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## Commissioners to hold tax abatement workshop

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will hold a workshop at 2 p.m. Wednesday to discuss proposed tax abatement guidelines, before their regularly scheduled 3:30 p.m. meeting.

The 2 p.m. tax abatement workshop, designed to allow the commissioners to meet with Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Director Terry Wegman and ask questions about proposed tax abatement guidelines, will be in the second-floor conference room at the Howard County

Courthouse, 300 S. Main Street.

At their meeting two weeks ago, commissioners tabled a vote on approval of the guidelines in order to give them time to have Wegman answer their questions. The guidelines, which are being presented to all local taxing entities, are designed to standardize policies among the entities for using tax abatements as inducements to attract business and industry to the area.

Both the 2 p.m. workshop and the 3:30 p.m. meeting are open to the public.

In other business, the commission-

ers will:

- Hear an update on the Howard County Library, and status on the annual report from Howard County Librarian Mavour Braswell.
- Revisit a request from Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons to establish a Juvenile Case Manager Fund. The item was tabled for consideration at the commissioners' previous meeting.
- Consider invoices, purchase requests, and budget amendments.
- Consider payroll, personnel considerations, and the presentation of the Treasurer's Monthly Report.

• Consider action on roadway maintenance updates.

• Meet in closed executive session to discuss action on a contract for radio service.

If you would like to address the commissioners, plan to arrive a few minutes before the start of the meeting to fill out a brief form alerting them to your intent to speak. For more information, contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman at 432-264-2202.

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

## Chocolate Fest to benefit Scurry County Museum



Courtesy photo

The Scurry County Museum, shown here, and its satellite gallery "1818 Arthouse" will benefit from the upcoming annual Chocolate Fest fundraiser, scheduled Saturday.

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

The Scurry County Museum, as well as its satellite gal-

This yearly celebration of all things chocolate is the highlight of the season, and a great way to try an assortment of wines, foods and chocolates, all while supporting the museum and arthouse.

During the event, there will be more than a dozen wines and food samplings from local Snyder restaurants. There will also be fundraising activities with crowd favorite Lori Sealy Concept artists painting live, and more.

Some of the featured food will be provided by Butcher's Block, Spanish Inn, The Ponderosa, 4-H Culinary Competition Team and others.

For ticket information, please call 325-573-6107, or email the museum at scm@snydertex.com.

You can also follow their Facebook page.

IDs will be checked at the door, and only those 21 and older will be allowed to

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## Fun Feast at East Side Baptist Church



HERALD file photo

East Side Baptist Church will host a Fun Feast Feb. 15 at the church, 1108 E. Sixth St. The public is invited to come join in the festivities.

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

East Side Baptist Church will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, Feb. 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with their Fun Feast. The church will be providing baked potatoes, soup and salad, and everyone who attends is asked to bring fixings and toppings for baked potatoes.

See **FEAST**, Page 3

## Howard County Republicans to host author as guest speaker

Special to the Herald



The Howard County Republican Club will meet Feb. 11 at the Cactus Room in Howard College's Student Union Building at 11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Devvy Kidd. She has authored the booklets "Why A Bankrupt America" and "Blind Loyalty"; two million copies have been sold to date.

She is also the author of four other books dealing with constitutional issues and solutions. Kidd writes a weekly column for Newswithviews.com, periodically for WorldNetDaily.com and the U.S. Observer. She is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Kidd is a constitutionalist who believes in the supreme law of the land and is a full time warrior for freedom and liberty. Local residents are invited to attend and hear this speaker.

For more information please call 423 270-8513

## Moss Lake closed to the public for repairs



Herald file photo

The Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) is currently making water infrastructure improvements that have required Moss Lake to be drained. As a matter of public safety, Moss Lake is closed to the public. This closure is effective immediately and will continue until further notice. We regret any inconvenience related to the work and request your patience during this project.

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## Obituaries

### Dearl Dean Pittman



Dearl Dean Pittman, 86, of De Leon, left this world Feb. 3, 2019, at his home with his loving family by his side. He was born Sept. 3, 1932, in Gorman, Texas to Henry Reeves Pittman and Tennie Vinson Pittman. Dearl married Frances "Nadine" Maxwell Pittman December 15, 1953 in De Leon, Texas.

Dearl graduated Valedictorian from Gorman High School. He proudly served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1955. Dearl began his career with Pioneer Natural Gas as a meter reader in Midland, worked his way up to District Manager and was transferred to Big Spring, Texas. He retired from ENER GAS in 1987 at which time Dearl and Nadine returned to the family home place in Rucker, Texas, where he lived until his death.

Dearl was cited for numerous contributions made for the betterment of the community of Big Spring. He was very active with the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and YMCA. Dearl found the time to direct a successful little league program, a duty which saddled him the responsibility of moving the National Little League Park. Somehow, he reserved enough time to propel the Howard County United Way Campaign to the very brink of success, during which time he functioned both as President and General Manager. Dearl was very active in the AMBUCS serving as president in 1969 and 1970 and was awarded Mr. AMBUC of District 6-A in 1986. Dearl was named Big Spring Man of the Year in 1977. He served as Treasurer of Berea Baptist Church in Big Spring for many years.

### Toby Randall Cotton



Toby Randall Cotton, 21, of Big Spring died Friday, February 1, 2019, in Eden.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church with Randy Cotton, Toby's grandfather, and Tim Dunn, Toby's uncle, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Toby was born September 25, 1997, in Midland to Boo and Yvette Cotton. He graduated from Big Spring High School and was employed by the Texas Department of Transportation. He grew up at Trinity Baptist Church and attended Hillside Christian Church. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

Toby is survived by his parents, Boo and Yvette

Dearl was preceded in death by his loving wife of fifty-three years, Nadine Pittman; daughter-in-law, Maurine Pittman; and his parents.

He is survived by his sons, Randy (Cindy) Pittman of Midland; Dale Pittman of Big Spring, and Gale Pittman of Lubbock; grandchildren, Brandi (Shane) Mitchell of Sherman, Brooke (Greg) Kennedy of Katy, Brock (Stacy) Pittman of Midland, Jessica Pittman of Saginaw, Jennifer Pittman of Big Spring, and Desi (David) Freshour; great-grandchildren, London, Whitley, Hudson, Brenden, Cody, Iris, Eric, Hunter, Mady, Blake, and Kinzy; two special nieces; two nephews; and other extended family.

The Pittman family will receive friends Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019, from 5-7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Reception Hall in Big Spring, Texas. Graveside services will be held Thursday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. in De Leon Cemetery with Minister Billy Banks and Brother Barry Schahn officiating. A visitation will be held prior to the graveside from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home, De Leon. Serving as pallbearers will be Brock Pittman, Shane Mitchell, Darren Maxwell, Terry Kelley, Russell Kelley, Richmond Zapp, Ronney Feaster and Gary Martin. Honorary pallbearers are Vaughn Martin, Jerry Nappi, Larry Don Womack, Jimmy Womack, and James Bruton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CCS Hospice, 118 E. Live Oak St#104, Dublin, Texas 76446, or to the charity of your choice. A special thank you to Darren Maxwell for his special care for Dearl in the last days of his life. Also, a sincere thank you to CCS Hospice for their kind service and attention. Condolences may be offered online at [www.nowlinandersfh.com](http://www.nowlinandersfh.com).

*Paid Obituary*

Cotton of Big Spring; one sister, Nita Cotton of Abilene; one brother, Cory Cotton of Big Spring; girlfriend, Catherine Harris of Big Spring; grandparents, Jo Ann and Randy Cotton of Big Spring; aunts and uncles, Karen and Keith Long of Big Spring, Debbie and Tim Dunn of Lubbock, and Chum and Dawn Garrett of Sand Springs; and Anthony and Meranda Carrasco of Weatherford; and numerous cousins.

Toby was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Julia Ortiz.

Pallbearers will be Garrett Stuteville, Andrew Paredez, Manuel Galvan, Jeremy Cervantes, Zach Hatfield, and Hunter Wigington.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to American Macular Degeneration Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Northampton, Mass., 01061-0515.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Bruce Parker



Bruce Parker, 80, of Knott, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019, in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services will 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 24, 1938, in Big Spring, Texas to Fred and Isabell Parker and married Joyce Robinson April 8, 1961.

Bruce grew up in Sand Springs and Knott. He attended school at Coahoma Elementary from first to third grade, and then at Knott ISD until graduating in 1957. He served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960. He had many careers: farmer, salesman, Cosden Refinery, barber, and was owner of Golden Pawn Shop from 1984 to 2000.

Bruce was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. Bruce cherished his wife of 57 years, Joyce, who survives him. He is also survived by three children, Stacy Thames and husband, Joe of Midland, Stan Parker and wife, Chavonna of Big Spring, and Shon Parker and wife, Gay Ann of Willow, Alaska; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews who he loved dearly; and many dear friends including a friend since childhood, Dick Nichols.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Richard Parker; and a great-granddaughter, Ambra Storm Parker.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to A Place for Grace, 100 Christopher Ct., Weatherford, Texas 76088 or Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

### Myrl Don Mitchell



Myrl Don Mitchell passed away in Big Spring, on Feb. 2, 2019.

He was born at the foot of Lone Wolf Hill in Mitchell County, Texas, south of Loraine, June 24, 1932 to McCarrol David and Maggie Saunders Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mercedine Brunet Mitchell; two sons, Jimmy and wife, Leah of Lenora, and Michael and wife, Laura of Ft. Worth, seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and one more on the way.

He was a cotton farmer and cotton gin owner for over 50 years. He was a very active in the cotton industry. He served on the Grady ISD school board for many years and was an enthusiastic and devoted Grady athletic booster.

