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McKain recognized as Veteran of the Month at Hangar 25

By ANNA GUTIERREZ

Staff Writer

Rachel McKain, co-captain of the Salvation Army of Big Spring, and an ordained minister, is Hangar 25 Air Museum's Honored Veteran for March, which is also designated as Women's History Month.

McKain is the child of Salvation Army officers and ministers, and calls herself the typical preacher's child. She is fifth generation to serve the Salvation Army.

"We moved around a lot when I was a child, and that was hard for me because I had learning disabilities," says McKain. "I was very insecure, I didn't adjust well, and I was painfully shy. People didn't really know how to help me back then."

Because of her disabilities, McKain says she felt insecure and that she had nothing to offer. This caused her to become resentful and rebellious, and to make some bad decisions for her life. McKain had two dreams: to be a Broadway star, and to be in the Army. Then 9-11 happened. McKain says she remembers being asleep when her mother banged on the door yelling the United States was under attack. She said she felt a lot of anger that day and the need to do something, so she went to the recruiting station.

When she enlisted in April 2002, there were still many jobs unavailable to women in the armed forces, but she wanted to be as close to combat as she



"WHEREAS, the City of Big Spring, in recognition of the courage, honor, devotion and sacrifice of our service men and women, hereby establish the 15th day of every month as "Thank a Veteran Day", and this day shall forever stand as a day to honor those that have selflessly served each citizen of this Great Nation."

The Big Spring Herald stands in support of all Veterans. The above is part of a proclamation presented by the Big Spring City Council in honor of everyone that has served our Country. Please take a moment today to thank a Veteran. This proclamation was presented by Mayor Larry McLellan on behalf of the Big Spring City Council on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018. God Bless our veterans!

The Herald recognizes veterans each Thank a Veteran Day. If you know a veteran we should recognize, please send the information to editor@bigspringherald.com.



HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez

Rachel McKain, who served in the Army as a military police officer, was recognized as the Honored Veteran for March at Hangar 25. McKain is co-captain of Big Spring's Salvation Army along with her husband Josh McKain.

would allow her to fight for her country and protect the people.

McKain found herself excelling in basic training, and this was strange to her as she had never considered herself the first or the smartest. She credits the army for showing her she's not stupid; she realized that the civilian school setting was not ideal for her.

Unfortunately, she developed an injury during basic training, an injury that she tried to ignore for several weeks. She was forced to get a medical checkup after not being able to complete a task and fell. She was not able to ignore the injury any longer. It was discovered that she had a broken pelvis.

"I would push on my hip, and that made it feel better," says McKain. "What I was doing was pushing that fracture together to where it didn't hurt as much, but I was causing a lot of pain to

my joints in the process."

Because she was so close to completing basic training, they allowed her to stay and graduate. After completing basic training, she was off to Korea.

McKain volunteered several times for deployment, but each time her request was denied.

"I was livid," says McKain. "Here I had joined to go to combat, and I was being assigned to work

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High winds cause power outages, downed power pole

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Wednesday's high winds knocked out power for hundreds of Howard County residents, and thousands more throughout West Texas.

Oncor Electric Delivery spokesperson Kristy Tyra said Oncor's peak outage over the past few days was 11,818, while West Texas had 1,584 out, and Howard County experienced 316 without power at one time.

"I know that doesn't sound like a lot, but we also have devices and poles and lines that went down, and we've been dealing with getting those fixed," Tyra said. "We're going to get it fixed...today, hopefully."

Tyra said that an electric pole at the corner of Goliad and 12th streets went down Wednesday, and would be repaired by Thursday evening.

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Courtesy photo

High winds caused power outages around town and knocked down a powerline on Goliad. Repairs were completed Thursday evening.

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SMMC operates on backup power after transformer malfunction

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center went on back up power, Thursday afternoon, due to a transformer malfunction.

According to S M M C representatives, generator power kicked in and allowed vital services to be provided.

The emergency room remained open and was able to provide care, while repairs were being made. Operations

and business is expected to continue as usual, at the hospital.

Patient safety remained top priority throughout the situation and inpatient care continued normal routines.

"We thank you for continuing to entrust us with your care," SMMC representative said.

An estimated time of repair was not available at press time.



City water valves to be replaced starting Monday

Special to the Herald

The City of Big Spring announced contractors will be working on replacing water valves, beginning Monday, to better serve the community.

Little to no water pressure is possible, during the day, for those living between North Scurry from S. SR IH 20 to NE 2nd Street and from North Highway 87/ North Gregg Street to North Main Street.

The City of Big Spring extends its apologies for any inconvenience this may cause for residents in the effected areas.

Contractors will work until all repairs are complete.

The City of Big Spring pushes out notices, such as repairs, outages, and more, through SMS messages and emails. To sign up for the announcement service, visit mybigspring.com/list.aspx.



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Obituaries

Merejilda Cortez



Merejilda Cortez, 65, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 13, 2019, in Midland. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Merejilda was born Jan. 4, 1954, in Big Spring, Texas to Maria Luisa Montelongo and Getrudez Rodriguez. She lived in Big Spring most of her life, but had also lived in Georgia, Germany and Panama, but Texas was her home. She was a home health provider. She loved watching Gun Smoke and novelas and also enjoyed playing slot machines. Her biggest love was her grandchildren. She had raised her grandson Amando like a son. Merejilda was referred to as "Quiet One" and "Sister." She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Rosa Lopez Alvarez



Rosa Lopez Alvarez, 84, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 10, 2019. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Rosa was born Aug. 4, 1934, to Anita Flores Lopez and Froylan Lira Lopez. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She married Jesus Ariaz Alvarez and he preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1986. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her children, Enrique Alvarez and wife Andrea, Martha Calvio and husband Alex, Albert Alvarez and wife Jennifer and Elizabeth Britton and husband David; her grandchildren, Le-

Merejilda is survived by two daughters, Yvette Preston of Big Spring and Melissa Cortez of Austin; two grandsons, Amando B. Cortez, III, of Florida and Iain Preston of Big Spring; and one granddaughter, Evelyn Preston of Big Spring; her significant other, Richard Flores of Big Spring; her siblings, Pancha Parras and Ramona and David Marquez of San Angelo, Cipriano and Virginia Rodriguez, Juan "Bear" and Margie Rodriguez, Jovita and Deci Hernandez, Mina and Tin Garcia, Getrudez and Patsy Rodriguez, Isabel and Tony Rodriguez, all of Big Spring.

Merejilda was preceded in death by her parents, Maria Luisa and Getrudez Rodriguez; and a son-in-law Joshua Preston.

Pallbearers will be Amando Cortez, III, Iain Preston, Eric Rodriguez, Augustine Hernandez, J.R. Rodriguez and David Marquez, Jr.

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

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ticia Jones, Adrian Calvio, Andrew Calvio, Amanda Alvarez-Ormsby, Amber Garcia, Christina Alvarez, Alicia Alvarez, Bryan Britton, Matthew Britton and Ethan Britton; step-grandchildren, Abigail LeBlanc and Benjamin LeBlanc; and one sister, Margarita Pacheco.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Yolanda Juarez, Lumina Lopez and Gloria Molina; three brothers, Froylan Jr., Abraham and Saul; and twin babies, Erma and Adan.

Pallbearers will be Adrian Calvio, Andrew Calvio, Bryan Britton, Matthew Britton, Alicia Alvarez, Christina Alvarez and Ramon Castillo, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be Fidel Lopez, Ethan Britton and all grandkids, nieces and nephews.

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Ronald R. Cross



Ronald R. Cross, 89, was born on May 2, 1929, in Stanton, Texas to Gordon and Josie Cross. He married Georgia Lee Moore on July 14, 1956. Ronald was a carpenter most of his life. His hobbies included gardening, woodworking and reading about Texas history. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving in the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Aug. 12, 2007, a daughter, Sheryl Eubank, Aug. 10, 2008, a son, Kelley Cross, April 25, 2016, his parents, four brothers, H.T. Selwin, Vernon and Glenn Cross; four sisters, Noreen Murphy, Bennie Curfew, Margaret Powell and Mildred Carrigan.

Ronald is survived by one daughter, Gwen Farmer and husband Sam of Milton, Fla.; one daughter-in-law, Debbie Cross; one sister, Rosa Starnes of Lubbock, Tex.; six grandchildren, Thomas Bening

and wife Nadia of Austin, Tex., Toby Hoggard and wife Brooke of Austin, Tex., Candy Jett and husband Mike, and Shana Kay Broussard and husband Chris of Haughton, La., Cody Cross and wife Ashley of Lubbock, Tex., and Mary Cross; 10 great-grandchildren, Mason, Knox, Pike and Brix Bening, Victoria Hoggard, Samantha Jett, Sunshine and Sutton Broussard and Jacob and Eva Cross.

