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First responders recognized by Quilts of Valor, local DAV

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Whether serving the nation or serving one's community, the heart of a servant shines through. While many have taken the oath to protect and serve their community and their country, Monday evening three local first responders were honored for that commitment.

"The heart of a servant ... it tells you a lot about the person who gives their heart and soul to their country," Howard County Pct. 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long, said. "They are depended on every time they get up; they don't know what lies ahead and they serve our country well but then they come back and make a choice to step off that road for a time and step right back into another servanthood in the day to day life threatening situation, never know what they are going to get. It's a lifelong commitment and you are being recognized for that servanthood."



Three local first responders were honored with a Quilt of Valor on Monday evening; BSFD Justin McCullough, BSPD Christopher Dominguez, and HCSO Blake Jones.

A short ceremony was held at the Dora Roberts Community Center where friends and family members, colleagues, supervisors, city leaders and community gathered to honor three local first responders for the service they have provided to our

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nation and to our local community. "All of our law enforcement wakes up everyday, and they give their all. They put their lives on the line for us," Commissioner Long said. "They run into the fires, they answer when they are called

upon; first responders are to be honored and our veterans who carry on that first responders walk deserve double honor. I extend my heartfelt appreciation on behalf of the County."

Representing the Big Spring Fire Department's Justin McCullough, Marine veteran; Big Spring Police Department's Christopher Dominguez, Army veteran; and Howard County Sheriff's Department's Blake Jones, Marine veteran. "Our veterans deserve recognition, our first responders deserve recognition and this is an opportunity to do both," Mike Tarpley, Quilt of Valor presenter and DAV Chapter 47 Senior Vice Commander, said. "These three men have done both; they've served their country and now they are serving their community." Each of the first responders were nominated by their supervisors and then final

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Run2Love2Run kicks off Permian Basin Events 2020



HERALD file photo

The 2020 Run2Love2Run race is set for Feb. 15. Registration is now open online and will be open until the morning of the race.

By **SAVANNAH GEER**
 Staff Writer

Run2Love is kicking off its ninth annual race. The first race of the year will be benefiting Court Appointed Special Advocates of West Texas (C.A.S.A) on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. This is Run2Love's third year benefiting C.A.S.A. According to the race organizers, each of the race benefits a different organization.

"Donations will benefit a worthy cause and provide a way to give back to the community," Cherise Felty, Race Organizer for Permian Basin Events, said. "We want to encourage families, couples, even friends to come have fun and take part," Felty said.

"This event is for fitness and fun," she said. "There will be a change of scenery for this year's race. While most will

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Amphitheater project nearing Phase 1A completion

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Amphitheater may look a little different than it did a year ago and over the next year or so more changes will be taking place. Anyone who has traveled through Comanche Trail Park lately could have noticed construction taking place. All that work is part of the Amphitheater Renovation Project, which began May 22, 2019.

"We are nearing completion of Phase 1A, and working on securing funds to move forward with Phase 1B, which is the roof for the stage," Hayley Herrera, Community Services Director, said.

The main focus of Phase 1A is to ensure the amphitheater is up to standard with ADA. According to Herrera, there were new ramps and rails installed and more ADA parking is going to be added.

"With the completion of Phase 1A, making the facility ADA compliant, all citizens, regardless of ability, can now enjoy the amphitheater, not just the upper level as was true in the past," Barney Dodd, Amphitheater Improvement



HERALD file photo

Construction work on the Amphitheater began the renovation project in May 2019 and is nearing completion of Phase 1A. Pictured above is the beginning of the project last year before Pops in the Park.

Board President, said.

Once the work is completed on the ADA parking the amphitheater will be re-opened and be up for rentals until

funding is secured for the next phase.

"The ADA work moved fairly quickly

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- **MOSES OLIVAREZ**, 30, of 107 E. 17th St., was arrested on warrants for expired registration, no drivers license, and criminal

mischief (\$750 to \$2,500).

- **DANNY WADE FERGUSON**, 53, of 907 E. I-20, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **JOE HERRERA III**, 30, of 611 N.W. 9th St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **MICHAEL JOSEPH MC-NEW**, 29, of 7803 North Service Rd., was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while

license is invalid, and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **ADRIAN ALANIZ**, 19, of 1201 W. 2nd St., was arrested for an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 600 block of E. F.M. 700, and in the 3500 block of E. I-20 North Service Road.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Main.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 94 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ADRIAN CRUZE ALANIZ**, 19, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for an order of commitment to jail.
- **KATYANA ALEXANDRIA CAMPBELL**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to adjudicate-forgery of a financial instrument.

- **DANNY WADE FERGUSON**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for capitas theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **JOE HERRERA III**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear-possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).
- **ANGEL ADALPHO LAREZ**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify-fugitive intentionally giving false or fictitious information, and a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).

- **MICHAEL JOSEPH MC-NEW**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving with invalid license, and violating promise to appear.
- **MOSES OLIVAREZ**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500), expired registration, and no driver's license.
- **MARCUS WATSON**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke-possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of N.E. 11th St. No transport required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at County Road 53. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **BUILDING/STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 300 block of Alice St. Fire was contained.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of E. 6th

St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Scurry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 9th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Caroline. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Ohio. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

The 38th Annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex in Odessa, Texas, on February 7-9, 2020. Those attending can see the new 2020 model RVs and boats and receive the best buys of the season. Visit the new, expanded gun show and a variety of booths including resort areas, jewelry, ladies' apparel, motorcycles, ATVs, home décor, specialty foods, kayaks, African safari guides, and uses boats and RVs. Let the kids fish in the Army Bass Anglers Kids' Fishing Tank sponsored by American Chevrolet of Odessa. Sign up at booth spaces for prizes to be given away, such as guided fishing trips, truck rhino lining, gift certificates and Yeti cups. A free tram will be provided to transport people from building to building. All exhibits are inside. Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Something for the entire family. Visit

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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 meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.



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selections were confirmed by the Quilts of Valor. "They have my thanks and the thanks of this community not just for their service in our military, but for their service in our community," Mayor Shannon Thomason, said. "As Long stated these gentlemen were America's first responders. They heard the call of our nation to stand up and protect freedom no matter where that took them, and they came home and accepted the call of their community, to protect our families. On behalf of the City of Big Spring, we honor the city's recipients of the Quilts of Valor."

Firefighter McCullough went to San Diego for Marine Boot Camp after graduation in 2006. After a year, he was deployed with his unit to Al Anbar Province in Iraq, where his unit conducted convoy security and foot patrols.

"It means a lot that the community comes together; I didn't know what to expect and it's really nice to have the support of the community," McCullough said.

Cpl. Dominguez joined the Army in 2008. He was assigned to Fort Hood with the 57th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, but shortly after was deployed to Afghanistan in the summer of 2009.

After his deployment and upon his arrival home, Dominguez sought out the avenue to becoming a police officer. He completed his field training in 2014 and has been working his way up through the

ranks since then.

"I feel very grateful for everyone who came out; I am forever in their debt," Cpl. Dominguez said.

Deputy Jones joined the Marine Corp in 2001, during his senior year, on Oct. 26, 2001. After spending only a couple of weeks in MOS School, Jones and his unit were fast tracked and deployed to Kuwait in preparation for the upcoming war.

"Words can't explain how honored I am to be nominated for this award," Deputy Jones said. "It's an overwhelming feeling."

Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization founded in 2003 by a "Blue Star" mom, Catherine Roberts. The idea of finding a way to provide comfort for veterans came to her while her son was deployed in Iraq. While he was deployed, she constantly felt 10 seconds away from panic and those feelings turned into quilt making.


"I received my quilt one day in the mail and I was lucky to have my wife and my mother around me when I opened it," Quilts of Valor local presenter Mike Tarpley, said. "Since then I guess you could say I have been honored with many quilts that I have been able to present to our veterans." Since the founding of the organization, more than 140,000 quilts have been awarded in the United States, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. With each quilt the mission to honor service members and veterans is fulfilled - one human-being reaching out and touching another without judgement, reaching out with acceptance and with acknowledgement of service to our nation in very trying circumstances. The quilts are made up of three layers: the top with

its many colors, shapes and fabrics represent the community and the many individuals we are; the batting - filler - is the center of the quilt, its warmth. "This second layer represents the hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual who receives it," Tarpley said during the presentation. The backing is the final layer and it represents strength that supports the other layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of his or her family, communities and nation. Each of the stitches holding the layers together represent love, gratitude and sometimes the tears of the maker. Each quilt represents the three-part message from the givers to the recipient. "We honor you for your service. We honor you for leaving all you hold dear and to stand in harm's way in a time of crisis, protecting us from the effects of war," Tarpley said. "Next, we know that freedom is not free. The cost of freedom is the dedication of lives of men and women like you, and this quilt is meant to say thank you for your sacrifice." He continued, "Finally, this quilt is meant to offer comfort to you and to remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in our thoughts and hearts."

As the ceremony concluded, those in attendance were encouraged to say Thank You to each nominee and touch the quilt as they exited the evening.

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Weather



Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 32. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

RUN

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recall the race taking place on top of the scenic mountain. This years' runners will be running through Comanche Trail Park. There will be prizes for First through Third place, male and female, age groups, and couples. Prizes will also be awarded for the best Valentine-themed costume.