A memorial service will be held at the Grady Wildcat Gym on Tuesday, Feb. 5th at 2 p.m.

He will be sorely missed by his family, community and Martin County.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## 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.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOHNNY ALLEN TONN**, 64, of 100 Jonesboro, was arrested on warrants for no license plate on trailer, expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and other warrants.
- **MALLORY MARIE LUNA**, 28, of 507 E. 15th St, was arrested

on a charge of public intoxication.

- **TYLER CHASE ADKINS** 18, of 2807 Apache Dr., was arrested on charges of criminal mischief (\$750-\$2500) and public intoxication
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 1200 block of Monicello St. and on the 2800 block of Apache Dr.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N. Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of MLK. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of E. 16th. One

person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Birdwell Ln. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Brooks Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Take Note

• AARP Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation each Monday from Feb. 4 through April 1 at the Big Spring Senior Center at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income.

Taxpayers need to bring a photo ID for the taxpayer and/or spouse, Social Security cards for everyone on the tax return (Tax-Aide will not do a return without seeing the Social Security cards), last year's tax returns, and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2018.

Free electronic filing will be available for faster refunds.

For more information contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533.

• Come enjoy some hot, fresh pizza and help the Coahoma ISD eighth-grade Academy Leadership class raise funds for their summer educational trip to Philadelphia. The fundraiser will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11, at Pizza Inn. Ten percent of the night's sales and all tips and donations goes to help fund the summer trip.

• 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).

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# Turmoil over governor tests Democrats' zero-tolerance policy



In this Feb. 2, 2019, photo, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, left, accompanied by his wife, Pam, speaks during a news conference in the governor's mansion in Richmond, Va. Democrats are hoping there's a silver lining to the Northam mess - that it shows they won't tolerate racism. Every level of the party has condemned the Democratic Virginia governor and demanded he step down. That follows disclosure that his medical school yearbook page features photos of a man in blackface standing with someone dressed in Klu Klux Klan attire.

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI

Associated Press

The denunciations began within hours of the disclosure that Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's

medical school yearbook page featured a person in blackface standing next to a person in a Ku Klux Klan outfit. Democratic activists and presidential contenders quickly called for his resignation. By the time the Democratic governor held a press conference to defend himself, both the national and state party had also demanded he leave.

Northam has refused to step down so far — he says he's not in the photo. But the pressure he faces highlights his party's insistence on policing its own when it comes to wrongdoing related to race and, in some cases, sexual misconduct. As the Republican Party has frequently shied away from disciplining or expelling its own members, Democrats have largely embraced a hard line.

That stance allows Democrats to draw a stark contrast with President Donald Trump and other Republicans who have made racist or sexist remarks. It's also a response to the demands of an increasingly diverse Democratic Party whose staunchest supporters are African-Americans and women, whose last president was a black man and who has two black people, one Latino and several women running for president.

"We can't call out Donald Trump, we can't call out Steve King, if we're not walking the talk," said Karine Jean-Pierre of MoveOn, a group founded in the late '90s to fight impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton over his affair with a White House intern.

The contrast with King, an Iowa Republican congressman, is one Democrats are eager to make. King had a long history of controversial rhetoric about immigrants, but it wasn't until he defended white supremacy in an interview with The New York Times last month that Republicans in Congress moved to strip him of committee assignments and called for his resignation.

Looming even larger is Trump, who fanned the racist conspiracy that Barack Obama wasn't born in the United States, said a federal judge couldn't rule on a lawsuit against him because he was "Mexican," has been accused of sexual wrongdoing by 19 women and reportedly used a profanity to describe countries that send black immigrants to the U.S.

When it comes to Trump, a 72-year-old white New York billionaire, contrast is everything for Democrats. On Tuesday, they'll answer his State of the Union address with a response from Georgia's Stacey Abrams, a 45-year-old who narrowly lost her bid last year to become America's first black female governor. They'll invite guests who represent key Democratic agenda items — climate and the environment, immigration, LGBTQ rights, the plight of federal workers — to watch from the gallery.

The distinction from Trump is especially crucial for Democratic presidential contenders. All the declared candidates — and most of those eyeing a campaign — called on Northam to resign. There have been precious few Northam defenders, but a handful argue he is being prejudged. Former Virginia Rep. Jim Moran decried "a rush to judgment" on CNN on Monday, while former Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman told the cable network that Northam "has a chance to prove what is his essence, not to rush him out of office for what is, unfortunately, political reasons."

Some Democrats bristle at the notion that politics played any role in the revulsion at Northam. "Booting electeds from office who have worn blackface is not about purity," said Rebecca Katz, a Democratic strategist. "It's about what's right."

The last prominent elected Democrat pushed out of office by his own party was Al Franken, the Minnesota senator who resigned after weeks of internal pressure over sexual harassment allegations in 2017. The Franken departure came as Democrats were still smarting over Trump's election in the face of numerous sexual harassment and assault allegations. He was replaced in the Senate by another Democrat, Tina Smith, who was overwhelmingly re-elected in November.

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## FEAST

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RSVP at 432-267-1915. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

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## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- TYLER CHASE ADKINS, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charges of criminal mischief (\$750-\$2500) and public intoxication
- RONALD YASUO AOYAMA II, 26, was arrested by BSPD on warrant for fta/motion for enforcement/child
- MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE, 56, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for terroristic threat of family/household
- MANUEL DANIEL CHAVEZ, JR., 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANGEL CHAVIRA, 23, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated
- SHENIQUE CUMBERBATCH, 25, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces
- LOUIS JAMES DIMASE, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- DAVID LYNN DOW, 35, was arrested by BSPD on charges of walking on highway with traffic.
- GUADALUPE GUTIERREZ, JR., 38, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for no driver's license.
- DAYSHAWN SHAKELL HEAROD, 18, was arrested by DPS on a charge for possession of marijuana (4 ounces to 5 pounds).
- COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUIR, 42, was arrested by BSPD on warrant for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury and possession of a controlled substance penalty group three (less than

- 28 grams)
- NATHANIEL DEVON LANG, 24, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for evading arrest detention w/vehicle, unauthorized use of vehicle, bail jumping/failure to appear, and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than 1 gram).
- AUDREY JOAN LICON, 40, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for possession of controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than 1 gram), possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1, and on charges for public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (4 grams to 200 grams), possession of a controlled substance penalty group 3 (less than 28 grams) and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- MALORY MARIE LUNA, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charges of public intoxication.
- TYREK KEON MADLOCK, 18, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces
- JOHN MICHAEL PENN, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DALE ROBERT SCHENCK, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing habitation/shelter/suprfun
- MARLON COREY SMITH, 18, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces
- JOHNNY ALLEN TONN, 64, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for parole violation, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no license plate on trailer and expired registration.

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# Neighbors: Plane 'sounded like a missile' as it broke apart

By AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — A small plane shook homes and "sounded like a missile" as it broke apart and rained chunks of metal into a Southern California neighborhood, igniting a house fire that killed four people, witnesses said Monday.

The pilot, a retired Chicago police officer living in Nevada, also died Sunday. Investigators were collecting pieces of the plane that fell into homes across about four blocks in Yorba Linda, a community southeast of Los Angeles.

"The witnesses I've spoken with say that they saw the airplane coming out of the clouds — it was still in one piece — and then they saw the tail breaking off and then the wing breaking off and then something like smoke before the airplane impacted the ground," said Maja Smith, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board.

Those witnesses did not report an explosion while the twin-engine propeller-driven Cessna 414A was in the air, she said.

Antonio Pastini, 75, of Gardnerville, Nevada, was the only person aboard, Orange County Sheriff's Lt. Cory Martino said.

Authorities were trying to identify the people who died in the house, describing them only as two males and two females. Martino said DNA may be required because of the condition

of the bodies.

Two other people were hospitalized with moderate injuries, he said.

Yorba Linda resident Dave Elfver said he was getting ready to go to a friend's house to watch the Super Bowl when he heard a whining sound "like a motorcycle going a hundred miles per hour."

"The whole house shook. I thought it was an earthquake, but the whining sound didn't make any sense."

Elfver, 75, said he ran to his backyard and saw a house engulfed in flames. He ran toward it along with a crowd of neighbors, and only then he saw an airplane wing in the street.

"I didn't realize what it was until I ran around the corner," he said Monday.

Across the street, one of the columns of a neighbor's home was collapsed and debris from the plane was strewn throughout the street. Another home had broken windows.

Shawn Winch, 49, said he was in his backyard when he heard what "sounded like a missile coming at my house." He said he saw the plane veer off and debris falling.

"It wasn't intact," he said as the plane came toward the neighborhood. "It was already breaking up."

The aircraft, which can carry up to eight people, took off from the Fullerton Municipal Airport about 12 miles (19 kilometers) away, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allen Kenitzer said.

Preliminary radar data shows the



AP Photo/Alex Gallardo

Firefighters work the scene of a deadly plane crash in the residential neighborhood of Yorba Linda, Calif., Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019. The Federal Aviation Administration said a twin-engine Cessna 414A crashed in Yorba Linda shortly after taking off from the Fullerton Municipal Airport.

plane reached about 7,800 feet (2,377 meters) and then rapidly fell, said Elliott Simpson, a NTSB investigator.

The main cabin of the airplane and one engine were found at the bottom of a ravine in the backyard of a house, and the other engine made a hole in the street, Simpson said.

The property where the fuselage ended up is about three houses down from the home that burned. It was not immediately clear what set the two-story house ablaze.

A portion of the plane's right wing had not been found, and investiga-

tors would search the burned house, Smith said. The Cessna 414A carries fuel in its wings.