Ronald is also survived by one very special nephew and his wife, Spud and Jerri Curfew, of Crane, Texas. Spud and Jerri made many trips to Big Spring over the years to visit Ronald, take him out to eat and to doctor appointments, even after he became a resident at the Texas State Veterans Home in July, 2018. Ronald loved Spud and Jerri dearly.

Ronald's memorial will be at Trinity Memorial Park in the Peace Chapel at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2019.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Dallas. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at mile marker 189 on I-20. Six people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6600 block of Craig Rd. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of W. I-20. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 196 on I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of E. 25th St. No transport was required.

• **STRUCTURE/SHED FIRE** was reported in the 9700 block of S. Service Rd. Fire was contained.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meet-

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Maria Del Socorro "Socorro" Chairez DeLaRosa,



Maria Del Socorro "Socorro" Chairez De La Rosa, 65, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Services were held at 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. She will lie in state Friday, March 15, 2019, at Abundant Living Christian Center, 1610 W. Wall, Midland, Tex., from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2019, she

will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be in Chihuahua, Mexico.

She was born April 14, 1953, in Durango, Mexico, to Emmas De La Rosa Chairez and Esteban Chairez. She had been a resident of Big Spring for 15 years. She was married to Salvador Granillo, and he preceded her in death. She was a member of Abundant Living Christian Center in Midland. She worked at Tio Lenchos.

Maria is survived by one daughter, Liliana Garcia of Big Spring; two sons, Cesar Martin Granillo of Big Spring and Esteban Salvador Granillo of Chihuahua, Mexico; son-in-law, Gerardo Garcia of Big Spring; daughter-in-law, Leticia Granillo of Big Spring; four grandsons; a granddaughter-in-law; and three great-grandchildren.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RUDY ALLEN CARPENTER, JR.**, 34, of 212 N.E. 10th St., was arrested on warrants for assault of family/household member and intentionally/recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.
- **GERONIMO RAY CALDERON**, 36, of 1614 Canary, was arrested on a warrant for displaying fictitious motor vehicle registration.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of Ohio St.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1700 block of N. FM 700.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of Andree St.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RODNEY LEE SMITH**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for injury to a child/elderly/disabled with intentional bodily harm, and for burglary of a habitation with intent to commit a felony.
- **RUDY ALLEN CARPETNER, JR.**, 34, was arrested by BPSD on a warrant for assault of family/household member impeding breath/circulation
- **GERONIMO RAY CALDERON**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for displaying fictitious motor vehicle registration.

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"We work public safety first, then we work hospitals, first responders, that kind of thing," she said. Tyra said the downed pole was a lower priority because it wasn't causing an immediate danger. "The road is closed."

For more information, visit www.oncor.com.

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VETERAN

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with kids. That was not part of my plan."

"I asked my Mom to stop praying against me. God was answering her prayers instead of mine," thought McKain. "She told me she was praying for God to keep me safe, and however He chose to do that was His business."

Because her requests for deployment were denied, she starting going before boards to get promoted. At first, she was very intimidated, and she couldn't remember any answers. Finally, after having studied so much, there was one board where she actually did know the answer. She started winning boards, but the pelvis injury proved to be more troublesome than anticipated.

Even though she was excelling, she had to go before the medical board as she was no longer able to wear her gun belt on her hip. McKain had one year left on her commitment and was told by the board that the decision would take several months. Much to her surprise, the board came back with a decision the next week, and she was to be medically discharged within two weeks. Her military career came to a close in April 2006.

"I learned I learn differently, and that being different is awesome," says McKain. "This is a huge thing in the ministry because I work with youth. I love telling them that if they have learning disabilities, or if they feel differently, that it's OK. You are different, and God has a plan for you to be exactly who you are."

McKain states that she learned that she doesn't have to be the fastest or strongest; she learned that being slow, strategic, motivated and focused can be just as effective.

"I learned from a platoon sergeant, who wasn't my biggest fan, not to allow others to write my story," says McKain. "It doesn't matter who people say you are, it matters who you show them who you are. God had a great plan for me that I was completely unaware of, to first serve my country in the armed forces, and then to serve His kingdom through the ministry of Salvation Army."

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• A fund has been set up to assist Debby Salazar-Valverde with funeral expenses. If you would like to contribute, please stop by State National Bank and speak with Jeff Ward. Checks are to be made payable to "Patsy Rodriguez ITF Debbye Val-Verde" and to account number 1003054.

• AARP Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation each Monday 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.

• Wildflower Ministries will have their next Foster Informational Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019. This group meets at Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 E. FM 700. Have you ever considered fostering? Do you have questions? Wait no longer. Your opportunity is here. Come meet foster parents and a licensing professional to learn about fostering in Howard County. Please enter through the Northwest door in the back of the building.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-0713.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school. The next sacking event will be April 1 and 2 at the old Lakeview High School, 1107 NW 7th St., at 5:30 p.m.

• The Academy, an optional program available to all Coahoma ISD students in the first through fifth grade, is now accepting applications for current students grades first through fifth for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The program is designed to develop academic skills while emphasizing student responsibility, leadership, and self-confidence. It is structured to create an environment that allows flexible scheduling, hands-on learning, incorporation of music and movement into academic lessons while holding students to high expectations of responsibility.

Applicants and their parents must undergo an interview and complete an orientation prior to the start of the program.

Forms can be filled out in the Coahoma Elementary School office, 400 Ramsey, Street, Coahoma. Applications

Take Note

must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Mar. 29, 2019.

Students who are already in the program will not have to re-apply.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• 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.

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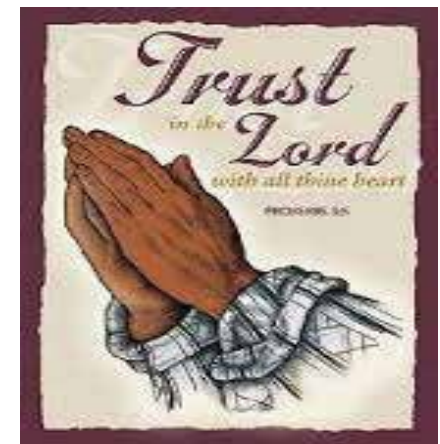
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Second Sunday in Lent
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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m., and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Lenten Services, called "A Lent to Remember", are every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. through April 10. We will have a Soup Supper at 6 p.m. Please come and join us for the meal and the Service.

Bill Dorey will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Taylor Todd, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir usually rehearses at 6 p.m., but because of spring break for students and teachers, there was no rehearsal on March 13.

John Ferguson's Covenant Class began a new study for March entitled Discipleship and Mission, written by Rachel Hackenberg, a United Church of Christ minister. The first lesson was "Called to Humility and Hospitality," and the second was "A Costly Call." The lesson for March 17 is "Calling the Lost," based on Luke 15; March 24 lesson is "Calling to Salvation," from Luke 19:1-10. Presbyterian theologian Frederick Buechner wrote, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

The Discovery Class is participating in a study for Lent by Max Lucado called He Chose the Nails. He examines the gifts Christ gave at his crucifixion: the cross, the thorns, the nails, and the empty tomb. Each participant has received a study guide which includes a Lenten practice to be completed between sessions. These practices are an intentional act of preparing one's heart for Easter, enhancing the Lenten journey.

Sunday after worship Rev. Todd would like to meet with children and youth of the church and their parents as well as anyone else who is interested in revitalizing the church's children and youth ministry. Pizza and drinks will be furnished for those who come.

Wednesday, March 13, the first of the annual Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons for this year will be at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with Rev. Taylor Todd, First Presbyterian Church, as speaker. The following week First Church of the Nazarene will host the luncheon, with Rev. Jonathan Van Dop, Baptist, as the speaker.

Sarah Salinas is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector is Buddy Cochrane.

The lectionary passages for the Second Sunday in Lent are Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; and Luke 13:31-35. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will begin the service with the introit "My Song Is Love Unknown," by John Ireland. Gabe Martinez, organist, will offer William H. Doane's arrangement of "More Love to Thee, O Christ" as the offertory.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

NazFamily Church

The Life God Blesses

A powerful world leader, a beautiful military wife, a passionate affair, a scandalous pregnancy, and a murderous cover-up - no this isn't the description of a major movie or a daytime drama, it is a real story from the life of David. Time and again, Scripture reveals that we as human beings are all susceptible to the power of temptation. One of the biggest mistakes we can make is to believe that we are beyond the seductive reach of sin. Through this experience King David discovered the power of confession and accountability, which God can use to break the chains of sin in our lives. David later went on to write one of the most powerful songs of confession in Psalm 139:

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." ~ Psalm 139:23-24

Be here next Sunday as we continue our series on The Life God Blesses and explore the powerful practices of Confession & Accountability.