"The race can be completed in less than a hour, but you can walk too; you don't have to run," she

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and now it's important for the Amphitheater Improvement Board to raise more funds so we can move forward with the rest of the project," Herrera said. "The roof and stage upgrades are still needing funding support and we would love for the community to buy in since the amphitheater is such an important part of Big Spring's history."

According to Herrera, the end goal with the project is to be able to complete the project from start to finish in order to host more events at the amphitheater.

"The amphitheater is such an important part of Big Spring's history, but it is an under used facility. We hope with the upgrades to ADA and the ad-

said.

"We're thankful for volunteer and sponsors; they are the ones who make these races possible," Felty said. "This year our banner sponsor is Star Dodge."

Registering can be done the day of the race until 9 a.m. Entry fee includes a long sleeve T-shirt. For discounted registration and guaranteed shirt size, go to www.permianbasinevents.com.

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dition of the roof over the stage we can host more events," she said.

Dodd added, "We are hoping in the near future to host an event allowing potential donors to see the completed work and discuss the plans we have for the future."

To find out more about the project or to donate, contact Barney Dodd at 432-755-9529.

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Eugenia Olague, 32, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Domingo Galaviz, 58, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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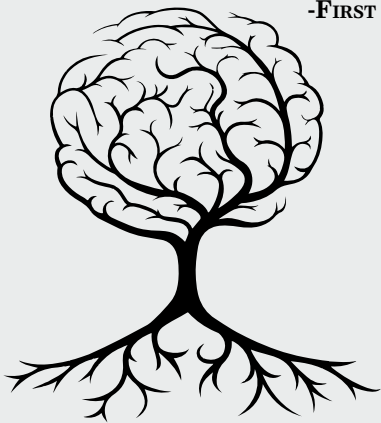
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Home Country: Double Feature

This is 'bout the best time of year," said Steve, "to get out and do something fun, like go to a rodeo."

"Awful cold out there right now, Steve," said Doc, who has more degrees than a thermometer. "I guess it's a good thing they have all those building rodeos these days."

"Well, that would take all the sport out of it, wouldn't it?" Steve said. "Dud, pass the sugar please."

Dud passed the sugar. "Don't know what you mean, Steve. Why would it take all the sport out of rodeo if the folks in the stands were comfortable?"

"Cold factor," he said.

"What?"

Now Steve was our resident cowboy here at the Mule Barn truck stop's philosophy counter. He still worked on ranches and lived in bunkhouses and saddled his horses one at a time, but his rodeo days were far behind him. It's a sport with a very short ca-

reer ... one way or another.

"You see," Steve said, "when it's cold, the rough stock bucks harder ... 'specially the bronses. Not sure why, but you can see it even with broke horses. On a cold morning, they're liable to hump their backs and hop a few times just for fun, or to shake out the kinks. Same with rodeo bronses. With them, I think it's just more fun, though."

"Well, I can see where watching bronses in cold weather would make it more fun to watch," Doc said.

"That's only half of it," Steve said, grinning. "Those poor cowboys who ride them are cold and stiff, too. Doesn't help much with riding rank stock. And that's the reason it's more fun to watch a rodeo in cold weather. It tends to rain frozen cowboys."



SLIM RANGLES

Marvin Pincus understands that times change, and he's changed a lot, too. He's a lot older now, of course, and it gives him more time to consider things, like snowboarding. There he was, the other day up on Parker's Ridge, our fairly-close-to-being-local ski slope, resting his arms

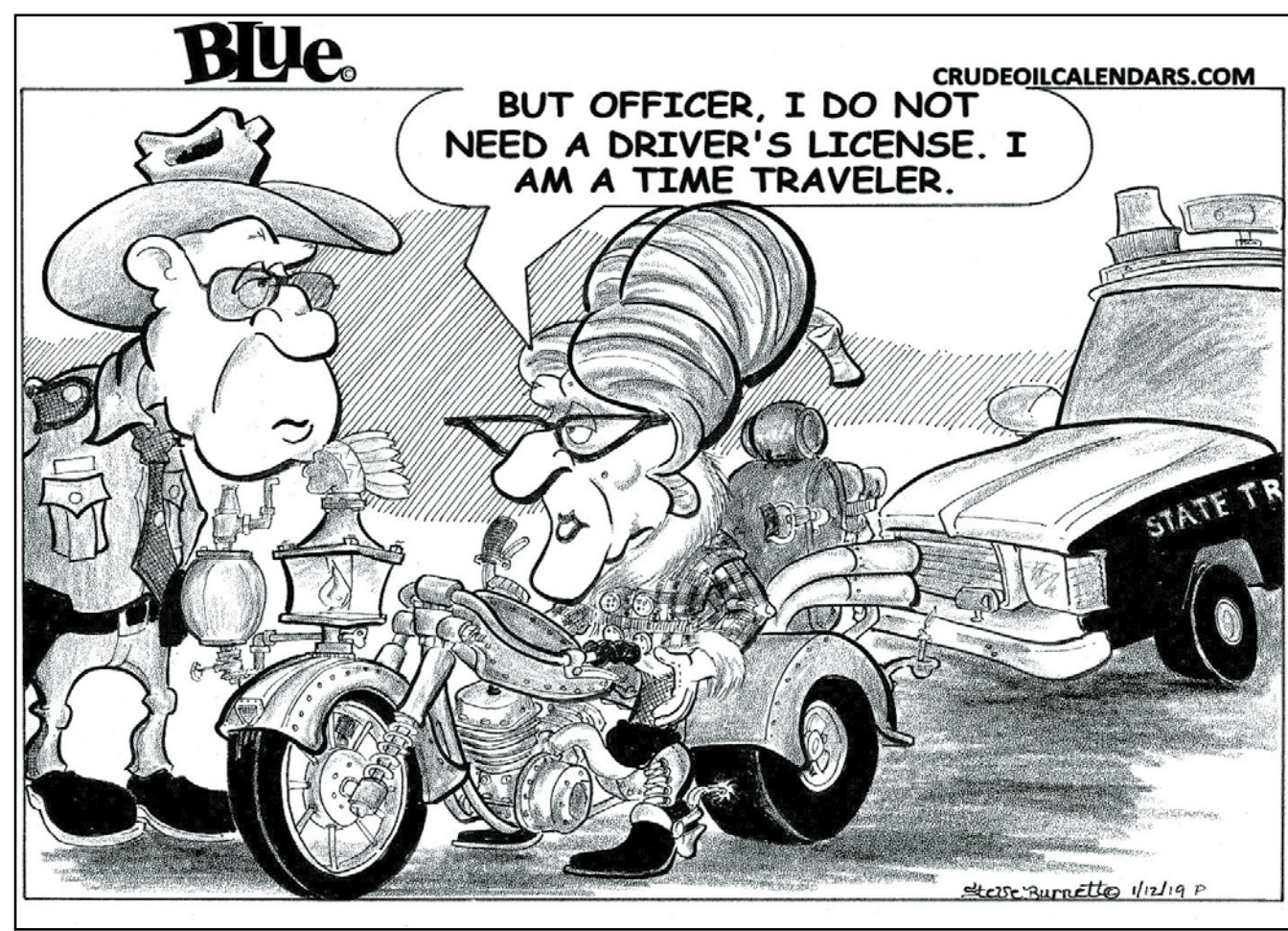
on the antique wooden ski poles he's used since the Hoover Administration.

And down the hill came young people, swooping and swooshing on snowboards and it got ol' Marvin shaking his head.

"Back when I was young," he said, "we had to work at this. You had to have skiing lessons, of course. Then you had to buy the right equipment and the right wax. Oh yes, the wax. You had to know just what kind of wax to use for the current temperature and what kind of snow you had. Then you practiced learning to stop and turn. For some strange reason, we thought it was important to be able to turn on skis, and to stop.

"But now we have these snowboards. Near as I can tell, all you need to get started in that sport is an idiot and a six pack."

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The Postscript: Learning to whistle

My sister learned to whistle at age two.

She was precocious in other ways as well. She knew how to read by the time she started kindergarten. She demonstrated a physical dexterity I never did. She was much more talented at the piano. But it was the whistling that really got to me.

I was six when she started to whistle and I remember it clearly. She sat in her highchair at my grandparents' house and started whistling her heart out. She could see, even at two, that she was creating quite a sensation and so she continued, louder, demonstrating her newfound talent. I was sick with envy.

I don't think I have envied many people many times in my life, but I very much wanted to whistle when I was six. Like tying your shoes at five, it is a milestone. My dad whistled. My friends could whistle. Now my baby sister could whistle and everyone was over the moon. It was a low moment in my short life. My grandmother, who I am sure was very well intentioned, did not make the situation better.

"Carrie, some people never

learn how to whistle," she informed me.

I suppose this was to help me understand that I had company, that there was a great world of non-whistlers out there and I would surely find companionship with the similarly inadequate. I was not comforted.

"Some people never learn how to whistle!" I remember repeating to myself many times over. I think this may have been the first time I was seriously confronted with the possibility that there might be something I desperately wanted to do that I would not be able to. I had parents who assured me that I would be able to do whatever I put my mind to and here I was, at six, already stopped at a major roadblock. It was very discouraging.