John Cox, an aviation consultant, is confident investigators will figure out why the plane broke apart. Aircraft involved in mid-air breakups leave "fingerprints" — tell-tale signs — in the metal that will allow investigators to "build a sequence of the breakup that will lead them back to where it originated," said Cox, a former commercial pilot who's head of the consulting firm Safety Operating Systems.

## Texas news briefs

### Woman gets 30 years in prison in Texas dismemberment killing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for severing the limbs of a family member who was beaten with baseball bats and suffocated after she lured him to a San Antonio home.

A judge sentenced Candie Dominguez on Monday. She had confessed last week to participating in the September 2014 slaying of her cousin, 35-year-old Jose Luis Menchaca, over a botched drug deal and stabbing.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that Dominguez testified Friday she had no remorse for her role in the slaying of Menchaca, whose remains were burned on a barbecue pit.

Dominguez's then-boyfriend, Daniel Moreno Lopez, also was convicted in the killing last June. Lopez was sentenced to life in prison.

Lopez's cousin, Gabriel Moreno, was acquitted during a retrial in December after a previous trial ended with the jury deadlocked.

### Health officials say 5 cases of measles confirmed in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Health officials say five cases of measles have been confirmed in southern Texas, including four children under the age of 2.

The cases, which were announced Monday, include three in the Houston area, one in Galveston County and one in Montgomery County.

A possible sixth case in Texas is awaiting lab confirmation. The announcements come as a measles outbreak hits the Pacific Northwest, where more than 50 cases have been confirmed.

Officials urge vaccinations for the contagious virus, which was eradicated in the U.S. in 2000 as a result of immunization but arrives periodically with overseas travelers. The Houston Chronicle reports health officials were told the four children who fell ill had received their first of two measles vaccines. The second is given between the ages of 4 and 6.

### Medical examiner: North Texas man killed when e-cig explodes

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A medical examiner says a North Texas man was killed when an e-cigarette exploded in his face.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office reports 24-year-old William Brown of Fort Worth died Jan. 29, two days after a vaporizer pen he was using at an e-cigarette shop in nearby Keller exploded. The medical examiner says shrapnel from the explosion severed his left carotid artery and peppered his skull.

A similar incident also killed a Florida man last May. Officials said 38-year-old Tallmadge D'Elia of St. Petersburg died when his exploding vape pen sent two fragments into his skull. He also suffered burns on about 80 percent of his body. The death was ruled an accident.

### Ex-Montana attorney accused of shooting husband in Texas

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Police in Texas say a former Montana county attorney shot and wounded her husband.

The Abilene Reporter News reports 47-year-old Jessica Cole-Hodgkinson faces an aggravated assault charge. She is jailed on a \$50,000 bond after the shooting Sunday in Abilene.

Police say the man arrived home to discover he

was locked out by his wife. He gained entry and found her in a bathroom armed with a handgun.

Police say Cole-Hodgkinson fired several times and struck the man in the abdomen and the shoulder. He was taken to a hospital, where his condition was not immediately clear.

Cole-Hodgkinson resigned as county attorney in Montana's Hill County in July amid allegations she was unprepared to prosecute cases.

She was convicted of contempt of court charges for missing three court hearings in June.

### Border Patrol agent struck, killed crossing highway

TYE, Texas (AP) — A U.S. Border Patrol agent died in the line of duty over the weekend when she was struck and killed by a compact sport utility vehicle while crossing an Interstate 20 access road near Abilene.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says 49-year-old Agent Donna Marie Doss was assisting the DPS when she was struck about 8:15 p.m. Saturday near Tye, about 10 miles west of Abilene. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Occupants of the SUV weren't injured. No charges were filed, but the DPS says the driver was detained for blood and toxicology tests.

Doss, who lived in Abilene, had been with the patrol since November 2003.

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## US prep to start building portion of Texas border wall

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. government is preparing to begin construction of more border walls and fencing in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley, likely on federally owned land set aside as wildlife refuge property.

Heavy construction equipment was expected to arrive starting Monday, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said. A photo posted by the nonprofit National Butterfly Center shows an excavator parked next to its property.

Congress last March approved more than \$600 million for 33 miles (53 kilometers) of new barriers in the Rio Grande Valley. While President Donald Trump and top Democrats remain in a standoff over Trump's demand for \$5.7 billion in border wall funding, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has pushed ahead with building what's already funded.

That construction was often described as fencing, and the government funding bill that included construction was supported by some Democrats in the House and Senate. CBP refers to what it plans to build as a "border wall system."

According to designs it released in September, CBP intends to build 25 miles (40 kilometers) of concrete walls to the height of the existing flood-control levee in Hidalgo County next to the Rio Grande, the river that forms the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas. On top of the concrete walls, CBP will install 18-foot (5.5-meter) steel posts and clear a 150-foot (45-meter) enforcement zone in front.

Maps released by CBP show construction would cut through the butterfly center, a nearby state park, and a century-old Catholic chapel next to the river.

Many landowners oppose a border wall and have vowed to fight the U.S. government if it tries to seize their property through eminent domain. Court fights over condemning land could take weeks if not months.

CBP said in its statement that it intends to start construction on federally owned land. Environmental advocates expect the government to use land that's part of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

The refuge consists of dozens of parcels of land purchased over the last 40 years to create a corridor for endangered species and other wildlife.

The Department of Homeland Security can waive environmental restrictions to construct a border wall and issued its waiver for Hidalgo County in October. A coalition of environmental groups has sued DHS over its use of waivers, arguing that wall construction would endanger ocelots, rare birds and other wildlife that rely on refuge land for habitat. That lawsuit is still pending.

Congress last March required CBP not to build in the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge after a public outcry. But it didn't exempt the Lower Rio Grande Valley refuge.

"Santa Ana was not a big enough refuge to sustain all the wildlife down here," said Jim Chapman, a longtime resident of the Rio Grande Valley and member of the group Friends of the Wildlife Corridor.

The National Butterfly Center released the text of an email sent by an attorney from the U.S. Department of Justice. The lawyer, Cliff Stevens, says in the email that construction will begin in mid-February.

## Sale tax revenue totaled \$2.8 Billion in January

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.8 billion in January, six percent more than acquired in January 2018.

"The growth in sales tax collections was primarily due to continued strong spending in oil- and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Remittances from restaurants also grew, while those from retail trade were flat relative to a year ago."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2019 was up 6.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. The sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In January 2019, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- oil production taxes — \$274.5 million, down 3.3 percent from January 2018, the first such decline since December 2016. Also, monthly oil production tax revenues were the lowest since December 2017;
- natural gas production taxes — \$152.9 million, up 24.3 percent from January 2018;
- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$425.7 million, down 0.5 percent from January 2018; and
- motor fuel taxes — \$305.1 million, up 0.2 percent from January 2018.

## Amarillo Businessman, gifts \$10 Million to Texas Tech's School of Veterinary Medicine

Special to the Herald

Jerry Hodge's gift supports the establishment of Texas' first veterinary school in more than a century.

Jerry Hodge is synonymous with Amarillo. For decades, the former mayor has played a crucial role in the growth and development of business in the community that anchors the Texas Panhandle.

Now, Hodge is stepping up once again to support another significant vision for the region: the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine.

The commitment of Hodge and his wife, Margaret, to generously support the School of Veterinary Medicine with a \$10 million gift was recognized today (Feb. 4) by Texas Tech President Lawrence Schovanec, Texas Tech University System Chancellor and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) President Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell and other officials during ceremonies held at the Amarillo Club.

"Through his leadership as a businessman, mayor and philanthropist, Jerry Hodge's impact on Amarillo and the Panhandle cannot be overstated," Schovanec said. "His support of the School of Veterinary Medicine adds to the impressive history of his long-term commitment to the development of the region and helps ensure a critical need in Texas is filled. We are grateful for his generosity."

A licensed pharmacist, Hodge turned a local pharmacy, Maxor Drugs, into Maxor National Pharmacy Services Corporation, serving as chairman and chief executive officer until his retirement in 2016. He served on the Texas State Board of Pharmacy from 1981 to 1987, including a stint as president from 1984 to 1985. He also served as chairman and vice-chairman of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Board and played a big role in affiliated minor-league baseball returning to Amarillo.

"Margaret and I are thankful to be able to partner with Texas Tech University on such an important initiative for Amarillo, the Panhandle, West Texas and all of Texas," Hodge said. "A School of Veterinary Medicine is desperately needed to meet the increasing demand for veterinarians serving small and agricultural communities of Texas. Now is the time; Texas Tech is the university; and Amarillo is the place to address this issue."

The gift supports construction and development of the future School of Veterinary Medicine in Amarillo and will help revolutionize veterinary services throughout Texas' agricultural communities. Empowered by generosity, the school is designed to fulfill a growing need in these communities by shaping the future of veterinary education and enriching the state's agricultural heritage.

The support of the Amarillo community has been vital to the Texas Tech University System, Texas Tech University and TTUHSC implementing a planned School of Veterinary Medicine in the city. Hodge joins The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, Amarillo National Bank, Caviness Beef Pack-

ers, Happy State Bank, Cactus Feeders and other philanthropic leaders, along with the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, that have recognized the need for and are supporting the establishment of the School of Veterinary Medicine, which is designed to address the need for more large-animal veterinarians in Texas in a cost-effective and innovative manner.

"Jerry and Margaret's vision for their community has made significant impacts on the vibrancy of the Panhandle, as well as the growth of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's presence in Amarillo," Mitchell said. "Their support of and belief in our mission for the School of Veterinary Medicine is an indicator that we are on track to establish a program with the best interests of this region at its core."

In August, the Texas Tech University System's Board of Regents advanced the university's plans to establish a veterinary school by approving the new school, its degree plan and funding for preliminary designs for the school.