• Lenten Lunches: Several congregations in the Big Spring area come together during the season of Lent providing a lunch and time of devotion each Wednesday leading up to Easter. Here is the schedule for this year: March 13 at Trinity Catholic - Speaker, Taylor Todd (First Presbyterian); March 20 at NazFamily Church (Bakers Chapel AME will be helping with the meal) - Speaker, Jon VanDop (VA Chaplain); March 27 at First Presbyterian - Speaker, Christian Rabone (St. Mary's Episcopal); April 3 at First Baptist Church - Speaker, Richard Schneberger (NazFamily); April 10 at St. Mary's Episcopal - Speaker, Rachel McKain (Salvation Army). Each of the lunches will begin at 12 p.m. and last one hour, allowing people to participate over their lunch break. This is a great opportunity to connect in Christ-centered community!

• Spring Fling: Nazarene Christian Academy will be hosting a Spring Fling parent and child dance on April 5 from 6-8pm. Join us in the church gym and show off your best moves and your best outfit; there will be prizes and refreshments. Tickets are \$5 per person.

• Community Egg Hunt: It is that time of year! Time to start collecting candy and stickers for our annual community wide Easter egg hunt that will be on Saturday, April 20. Let's continue to love our community authentically through this great event.

• NazFamily Summer Mission Trip: This summer, the NazFamily will be taking a team to work with the Nazarene Border Initiative in Chihuahua, Mexico. We have several projects lined up with the ministry near the boarder in El Paso and in Mexico from August 4-11. More details will be coming soon. If you are interested in being a part of this team, let Howard Callendar or Pastor Richard know.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North 1001 S. Goliad, north of the high school, and we would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m., and we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Happenings for March:

• Ministerial Fellowship, Big Spring Area Churches - The ecumenical Lenten Luncheon series this Wednesday, March 20, will be at NazFamily Church, with Chaplain Jon VanDop, from the VA Hospital, as the speaker. Please come and join us for a time of fellowship.

College Baptist Church

We worship the awesome God Who sends rain, seedtime, and harvest. He continues to allow us to be on the move at College Baptist Church with Him, and we would love to meet with you, as our visitors and friends, on the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

The Send group met last Saturday to train to go out door to door to speak with people in our neighborhood about what Jesus has done to secure Heaven for us. We have Bible study leaders for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, and at 10:45 our Worship team leads us in praise and inspiring hymns. Sunday morning Bro. Ken is preaching through the Seven Churches of Revelation and will be leading us in a study of God's word still relevant in these troubled times.

Afternoon G.A.s and R.A.s meet at 5. Women's Bible study is at 4:30 on Sunday and 5:30 on Wednesday. Our service Sunday evening is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, King's Kids, Wee singers, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all meet at 7 p.m. We are also preparing for our Easter musical every Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

This Thursday our Golden Glory Gang, 55 and still alive, met in the church fellowship hall for potluck. Our guest speaker was our own Dr. Marisha Beck, Cornerstone Audiologist of Big Spring. What a testimony and information on what happens when we become older and need to hear our world better.

Come celebrate the joy with us in worship as we praise the mighty God we serve. Please call 432-267-7429, for more information about this great church.

First Baptist Church

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Come praise the Lord with the people of First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of contemporary praise and worship songs and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "The Power of Prayer", and the morning message is titled "Bold Prayers". Drawn from Exodus 32:1-20, listeners will meditate on the truth that the glorifying of God's name must take first place in our petitions; this priority is born out of a humble heart and unselfish spirit that, as we go to Him in prayer, focuses our plea(s) on course correction, and His unending mercy.

FBC now offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle.

If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at fbcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SER-

MONS'). Also, be sure to pick up one of the prayer/devotional booklets located in the north and west foyers; "The Easter Code" is a 40 day journey to the cross written by O.S. Hawkins.

At 9:30 Sunday school groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

At 5 p.m. in the chapel is the church-wide time of prayer; please come and join other believers in this occasion of intimate communion with our LORD.

Evening worship service starts at 5:30 and is a wonderful way to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week. Pastor Mark continues the evening message series on The Beatitudes. Drawn from Matthew 5:8, believers will be reminded that seeking God is not an intellectual quest; rather, an intimate relationship with God begins with an inner attitude of hope-filled dependence on, and undivided devotion and commitment to, Him.

Thursday March 21, the Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open from 9-11 a.m. It is located on Lancaster one block behind HEB at Iglesias Central.

Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and include adult Bible study and prayer time, Real LYF for children, youth group, and adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Rafini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor Youth room at 6 and join the fun!

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to join them for Sunday services at 2:00 p.m. Gather with BHDC for a time of praising and worshipping our faithful and loving Heavenly Father. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will share a message from Scripture. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Please join us Sunday, March 31 to bid farewell and give a blessing for Derrick and Donna Sue Looney as they step out in faith on their new journey immediately after services. We will celebrate with a meal. Chicken will be provided. Please bring your favorite sides, salads and desserts.

Youth is selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for camp and other activities. Talk to any youth member, parent or staff member.

The "Love Is..." Marriage Conference is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 from 9-4:30. The cost is \$40. Dinner and a Date will follow that evening. Contact the office for more info.

VBS is happening June 9 thru 11! About 30 volunteers are needed for each evening. Please sign up at the information desk or contact Lauren Bratcher.

KID CONNECT/GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS--March 17, 2019

BALAAM AND BALAK, Numbers 22-24, God commanded Balaam to bless His people.

The Signal Mountain Quilters Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This group is open to all in the community who are interested. The proceeds from the quilt they are making this year will be donated to The Life Center.

Volunteer Opportunities: • Funeral Meal Team • Nursery • Children's Church • Van Ministry • "People Helping People" Ministry • "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. to help anyone who needs food. We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left. Volunteers are needed to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they open on the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us!

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the Mall.

There is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. This group is called "PUP" which stands for "Picking Up Pieces". All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6p.m., and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there. For address or more info, please contact the church office.

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy Worship! This ministry is for children ages K through fourth grade. We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning.

REFLECTIONS: Male and Female - Does Gender Matter?



BILL
TINSLEY

An interesting thing happened at the state competition recently in the Colorado state wrestling tournament. Brendon Johnson, an 18-year-old senior at the Classical Academy in Colorado, forfeited in the first round rather than wrestle a girl. He later forfeited again in the third round of the consolation bracket rather than wrestle another girl.

Johnson, who started wrestling in the seventh grade and identifies himself as a Christian said, "There is something that I really do find problematic about the idea of wrestling with a girl, and a part of that does come from my faith and my belief. ... I really don't want to disrespect the hard work these ladies have put in. They've done a lot of that, too. Some people think by forfeiting I'm disrespecting them. That's not my intention at all." He went on to say that he didn't feel comfortable with the physical aggression required in wrestling with a girl, something he considers inappropriate on or off the mat.

According to USA Wrestling, the number of high school participants grew to 245,564 in 2017-2018, making it the seventh overall participant sport at the high school level. While it is growing in popularity among boys, it is growing even faster among girls. 16,562 girls competed in wrestling last year, an increase of 1,975.

Most sports recognize the physical differences between men and women in strength and stamina. That is true in non-contact sports like tennis and golf and in more physical sports like basketball and football. But, apparently in wrestling in Colorado, gender makes no difference.

I have to confess that this leaves me confused. In a world in which the news is dominated with #metoo reports, where journalists, politicians, athletes, actors and other celebrities have ended their careers with shame and regret over sexual abuse allegations, why would we try to teach our young people that gender makes no difference? Why don't we recognize the unique differences between male and female while encouraging respect and consideration?

We can celebrate the revolution in gender roll diversity over the last decades. The talents, interests, and abilities of both men and women span a wide spectrum in the home, technology, politics, science and the arts. We can be glad that we live in a day when men and women can explore wide ranging experiences with respect for one another.

At the same time we can celebrate the beauty of God's design in creating us male and female. There are intrinsic physical, biological and spiritual differences between the sexes that allow us to experience the depths of mystery, courage, devotion, sacrifice and love. History, art, literature and the Bible are filled with the relationships of men and women, some who rose to great heights of love and devotion and others who fell into depths of disappointment with its subsequent pain and sorrow.

The earliest chapters of Genesis start with the declaration, "And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth ...'" (Genesis 1:27-28).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsley-center.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Something to think about...

RICHARD
SCHNEBERGER



This Sunday is St. Patrick's Day. For Christ-followers, this day is about more than wearing green, pinching people, leprechaun lore, and celebrating Irish culture. It is a day that we are challenged to love our enemies and live on purpose. It is a day that we are reminded that we are ambassadors of the Kingdom of God in this world bringing His message of salvation to all.