I could be imagining this, but it seems to me my sister sensed my dejection and whistled with even more virtuosity.

All this came to mind as I was in New York last week. I had just performed material from my columns at a conference. I was certainly a late arrival to this world. Most of the performers were at least twenty years younger than me, if not thirty, and I was every bit as nervous as the youngest of

them—perhaps more so.

I had fifteen minutes to perform and, while it's hard to tell with these things, I felt I did reasonably well. Afterwards, I changed out of my sparkly costume and headed back to the hotel to watch some of the other talented people perform. It was unseasonably warm in New York for January. The sky was clear and there was an unexpectedly big moon rising over the skyscrapers. I stopped, right in the middle of Broadway and stared at this giant moon.

I suddenly realized how ridiculously lucky I was. I was doing something new. I was having fun. I might or might not be embarrassing myself but—if I was—I really did not care. I started to whistle. I was walking down Broadway whistling and I didn't care if anyone heard me. I fished my phone out of my purse and called my sister.

"Hey, Sister!" I announced without preamble, "I just wanted you to know that I couldn't whistle at two and not even at six but I actually am a halfway decent whistler now!"

My sister laughed and I told her I loved her and I kept walking and smiling and whistling.

Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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Americans flown from China virus zone arrive in California

By AMY TAXIN and MARK THIESSEN

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — A plane evacuating 201 Americans from the Chinese city at the center of the virus outbreak arrived Wednesday at a Southern California military base after everyone aboard passed a health screening test in Anchorage, where the aircraft had stopped to refuel.

The jet landed shortly after 8 a.m. at March Air Reserve Base about 60 miles (96 kilometers) east of Los Angeles.

A ground crew dressed in white approached the aircraft shortly after it landed and three charter-style buses parked near the plane. About 40 minutes after landing people could be seen walking from the plane to the first bus, which then departed. Another bus pulled up next to the plane's baggage compartment.

Federal and local public health officials scheduled a media briefing for later in the morning.

All the passengers already underwent two health screenings in China and were screened twice more in Anchorage by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. One passenger received medical attention for a minor injury that happened before boarding the airplane in China, Dr. Anne Zink, Alaska's chief medical officer, told reporters after the plane left.

The U.S. government chartered the plane to fly out diplomats from the U.S. Consulate in Wuhan, where the latest coronavirus outbreak started, and other Americans. The plane landed Tuesday night in Anchorage. The Americans will undergo additional health screenings in California and will be temporarily housed as they finish the repatriation process, officials said. Officials have not said how long that housing period will last.

"For many of us directly involved in this, it's become a moving and uplifting experience. The whole plane erupted into cheers when the crew welcomed them back to the United States," Zink said.

"This is the best possible outcome," state health commissioner Adam Crum said in a statement. "We wish these passengers the best of luck as they complete their journeys home and I am deeply grateful to everyone who came together to assist us in helping with this repatriation effort."

State officials had said the plane could carry up to 240 passengers, and Zink said they were prepared for that number. "At the end of the day, 201 passengers loaded and 201 passengers left Alaska," she said.

The flight crew remained on the upper level of the plane, entirely isolated from the passengers for the entirety of the flight and did not get off the plane in China, putting them at low risk, she said.

Wuhan is the epicenter of a new virus that has sickened thousands and killed more than 100 people. China has cut off access to Wuhan and 16 other cities in Hubei province to prevent people from leaving and spreading the virus further. In addition to the United States, countries including Japan and South Korea have also planned evacuations. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and in more severe cases shortness of breath or pneumonia.

The Americans aboard the white cargo plane with red and gold stripes left Wuhan before dawn Wednesday, China time. They arrived in Anchorage at the mostly desolate North Terminal just after 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, local time. The jetway was extended from the end of the terminal, but it also had no windows. Passengers were not visible.

The passengers were isolated in the airport's international terminal, which lies mostly dormant in the winter months. The terminal is not connected to the larger and heavily used domestic flights terminal, and each has separate ventilation systems, said Jim Szczesniak, manager of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

"In the wintertime, we have the ability and the luxury of not having any passenger traffic over there, so it's a perfect area for us to handle this kind of flight," he said.

Warren Buffett gets out of the newspaper business

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Billionaire Warren Buffett is giving up on the newspaper business.

He's selling all of Berkshire Hathaway's publications to Lee Enterprises for \$140 million, including the Omaha World-Herald in Nebraska and The Buffalo News in New York.

Buffett is a lifelong fan of newspapers but he has said for several years that he expects most of them to continue on their declining trajectory, save for a handful of national papers such as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

The deal covers 31 daily newspapers in 10 states as well as 49 paid

weekly publications with digital sites and 32 other print products. Other newspapers include the Tulsa World in Oklahoma and the Winston-Salem Journal in North Carolina. As part of the agreement, Lee will enter into a 10-year lease for BH Media's real estate.

Lee has been managing the BH Media publications since July 2018. Analyst Ken Doctor, who writes the Newsonomics blog, said this sale is a logical step for Berkshire after hiring Lee to manage most of its papers.

"That was a first step in gaining some efficiency of scaled management. Further, it was a clear ac-

knowledgment by Warren Buffett, a longtime major supporter of the press, that he no longer believed the print newspaper business could be turned around," Doctor said.

Rick Edmonds, a media business analyst with The Poynter Institute, said this deal reinforces that the newspaper industry is out of favor with most investors.

"It's a further unfortunate event for an industry that's already been having a lot of tough times," Edmonds said.

The deal will increase Lee's size significantly. The company said its portfolio will grow to 81 daily papers and nearly double its audience size.

Houston based company found partly responsible for Oklahoma rig explosion

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — An Oklahoma jury has found a Houston-based company 10% responsible for a January 2018 explosion and fire that killed five men.

The Pittsburg County jury on Monday ordered National Oilwell Varco to pay \$1 million each to the estates of Josh Ray of Fort Worth, Texas, and Cody Risk of Wellington, Colorado.

The families of all victims that included Oklahomans Parker Waldrige of Crescent, Matt Smith of McAlester and Roger Cunningham of Seminole previously reached settlements with other companies involved in the rig at Quinton. Those were Red Mountain Operating; Red Mountain Energy LLC; Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC; and Patterson-UTI Energy Inc.

NOV argued that the other companies and Ray shared the blame.

"From our clients' standpoint, it wasn't about the money. It was about taking the case to the jury and allowing it to apportion responsibility," Jeff Wington, an attorney for Ray's family told The Okla-

homan.

"And it was very important for the Ray family to clear the name of Josh Ray, because they (National Oilwell Varco) was blaming him for the death of his friends."

"The jury has spoken," NOV's attorney John Zavitsanos told the McAlester News-Capital. "We very much respect their time."

"Our heart goes out to both these families and I wish neither side was here and I wish this had never happened."

The Jan. 22, 2018, explosion, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) southeast of Tulsa, was the deadliest drilling accident since the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded.

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Texas teen who won't cut dreadlocks gets \$20K for college

MONT BELVIEU, Texas (AP) — A black Texas teenager who was told his dreadlocks violate his high school's dress code is gaining the support of some celebrities as well as \$20,000 for college.

DeAndre Arnold, 18, appeared on an episode of "The Ellen Show" that aired Wednesday where host Ellen DeGeneres and singer Alicia Keys presented him with a check to go toward his college tuition.

Arnold, a senior at Barbers Hill High School in Mont Belvieu in southeast Texas, said he was barred from school and won't be allowed to attend his graduation ceremony after the school said his

hairstyle violates the school's dress code.

Barbers Hill Independent School District officials have said it's not about race and that the school allows dreadlocks but has rules about the length of male students' hair.

"There is no dress code policy that prohibits any cornrow or any other method of wearing of the hair," the district's superintendent, Greg Poole, said last week. "Our policy limits the length. It's been that way for 30 years."

Arnold told DeGeneres that he wants to go to college to become a veterinarian. He said his dread-

locks are a part of his culture and heritage, noting that his father is from Trinidad.

"I really wish the school would kind of be open to other cultures and just, at least let us try to tell you some things," he said. "Don't just shut us out."

DeGeneres urged the school to "do the right thing" and change its policy.

Last year, California became the first state to ban workplace and school discrimination against black people for wearing hairstyles such as braids, twists and locks. The state's governor signed the legislation into law in July.

News Briefs

Police: 22 Dallas officers suspended for policy violations

DALLAS (AP) — More than 20 Dallas police officers have been suspended without pay after an internal investigation found they failed to account for money won in gambling stings, document their use of police funds and properly place seized property into evidence, among other policy violations, officials announced Wednesday.

None of the detectives and supervisors, who previously served on the city's vice squad, will face criminal charges because prosecutors determined the nearly three-year investigation found "insufficient evidence" that the law was broken, the police department said.

The group acknowledged some policy violations but poor documentation prevented investigators from determining what happened to some of the funds and seized gambling machines, according to the department. Some officers were accused of giving internal affairs detectives false or misleading statements.

Twenty-two officers received between three and 20 days suspension without pay, according to a department memo released Wednesday. A police spokeswoman said one officer was previously given a written reprimand.