Construction of two new veterinary school buildings is expected to

cost \$89.82 million. More than \$90 million has been raised in non-state funds for the project. Texas Tech is seeking approximately \$17.35 million from the Texas Legislature in the 86th legislative session to help support initial operations.

The school is designed to enroll 60 students per year for a desired enrollment of 240 students for the four-year program. The school also would potentially serve 150-200 graduate students who are not seeking a doctorate in veterinary medicine, as well as an academic staff of 90.

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# Forsan Gifted and Talented students take on pool remodel project with Greenscape Design

## Special to the Herald

On Friday, Jan. 11, Forsan Gifted and Talented students were pleased to host a group of students and faculty members from Texas Tech Landscape and Architecture department.

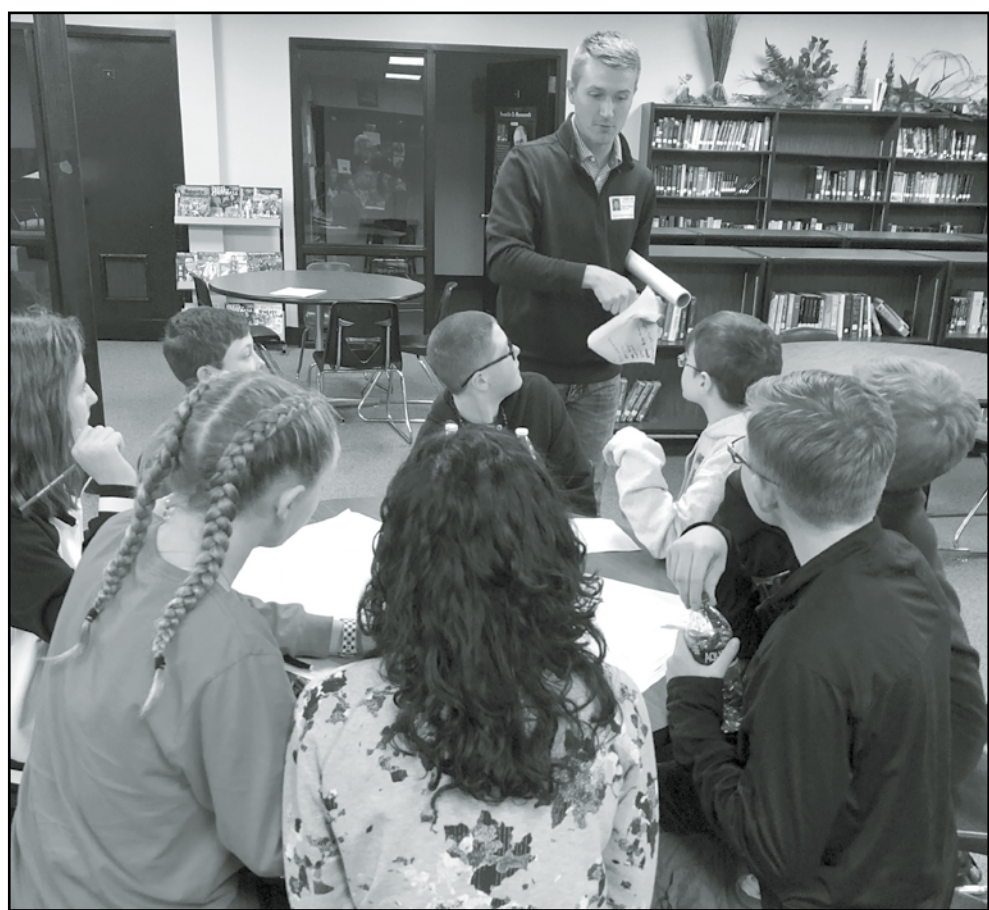
This year's students have taken on the abandoned Forsan pool as their project based learning, and used this opportunity to reach out to Greenscape Design Studio at Texas Tech University.

"We gave them some of our ideas, and they gave us some of their ideas," said Sixth Grader Chance Leonardi. "They helped us design what we would like, and gave us some ideas on how to make it work, and make it even better."

Katheryn Nelson, Dr. Melissa Griffin, and their students: Chris Beatty, Ryan Beatty and Katie Roberson visited Forsan in order to assess the site and work with the students hands on. Creating a mini charrette allowed time for the GT students to draw out their ideas and desires for the pool transformations.

"They showed us what we could change to make our project even better," said Anthony Martinez, another sixth grade Gifted and Talented student. "I'm looking forward to its completion, and I'm ready for it to look good."

Greenscape Design will culminate the ideas and present a plan to Forsan students in the near future.



Representatives from Greenscape Design Studio, at Texas Tech University consulted with Forsan Gifted and Talented students in January regarding the redesign of the abandoned pool, on the Forsan High School campus. The design team will prepare a design and submit to the students before the project moves forward.

Courtesy photos

Above: Forsan Gifted and Talented students and Texas Tech Landscape and Architecture student representatives brainstormed ideas as part of the initial meeting, in the design process. The remodel of the pool is the chosen concept for the yearly project based learning.

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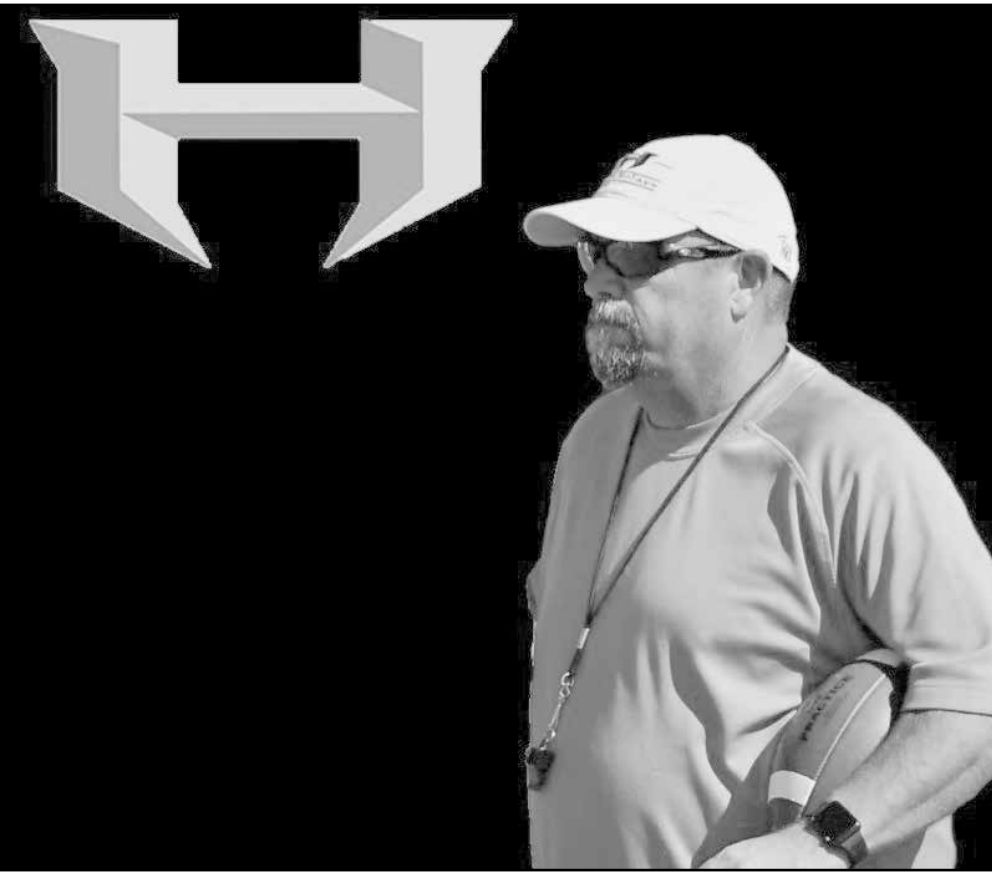
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### Hamlin head coach Russell Lucas to receive the Grant Teaff "Coaching Beyond the Game" Award



Courtesy photo/Big Country Preps

Hamlin football coach Russell Lucas (above) has built a consistent winner in his 11 years at the school. This year the THSCA will honor him for his impact beyond the field of play.

#### Special to the Herald

HAMLIN — The Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation is proud to announce that Hamlin High School head football coach Russell Lucas has been named the 2019 recipient of the THSCA's Grant Teaff "Coaching Beyond the Game" Award.

This award is presented annually at the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation Leadership Summit, to an individual who has impacted their team, school and community through their passion and commitment to "coach beyond the game" and honors their leadership in creating and sustaining programs that address the social issues today.

In 2014 Coach Lucas and his good friend Dan Byerly and the Hamlin Boys Club developed the annual event very similar to the Leadership Summit called Playmaker. The event brings in a variety of speakers meant to inspire students, parents and coaches around the Big Country to live their lives with passion and purpose. Some of past speakers include: Stephen Mackey, Grant Teaff, Sam Harrell, DW Rutledge, and Case Keenum.

Because of the generous support of sponsors from the Big Country and around the state, Playmaker has given away over \$21,000 to youth organizations and \$21,000 in college scholarships.

A past THSCA member of the THSCA Board of Directors, Coach Lucas was awarded the Mirabeau B. Lamar award for being an outstanding educator by the Rotan school district in 2006. In 2015 Hamlin Chamber of Commerce selected Coach Lucas as "Man of the Year". He is in his 29th year of coaching and has a career record of 115-57.

Russell and his wife Rosie have four sons, Tyler is athletic trainer at Cisco JC, Ryne and wife Emily live in Hamlin where Ryne is the Defensive Coordinator and head baseball coach, Tucker is a senior at Abilene Christian University and Brannon is a senior at Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The award will be presented to Lucas, who will also be a speaker, at the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation's 2019 Leadership Summit at Lila Cockrell Theatre in San Antonio, Texas on February 25, 2019.