Patrick was born in Britain in 385 A.D. His father was a church leader, and his grandfather was a priest. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was kidnapped from his home by Irish invaders and taken back to Ireland, where he was sold as a slave to a chieftain. After six years of captivity, he heard a voice telling him that he would soon go home, and another voice later that said his ship was ready. Fleeing his master, he travelled to a port, two hundred miles away, where he found a ship and persuaded the captain to take him along with them. He finally made his way back home.

After returning home, Patrick devoted his life to serving God. While studying for the ministry, he experienced a recurring vision of a man carrying letters from Ireland, and Irish voices crying out together, "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."

In 432 AD, he returned to Ireland, not to seek revenge, but as a missionary. He shared the Good News of God's love across the land where he was once enslaved.

A whole nation and culture was influenced for generations to come because of one person's radical obedience to the voice of God. This St. Patrick's Day may we once again commit to love our enemies and follow the voice of the one who loves us.

"May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us." ~ St. Patrick

The Power Of Confession



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"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." 1 John 1:8-10

The ability to go to God and confess our sins is a gift beyond what I could possibly describe with the aid of a few feeble words. It is a gift because, according to the Scriptures, confession is all that is required for God to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Under Old Testament Law, depending on the type of sin they were guilty of, sinners were required to go to the priest and offer different sacrifices. Today, because of Christ's finished work on the cross, all that is required is confession, and this is true because of His once-for-all sacrifice for our sins.

Confession of sins is powerful because God's forgiveness is powerful.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. And we know that deceit which comes by the absence of truth is a powerful force in favor of every evil work. This deceit is powerful in that it robs us of peace and fellowship with God. How can we experience the peace-giving power of God's forgiveness if we say we have no sin? If we say that we have no sin, we elude to the fact that we are not in need of God's mercy and grace. However, when we confess our sin, we discover that God had already forgiven it long before we asked.

So, confess and be of good cheer.

CHURCH

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The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible". If you are interested, please contact Derrick Looney or the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry operates through donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

Weekly Happenings:

- Sunday- 9:15-10:15am-Sunday School/Connection Groups; 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Cafe" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship; 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service; 11 a.m.-12 p.m.-Children's Church
- 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Tuesday- 6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4 7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday- Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples
- Saturday 7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org

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"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday school, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday March 17, Pastor Derrell Patterson continues a sermon series on The Seven Deadly Sins and The Seven Virtues. Sunday's sermon is "Sloth vs. Diligence" from Proverbs 6:6-11. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study will not meet for the next four weeks in order to allow members to attend the Lenten Lunches held at a different church each week. On Wednesday March 20, the Community Lenten Lunch will be held at First Church of the Nazarene at noon. Rev. Jon Van Dop, Chaplain at the VA Hospital will speak.

The Wednesday Noon Financial Peace University Class will gather at 1 p.m. in the Open Door Class Room for the next two Wednesdays to complete the nine-week study. Dave Ramsey's FPU has changed the lives of many families as they find freedom from debt and learn how to handle money God's way. The church is in the seventh week of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University for the entire congregation. Several classes are offered on different days of

the week to accommodate as many people's schedules as possible.

Real Life Wednesday night sessions include something for almost everyone. The Children's Choir and Women's Bible Study meet at 6p.m. Youth and choir rehearsal and Celebrate Recovery are also at 6 p.m. Another Financial Peace University Class meets at 6:30 p.m. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7 p.m.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday.

Other events on the church calendar include:

- Men's Walk To Emmaus Retreat, March 28-31.
- Confirmation Classes for youth begin with a Confirmation Retreat March 29-31.
- Fifth Sunday Service on March 31, when there will be only one Worship Service at 11 a.m.
- Palm Sunday on April 14.
- Easter Sunday on April 21.

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Bulldogettes pick up two district wins over Jim Ned and Stanton during Spring Break

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes and Jim Ned Lady Indians played softball during high winds and dusty conditions for the entire game Wednesday in a match that was postponed a day earlier because of severe weather conditions.

The Bulldogettes took control of the game early in the first inning. Cassie Grant drove a fly ball past third base for a triple and three RBI. The Coahoma senior wasn't on base for long as Macee Grant hit a single off a 2-2 count bringing her in for the score.

Coahoma continued to hit well scoring runs in all five innings of the game while Bulldogette pitchers C. Grant and MaKynlee Overton were effective at keeping the Lady Indians off the bases.

Overton surrendered one run from three hits and struck out three over two in-

nings. Overton came in to get the win allowing four runs from four hits and striking out one.

Madison Rodgers and Jaydan Mann both hit home runs during the game. Rodgers and Mann had two doubles each. Rodgers went 3-for-4 at the plate with four runs and three RBI. Mann was 3-for-3 with two runs and three RBI. Alex Bailey and Lexi Montelongo also had a double each. Macee Grant had multiple hits to help out the Bulldogettes.

JIM NED 5, COAHOMA 15

Jim Ned: 010 22 -- 5 7 5
Coahoma: 415 32 -- 15 15 2

W — MaKynlee Overton, L — Jenna Moore. 2B — JNHS — Libby Tutt, Malone Graham; CHS — Jaydan Mann 2, Madison Rodgers 2, Lexi Montelongo, Alex Bailey. 3B — CHS



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

The Coahoma Bulldogette varsity team celebrates a 13-0 win over Stanton Thursday, March 14, in Stanton. MaKynlee Overton threw a shutout to help lead the Bulldogettes to victory.

— Cassie Grant. HR — CHS — Mann, Rodgers. SB — JNHS — L. Tutt; CHS — Overton 2, Mann, Montelongo, Macee Grant, Rodgers.

Pitches-Strikes: JNHS — J. Moore 79-50, C. Beasley 45-30; CHS — C. Grant 43-30, Overton 62-35.

Batters Faced: JNHS — J. Moore 23, Beasley 11; CHS — C. Grant 11, Overton 15.

STANTON — MaKynlee "Red" Overton pitched a shutout against Stanton to help the Bulldogettes earn their second district win Thursday. Coahoma won 13-0.

The Coahoma sophomore had no hits or runs, struck two and struck out five over five innings. She faced 19 batters, threw 59 pitches and got 36 strikes.

Kenzi Canales went 3-for-3 at the plate. She had two runs, 3 RBI, a double and a triple. Madison Rodgers and Jaydan Mann both knocked out doubles. Rodgers went 2-for-3 with

three runs, three RBI and a home run which was her third of the week. Mann was 2-for-4 with two runs, and one RBI. Sydney Rinard and Cassie Grant had multiple hits.

Next: Coahoma (7-3, 2-1) will host Anson Tuesday for a district match. Game time is 5 p.m.

COAHOMA 13, STANTON 0

Coahoma: 310 450 -- 13 12 2
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W — MaKynlee Overton, L — Victoria Carby. 2B — CHS — Jaydan Mann, 3B — CHS — Canales, Madison Rodgers. SB — Mann 3, Lexi Montelongo 2, Cassie Grant 2, Rodgers 2, Sydney Rinard, Kaylor Green.

Pitches-Strikes: CHS — Overton 59-36; SHS — Carby 95-67; Trinity Johnson 27-17.

Batters Faced: CHS — Overton 19; SHS — Carby 23, Johnson 9.



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Jaydan Mann heads back to second base during the Coahoma Bulldogette/Jim Ned Lady Indian district matchup Wednesday, March 13, in Coahoma. The Bulldogettes won 15-5. Mann and teammate Madison Rodgers both hit home runs to help lead Coahoma to the win.

West Virginia beats No. 7 Texas Tech 79-74 in Big 12 Tourney

By AVERY OSEN

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Two down, two to go.

That's the mindset of West Virginia coach Bob Huggins after his Mountaineers upset No. 7 Texas Tech 79-74 on Thursday night.

The Mountaineers are 80 minutes away from making the NCAA Tournament as the 10th seed in the Big 12 Tournament.

"We're playing to be in the NCAA Tournament, that's what we're doing," Huggins said. "We had a meeting and sat down and talked about it and this is our chance."

West Virginia (14-19) advances to the semifinals on Friday night against No. 17 Kansas (24-9), which defeated Texas 65-57.

The Mountaineers were led in scoring by Emmitt Matthews, who had a career-high 28 points. This is only the fourth game this season he's scored in double figures.

"I think my teammates do a really good job of getting me the ball," Matthews said. "Without them I would be nothing. Coach Huggins does a really good job of getting me in the good spots to get the right shots off."