"Though not popular, these actions were necessary to create a more efficient department and bring us closer to our goals as a world class department," Dallas Police Chief U. Reneé Hall said.

Hall disbanded the vice unit in 2017 with little explanation, then reinstated it with new officers in November 2018. She said Wednesday that "ethics and integrity define" the city's police department.

Dallas Police Association President Mike Mata, who represents some city officers, called the disciplinary actions "ridiculous" and an "unfair" effort to retroactively justify dismantling the unit.

The vice unit seized nearly 4,000 gambling machines and more than \$852,000 between 2014 and 2017, according to the department memo.

The memo, dated June 2019, also noted about 1,650 of the machines remain unaccounted for, but it's unclear how much money is at stake in the alleged policy violations.

Texas oil well blowout kills 1 worker, injures 3 others

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — One worker was killed and three others were injured Wednesday during the blowout of a Central Texas oil well.

All four were contractors working at a Chesapeake Energy well site on a county road near Deanville, Texas, 28 miles (45 kilometers) southwest of Bryan, when flames erupted from the wellhead about 3:30 p.m., Chesapeake spokesman Gordon Pennoyer said in an email.

A blowout is an eruption of oil or gas from the wellhead that can erupt in flames if there is an ignition source, such as a spark.

Pennoyer provided no information on the conditions of the three injured workers, who he said were airlifted to hospitals in Austin and Houston. Emergency responders were still at the scene, including a wild-well control crew, he said.

Chesapeake Energy is based in Oklahoma City.

Ex-Dallas-area Catholic priest accused of molesting a child

DALLAS (AP) — A 78-year-old former Roman Catholic priest whose whereabouts remain unknown has been accused of aggravated sexual assault of a child while serving as a priest in North Texas, according to a police affidavit.

Dallas police obtained a warrant Tuesday for the arrest of Richard Thomas Brown, a priest who served at five North Texas churches before he was removed in 2002 and recently defrocked. The affidavit accused Brown of sexually molesting a child on July 5, 1989.

Brown is the first Catholic priest to be charged with sexual abuse since Dallas police raided the offices of the diocese last year. One year ago, the diocese issued a list of 31 priests its officials said were "credibly accused" of molesting children. Brown was on that list.

The present case against Brown began in 2018, when an Irving abuse victim's aunt emailed the diocese to report that her niece had been molested during the 1980s. The police, contacted by the diocese, interviewed the victim who said the diocese had been alerted in 2004.

The affidavit, which was obtained by WFAA-TV, said the victim told of Brown sexually assaulting her over several months in the 1980s at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving.

Brown's activities were reported long before 2004, though. In depositions taken in 1995 and 1996 in a civil case, Sister Caroleen Hensgen, then the superintendent of the parochial schools in the diocese, testified that the principal of the school at the Holy Family school in Irving told her of those activities during the 1980s. She said she passed those reports on to then-Bishop Thomas Tschoepe. Brown was transferred to another parish.

According to the police affidavit, Brown continued to be transferred from one parish to another, one diocese to another. Police believe he sexually abused as many as 50 children between his ordination in 1980 and his removal from the

priesthood in 2002.

In a letter dated last Sept 19, the diocese said Brown's last known whereabouts was in or near Delaware. "It is our prayer that the arrest of Richard Brown will provide an opportunity for the legal system to address the accusations against him," the letter stated.

No telephone number could be found listed in that area for Brown, and he could not be reached for comment.

Historical panel delays vote on moving Alamo Cenotaph

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A state historical review panel delayed a vote Tuesday on whether to move the Alamo Cenotaph, a memorial to the 200 Alamo defenders killed by the Mexican army in an 1836 assault during the war for Texas independence.

The Texas Historical Commission put off its vote for at least two months, saying commissioners want more information on where the monument might be moved and what restoration work it may need. It's a key piece in a major renovation of the Alamo.

The 58-foot-tall marble slab has been a focal feature of Alamo Plaza in downtown San Antonio since 1939.

Planners of a \$450 million Alamo renovation project have proposed moving the monument to a place about 500 feet to the south of its longtime home, a proposal that has drawn fierce opposition from descendants of the Alamo's 1836 defenders.

The Alamo Defender Descendants Association is fighting to keep the Cenotaph within the area once surrounded by the Alamo's walls. It hopes to have the monument declared a cemetery in the hope of stopping the move.

The commission's next meeting is scheduled for March 24-25 in the Dallas suburb of Plano.

Texas attorney general evades gay marriage case for beliefs

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas attorney general is not defending a state agency being sued for punishing a judge who refuses to marry same-sex couples because the state's actions conflict with his views of the Constitution.

Attorney General Ken Paxton's office is not representing the Texas Commission on Judicial Misconduct, which issued a warning to McLennan County Justice of the Peace Dianne Hensley last year. Paxton would have been expected to represent the commission as part of his charge to defend state agencies, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The commission said Hensley has refused to perform same-sex weddings since August 2016, despite the U.S. Supreme Court's 2015 decision that established the constitutional right to same-sex marriage.

Since 2015, the general practice in Texas has been that judges either perform all types of marriages or none. But Hensley, a Christian, argued she could continue officiating straight marriages and refer same-sex couples to others because it conflicts with her beliefs.

After the ruling, Paxton issued a legal opinion arguing that Texas clerks and judges with religious objections could not be forced to officiate those marriages or process the paperwork.

"We believe judges retain their right to religious liberty when they take the bench," Paxton's spokesperson Marc Rylander said in a statement.

Paxton reiterated those same sentiments during a radio interview in December.

"There is a First Amendment right to free exercise that is sort of standing alongside this newly minted right to same-sex marriage," Paxton said. "The First Amendment doesn't go away just because the Supreme Court created a new right."

Jacqueline Habersham, the commission's interim executive director acting as counsel in the case, declined to comment.



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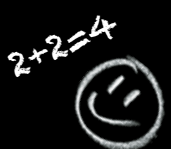
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The Career Preparations class at Forsan High School is in its 2nd year of existence. There are currently seven students enrolled in the second semester, after two students graduated in December. This class is offered primarily to seniors but can be open to juniors with special circumstances. Students in this class are employed and work 10-20 hours a week to learn tasks and skills that will help them in their chosen career path after graduation. During the class period, students learn basic employability skills including career research, finding open positions, applying for and interviewing for positions, and securing employment. Students create and develop resumes, complete applications, and perform other tasks that are typically needed to maintain employment.

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If you are a business and would like to become a training sponsor, please contact Cory Richardson at Forsan High School, 432-457-2223.

If you are a Forsan student and would like more information on this program, contact Coach Richardson, Mrs. Tucker, or Mrs. Mims.



Courtesy photos

Mrs. Rainey's 8th grade math students are learning about slope, y-intercepts, and linear equations, so we are exploring those concepts with a Desmos activity - Land the Plane. Everyone is engaged and learning with technology!

Academic Star Student of the Week Forsan High School Senior, Hunter Carter

Our Academic All-Star Student of the Week is Hunter Carter.

Hunter is a senior at Forsan High School. He is the son of Chad and Hanna Carter. Hunter has attended Forsan ISD since the sixth grade.

Hunter is an outstanding student who excels in many aspects. He has been on the honor roll for his entire time in school, he is a member of the National Honor Society, and he has also been named as one of the top ten students in his graduating class.

Hunter is active in both academic and extracurricular activities at Forsan. He is a member of the science and current events UIL teams, and he even helped his team to advance to Regionals last year. Hunter plays tennis, participates in the 100 meter and long jump for track, and plays trumpet in the band. Hunter also makes time to be an active member of the Forsan student council.

His favorite subject is science, particularly anatomy and physiology. He says that his favorite teacher is Mr. Felty because, "he made science come alive."

Hunter role model is his father. "He's taught me so many life lessons. I hope to be as great as he is," Hunter said. As far as Hunter's plans for life after Forsan High School, he has already been accepted to Texas Tech University. Hunter plans to pursue a business degree and then go on to be an entrepreneur.

When asked if there was a particular quote that he lives by, Hunter said, "Nothing changes if nothing changes." Hunter is one who is taking charge and making a change in this world, and we are proud that he is part of the buffalo family.



Congratulations Hunter!

STEER STUFF



Courtesy photos

Big Spring ISD encouraged students to wear Titan Blue in support of former Steer Ryan Tannehill and the Titans, as they vied for a spot in the Superbowl. While the Titans lost the game, the support for the former Steer was evident at BSISD and in Big Spring.

Little Buffs



Courtesy photos

Forsan Elementary 2nd through 5th grade "Lil Buffs in Training" performed during halftime at the varsity boys and girls games last week. The students were under the direction of Brandy Kinsey. These tiny Buffs wowed the crowd with their basketball skills. Great job on the performance; keep up the good work.

Forsan Buffaloes notch pair of home wins over district rival Miles Bulldogs

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Zane Riffe continued his hot stretch against the Miles Bulldogs on Tuesday night when the Forsan senior forward scored 18 points and led the Buffaloes (12-15, 3-1) to a 45-37 win.

In the process, the Buffs stretched their district home winning streak to a staggering 26 games.