### No. 18 Texas Tech routs cold-shooting West Virginia 81-50

#### Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech kept making plays and scoring points while West Virginia went more than 15 minutes without a field goal in the first half.

The No. 18 Red Raiders were well on their way to another big Monday win, this time 81-50 to match their most lopsided Big 12 victory in school history, and only two days after a 16-point loss at No. 13 Kansas.

"We were a little bit disoriented," Tech senior guard Brandone Francis said. "We had a team meeting, a players-only meeting, and came out and put everything out there."

Francis scored a season-high 16 points for the Red Raiders (18-5, 6-4 Big 12), who lost four of their previous five Big 12 games. They took control with a 13-0 run midway through the first half. That was part of that longer stretch during which the Mountaineers missed 11 consecutive shots, though made 11 free throws.

West Virginia (10-13, 2-8) finished with only nine made field goals, the fewest ever for a Big 12 team and matching North Carolina State's total in a 47-24 loss to Virginia Tech on Saturday for the fewest by any team in a game this season. The Mountaineers were 9-of-39 (23 percent) shooting overall, and made 29 free throws.

"They made shots and we didn't make shots and then we threw the ball to them," WVU coach Bob Huggins said. "We are a very generous

bunch of guys. We'll throw the ball to anybody. They're just very, very charitable."

Freshman Derek Culver had 15 free throws among his 23 points, and had five of WVU's 26 turnovers.

That early scoring spurt put the Red Raiders ahead for the first time — and to stay. After Matt Mooney's two free throws tied the game at 14-all, Nodrese Odiase had a putback slam. Odiase first grabbed an offensive rebound between three defenders, passed outside and was still underneath for another rebound.

"He's one of the most physical, dominant guys in our league," Tech coach Chris Beard said.

Texas Tech had a double-digit lead for good after Francis had a backcourt steal, drove and cut between two leaping defenders while switching the ball to his right hand and making a layup while falling away from the basket. Jarrett Culver got the next points when he swished a 3-pointer as the shot clock expired to make it 32-18.

Culver finished with 12 points, while Davide Moretti had 11 and Deshawn Corprew 10. Odiase had nine points and 10 rebounds.

#### BIG PICTURE

West Virginia: The Mountaineers were coming off a home win over Oklahoma, but lost their third road game in 10 days. This matched their worst Big 12 loss since joining the league seven years ago. They also had a 31-point loss (98-67) at TCU last month.



AP photo

Texas Tech's Matt Mooney (13) shoots the ball during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against West Virginia, Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, in Lubbock, Texas.

"We do things that I don't think they would get away with in high school really," Huggins said.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders dropped two more spots in the AP poll earlier Monday — they had been No. 8 in the poll three weeks ago. That loss

at Kansas came after their 19-point win over TCU the previous Monday. Tech shot 53 percent from the field (30 of 57), even while missing its last eight shots and not scoring in the final 5 minutes. It matched their 31-point Big 12 win over Baylor on Jan. 2, 1999.

### No. 1 Baylor hangs on against No. 14 Texas 74-68



AP photo

Baylor guard Didi Richards (2) drives around Texas guard Jada Underwood (12) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, in Austin, Texas.

#### By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Baylor has won a lot of games on Texas' home court and even clinched a league title there. Monday night looked like the No. 1 Lady Bears were rolling to another easy one until they had to fight for it

all the way to the end.

Moon Ursin scored 20 points off the bench and Baylor survived a furious fourth-quarter rally by No. 14 Texas to get a tough 74-68 win that puts a huge gap between the Lady Bears and the rest of the league in their chase for a ninth consecutive Big 12 championship.

"You're never going to see panic in us," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. Baylor was certainly tested like they've rarely been this season.

The Lady Bears were in control and leading 61-42 to start the fourth quarter before the Longhorns stormed back with a 20-6 run that cut the lead to five. Danni Williams made two 3-pointers and a layup off a mid-court steal in an eight-point burst.

Baylor finally put the game away until Chloe Jackson's two free throws with 8 seconds left.

"They played a lot harder, made more shots, pressed kamakazi-style and we didn't handle it very well," Mulkey said. "When you are behind like that you can play like that. I went to the stall too early."

Kalani Brown scored 13 of her 15 in the second half for Baylor (20-1, 10-0 Big 12). Lauren Cox had 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Sug Sutton and Williams each scored 19 for Texas (18-5, 8-3).

"The fourth quarter showed how much heart we have. Nobody gave up," Sutton said. "That's a big step for us."

Baylor has won 19 of the last 20 matchups with Texas, and hasn't lost in Austin since 2010. The Lady Bears also notched their 32nd consecutive Big 12 regular season road win. This latest one gives Baylor a three-game lead in the Big 12 with eight games to play.

Baylor clinched the title in Austin

last season when the Lady Bears left the stadium wearing green and gold championship caps.

"I think we're hungry every year. That's the standard we set in this program," Mulkey said.

#### BIG PICTURE

Baylor: Brown, who has dominated Texas in the post in the past, found tough going in the first half while facing double- and triple-team defenders under the basket. She didn't take a shot in the first half, but was in the third quarter when Baylor made her the first option on offense.

Texas: The Longhorns hit a barrage of 3-pointers early that kept Texas in the game in the first half. They made 7 of 10 in the first two quarters but just 4 of 17 shots inside the arc. Sutton's fourth 3-pointer of the half came over two defenders as time expired. Williams' two 3-pointers the fourth quarter were the only ones Texas made in the second half.

#### MOON RISING

Ursin averages just 3.3 points over her career and has had to fight for rare minutes on the court. Now she's emerging as yet another sharpshooter in Baylor's arsenal. She scored 12 points in a romp against Texas Tech before posting her career-high against the Longhorns.

A sturdy package of speed and strength with a shooter's touch, she also drew the defensive assignment of guarding Sutton, Texas' quickest guard.



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Specifications may be obtained from Baldomar Cortez in the Maintenance Office, 300 S Main, Big Spring, TX, or by calling 432-264-2209.

### Public Notice

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Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 3:30 P.M. on February 20, 2019 for their consideration. Project will be paid for out of current County funds.

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Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information should be submitted in writing within 15 days of publication to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capital Station, Austin, TX 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#10091 Feb. 5, 2019

**APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE FOR A WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT BY QUICK TRACK, INC DBA QUICK TRACK 83 LOCATED AT 300 OWENS ST. BIGSPRING, HOWARD, TX 79703. OFFICER OF SAID CORPORATION IS PASANG LAMA.**

#### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**OIL AND GAS DIVISION**  
DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0316186 DATE OF IS-SUANCE: Jan 18, 2019 Status/Permit No. 846435 NOTICE OF PROTEST 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 Email: [SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV](mailto:SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV)

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SABALO OPERATING, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 741939] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 2, Bk. 32 T2N, T&P RR COO / SIMPSON, W M Survey, A-1093, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 6.26 miles SE direction from VEALMOOR, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed

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well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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#### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**OIL AND GAS DIVISION**  
DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0316185 DATE OF IS-SUANCE: Jan 18, 2019 Status/Permit No. 846437 NOTICE OF PROTEST 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 Email: [SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV](mailto:SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV)

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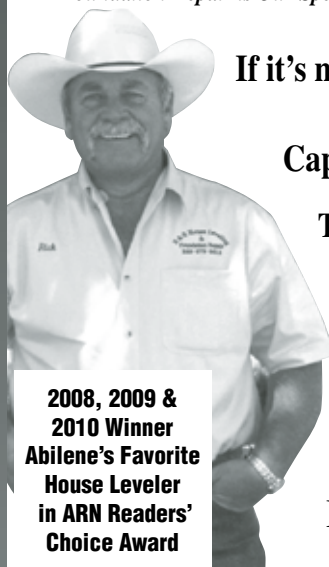
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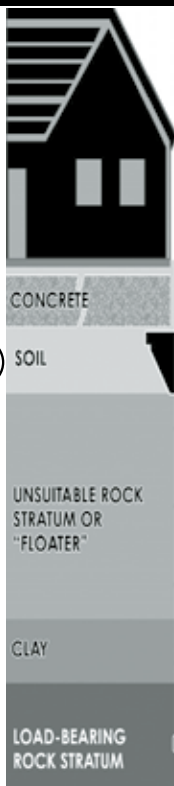
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**The Importance of Communication**

**Dear Annie:** I am extremely disappointed and saddened by your advice to "Sad in Wisconsin," whose son's family does not acknowledge the gifts "Sad in Wisconsin" gives. The writer answered his own question, believing he should express his feelings to his son. All you had to do was agree.

Instead, you offered "three apparent options." None of the three involved actually telling his son how he feels. You indicated that the best one would be to just stop sending gifts. Why? Why do so many people in our society often choose to suffer in silence or "make someone pay" because they choose not to communicate with the person about their feelings and needs? You of all people, a giver of advice to millions, should encourage your readers to communicate with others.

So much of the divide in our country is because

people don't talk. They don't listen. They don't share their feelings and needs. They expect others to read their minds.

Please, use your bully pulpit to stop the madness and encourage people to communicate. "Sad in Wisconsin" obviously loves his son and wants a good relationship with him. No longer sending gifts would not accomplish that. Telling his son how he feels and what he needs just might. I'd also like to recommend that you and all of your readers check out Marshall Rosenberg's books and some videos of his work on YouTube, as well as the Center for Nonviolent Communication. It's life-changing. -- **Disappointed**

**Dear Disappointed:** What a wonderful letter you have written. Thank you! Here is a letter from another reader who agrees with you: "Sad in Wisconsin" wrote with the all-too-common issue of not receiving

thanks for the presents he gives to his son and family. You offered three options: "1) Keep sending gifts, and make peace with the lack of thank-yous. 2) Continue sending gifts and resenting the lack of thank-yous. 3) Stop sending gifts."