Jarrett Culver scored 26 points, Tariq Owens had 14, and Matt Mooney had 12 for Texas Tech (26-6).

Matthews hit a corner 3 to give West Virginia a 16-point lead with nine minutes to go in the game, but Texas Tech scored 16 of the next 18 to get within four.

The Red Raiders took a 69-68 lead on a basket by Culver, their first lead since it was 7-5. But the Mountaineers scored seven of the next nine to regain the lead, 75-71.

Culver missed a 3 with 20 seconds left and Tech trailing 77-74, and Matthews sealed the victory with two free throws.

"If you can take a quick two, you do, but I thought it was an open look at three," Red Raider head coach Chris



AP photo

Texas Tech's Davide Moretti (25) passes the ball past West Virginia's Derek Culver (1) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Big 12 men's tournament Thursday, March 14, in Kansas City, Mo.

Beard said. "I thought it was a good look by Jarrett, and I would want him to take that shot again if we are in the same position."

The Mountaineers went on an 11-2 run early and led by 10 just eight minutes into the game.

"The story today was all about West Virginia," Beard said. "Give them credit. They played great and have three of their last five games. They've got chemistry."

The Red Raiders, co-regular season champs, trailed 28-11 in the first half before switching to a zone defense and thwarting the Mountaineer offense as they began to mount a rally.

"Well, it's better than a slow start," Huggins said. "They were really looking forward to this game, having gotten beaten up pretty good in Lubbock."

The Red Raiders, one of the hottest teams in the country entering the game, were outrebounded 44-30 and West Virginia scored 22 second-

chance points.

The Mountaineers have won three of their last five games and seem to be hitting their stride.

"We've had so many injuries and we basically lost four starters and these guys have been great," Huggins said. "They believe in what we're doing and are coachable. They believe we can win and it seems like every game somebody different steps up."

BIG PICTURE

West Virginia: Mountaineers live to see another day and sit two wins from a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Texas Tech: The loss hurts the resume and is the worst of the year for the Red Raiders. It was also their first defeat since a Feb. 2 loss at Kansas.

UP NEXT

The Mountaineers will take on the winner of Kansas and Texas on Friday night.

Texas Tech will find out its NCAA Tournament berth on Sunday.



AP photo

West Virginia's Derek Culver, center, battles Texas Tech's Tariq Owens, left, and Norense Odiase (32) for a loose ball during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Big 12 men's tournament Thursday, March 14, in Kansas City, Mo. West Virginia won 79-74.

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Annie's Mailbox

Left Out at Work

Dear Annie: At my job, I'm the newbie on the team. The others I work with seem to know one another well, and they chat and make jokes in the office all the time. Meanwhile, some of my teammates are rather passive-aggressive with me. I don't understand why, though. I'm good at my job, and I always put in 110 percent effort. It seems to me that teammates who make more careless errors but are part of the "inside club" get far kinder treatment than I do. I'm a laid-back person and very open and honest, and I just want to be able to talk casually with these co-workers I feel have excluded me. I want to be a part of their fun conversations, but friendship can't be built instantaneously. How do I become more connected to these people and stop feeling so lonely in the office? It hurts to see them laugh with one

another while I'm singled out. I've seen a co-worker curse in the office while laughing with another co-worker and then turn to me and speak coldly; it's like a 180-degree switch. Ugh. -- The Odd One Out

Dear Odd One Out: If they're intentionally excluding you, you're the better for it. Those aren't the sort of people you should worry about impressing. But I doubt they're acting out of deliberate malice. More likely, you're just the newbie, and it takes time to build rapport at the office. Familiarity with co-workers is earned through years of working together. Continue being yourself and doing good work, and stop putting so much pressure on the idea of being friends with everyone. You may never end up being super warm and fuzzy with your colleagues, and that would be totally fine. Look at it this way: You'd be able to get more work

done while others socialize and to go home and have a healthy social life that's not tangled up in work.

Spreading Time Around

Dear Annie: I have four cousins, whom I love a lot. There's "Piper," the eldest at 10, with whom I connect on a social and BFF level. The second-eldest, 8-year-old "Wes," loves to play video games with me, as well as trade Pokemon cards. Then there's "Ellie," 7, who likes to bring out my fun and imaginative side. "Evelyn," 6, is the adorable little munchkin whom I love as if she were my baby sister. All of them are so awesome, but lately, my cousins have been fighting over me. I used to spend a lot of time with Piper because she's the most relatable, but then I realized I was barely giving time to anyone else. So I started spending more time with Wes, Ellie and

Evelyn. But it's starting to get harder and harder to spend time with every single one. Someone is always getting angry with another for taking me away. I really do love them all. I just wish there were a way that I could spend time with them all at once. What do I do? -- Troubled Cousin

Dear Troubled Cousin: You listed a series of interests that each cousin has. My suggestion is to take each one out individually for a fun day with you, doing some activity in which you can devote 100 percent of your attention to the cousin. After each cousin has had your undivided attention, it will be much easier to gather as a group, and it should make the get-togethers more enjoyable. You must be a very special person to have all of your cousins clamoring for your attention. It is not surprising that when you describe the cousins, you

talk about their interests and what makes them special. No wonder they love you so much!

Dear Annie: This is in response to the letter from "Loving Mother," the woman who receives gift cards for clothing stores when she doesn't need clothes. She said she would prefer generic cards so that she could buy things she does need. This happens to me, and I have the perfect solution -- and none of the givers is the wiser. When occasions call for gifts, she should use those cards to buy gifts for the people who bought the cards for her. Obviously, the cards are from stores they like, so the gifts should work out. Most department stores also sell small electronics, perfume, jewelry, greeting cards, etc., so her gifts don't have to be limited to clothing. In her letter, she said she "received almost \$400 in gift cards" at Christmas.

Woo-hoo! That's probably equal to the amount of money she spends in a year toward buying gifts for others. Seeing as she has to buy gifts anyway, why not think of the cards as a bank account to be used for that purpose? She could also give the gift cards to charity. Think of all the women's shelters with residents needing new clothes for job and apartment hunting or simply to stay warm. If she goes to church, she could drop a card in the collection plate with a note that it should go to a needy congregant. If that wouldn't put a smile on her face, what would? -- Been There, Still There, Love It There!

Dear Been There: Thank you for your great suggestions.

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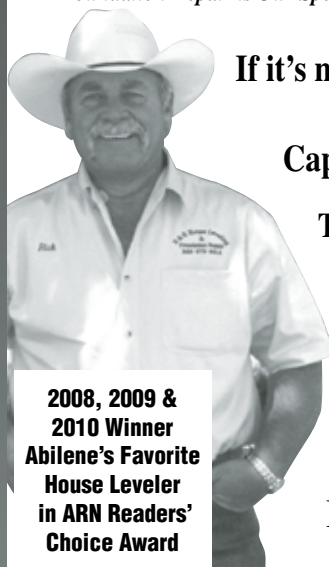
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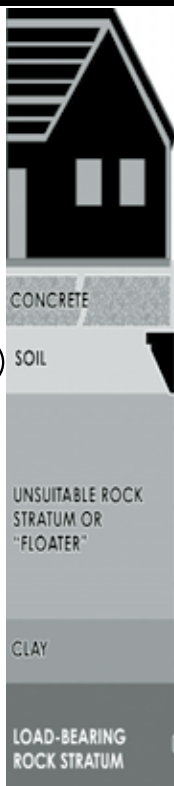
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Mercury and Jupiter at Odds

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This scene you're a part of today is pretty challenging. Try this. Imagine you are the filmmaker who created this whole situation to set up your main character to shine in a later scene. That perspective can lessen your stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No matter what headspace you're in today, you have the ability to slip into a zone where everything is beautiful. Probably this involves that hobby or activity that's become your happy place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Opportunities to stretch yourself usually happen organically, but when they don't, why wait? Make deliberate efforts to challenge yourself. This will be the difference between adequacy and greatness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The changing of an old guard is coming. Your respect and deference to power is genuine and you'll be well-considered when the time

comes to move up. That said, there are certain injustices with which you'll never go along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're enthralled by certain kinds of entertainment. It's like some performances can spiral to deep layers of your consciousness, giving you deeply needed soul-nourishment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Saying "no" isn't as hard for you as it is for some others. That's why you don't like to put people in a position of having to agree or disagree with you. Instead, you'll present ideas (no pressure, no "ask") and just see what happens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Volunteer. You'll love who you meet through this. It won't be all easy or fun -- in fact, this promises to be a completely mixed bag -- but one special contact will make it all more than worthwhile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Recovery, renewal and regeneration -- three different stages. To expect them to happen all at once is to sign up to a world of frustration. Instead, relax and recog-

nize the stage you're in for it's vital place in the chain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You hate to reject anyone, but saying "no" leaves an opening for a better fit to step in. So don't agonize over your choices, or your tone will bring others down. Look at the positive that you do by moving quickly on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one's job is always easy. Even pampered kings, wealthy socialites and celebrities have problems. So waste not a second wishing for a different set of problems. There's greatness waiting inside of the set you're on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Probably no one is going to tap you as the leader, so tap your-

self. With your talent, drive and a few

well-chosen words you can stir up the people and strengthen their spirit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Consider your next move for three days. Maybe "consider" is too strong a word for what you should do really. No active thinking, discussing or writing will be necessary. Give it a rest. You'll know better on Monday.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 15). You're loved deeply and understood better than you think, so don't hesitate to reach out. There will be celebrations, laughter, community, and education through the next six months.

