the National Football League on every team in every year," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "It's the National Football League. Teams turn over a lot of players and a lot of coaches every single year, every single team."

No team does it with quite the high-profile effectiveness as the Patriots, who have collected five Super Bowl titles since 2002, and will be going for No. 6 on Sunday against the Rams.

New England's five Super Bowl champions turned over an average of 19.2 players the season after they won their titles. The season after their 2015 win over the Seahawks, they brought in 24 new players — the biggest number among all the teams surveyed in this analysis.

How does all this turn out? Not very well, except for the Patriots. Of the past seven Super Bowl teams, none has repeated. Two have returned to the Super Bowl to lose. Two have lost in the playoffs. Three didn't even make the playoffs.

The 2003-04 Patriots are the last team to repeat.

Belichick's famously un-sentimental view of rosters, and the players who fill them, has led to some of the most awkward, unpopular and sometimes downright messy break-ups in recent memory.

Coming off a season in which the Patriots lost the AFC title game, Belichick traded away linebacker Jamie Collins — to the then 0-8 Browns, no less — in the middle of the 2016 season. New England won the Super Bowl that year.

Ty Law, Adam Vinatieri, Vince Wilfork, Richard Seymour. Lawyer Milloy, Jimmy Garoppolo, Wes Welker, Damien Woody. New England said goodbye to all of them when they still had gas left in the tank.

They unexpectedly benched the cornerback who saved the 2015 Super Bowl, Malcolm Butler, at the Super Bowl three years later, then let him go via free agency. Drew Bledsoe got injured in 2001 and his days were numbered. He got traded to the Bills after a backup named Tom Brady stepped in and did fairly well.

Through it all, Brady and Belichick have been the con-

stant.

"Some of it is perception, and some of it is reality," said Eric Winston, the former NFL offensive lineman who is now the president of the players' union. "Every NFL team, in certain areas, goes through maturation and goes through the process of, 'How do we build a team?' And then it changes. One year, it's finding a few older free agents who can play. Another, everyone wants to get younger when the Seahawks win with an average age of 26.4."

The average experience on Seattle's 2013 Super Bowl champions was 3.66 years, the lowest among the teams AP surveyed. Not surprising, then, that Seattle only turned over 15 players from that roster. Seattle returned to the Super Bowl the next season, but went into a rebuilding mode not long after, with many of the top contributors from the Super Bowl teams becoming too pricey. The team scrambled to put fresh talent around still-young quarterback, Russell Wilson, but has never returned to the Super Bowl.

"Teams will try to find a

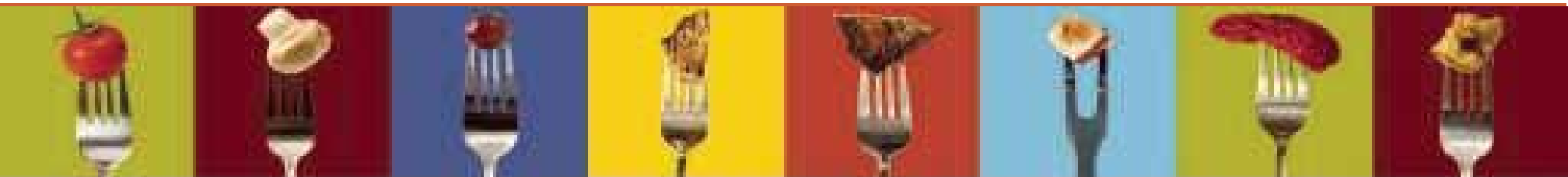
younger, cheaper option even if the drop off in production isn't there" from the player they're cutting ties with, said Seahawks 11th-year offensive lineman Duane Brown. "If they're not as productive but a little cheaper they're willing to sacrifice it."

Even by jettisoning around one-third of their rosters, teams don't always end up younger the next season. Of the 10 teams the AP analyzed — all seven title teams since 2011, along with the 2001, 2003 and 2004 Patriots — six actually got older. That's because even with the turnover, essentially two-thirds of the roster stays and ages a year.

That only amplifies the need to work hard at staying young.

Jets offensive lineman Kelvin Beachum recalled conversations he's had with assistant coach David Diaz-Infante, who played on the Broncos title teams in the late 90s.

"He said, 'Man, I remember when I was in my room, the youngest person in our room was 29,'" Beachum said. "That's considered almost older than a geezer now."



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