But you did not include the most obvious option: Talk to them. It doesn't have to be an accusatory conversation. He should just point out that the lack of acknowledgment makes it look as if the gifts are not wanted or are taken for granted. "Sad in Wisconsin" should also tell his son that he hopes he keeps that in mind in all of his relationships and that he hopes he'll teach that lesson to his daughter better than he did to him. If that discussion were not to get results, he could go straight to option No. 3.

No one had that talk with my niece, and her lack of basic manners cost her over \$1 million in inheritance (and she's still clueless as to what she missed and why). Though the pur-

pose of thank-yous is not to position oneself for an inheritance, the attitude adjustment is rewarding in many ways. -- **Surprised by Your Reply**

**Dear Surprised:** What a powerful example of the importance of teaching young people to say thank you. As my regular readers know, I always advise that people communicate their issues with others. I missed it this time. Thank you many times over for pointing out the obvious.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**You have to pay close attention**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ Q 8 7 2  
♥ K J 9 3  
♦ 10 7  
♣ Q 8 5  
**WEST**  
♠ J 9 3  
♥ A 8 6  
♦ A J 6 3  
♣ 9 6 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 10 5 4  
♥ 10 7 5 2  
♦ K 8 5 4  
♣ 10 3  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 6  
♥ Q 4  
♦ Q 9 2  
♣ A K J 7 4

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

Opening lead — three of diamonds.  
**One of the worst sins** a defender can commit is to trap his partner into making a mistake. Defense is difficult enough as it is, and giving partner a chance to go wrong when there is an easy way to prevent it is the bridge equivalent of a capital offense.  
**For example,** consider how West victimized his partner in today's deal. East won the opening diamond lead with the king and returned the four, his original fourth-best diamond, South producing the nine and West the jack. West then cashed the ace of diamonds and led a fourth diamond

to East's eight, declarer discarding two low clubs from dummy and a heart from his hand.

The defense having collected the first four tricks, East now had to decide what to lead next. Since a heart return into dummy's strong heart holding looked extremely unappetizing, he shifted to a spade. Declarer happily won with the ace and cashed five clubs and three more spades to make the contract.

Of course, had East returned a heart instead of a spade, South would have gone down one. The question, therefore, is who was primarily responsible for the faulty defense?

In assessing the blame, it is clear that West was the culprit. He had learned from the play to the first three diamond tricks that East — not the declarer — had the missing eight of diamonds. He could deduce this not so much from South's producing the Q-9-2 of diamonds — declarer might have been concealing the eight — but from East's play of the king followed by the four and then the five. Had East started with only the K-5-4, he would have returned the five at trick two and played the four on the next round.

West should therefore have cashed the ace of hearts at trick four before leading his last diamond, relieving East of the burden of having to guess what to do next.

**Tomorrow:** You can't win 'em all.  
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**SUDOKU**

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

**ANSWER:**

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**



**Happy New Earth Pig Year!**

According to myth, the Jade Emperor invited a number of animals to his party and the order in which they arrived became the order of the Chinese Zodiac. The pig was last because either she overslept or was busy rebuilding her house, depending on whom you believe. Nonetheless, her omen bodes well for a year of abundance and progress.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). City dwellers know that to drown out the noise everywhere, you have to listen to your own. White noise can help you sleep. Talk can comfort you. Beats can move you. Choose your sounds; choose your environment.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You can tell when someone is being competitive with you, and unless you're actually in an official competition, there's no reason to let the race go on. Sidestep. Don't engage.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). There's something that won't be right until you fix it, and the time to fix it has come. As the Roman poet Horace said, "He who postpones the hour of living rightly is like the rustic who waits for the river to run out before he crosses."

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). One secret to your success is that you have talent, and yet you don't rely on it. Consistent work is more important than talent, and the magic mix of both things together makes for an absolute unstoppable success.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's said that crime doesn't pay, and yet there are still criminals at large who would beg to differ -- if it didn't count as an official confession. But what about honesty? Of course honesty pays, immediately if not amply.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've censored yourself to accommodate those younger, older, more formal, more pious... but when you're at home with your nearest and dearest, you want to feel you can just be yourself. Lift the ban.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe you won't solve a problem by walking away from it, but you'll solve it after you walk away from it. Movement and a new environment will juice your mind's problem-solving capabilities.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 5). This year starts off like a Sheryl Crow song in that "every day is winding road," but there's a real sense that you're getting closer to regular contentment, and you'll achieve it, mostly through the building of healthy daily habits. Big strokes of luck will drop in, but it's day-to-day improvements that will matter. Scorpio and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 46, 8, 13, 40 and 11.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though it may seem that you've been at a certain stage for a while now, you cannot be contained where you are. You're extending your spirit beyond it, outside it, above it and around it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have an excellent sense about how to best lead people today. You'll get a feeling about when you should go easy and when you should push things along, perhaps with a hard truth.

Some believe that destiny is ultimately shaped by our deepest desires. This concept is most often bandied about by those doing relatively well in life, who've experienced hardship, but not too much, who perhaps don't even understand the extent of their own good fortune.

The idea that we are all creating our destinies of choice can be a way of begging off the savage realities that some humans endure. (I'm not saying this is the case with you, but try it on to see if it fits.) The thought process, when witnessing misfortune that's hard to process, goes something like: Well the less fortunate must be, at some deep level, responsible for that state. Maybe they are working off bad karma from a past life. Maybe there is something desperate or even evil at their core. In any case, that's their path and it has nothing to do with me.

Can you see that this is a judgment that allows a person to accept his or own good fortune without guilt or any sense of responsibility? More on this tomorrow.

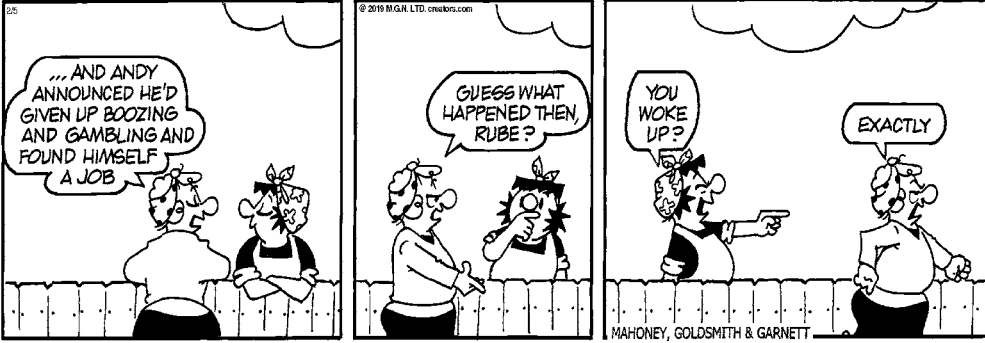
**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** The most popular celebrity fan page in 2018 belonged to soccer superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, one more distinction to add to his accolades, which include five Ballon d'Or Awards, four Golden Shoes and 26 trophies. His natal sun and Mercury in Aquarius favor lightning quick reflexes and natural grace. Venus and Mars in Aries show a warrior spirit and a fiercely competitive nature. His Leo moon brings the charisma.

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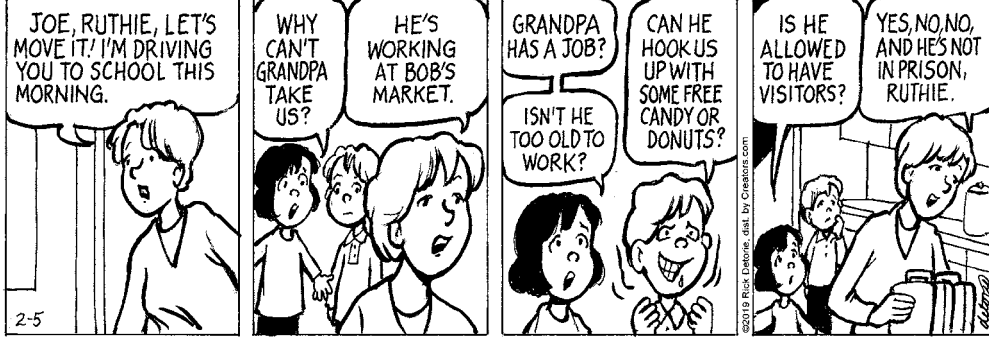
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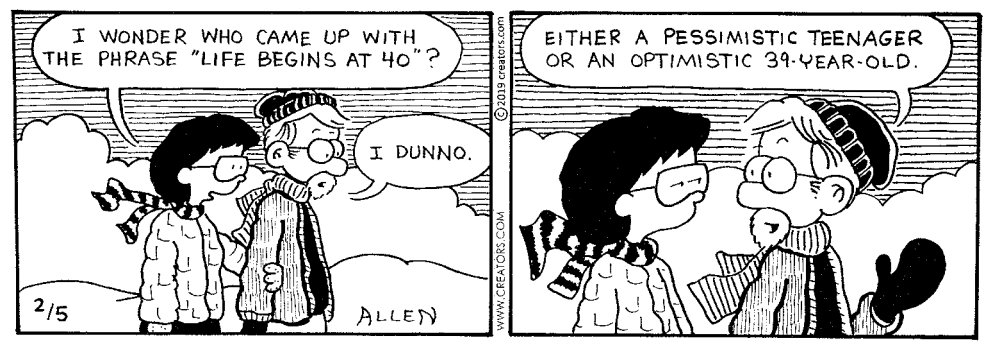
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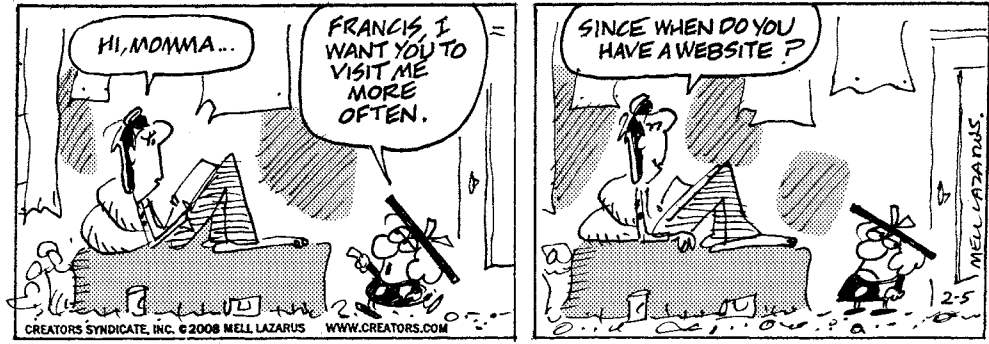
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NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices; the proposal, which failed in Congress, drew accusations that Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the nation's highest court.