Invest in yourself. You're worth it, but that probably isn't your main concern. Will you make your money back? A resounding YES. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 22, 38, 24 and 9.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Listening well will give you the world on a string. **TAURUS:** Sometimes good choices go masquerading as bad ones and vice versa. **GEMINI:** The popular way isn't the way that's going to work for everyone, or, possibly anyone. Norms are no longer normal. **CANCER:** You like people who are direct, purposeful, and in tune with themselves because these are qualities you want to further develop in yourself. **LEO:** Things conveyed in a believable way aren't always true. You have a sixth sense about it all weekend. **VIRGO:** Savor life. Engage the senses. Otherwise, you're too in your own head. **LIBRA:** If you don't get the wonderful date, you'll get something even better -- the story. **SCORPIO:** You've a terrific sense about what you should tell people and what you'd be better off keeping to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS: The same rules that seem really ironclad today will disappear tomorrow like sugar in the rain. **CAPRICORN:** It's easier to make one sweeping decision about your relationship and stick to it than it is to clutter up your head with a hundred little rules. **AQUARIUS:** The good thing about knowing someone for a long time is that they can reflect back to you the through line of who you've been all along. **PISCES:** Love has many forms and tones, some of which don't have a lot of voltage but can still power you through.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Cancer and Pisces connection is powerful and fluid as ever this weekend with the moon and sun in these signs. The water signs don't so much complete one another as they become a bigger, stronger collective entity. Like two oceans coming together, they assimilate and blend, erasing boundaries that seemed so distinct before their relationship began.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

East	South	West	North
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	?		

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠AKJ5♥Q63♦AJ4♣952
- ♠Q84♥KQ72♦AQJ93♣6
- ♠AQ93♥Q5♦AJ84♣AJ9
- ♠AK1064♥KJ92♦KJ9♣9
- ♠AK5♥AQ94♦KQJ82♣2

- 1. Pass.** A takeout double shows the values for an opening bid, but the range of strength may extend from 12 or 13 points to more than 20. Also, distributional features may range from poor, as in this hand, to very good, as in some of the succeeding hands. The doubler has an obligation to identify the nature of his hand after partner responds to the double. With minimum values — 13 to 15 points — he passes if partner has made a non-jump response. With this hand, therefore, South should not bid again. If he were to continue bidding, he would be implying values in excess of a minimum double.
- 2. Two hearts.** The player who responds to the double (in this case, North) may have a very weak hand, since he is merely obeying partner's command that he bid. The doubler therefore has to tread gingerly when deciding what to do next.

Here, South can afford to bid two hearts, not on the basis of his high cards, which are close to minimum, but on the basis of his distribution, which is reasonably good. Four trumps and the singleton club, as well as the strong diamond suit, are trick-taking features that pull the hand out of the minimum class and justify a further bid. The single raise is mildly invitational and shows 16 to 18 points (including distribution).

- 3. One notrump.** This indicates a hand a bit too strong for an original one-notrump overall with at least one stopper in opener's suit.
- 4. Three hearts.** Here you have only 15 high-card points, but the chances of making game with this hand are far better than those in the preceding 18-point hand. The way to gauge such hands is not by point count but by the probable number of winning tricks. Thus, if partner has as little as five hearts to the queen and the queen of diamonds, there is an excellent chance of making four hearts. The three-heart bid (highly invitational) asks partner to carry on to game with values of this sort.
- 5. Four hearts.** Here, the chance of making 10 tricks is so good that you bid game yourself rather than risk partner's passing a lesser bid. If partner has nothing but five hearts to the jack, there is a reasonable chance of making 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: A difficult decision.
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1	4	2	5	8	7	9	6	3
9	7	5	6	2	3	4	1	8
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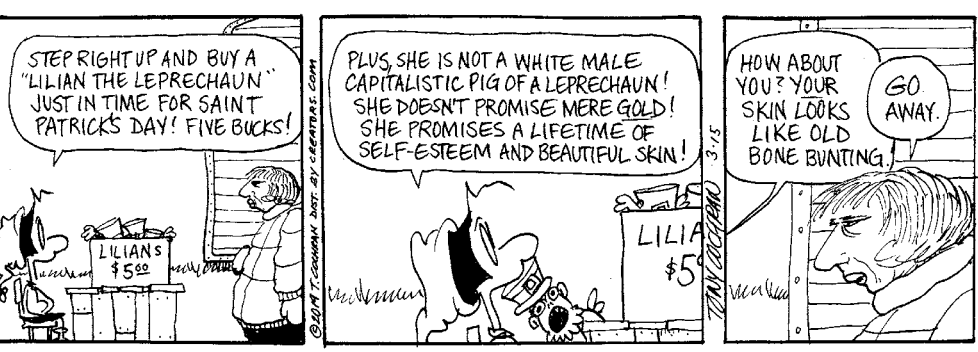
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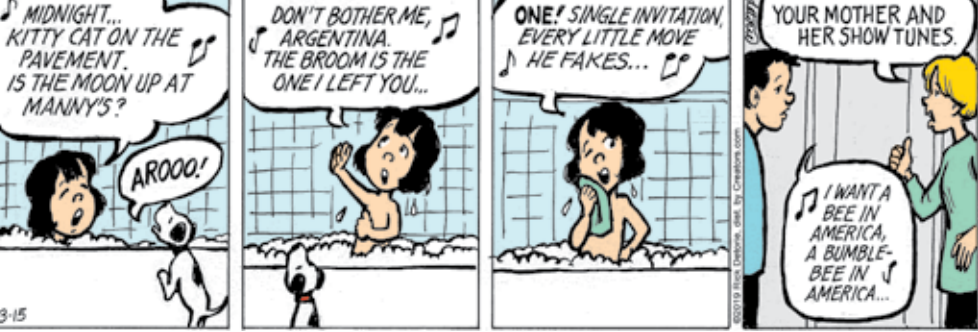
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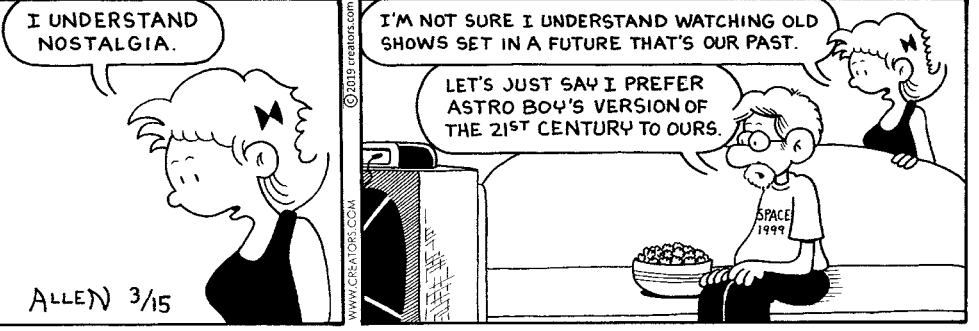
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Today in History
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Newsday Crossword

TODAY'S PHRASE by Mark McClain Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
1 Oddball
6 Large swallow
10 Ship forepart
14 Rebound in sports

- DOWN
1 Its seal has an eagle and antenna
2 Happiness symbol
3 Househunter's concern

- 12 Burning sensation
13 Steam engine innovator
21 What a rack may hold

- 41 Leave for a bit
43 Link on some homepages
44 Poetry competition

Answer to previous puzzle
LOOSE MOPE QUIP
INBOX APAL UNDO

No. 17 Kansas beats Texas 65-57 in Big 12 quarterfinals

By **DAVE SKRETTA**

AP Basketball Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas took the first step toward redemption against Texas on Thursday night.

After the No. 17 Jayhawks failed to win a piece of the Big 12 regular-season title, ending their record streak of 14 straight crowns, they leaned on freshmen Devon Dotson and David McCormack in a 65-57 victory over the Longhorns in the quarterfinals of the conference tournament.

Two more wins and they'll hoist some hardware after all.