The Buffs' played strong defense and held the Bulldogs to zero points in the second quarter. Forsan stretched their lead to 23-11 at halftime and would never trail after that.

The Forsan boys' team is improving as the season progresses and they are showing that on the court. The defense has stifled their opponents' over the last two-game win streak. In two recent home games against Winters and Miles, the visiting team has failed to score more than 40 points and the Buffaloes have been able to coast to victory.

The Lady Buffs also won a low-scoring, high-intensity district rivalry against the Miles Lady Bulldogs by 47-29.

Forsan did not allow the visiting Lady Bulldogs to score double-digit points in a quarter until Miles scored 10 in the fourth. Consistent scoring and great team play led the Lady Buffs to their second



win-in-a-row.

"Our defense was pretty solid most of the night," Lady Buffs coach Lloyd Vedder said. "We ran a wrinkle in our man offed for freshman Kaeli Woodall in the third quarter and she had 10 of our 12 points."

Woodall and sharpshooting Rylee Evans finished the game with 19 points apiece and are powered the offense to the win.

The Lady Buffs will face-off in a rematch at home against the district powerhouse Eldorado Lady Eagles (21-9, 6-0) on Friday night. Last time these two teams faced off, the Lady Buffs went home with a 55-48 win over the Lady Eagles.

Since that loss, the Lady Buffs have won three-of-four games and look to be finding their groove at the right time of the season. Sharpshooter Rylee Evans has continued to improve as the season goes along and can put opponents' away with her long-range shooting prowess.

On their current two-game win streak, the Lady Buffs have moved themselves into sole possession of third place in District 7-2A. On the other hand, the boy's team are sitting in second place and are just one game behind Christoval for first place in the standings.

UP NEXT: Both Forsan teams will take a trip to Eldorado to challenge the Eagles/Lady Eagles on Friday night. The girls' game will begin at 6:30 P.M. with the boys' game following after.

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Katie Sowers trailblazer as 1st woman coach at Super Bowl

By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Katie Sowers answered questions on topics ranging from whether it hurt getting her ears pierced (no) to if she wants to be an NFL head coach one day (yes).

For the full 60 minutes of the San Francisco 49ers' portion of media night on Monday, Sowers talked with reporters from around the world on making history as the first woman and first openly gay coach to work the Super Bowl.

"I'm waiting for someone to tell me that this is all a joke, and they're going to be like 'Psych! You're not really there. You're not really a football coach,'" Sowers said. "It's one of those things that you really start to look around you and take advantage of every single day, especially with things happening in the news. You really appreciate the moment."

Being the first woman to coach in the Super Bowl may be surreal. Sowers makes very clear she hopes she's blazing a path for many more to follow.

"I feel like a broken record, but what I want to continue to say is that even though I'm first, the most important thing is I'm not the last and we continue to grow it," Sowers said.

Simply attending a Super Bowl was Sowers' dream growing up in Hesston, Kansas, and playing football in the yard with her twin sister, Liz.

She might've become a basketball coach after wrapping up her college basketball career at Goshen College in Indiana. But being gay kept her from becoming a volunteer assistant there in 2009. Current Goshen President Rebecca Stoltzfus apologized to Sowers for that last week and noted those sexual orientation policies were ended in 2015.

Sowers played in the Women's Football Alliance and for USA Football's national team, including her best game ever where she intercepted five passes at safety against Germany. Injuries such as a separated shoulder and a torn labrum ended her playing career, leading her to Kansas City where she earned a master's degree at Central Missouri.

"I knew that I had a long road ahead of me if I wanted to be an NFL coach because I didn't have the opportunity to play on a college team," Sowers said. "I didn't have the opportunity to break down film like a lot of these (coaches). ... I didn't have the opportunity to network like a lot of people did. But I was up for the challenge, so I bought every book I could and started doing it myself."

In Kansas City, Sowers also had a part-time job coaching a youth basketball

team with then-Chiefs general manager Scott Pioli being one of the parents. After being fired by the Chiefs, Pioli was assistant GM in Atlanta when he helped Sowers into the Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship in 2016 with the Falcons working through the offseason and training camp before spending nine months as a scouting intern.

That same fellowship took her to San Francisco in June 2017, working with wide receivers. Kyle Shanahan, who had been offensive coordinator in Atlanta, hired Sowers as an offensive assistant in 2018, and she's gone from breaking down film and working on practice scripts to helping wide receivers coach Wes Welker and other offensive coaches.

And Sowers is considered just a coach with the 49ers.

"She's been tremendous," 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo said. "Katie was here before I was. What she does with the receivers, all the skill position guys, how she interacts with them, it's special. She's feisty, man. Katie is awesome out there. She'll get after the guys. It's fun to be around."

Wide receiver Kendrick Bourne says Sowers draws up more than she talks on the field and does more behind the scenes.

"My rookie year she calmed me down when I played my first preseason game," Bourne said. "She gave me tips to live in the moment. She's cool."

Sowers used letters from young girls to help handle the long hours required of NFL coaches and survive the emotionally draining roller-coaster of a regular season. Her favorite? The girl who shares the Sowers' name.

"She loves sports, and she was so excited to see a woman with her same last name coaching," Sowers said.

Reaching the Super Bowl has brought Sowers a much bigger platform, including a Microsoft commercial that ran repeatedly during the NFL's conference championships. Her sights are set on much more: becoming an NFL head coach.

"Absolutely," she said.

San Francisco cornerback Richard Sherman said getting a head coaching job in the NFL is always going to be a challenge with owners making the final decision and coaches being hired still "look a certain way."

"I think it's unfortunate because there's a lot of qualified, very qualified, coaches of color and female coaches that deserve a job, deserve to get the opportunity to be head coaches," Sherman said.

Well, Sowers has been doubted before.

"Look at me now," she said.

Teague scores 15 points, No. 1 Baylor beats Iowa State 67-53

By ROB GRAY

Associated Press

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Baylor coach Scott Drew always feels fortunate to walk out of Hilton Coliseum with a win.

But those once-rare victories at Iowa State are now becoming routine.

MaCio Teague scored 15 points and the top-ranked Bears (18-1, 7-0 Big 12) seized control in the second half and rolled to a 67-53 win over the Cyclones on Wednesday night.

"Our team knows how tough it is to play here and what great fans Iowa State has," said Drew, whose team has won four of the past six games against Iowa State in Ames. "Offensively, if transition and 3s are falling, it's not a good environment to be in if you're the visiting team. Really credit our guys for doing a good job trying to make things as difficult as possible, trying to not let them get the runs they have normally here."

Mark Vital had eight points, 10 rebounds and seven assists for Baylor.

The Cyclones (9-11, 2-5) shot 36% from the field and turned the ball over 16 times.

Baylor's trademark toughness on defense, coupled with a balanced offense, forms a potent blend

that helps explain why it is the top-ranked team in the country for the third time in school history.

The Bears are 7-0 to begin conference play for the first time since the 1958 team started 10-0 in the Southwest Conference.

"I think the biggest thing is probably chemistry," said Freddie Gillespie, who had 12 points and nine rebounds. "Coach has done a great bringing together guys with similar values. Good work ethic. And I think you're seeing hours and hours in the gym coming out and playing on the big stage."

The Bears — the only team in the country with five wins against AP Top 25 opponents this season — used a 17-2 run midway through the second half to turn a five-point lead into a 59-41 edge with 7:43 left. Devonte Bandoos scored seven of his 12 points off the bench during the spurt, which came after Iowa State coach Steve Prohm was assessed a technical foul.

"We had played a good game," Prohm said. "I blame myself for the technical. I told the guys that. But we've got to be, after that, I thought they revved it up a level. We need to rev it up a level."

Rasir Bolton led Iowa State with 19 points and Tyrese Haliburton scored 17.

Baylor has won 10 of its past 13 games against the Cyclones and went undefeated in January for the

first time since 1948.

BIG PICTURE

Baylor: The Bears established themselves on the glass early and outrebounded Iowa State 39-28 — including 14-8 on the offensive boards. They also outscored Iowa State 44-22 in the paint and routinely beat the Cyclones for 50-50 balls while allowing just two fast-break points.

Iowa State: The Cyclones stayed in the game in the first half behind four 3-pointers from Bolton and a 6-0 personal run from Haliburton. But Iowa State struggled to take care of the ball. Bolton and Haliburton had five turnovers apiece.

ROLE PLAYER

Bandoos continued his recent hot streak from 3-point range. He drilled his first attempt to put the Bears up 25-18 and hit 2 of 4 overall. He's 10 for 16 from beyond the arc in the past four games and has scored in double digits in three of the past four games.

HE SAID IT

"Vital was chasing balls all over the place," Prohm said. "He's just a kid who plays hard. He's a tough dude."

UP NEXT

Baylor: Hosts TCU on Saturday.

Iowa State: At Texas on Saturday.

Lillard has triple-double and Blazers beat Rockets 125-112

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Damian Lillard laughed when asked about his first career triple-double.

"It's about time," he said.

Lillard had 36 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, and the Portland Trail Blazers spoiled James Harden's return after a two-game absence, beating the Houston Rockets 125-112 on Wednesday night.

Lillard scored 30-plus points for his sixth straight game, a franchise record.

