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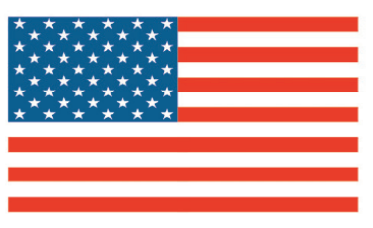
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## Serving it up in Europe

*Kalyn Whitehead is working her way to playing volleyball in Europe*

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 9
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day*  
 8 a.m. SMMC Prayer/Breakfast  
 Noon - Parkview Skilled Nursing & Rehab
- Jan. 11
- 10 a.m.  
*State Park Mountain Bike Race*  
 Park will be closed during the race - gates will reopen after the race is completed
- Jan. 25
- Silver Wings Ball*  
 Tickets now available
- Feb. 1
- Big Spring's Got Talent*  
 Applications being accepted.
- Feb. 7
- Chamber Extravaganza*  
 Howard Co. Fairgrounds  
 Nominations for 5 under 55 being accepted.
- Submit upcoming events, fundraisers and more with us for our Take Note section. Email editor@bigspringherald.com.
- Feb. 8
- Big Spring Symphony presents: Beethoven is 250*
- March 7-8
- Cowboys and Heels*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Big Spring Sophomore Kalyn Whitehead has been making her mark on the volleyball court since she was old enough to step out on the court and play in the YMCA league. This summer she is looking at taking the next step in her athletic career. She is one of the few - only one from Howard County - area players selected to play in Barcelona, Spain on the Texas team. In order to make this experience a reality, she must first reach her financial obligation to remain eligible for the team.



Courtesy photo

**Kalyn Whitehead has been selected to play on the American Team. She is currently raising funds to help make the trip a reality.**

“Being able to play volleyball is joy for me,” Whitehead said. “Just being able to play is enough for me. This ex-

perience though is once in a lifetime and really seemed unreal.” Whitehead has been selected as one of the members on America’s team, which will be competing in a series of volleyball games in Europe. The games are designed to promote and enhance the sport and promote goodwill between American and foreign student athletes. While fundraising Whitehead has decided to use her love of the game to invest into other aspiring volleyball players, of all ages. She is offering lessons for those wanting to hone in on specific skills and those who want to experience

the game of volleyball for the first time.

“I started offering classes to those who might want to improve on certain areas of the game, but they are also open to those who just want to do some extra training with their overall skills,” she said. “Classes are paid per session and are set up in hour segments. The money raised from these classes will also benefit the Europe trip.”

Whitehead received her invitation to play on the team by E-mail last year. When she received the notification, after careful consideration, she and her parents began setting up fundraisers and taking the needed steps to ensure the experience would be possible.

“Initially I thought this is insane, there is no way I will be able to go to that,” she said. “After talking about it, we spoke with the coach and got information and from there we started fundraising.”

As part of compliance with the NCAA and NAIA eligibility, she must raise her portion of travel expenses incurred by the team to remain eligible.

“While we have already hosted quite a few fundraisers, we have scheduled a few more, and we will be accepting donations from those who want

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## Special celebrations to bring in the new month

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

We are into the first full week of 2020, which is not only a new year, but a new decade. Let’s take a look at some of the special days that take place this week. Ever heard of National Thank God It’s Monday Day? Why would anyone want to celebrate Mondays? The first Monday in January has been when this day is traditionally celebrated, but it’s a day that should be celebrated all year long. Mondays have long been considered the beginning of a new week. Mondays are also when many national holidays are celebrated in order to give workers a three-day-weekend. But Mondays always seem to bring out the blues in people. Rather than seeing Monday as the start of another drawn-out work week, look at Mondays as the beginning of new opportunities.

January 6 is also known as National Cuddle Up Day. In addition to giving you that warm, cozy feeling when cuddling, there are proven health benefits. When you cuddle, a hormone named oxytocin is released by the pituitary gland, and this hormone is sometimes referred to as the love drug or cuddle hormone. Oxytocin also plays a vital role in women during and after childbirth. Cuddling can also help reduce stress, help you fall asleep, and even boost your immune system.