Dotson finished with 17 points and McCormack had 13 points and a career-best nine rebounds for the third-seeded Jayhawks (24-8), who advanced to play West Virginia in the semifinals Friday night.

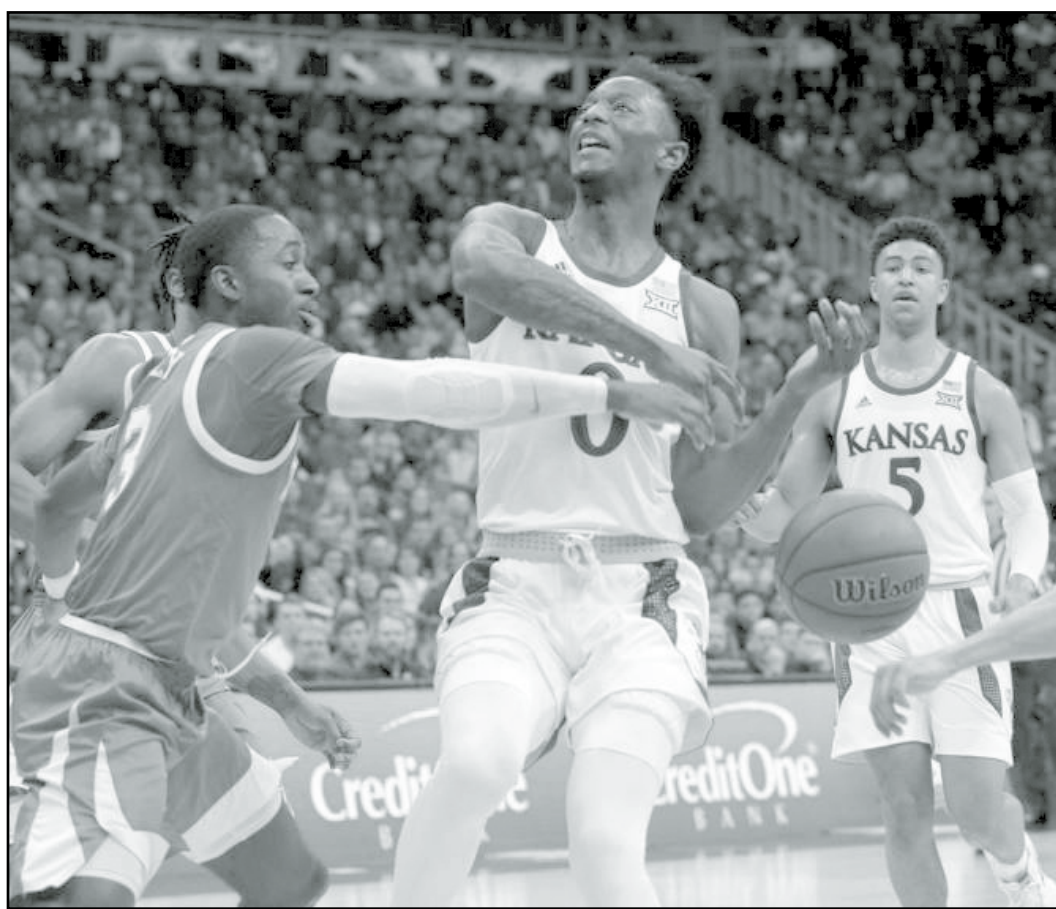
The No. 10 seed Mountaineers upset second-seeded Texas Tech earlier in the day.

"The team I watched tonight is hungry, they're playing with a free mind and they're rebounding," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said of the Mountaineers. "Forget about the records and whatnot, when Kansas and West Virginia play you usually get your money's worth for a game."

Dedric Lawson also had 16 points and Quentin Grimes had 12 for the Jayhawks, who improved to 20-3 in quarterfinals since the inaugural tournament in 1997.

Dylan Osetkowski had 18 points to lead the sixth-seeded Longhorns (16-16), who may have needed a win at the Sprint Center to help their NCAA Tournament resume. They have a strong strength of schedule but have lost five of their last six games overall.

"No question about it, regardless of our record," Osetkowski said. "We've been in every game. It's tough to leave it up to the committee now, but



Texas' Courtney Ramey, left, and Kamaka Hepa, right, strip the ball from Kansas' Marcus Garrett (0) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Big 12 men's tournament Thursday, March 14, 2019, in Kansas City, Mo.

AP photo

I think we've definitely done enough."

The Jayhawks and Longhorns split in the regular season with each winning at home, so perhaps it was no surprise that they played to a 29-29 stalemate in the first half.

Kansas got out to a quick 9-2 lead but languished through long periods, unable to get anything going offensively. The Longhorns did their best work attacking the paint and getting to the foul line, even though 6-foot-11 freshman Jaxson Hayes sat most of the half with two fouls.

The Jayhawks began to edge ahead

early in the second half.

Lawson scored a couple of quick baskets to build a lead, and the brutish, 6-foot-10 McCormack went to work on the glass. He made one nifty rebound off a miss by Ochai Agbaji and spun around for a lay-in, helping Kansas stretch its lead to the biggest of the game.

"I was trying to use my size and strength to my advantage," McCormack said.

Texas tinkered with a 2-3 zone and a half-court trap to slow the Jayhawks, and to some extent they succeeded.

But the Longhorns were unable to capitalize at the other end.

"We were locked in and played great defensively," the Jayhawks' Marcus Garrett said.

When they closed to within 56-51, Grimes drew a foul and triggered the bonus, making both free throws. When the Longhorns added a foul shot of their own, Dotson breezed to the bucket for another contested layup to extend the Jayhawks' lead.

The Jayhawks held on the rest of the way.

"We got some stops, but we didn't score enough points," Texas coach Shaka Smart said. "I think the difference in transition baskets was one of the key factors that led to Kansas winning the game."

ROACH STRUGGLES

Kerwin Roach II returned from a five-game suspension for violating team rules. He checked in early in the game but finished with just eight points on 2-for-7 shooting.

HAYES HURT

The Longhorns lost Hayes, one of their bright young stars, when he appeared to hurt his left knee during a scrum with 1:58 left in the game. He was helped off without putting any weight on it.

BIG PICTURE

Texas had the nation's sixth-toughest schedule according to the NET, the new analytics used by the NCAA Tournament selection committee. But the Longhorns were just 8-10 in the Big 12 in the regular season, and they may have needed a win over Kansas to help their postseason cause.

Kansas started 15-2 but was just 8-6 down the stretch, when injuries and absences began to wreak havoc with the lineup. But the emergence of McCormack gives the Jayhawks hope they can defend their tournament title after failing to win the regular-season crown.

No. 15 K-State beats TCU 70-61 in Big 12 quarterfinals

By **DAVE SKRETTA**

AP Basketball Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kamau Stokes had just been hammered by TCU on the way to the basket, and Kansas State's senior guard was still lying face-down on the floor when a scratchy voice rang out inside Sprint Center.

"Make your free throws!" Wildcats coach Bruce Weber yelled.

So much for sympathy.

Stokes made the first and clanked the second, but the Wildcats secured the rebound and Stokes buried a 3-pointer to atone for the miss. The four-point play allowed Kansas State to edge ahead, and the regular-season champs never trailed down the stretch in a 70-61 victory over the Horned Frogs on Thursday in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament.

"Coach Weber always talks about toughness and I'm pretty sure he wanted me to get up," said Stokes, who finished with 11 points. "Just had to let the pain wear off a bit."

He'll have 24 hours to rest before a semifinal date with No. 5 seed Iowa State.

Xavier Sneed led all scorers with 19 points, none bigger than a 3-pointer as the shot clock sounded in the final minute. Barry Brown added 12 points and Makol Mawien had 10 for the Wildcats (25-7), who played without All-Big 12 forward Dean Wade in their first game as a No. 1-seed since 1977.

Wade watched the game from the sideline with a boot on his right foot, and probably had a hard time not leaping from his seat when Kansas State seized control in the second half.

"Just proud of our guys continuing to be resilient and fight," Weber said.

Desmond Bane had 16 points to lead the eighth-seeded Horned Frogs (20-13), who split with the Wildcats in the regular season. Alex Robinson added 12 points and Kevin Samuel had 11.

Now, coach Jamie Dixon's team must wait for Sunday to find out whether it has done enough to qualify for the NCAA Tournament. The Horned Frogs held on to beat Oklahoma State in the tournament's opening round, but they went just 7-11 against the league during the regular season.

"I feel like we definitely did enough," Bane said. "We got 20 wins in the best league in the country. That's really hard to do. Seven of our 11 losses came to

the top teams in the country, the others on the road. I feel like we have no bad losses."