On this date:

In 1917, Mexico's present constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention in Santiago de Queretaro. The U.S. Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an act severely curtailing Asian immigration.

In 1918, during World War I, the Cunard liner SS Tuscania, which was transporting about 2,000 American troops to Europe, was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the Irish Sea with the loss of more than 200 people.

In 1958, Gamal Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic (a union of Egypt and Syria which lasted until 1961).

In 1971, Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

In 1983, former Nazi Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, expelled from Bolivia, was brought to Lyon (Ile-OhN), France, to stand trial. (He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison -- he died in 1991.)

In 1988, the Arizona House impeached Republican Gov. Evan Mecham (MEE'kuhm), setting the stage for his trial in the state Senate, where he was convicted of obstructing justice and misusing state funds allegedly funneled to his Pontiac dealership.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that all but a small rear-guard contingent of its troops had left Afghanistan.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Family and Medical Leave Act, granting workers up to 12 weeks unpaid leave for family emergencies.

In 1999, Former heavy-weight boxing champion Mike Tyson was sentenced in Rockville, Md., to a year in jail for assaulting two motorists following a traffic accident (he ended up serving 3 1/2 months).

In 2001, four disciples of Osama bin Laden went on trial in New York in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. (The four were convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

In 2002, A federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., indicted John Walker Lindh on ten charges, alleging he was trained by Osama bin Laden's network and then conspired with the Taliban to kill Americans. (Lindh later pleaded guilty to lesser offenses and was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.)

In 2008, more than 80 tornadoes began touching down in the midwestern and southern U.S.; the deadliest of the twisters claimed 57 lives. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, a guru to the Beatles who introduced the West to transcendental meditation, died at his home in the Dutch town of Vlodingen; he was believed to be about 90.

Ten years ago: Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer. USA Swimming suspended Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps for three months after a photo showing him inhaling from a marijuana pipe became public.

Five years ago: A U.N. human rights committee denounced the Vatican for adopting policies that it said allowed priests to rape and molest tens of thousands of children over decades. CVS Caremark announced it would pull cigarettes and other tobacco products from its stores. The state of Texas executed Suzanne Basso for torturing and killing Louis "Buddy" Musso, a mentally impaired man she'd lured to suburban Houston with the promise of marriage.

One year ago: Stocks took their worst loss in six and a half years, with the Dow Jones industrial average plunging more than 1,100 points. Jerome Powell was sworn in as the 16th chairman of the Federal Reserve. Former sports doctor Larry Nassar received his third long prison sentence, 40 to 125 years, for molesting young athletes at an elite Michigan gymnastics club. President Donald Trump accused Democrats of being "un-American" and perhaps "treasonous" for not clapping during his State of the Union address a week earlier.

Today's Birthdays:

Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron is 85. Actor Stuart Damon is 82. Tony-winning playwright John Guare (gwayr) is 81. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 80. Actor David Selby is 78. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 78. Football Hall of Famer Roger Staubach is 77. Movie director Michael Mann is 76. Rock singer Al Kooper is 75.

Actress Charlotte Rampling is 73. Racing Hall of Famer Darrell Waltrip is 72. Actress Barbara Hershey is 71. Actor Christopher Guest is 71. Actor Tom Wilkinson is 71. Actor-comedian Tim Meadows is 58. Actress Jennifer Jason Leigh is 57. Actress Laura Linney is 55. Rock musician Duff McKagan (Velvet Revolver) is 55. World Golf Hall of Famer Jose Maria Olazabal is 53.

Actor-comedian Chris Parnell is 52. Rock singer Chris Barron (Spin Doctors) is 51. Singer Bobby Brown is 50. Actor Michael Sheen is 50. Actor David Chisum is 49. Country singer Sara Evans is 48. Country singer Tyler Farr is 35. Neo-soul musician Mark Shusterman (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 34. Actor-singer Darren Criss is 32. Actor Alex Brightman is 32.

Rock musician Kyle Simmons (Bastille) is 31. Actor Jeremy Sumpter is 30. Drummer Graham Sierota (Echosmith) is 20.

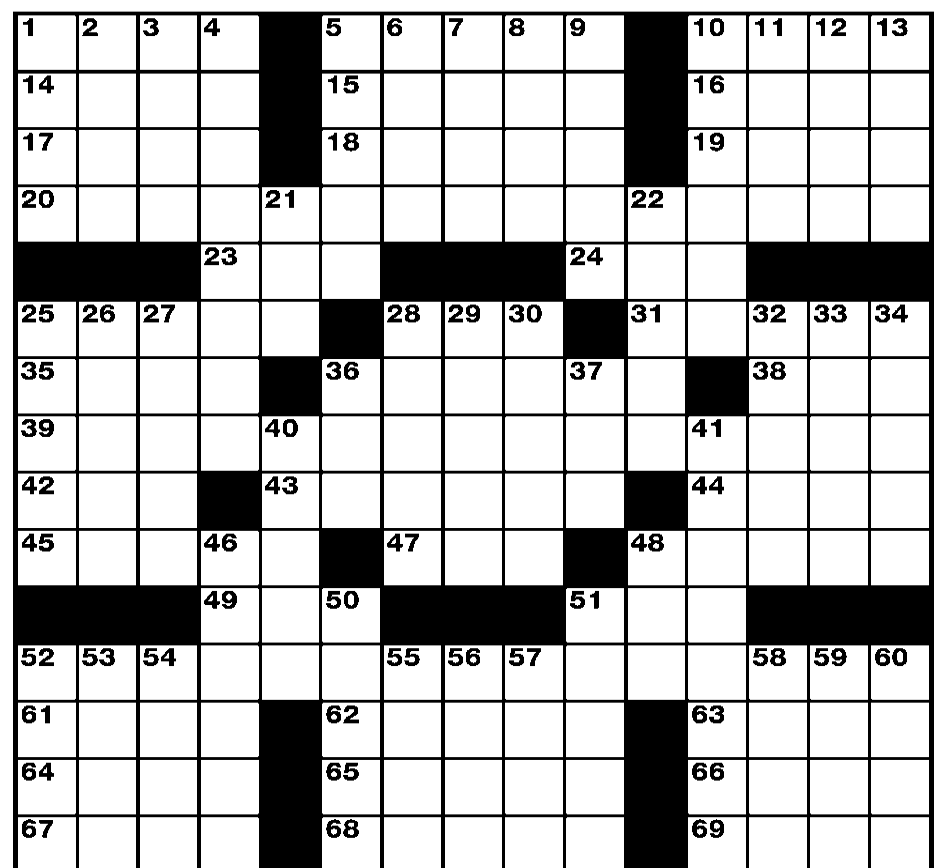
Thought for Today: "Many excellent words are ruined by too definite a knowledge of their meaning." —Aline Kilmer, American poet (1888-1941).

Newsday Crossword

DOUBLE DESCRIPTORS by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Heroic saga
  - 5 Durable trousers fabric
  - 10 Twirled
  - 14 Nevada casino city
  - 15 Egret cousin
  - 16 Leaning Tower city
  - 17 Dog's warning sound
  - 18 Get out of bed
  - 19 Line on a list
  - 20 Sure thing in a courtroom
  - 23 Get off your feet
  - 24 Opposite of post-
  - 25 Lukewarm
  - 28 \_\_\_ Majesty (address for a queen)
  - 31 "You're wrong about me!"
  - 35 Spoken, as an exam
  - 36 Old TV antenna
  - 38 Pester
  - 39 Beatles or Beach Boys
  - 42 Poetic tribute
  - 43 Chinese temple
  - 44 Solemn ceremony
  - 45 Passover meal
  - 47 Poet's "before"
  - 48 Brother of Moses
  - 49 Caviar, e.g.
  - 51 \_\_\_-shaped (oval)
  - 52 Capture/escape activity
  - 61 "How sad!"
  - 62 Evening dresses
  - 63 Give off
  - 64 Sulk
  - 65 Bert's Sesame Street pal

- DOWN
- 12 Puts to work
  - 13 Specify
  - 21 Lend a hand to
  - 22 Songbird's sound
  - 25 Bulls, in Barcelona
  - 26 Wear away over time
  - 27 Walked back and forth
  - 28 Line of bushes
  - 29 Blunder
  - 30 \_\_\_ Janeiro, Brazil
  - 32 Radio booth sign
  - 33 \_\_\_ Domingo (Caribbean capital)
  - 34 Poet Nash
  - 36 Get \_\_\_ (ace the test)
  - 37 Pie \_\_\_ mode
  - 40 Kitchen cover-up
  - 41 Boastful ones
  - 46 Pencil tip
  - 48 Era
  - 50 Landscaper's tool
  - 51 Double-curve letters
  - 52 Pitch a tent
  - 53 Soothing ingredient in lotions
  - 54 Gift wrapper's roll
  - 55 Extra
  - 56 Holds the deed to
  - 57 Army group
  - 58 French female friend
  - 59 After-dinner candy
  - 60 Approx. takeoff hours



Answer to previous puzzle

A	T	M	S	S	C	A	M	B	B	L			
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# Harden scores 44 points, Rockets beat Suns 118-110

By **BOB BAUM**

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Another 40-point game for James Harden. That makes 20 of them this season.