"It took eight years," he said about his triple-double. "I think there's been plenty of times where I could have just hunted it — I've been two rebounds or

one assist away — but it's just something I never wanted to go out there and just chase."

CJ McCollum had 22 points and Trevor Ariza, playing in just his third game as a Blazer after a trade with Sacramento, matched his season high with 21. Portland led by as many as 20 points in the second half.

The crowd roared at the Moda Center and gave Lillard a standing ovation when he got his final rebound on an offensive tip with under a minute left.

Russell Westbrook led the Rockets with 39 points, extending his streak of games with 20-plus points to 21, and 10 rebounds. Harden, who was leading the league with 36.1 points a game this season, had 18.

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appropriate. The couple's defense, I'm sure, would be that they're just going from the car and up about 20 steps to the house, but still, I think it's ridiculous. I'm not sure if I should say something to them or not. Should I? -- Neighbor

Dear Neighbor: Assuming that they have a jacket on the 16-month-old and the girl does not seem in distress, i.e., freezing or crying uncontrollably, it's probably better not to say anything. Perhaps you could buy her a really nice hat and bring it over as a neighborly present. Maybe

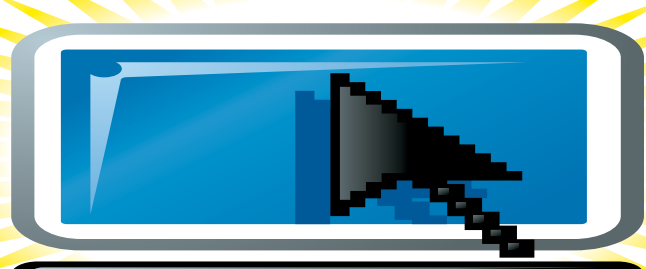
they would get the hint.

Dear Annie: My heart goes out to "Bitter," who wrote about failed in vitro fertilization treatments and her bitter feelings toward her husband's brother and wife. They had encountered similar difficulties, and yet, knowing "Bitter" and her husband's struggle, they made a sudden announcement of their own pregnancy. I, too, had difficulty getting pregnant, with my only pregnancy ending in miscarriage. The medical profession gave up on me. In fact, one day I happened to see my record and the

diagnosis, "hostile environment." It broke me. Not long afterward, I started working for a chiropractor and discussed my history with him. He took X-rays and found that I had a subluxation (vertebra out of place), where the nerves left my spine to control my reproductive organs. He said he felt that with regular adjustments to get my spine back in line, I could become pregnant within a year. Given that I was 39 years old, I had my doubts but kept them to myself. Five months later, I was pregnant. Three other patients in the practice who had difficulties getting pregnant were also able to

become pregnant. We were quite a club! At the age of 40, I gave birth to a wonderful, healthy baby girl! I'm not saying this is the answer for everyone, but after all the trials and suffering we went through, chiropractic seemed such a simple answer, and in my case it was: Due to a slight misalignment in my spine, my brain couldn't deliver messages to my reproductive organs in order to sustain a pregnancy. Once the spine was aligned and stayed that way, well, the proof is in my 27-year-old daughter! -- Grateful

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Usually, your to-do list is a mighty fine thing to keep track of, just not today, as you might get discouraged by the mountain that it is. Anyway, you'll handle a lot of things quicker than you could write them down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). One way to look at it is that they either want what you're dishing or they don't. If they don't, you gain little by having them as a customer. Extend the principle to all styles of relationships.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). That spinning, centrifugal ride at the fair might be fun at first, but if you stay on it too long, you'll get sick. It's the same with circular thought processes. Recognize when you're in one and hop off before things get toxic.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22). Some things seem like good ideas in the dark and terrible ideas in the light of day. This is why artists try to look at things in lots of different lighting. You're the artist of your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Think of last year's "Game of Thrones" finale. The characters who made it through all the war and drama to weren't the mightiest, though many were clever and wise. There is little more valuable to you than clear thought.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are afraid that if you put more effort into what you're great at, you'll stand out in a way that will be hard to manage. This is what's stopping you from going forward. Take heart. The atten-

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



tion won't come all at once.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). One person, place or thing is not inherently more

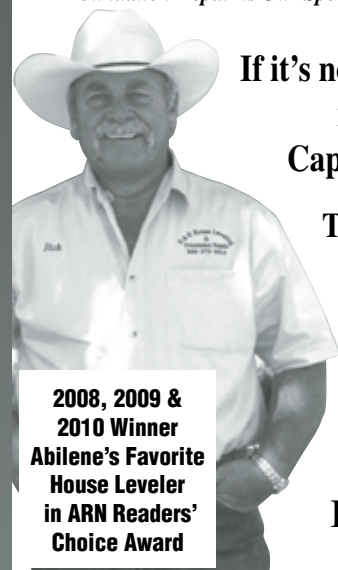
important than another person, place or thing. People make it so. The attention of people is a gift of significance. Use this.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your feelings have a way of depleting your energy or giving you more energy to work with. You'll manage them very well today, steering in the direction of healthy flow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are plenty of things you can lose in life, including relationships, jobs and possessions. This is why the things that cannot be taken from you are so wonderfully yours. Celebrate.

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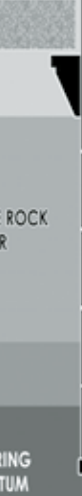
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The pressure principle

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q J 7 3
♥ 8 2
♦ A Q J 9 4
♣ K 8

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

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A K 10 9 7 5
♦ 6 5 2
♣ J 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — ten of clubs.
There is nothing wrong with a player employing deceptive tactics or strategy. This goes for the defenders as well as declarer, all of whom may try to convince the opposition that a situation exists that actually doesn't.

Consider today's deal where East won the first two tricks with the Q-A of clubs and had to decide what to do next. Although a spade shift seemed the most natural play, East chose instead to return the ten of diamonds

into dummy's strong suit. The purpose of this unusual play was to try to persuade declarer that the diamond ten was a singleton. East was hoping that this would divert South from the winning line of play.

To appreciate the effect this had on declarer, put yourself in South's shoes at this point. After taking the ten of diamonds with dummy's jack, how would you continue?

Normally, you would try to protect yourself against a 4-1 heart division by means of a safety play. The standard procedure would be to cash one top trump and, if no honor fell, cross to dummy and lead a heart to the nine, thus limiting yourself to one trump loser if East started with the Q-J-x-x.

But in the actual case, after leading a heart to the ace at trick four, declarer was afraid to try to return to dummy with a diamond for fear East would ruff. So he simply cashed the heart king next, hoping for a 3-2 trump division, and that was the end of that.

Observe that if East had made the more normal return of a spade at trick three, declarer could hardly have gone wrong. After taking the ace, he would have cashed a high trump, tried the diamond finesse and then played a heart to his nine to bring in the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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Guess Who?

I am a singer born in New York on January 28, 1980. I was once a commercial actor and I got my big break in a popular boy band in the 1990s. I also starred in two reality series about my family and me.

Answer: Nick Carter

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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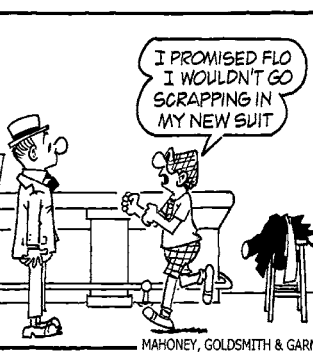
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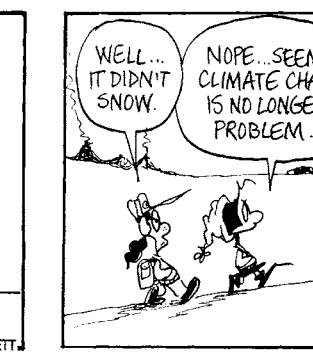
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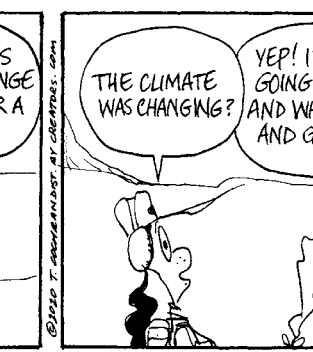
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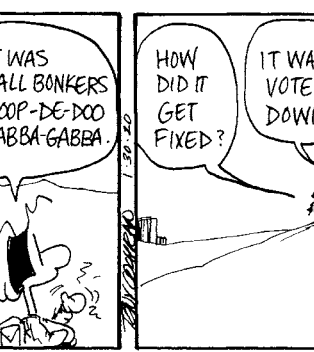
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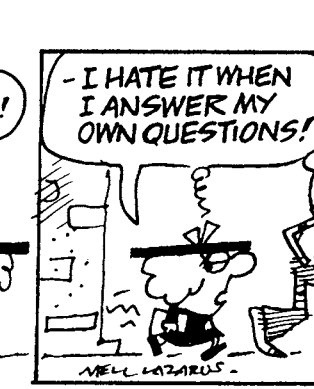
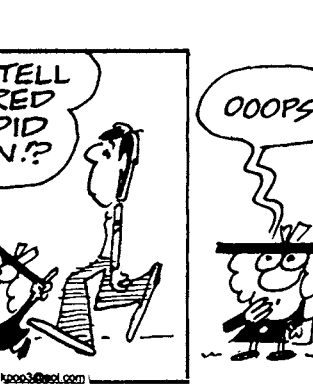
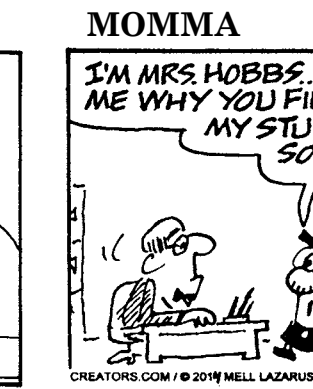
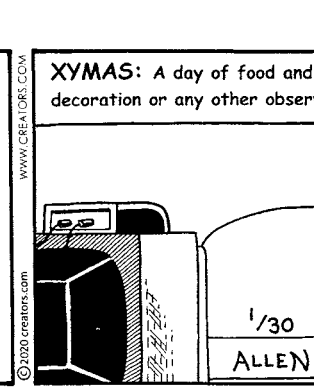
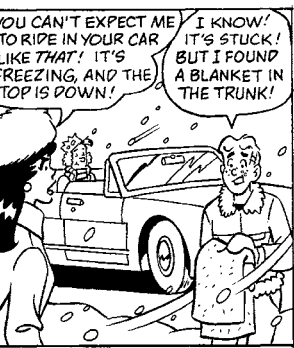
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This Date In History