TCU was in the flow right from the tip, perhaps having benefited from that down-to-the-wire win over the Cowboys. The Horned Frogs were hot from the 3-point arc and solid on defense, and soon they'd built a double-digit lead on the regular-season conference champs.

They also took a crowd tinted Kansas State purple right out of the game.

"We didn't have the right energy, the right mindset," Brown said. "I thought the first 10 or 12 minutes we just coasted. I tried to express it to our guys that it wasn't going to be easy."

The Wildcats finally clawed back into the game, getting a big lift from Cartier Diarra, their backup guard who returned after missing several weeks with a hand injury. He slammed an alley-oop dunk to ignite the crowd, and Sneed's buzzer-beating 3 got the Wildcats within 34-32 at the break.

They used a 15-2 run to take their first lead midway through the second half.

The Wildcats' lead eventually reached 10 before TCU mounted a comeback of its own. But after Mebane's basket made it 55-52 with 5 1/2 minutes to go, Sneed buried his third 3-pointer while getting fouled. He converted the free throw and gave Kansas State some breathing room again.

The Horned Frogs were never able to catch all the way up.

"They just seemed to get more physical, more aggressive on our drives, our penetration," Dixon said. "They were keeping us from getting a direct line to the basket, and they hit a couple of shots."

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Mississippi State routs Texas A&M 80-54 at SEC tournament

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Lamar Peters' wrist is feeling much better, and now he's doing his best to help the Mississippi State Bulldogs burnish their resume before the NCAA Tournament.

Peters scored 15 points, and Mississippi State routed Texas A&M 80-54 Thursday night in the second round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

Mississippi State coach Ben Howland said Peters has only been able to practice shooting the past 10 days after a sprained wrist in a loss Jan. 29 at Alabama affected the junior guard in a number of games and kept Peters from shooting even at practice for nearly three weeks. That limited Peters to only three double-digit games until the regular season finale.

"Shooting a lot of it's about confidence," Howland said of his guard.

Peters credited his improved shooting to simply staying in the gym and practice shooting after practice.

"It's been paying off," Peters said.

The Bulldogs (23-9) now have won seven of their last nine with their second win over Texas A&M in six days. Mississippi State beat the Aggies by 92-81 in Starkville to wrap up the regular season, and their first game ever in this tournament was never that close as the Bulldogs never trailed.

Sixth-seeded Mississippi State now will play No. 8 Tennessee for a second straight year in the quarterfinals Friday night in another rematch from the Bulldogs' final week of the regular season. Tennessee won that game 71-54 in Knoxville and also knocked Mississippi State out of the tournament last year.

No. 11 seed Texas A&M (14-18) fin-



Mississippi State guard Quindary Weatherspoon, left, reaches for a shot by Texas A&M guard Wendell Mitchell, right, in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game at the Southeastern Conference tournament Thursday, March 14, 2019, in Nashville, Tenn.

ished up a painful season that only got worse when sophomore guard TJ Starks dislocated a shoulder Feb. 26 in a loss at LSU. Starks not only averaged 12.3 points a game, he also led the Aggies in assists. His injury left Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy with seven scholarship players, and this loss likely was the last of his eight-year career after reports he will be fired once the season ends.

Kennedy said he wish he knew but hasn't talked to any administrator yet.

"When you hear something as you walk into the gym and you hear it off the internet, that's not the way you want to hear something like that going into a tournament trying to play

for a championship or trying to win games in the SEC," Kennedy said. "It's an unfortunate situation, but I'm not sure."

Tyson Carter scored 14 points for Mississippi State, and Quindary Weatherspoon added 12.

Savion Flagg led Texas A&M with 21 points and 10 rebounds a night after scoring a career-high 29 points. Brandon Mahan had 10.

Peters opened the game with a 3 for Mississippi State, and Weatherspoon added a 3 as the Bulldogs built a double-digit lead within the first six minutes at 15-4 on a 3-point play by Abdul Ado. From there, the Bulldogs just kept padding the lead to as much as 17 late before Flagg scored on a

fast-break layup to trim the halftime margin to 38-23.

It only got worse in the second half where the Bulldogs' biggest issue was a warning to coach Ben Howland to get back inside the coach's box. Robert Woodard II finished off a 3-point play to push Mississippi State's lead to 50-30 with 14:21 to go, and the Bulldogs pushed the lead to as much as 30 on a 3-pointer by Peters with 4:06 left.

BIG PICTURE

Texas A&M: Kennedy had a very young team this season with 10 players either sophomores or freshmen. Flagg led the Aggies in both scoring and rebounds this season as a sophomore. The Aggies now are 3-7 all-time in the SEC tournament. Kennedy said it was easy to see the difference in personnel, experience and physicality in the first five minutes.

"It's been a grueling season, playing six or seven guys and playing a couple of guys 40 minutes a game," Kennedy said. "It wears on you. It just has been that type of year. Last night we played really well, played with a lot of energy. Tonight we weren't razor sharp. You can't win at this level and in this league with the type of teams we're playing against if you're not at your best. If you're not at full strength, it's hard to win."

Mississippi State: The Bulldogs dominated the undermanned Aggies, especially inside. They outrebounded Texas A&M 38-24 and had a 36-18 scoring edge in the paint.

NO COMEBACK

"We knew we couldn't let up on defense," Carter said. "That's what we did last time we played them, kind of kept the game a little closer than it should've been. We knew we just had to kind of step on their neck a little bit and just keep getting stops."

BUBBLE WATCH: Teams on NCAA bubble fear the bid thief

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It's that time of Championship Week when programs on the NCAA Tournament bubble start to worry about bid thieves.

Saint Mary's already might have pulled off one of those swipes when it stunned No. 1 Gonzaga in the West Coast Conference on Tuesday. The Gaels had a shot at making the NCAA Tournament with an at-large bid even with a loss to the Zags but now there's no denying that the WCC will get two bids.

The Mid-American, Pac-12 and Mountain West are three conferences where the dreaded bid thief could strike. No. 18 Buffalo is comfortably in the Big Dance and a loss over the next few days would make the MAC an unexpected two-bid league.

If a program other than Washington or Arizona State takes the Pac-12 title, that's another spot in the 68-team field that vanishes. If Nevada or Utah State don't win the Mountain West? Poof! Another bid gone.

Several bubble programs helped themselves with wins on Thursday, including Ohio State, Florida, Alabama, Xavier and Arizona State. Among those that took tough losses: Creighton, Indiana, Georgetown and Texas.

TCU and St. John's are two more programs sit-

ting on the bubble that didn't make the most of Thursday's opportunities. The Horned Frogs (20-13) fell to No. 15 Kansas State 70-61 one day after beating Oklahoma State. The Red Storm (21-12) got thumped 86-54 by No. 23 Marquette.

Here's a look at the rising and falling fortunes of some bubble teams, as well as upcoming big games:

ON THE RISE

Ohio State: The Buckeyes (19-13) got a tight win over Indiana in what some considered an NCAA Tournament play-in game. Ohio State is in a better spot, but would feel more comfortable about its place in the field with an upset over No. 6 Michigan State on Friday.

Florida: The Gators (18-14) got the crucial win over Arkansas. Now they can really solidify their profile with a win over No. 9 LSU, which is trying to regroup following the indefinite suspension of coach Will Wade.

Xavier: The Musketeers (18-14) still look like they're a long shot to go dancing, but the win over Creighton gives some hope. If Xavier can beat Villanova on Friday, Selection Sunday will at least be worth watching.

Alabama: The Crimson Tide (18-14) really needed at least one win in the SEC Tournament and got it with a comeback victory over Ole Miss. Alabama's certainly not safe and more wins might be needed,

starting with No. 4 Kentucky on Friday.

Arizona State: The Sun Devils (22-9) took care of business with an 83-72 win over UCLA and look like they'll make the Pac-12 at least a two-bid league.

FADING HOPES

Indiana: The loss to Ohio State hurts. The Hoosiers have some good wins, but that overall record of 17-15, including an 8-13 mark against teams in the Big Ten, might be tough to overcome.

Creighton: The Bluejays (18-14) have had a lot of tough losses this season and suffered another one on Thursday in a 63-61 loss to Xavier. Selection Sunday is going to be a nail-biter.

Georgetown: The Hoyas (19-13) got thumped by Seton Hall 73-57. They still have a slim shot to get in the field, but that wasn't a good last impression.

Texas: The Longhorns (16-16) played a tough schedule, but it's awfully hard to see a .500 team in the field after Thursday's 65-57 loss to Kansas.

NC State: There's no shame in the Wolfpack's 76-56 loss to No. 2 Virginia, but it's still a missed opportunity to make a bubble statement. NC State goes into Selection Sunday with a 22-11 record.

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