The reigning MVP scored 44 points and the Houston Rockets beat Phoenix 118-110 on Monday night to hand the Suns their season-worst 11th straight loss.

Harden joined Wilt Chamberlain, Michael Jordan and Rick Barry as the only players with 20 games of at least 40 points in the first 50 of a season.

Harden, who also had eight rebounds and six assists, extended his streak of games with at least 30 points to 27, third-longest in NBA history. The only longer streaks are 65 and 31 games, both by Chamberlain.

"I'm just trying to keep going. Nothing can slow me down," Harden said. "Nothing can stop me. I'm trying to give that same motivation to my teammates and it's not about scoring, it's about attacking the game, being aggressive with the game of basketball — defensively, offensively. That's all I can give to them."

Chris Paul scored 18 and Kenneth Faried had 17 points and 14 rebounds for the Rockets, who were without two starters.

Josh Jackson scored 25 points, Kelly Oubre Jr. 23 and Devin Booker 19 for the Suns. Deandre Ayton added 15 points and 11 boards. Booker left in the fourth quarter with a tight hamstring.

The Suns never led but stayed close through the first half before falling behind by 20 in the third quarter.

Phoenix cut it to single digits on several occasions in the fourth only to be thwarted by a basket from Harden or Paul. Harden scored 14 in the final quarter.

Up by six at halftime, the Rockets opened a big lead in the third quarter. Harden sank a 3-pointer from the corner and Faried dunked a rebound to cap a 13-4 run that put Houston up 84-68. The Rockets boosted the lead to 20 three times in the quarter, the last at 94-74 on Paul's two free throws with 1:02 left. But the Suns finished the period on a 6-0 spurt as Oubre's



**Houston Rockets Guard James Harden (13) yells after making a three pointer against the Phoenix Suns during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, in Phoenix. The Rockets won 118-110.**

AP photo

3-pointer at the buzzer cut the Rockets' advantage to 94-80 entering the fourth.

The run reached 10-0 when Phoenix scored the first four of the final quarter, making it 94-84 on Oubre's dunk with 10:57 to play.

Harden sank a pair of 3s in an 8-0 run and Houston led 101-88 with 7:05 remaining.

The Suns kept it close in the first half, despite Harden's 22 points, five assists and five rebounds.

Harden scored inside twice to ig-

nite a 9-2 spurt that put Houston up 50-42 on Paul's wide-open 3 with 6:03 left in the half. Austin Rivers' 3 gave Houston its biggest lead of the half, 57-46, with 3:21 left. The Rockets led 63-57 at the break.

The Suns tried a new defensive strategy on Harden and, overall results notwithstanding, it worked pretty well

some of the time.

"James forces teams to do a coverage that you usually don't do," Booker said. "It was new for us, first time to do it. ... I feel we did pretty well, kept it close, (were) in striking distance most of the game."

**KOBE'S TAKE**

Harden more or less agreed with Kobe Bryant's comments that the Rockets won't win a title with Harden dominating the ball so much.

Harden doesn't expect to have to do that when the playoffs come around.

"I have to ball-dominate with all of the injuries," he said. "We have had the injuries throughout the course of the year. Right now he is probably right. This way that we are playing won't happen in the playoffs, won't get us where we want to go, but we haven't had a full roster. Yet I am excited for that to come."

**TIP-INS**

Rockets: Through 50 games, Harden has 658 3-point attempts, seventh-most for an entire season in NBA history. ... Houston was without Eric Gordon (right knee soreness) and Clint Capela (right thumb injury). ... Five former Suns are on the Rockets' roster: P.J. Tucker, Gerald Green, Marquese Chriss, Brandon Knight and Danuel House Jr. That's not counting Rivers, waived by the Suns immediately after he and Oubre came over from Washington in a trade for Trevor Ariza.

Suns: Phoenix again didn't have T.J. Warren (right ankle soreness) and De'Anthony Melton (right ankle sprain). ... The Suns have lost 10 straight at home to Houston. They last beat the Rockets in Phoenix on April 15, 2013.

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# TOP 25 REWIND: Big 12 race heats up heading into final month

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Kansas made a late-season push to clinch its record 14th straight Big 12 title a year ago. The Jayhawks may need a similar run to make it 15 in a row.

The Big 12 race has tightened up heading into the final month of the regular season, with five teams within a game of the lead. The 11th-ranked Jayhawks are looking up in the standings after splitting their two games last week.

"We've just got to kind of figure it out. We're a different team than we were a few weeks ago," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "It doesn't mean worse. It doesn't mean better. It means different. But we've got to figure it out. We haven't played well this last couple of weeks."

The Jayhawks were forced to make a big adjustment when center Udoka Azubuike suffered a season-ending hand injury in early January. Kansas (17-5, 6-3 Big 12) has been good at times without its big man but struggled in others.

The Jayhawks dropped out of the top 10 of the AP poll last Monday and lost to Texas for the first time since 2014 on Tuesday, their third loss in four games.

Kansas received bad news from the NCAA on Friday, when Silvio De Souza was declared ineligible the rest of this season and next after it was revealed that his guardian was paid to steer the athletic forward to Lawrence.

The decision infuriated Self, who called it "mean-spirited" and "vindictive." More bad news came when defensive stopper Marcus Garrett sprained his ankle in practice and couldn't play against No. 16 Texas Tech on Saturday.

Galvanized by the adversity, the Jayhawks jumped on the Red Raiders from the start and never let up, rolling to a 79-63 victory that tightened the Big 12 race.

Heading into this week, Kansas State and Baylor lead the conference at 6-2. Iowa State is 6-3, with Kansas and Texas Tech tied at 5-3.

The Jayhawks have a chance to jumble the race even more on Tuesday, when they head to the Little Apple to face rival Kansas State.

**VOLS ROLLING**

Tennessee had some shaky moments after moving to No. 1 for the second time in school history, struggling to get past Vanderbilt and getting off to a slow start against West Virginia.

The Vols (19-1, 7-0 SEC) had no

trouble with their two games last week, beating South Carolina by 22 and Texas A&M by 17 to stretch their winning streak to a school-record 15 games.

Tennessee is expected to stay at No. 1 in Monday's AP Top 25 and has games against Missouri and Florida this week.

**WOLFPACK CLANK**

No. 23 North Carolina State had an epically bad offensive day against No. 12 Virginia Tech on Saturday.

Entering with one of the ACC's best offenses, the Wolfpack shot like they were playing on state fair hoops where the rim is barely bigger than the basket.

N.C. State was held to 24 points — total, not for a half — for the worst output by an ACC team since the shot clock began in the 1985-86 season.

The Wolfpack made nine shots while shooting 16.7 percent, lowest in the history of a league founded in 1953.

"It was crazy," N.C. State coach Kevin Keatts said. "It was almost like there was something on the rim."

N.C. State could be headed for an exit from the poll after also losing to No. 3 Virginia last week.

**BIG TEN RACE**

The Big Ten is heating up after No. 5 Michigan and No. 6 Michigan State

lost last week.

The Wolverines (20-2, 9-2 Big Ten) had a nice encore to their trip to last year's national title game, opening with 17 straight wins.

But they stumbled against Wisconsin on Jan. 19 for their first loss and had another bobble on Saturday, losing by 15 at Iowa after beating Ohio State.

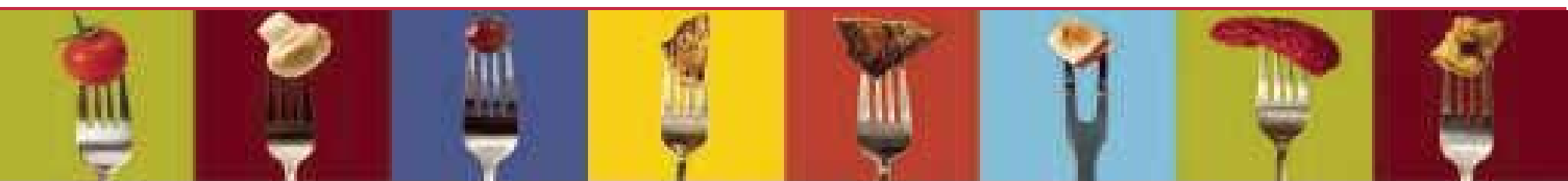
The Spartans (18-4, 9-2) lost to Purdue last Sunday and had another clunker on Saturday, losing in OT to an Indiana team that had dropped seven straight. Michigan State also got bad news earlier in the week when it learned guard Joshua Langford would miss the rest of the season because of his injured ankle.

Michigan and Michigan State are tied atop the Big 10 at 9-2, with Purdue at 8-2 and Wisconsin at 8-3.

**MOVING IN?**

Losses by N.C. State, No. 21 Maryland and No. 22 Mississippi State could create opportunities for a few teams to move into next week's poll.

Auburn, which dropped out last week, won both of its games. Cincinnati has won seven straight after beating SMU on Saturday. Washington has opened Pac-12 play with nine straight victories and could be the conference's first ranked team since Arizona State dropped out in Week 9.



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