Today in History
Today is Thursday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2020. There are 336 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 30, 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.
On this date:
In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed for high treason.
In 1931, the Charles Chaplin film "City Lights" had its world premiere in Los Angeles.
In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine torpedoed the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea with the loss of more than 9,000 lives, most of them war refugees; roughly 1,000 people survived. Adolf Hitler marked the 12th anniversary of his appointment as Germany's chancellor with his last public speech in which he called on Germans to keep resisting until victory.
In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse (neh-too-RAHM' gahd-SAY'), a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)
In 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit.
In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese towns and cities; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.
In 1969, The Beatles staged an impromptu concert atop Apple headquarters in London; it was the group's last public performance.
In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."
In 1974, President Richard Nixon delivered what would be his last State of the Union address; Nixon pledged to rein in rising prices without the "harsh medicine of recession" and establish a national health

care plan that every American could afford.
In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the American hostages freed from Iran.
In 1993, Los Angeles inaugurated its Metro Red Line, the city's first modern subway.
In 2005, Iraqis voted in their country's first free election in a half-century; President George W. Bush called the balloting a resounding success.
Ten years ago: China suspended military exchange visits with the United States in protest over \$6.4 billion in planned U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. (Those exchanges were reinstated in Jan. 2011.)
Thousands of demonstrators from across Japan marched in central Tokyo to protest the U.S. military presence on Okinawa. Serena Williams ended Justine Henin's (EH'nenz) hopes of a Grand Slam title in her return from retirement with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory in the Australian Open final.
Five years ago: Mitt Romney announced that he had put "considerable thought into making another run for president," but in the end, he decided to give other leaders in the Republican party a chance. Death Row Records co-founder Marion "Suge" Knight was arrested on suspicion of hitting and killing a man with his truck and fleeing the scene of the crash near Los Angeles. (Knight is serving a 28-year sentence after pleading no contest to voluntary manslaughter.)
One year ago: President Donald Trump lashed out at his intelligence chiefs after they told Congress that North Korea was unlikely to dismantle its nuclear arsenal and that the Iran nuclear deal was working; Trump tweeted, "Perhaps Intelligence should go back to school!" A California panel recommended that Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten be paroled after serving more than four decades in prison. (Gov. Gavin Newsom overruled the decision, marking the third time a governor had stopped Van Houten's release.)
Today's Birthdays: Actor Gene Hackman is 90. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 83. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 83. Chess grandmaster Boris Spassky is 83. Country singer Norma Jean is 82. Former Vice President Dick Cheney is 79. Rhythm-and-blues musician

William King (The Commodores) is 71. Singer Phil Collins is 69. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 69. World Golf Hall of Famer Curtis Strange is 65. Actress Ann Dowd is 64. Actress-comedian Brett Butler is 62. Singer Jody Watley is 61. Actor-filmmaker Dexter Scott King is 59. The King of Jordan, Abdullah II, is 58. Actor Wayne Wilderson (TV: "Veep") is 54.

Actor Norbert Leo Butz is 53. The King of Spain, Felipe VI, is 52. Country singer Tammy Cochran is 48. Actor Christian Bale is 46. Rock musician Carl Broemel (My Morning Jacket) is 46. Actress Olivia Colman is 46. Actress-singer Lena Hall is 40. Pop-country singer-songwriter Josh Kelley is 40. Actor Wilmer Valderrama is 40. Actress Mary Hollis Inboden is 34. Actress Kylie Bunbury is 31. Actor Jake Thomas is 30. Actress Danielle Campbell is 25.

Thought for Today: "Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death." — Harold Wilson, British prime minister (1916-1995).

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
1 Hip-hop headgear
6 Peppy
10 "Big" things requested
14 Harden (to)
15 Where our only royal palace is
16 Safe and ___ (sensible)
17 Post office convenience
19 Jolly Roger crewman
20 Measures of work
21 Largest MA airport
22 Elevator for singers
23 Simpsons bartender
24 What may be kept in a cornerstone
27 Guys' handbags
29 White-furred weasels
30 Pack animals
31 Taqueria dip
33 Whse. contents
34 Low blow
38 Sch. near Providence
41 Gallic gal pal
42 Jason of Orange Is the New Black
46 Comments with bite
49 La Scala's città
50 Holder of Commandments
53 Metaphor for chaos
54 Part of SATB
55 French article
56 Organizational offshoot
57 Touch up, as text
- DOWN**
1 Thorny situation
2 Difficult to bear
3 New Jersey state school
4 Aesthetic pursuits
5 "That's a revelation!"
6 Genesis city on the Jordan
7 Analyze minutely
8 Frat letter
9 "You're darn tootin', pardner"
10 Home of St. Francis
11 Apple rival in phones
12 Prepared to pray
13 Sybill, in Rowling's books
18 Box score stats
22 Tach figure
24 Radio host/ New Age composer
25 Quit it
26 Curved structure
28 Brief time, briefly
31 Frat letter
32 Venerable news service
35 ___ St. Louis, IL
36 Newspaper notice
37 Up to, in ads
38 Company cofounded by JP Morgan
39 Like a second-tier bond
40 Writer fond of twists
43 Name for some newspapers
44 Italian dumplings
45 Balm
47 Large bills
48 Prefix like atmosphere
49 Work well together
51 Pulling no punches
52 They're the world's best-selling tires
56 Window frame
58 Criticize
59 Small bill
60 Prepackaged butter portion

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Answer to previous puzzle

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TOIL	SAT	LADY
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OIL	VEG	MTV
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SUNG	IKEA	TOKEN
URDU	VEER	EMEND
ELSE	EDDY	NERDS

ROCKETS

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"Because they've got one of the best offensive players, that just broke us down," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said.

"You try to double, you try not to double, and he's shooting from almost half court."

Harden was questionable for the game but started after missing two games with a thigh contusion. Clint Capela missed Monday's game against the Utah Jazz because of a right heel contusion, as did Westbrook, who was rested. With three starters missing, Eric Gordon took over and scored 50 points in the 126-117 win in Utah.

Earlier this month, the Rockets fell at home to the Blazers 117-107. Lillard had 25 points in the victory.

Perhaps no other player in the league has been as hot as Lillard recently. He was the reigning Western Conference Player of Week after averaging 52.7 points and 9.3 assists last week. He set a franchise record for points when he scored 61 against Golden State.

"I didn't even know. I was wondering why he jumped that high for that rebound," McCollum laughed. "He looked good. He's been locked in. This is the best basketball he's played in his career."

Danuel House Jr., had a 3-pointer that gave the Rockets an early 16-8 lead, but Portland's 8-0 run, capped by Lillard's layup and free throw, closed the gap.

Already beset by injuries this season, Portland got a scare in the opening quarter when center Hassan Whiteside was kneed and went to the locker room. He returned to the game.

Westbrook's pull-up jumper and driving layup gave Houston a 46-38 lead. Portland used a 12-2 run, capped by a dunk by Ariza, to take a 61-50 lead.

Portland closed the half with dunks by Ariza and Whiteside to take a 71-60 lead into the break. Lillard led all scorers with 25 points, while Westbrook had

19.

McCollum's wide open 3-pointer midway through the third quarter gave the Trail Blazers an 83-67 advantage. Lillard's 3-pointer from just inside the pinwheel logo at midcourt made the lead 97-80.

"I'm happy for him. He's been playing great, I'm glad they gave him that last tip as a rebound," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said about Lillard's night. "To be honest, I'm surprised he hasn't had one before now. He plays an all-around game, but to get your first triple double, on national TV against a really good team, it's pretty cool."

TIP INS

Rockets: Houston's coaching staff wore Kobe Bryant Nikes for the game. It was the last of four road games in six nights for the Rockets. ... Harden and Westbrook were averaging 20-plus points this season, a first for the Rockets since Yao Ming and Tracy McGrady in the 2007-08 season. ... It was just the fifth time this season Harden had fewer than 20 points.

Trail Blazers: Stotts and the Blazers' staff also wore Kobe Bryant Nikes for the game. ... Carmelo Anthony moved into 17th place on the NBA's scoring list, passing Kevin Garnett. ... Whiteside finished with 15 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks.

DAD'S ADVICE

Lillard said he's never chased triple-doubles because of his father.

"Just growing up, my dad would just always be on my case about playing the game the right way and letting it play out the way it's supposed to play out. So that's kind of been my approach to triple-doubles. Tonight, I was close but a lot of times I was like, alright, I can't walk off the court stuck at nine with all this time and everyone was like, 'Get one rebound, get one rebound.'"

UP NEXT

Rockets: Host the Dallas Mavericks on Friday.

Trail Blazers: Visit Los Angeles on Friday for the Lakers' first game since the death of Kobe Bryant.

No. 2 Baylor women beat Iowa St for 48th Big 12 win in row

WACO, Texas (AP) — DiDi Richards is playing at different spots for No. 2 Baylor, and keeps contributing on both ends of the floor.

Richards came up just short of a triple-double with 10 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists, while also guarding the Big 12's leading scorer, and the Lady Bears won their 48th consecutive regular-season Big 12 game with an 83-62 win over Iowa State on Tuesday night.

"DiDi is just finding players that are open and she's playing all three perimeter positions. One minute she's at the point. The next minute I've got her at the off-guard. The next game I've got her at the four. DiDi will find you if you get open," coach Kim Mulkey said. "I'm really impressed with not turning the ball over. And four blocks. She's wiry. She's wiry big. She's tall, lanky. Wiry is a compliment."

Juicy Landrum scored 22 points and Te'a Cooper had 19 with a career-high five 3-pointers for the Lady Bears (18-1, 7-0 Big 12). Lauren Cox also had a double double with 16 points and 10 rebounds, plus five assists of her own. Queen Egbo had 12 points and eight rebounds.

"(Baylor) may be better than they were last year. When you have perimeter shooting the way they have, the size and strength they have, just an outstanding team," Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said of the defending national champions. "They play the game the right way. They play hard. Very physical."

The Lady Bears also have the nation's longest home court winning streak at 51 games. Their last home loss was 85-79 to Texas on Feb. 6, 2017, which was also the last time they lost a conference game during the regular season.

Iowa State (12-7, 4-4) played without junior starting point guard Rae Johnson, who was out because of back soreness, and Ashley Joens had a tough night against Richards as the Cyclones had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Joens, who entered the game averaging 22.4 points and 10.6 rebounds, finished with 13 points and nine rebounds. She was shooting 48.5% percent, the best for league guards, before going 3-of-11.

Maggie Espenmiller-McGraw had 17 points to lead the Cyclones. Kristin Scott had 15 and Jade Thurmon 14.

Cooper's 3-pointer off a Cyclones turnover started a 12-2 run over the final four minutes of the first quarter for Baylor for a 24-13 lead. Cox scored six points for the Lady Bears in a 10-1 spurt to start the second quarter, and they went on to a 49-26 halftime lead before getting outscored 36-34 after the break.

Said Fennelly, "I thought in the first half we had some kids who didn't want the ball, kind of hid a little bit."

BACK ON THE FLOOR

NaLyssa Smith, Baylor's leading scorer who missed two games with a high ankle sprain, entered on the first timeout. She finished with two points on 1-of-4 shooting with four rebounds in 12

minutes.

"I'm just glad I could give her some minutes. She's as anxious to get out there as I am for her to be out there," Mulkey said. "You can tell she's hesitant a little bit. You can tell she's not Nalyssa out there at full speed. But she needed to get up and down the floor in a game setting."

LINE TROUBLE

Iowa State came into the game ranked nationally making 80.2% of their free throws, but was only 12-of-23 (52.2%) .

"Probably the only disappointing thing for me, the one thing they can't guard," Fennelly said. "That part's a little disappointing. It wouldn't have changed the game, but for us moving forward, we've got make sure we focus on that a little bit more."

BIG PICTURE

Iowa St: The Cyclones trailed by 19 points before making their first 3-pointer midway through the second quarter, after missing their first six shots from long range. Espenmiller-McGraw's 3 got Iowa State within 34-18. ... They finished 8-of-25 on 3s.

Baylor: The Lady Bears have won 67 of their last 68 regular season conference games since losing their Big 12 opener at Oklahoma State on Dec. 30, 2015. ... Baylor finished 9-of-18 on 3-pointers, with seven of the makes before halftime. "I find it funny we scored more 3's than Iowa State," Mulkey said.

Marner sets up first 2 goals, Maple Leafs beat Stars 5-3

NBA Standings				
Eastern Conf.	Division	Overall	PPG	OPPG
Milwaukee Bucks	11-0	41-6	120.0	107.2
Toronto Raptors	7-3	33-14	112.4	106.2
Miami Heat	7-2	32-15	112.0	108.3
Boston Celtics	6-5	31-15	112.2	105.5
Indiana Pacers	5-6	31-17	110.0	107.0
Philadelphia 76ers	9-3	31-17	108.5	104.8
Orlando Magic	6-3	21-27	103.5	104.7
Brooklyn Nets	4-7	20-26	109.7	112.0
Chicago Bulls	6-8	19-31	105.7	107.8
Detroit Pistons	5-9	17-32	109.3	111.5
Charlotte Hornets	1-4	16-31	103.1	110.2
Washington	3-8	15-31	115.6	121.3
New York Knicks	2-10	13-36	104.0	111.5
Cleveland Cavaliers	4-8	13-35	105.3	114.1
Atlanta Hawks	4-4	12-36	108.8	118.1
Western Conf.	Division	Overall	PPG	OPPG
L.A. Lakers	4-2	36-10	113.5	106.3
L.A. Clippers	6-1	33-14	115.6	109.3
Utah Jazz	4-2	32-15	111.2	106.2
Denver Nuggets	6-0	32-15	109.2	106.0
Houston Rockets	4-4	29-18	118.7	114.3
Dallas Mavericks	7-0	29-18	116.1	110.0
Oklahoma City	6-4	29-20	110.3	108.1
Memphis Grizzlies	3-4	24-24	113.3	115.4
San Antonio Spurs	3-5	21-26	113.3	114.3
Portland	3-6	21-27	112.8	114.9
Phoenix Suns	4-6	20-27	113.1	113.5
New Orleans	2-6	19-29	114.7	117.3
Sacramento Kings	4-4	17-30	107.1	110.2
Minnesota	2-9	15-32	111.6	115.3
Golden State	1-6	10-38	105.7	114.3

PLAYOFF PICTURE

EAST: (1) Bucks, (2) Raptors, (3) Heat, (4) Celtics, (5) 76ers, (6) Pacers, (7) Magic, (8) Nets

WEST: (1) Lakers, (2) Clippers, (3) Jazz, (4) Nuggets, (5) Rockets, (6) Mavericks, (7) Thunder, (8) Grizzlies

DALLAS (AP) — Mitchell Marner set up Toronto's first two goals and the Maple Leafs kept up their high-scoring ways on the road to beat the Dallas Stars 5-3 on Wednesday night.

Marner's fancy passes to Auston Matthews and Zach Hyman started Toronto on the way to its seventh win in the past eight road games.

"That was beautiful," Matthews said of his goal. "Kind of caught (the Stars) going the other way, and obviously Mitch made a really nice pass and I just tried to get it up as quick as possible."

Marner sent a backhand pass from the top of the right circle to Hyman in the slot.

"He's got such good vision," Hyman said. "I don't know if he took a peek before and knew I was coming. I just got right into space and I think Auston made a great play before that, too."

The Maple Leafs never trailed and set a franchise record with four or more goals in eight straight games away from home.

"It speaks to our ability to score goals and finish," coach Sheldon Keefe said. "That is the strength of our team."

Dallas interim coach Rick Bowness had a different perspective.

"If we don't think about our net first and pay attention to details, we're going to be giving up goals that we shouldn't be giving up," he said. "We gave them three goals, in our minds."

Tyson Barrie and William Nylander also scored for Toronto. Andreas Johnsson added an empty-net goal with three seconds left, and Frederik Andersen made 31 saves.

The Maple Leafs moved closer

to playoff position. They pulled even in points (61) with third-place Florida in the Atlantic Division and Carolina for the second wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference but have played more games than either team.

Alexander Radulov scored two goals and Denis Gurianov had one for the Stars. Ben Bishop stopped 29 shots.

Dallas has lost four of six. Matthews, Barrie and Johnsson each had a goal and an assist for Toronto.

The Maple Leafs dominated time of possession in the first period, and Matthews finally scored at 12:18. The Stars failed to clear the puck, and Marner sent a pass from the right half-wall to Matthews at the left of the net. He put a wrist shot underneath the crossbar.

Dallas did not have a shot on goal during an 11-minute stretch that ended with a deflection by Andrej Sekera at 14:44. The Stars then rallied to tie the game at 17:21 when Gurianov split two defenders to skate into the slot and lift a wrist shot over Andersen.

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