January 7 celebrates those adorable figures with heads on springs with National Bobblehead Day. These figures are thought to have originated in Germany and were originally known as bobbers or noddors. They became popular in the

United States in the 1950s and 60s. In the 1990s, professional sports teams began giving them away to attract fans to the games. The most valuable bobblehead was sold in 2014 for nearly \$60,000 and was a New York Yankees bobblehead from 1961-62.

January 8 brings many recognitions. It is National Winter Skin Relief Day. The cold wind and dry heaters can wreak havoc on our skin making it dry and itchy. One way you may find relief is to celebrate National Bubble Bath Day, which also falls on January 8. In addition to relieving itchy skin, bubble baths can also help with congestion, ease sore muscles, reduce tension in your muscles, and help you sleep better.

January 8 is also National JoyGerm Day. Use this day to remind people that being kind and positive have influence those around you. Social media has provided an anonymity that seems to compel people to be unkind. A smile and kind word can have such a positive impact on someone having a bad day. On this day, spread the “germ” that actually makes someone feel good.

January 9 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. This day was first recognized in 2015 after several organizations came together to show support for law enforcement across the country. Locally, there will be organizations showing their appreciation by having special prayer ceremonies and special meals served. Remember our law enforcement on this special day as they spend time away from their families and loved ones to protect us all.

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## Praying for law enforcement, recognizing sacrifice

*National Law Enforcement Appreciation recognition, on Thursday*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

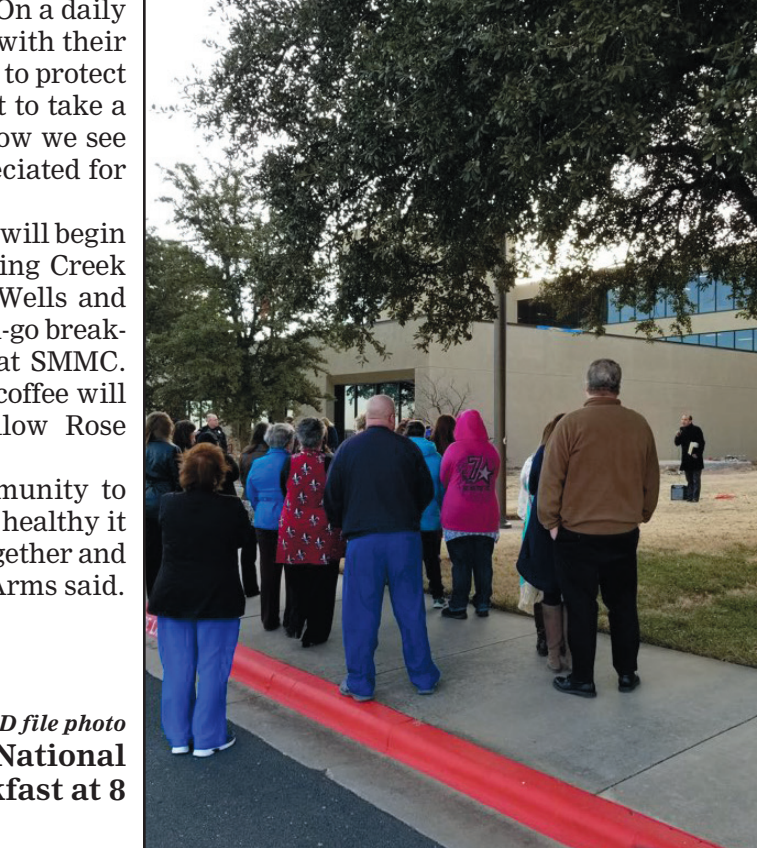
Starting out the day with a prayer and a hearty breakfast is what local law enforcement can expect on Jan.9, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. For the seventh year, Scenic Mountain Medical Center is extending an invitation to local law enforcement - Sheriff Deputies, police officers, DPS Troopers, Texas Rangers and other law enforcement officials - to begin their morning with prayer at the pole followed by a quick breakfast. The prayer will begin at 8 a.m. around the flag pole in front of the hospital. “Our law enforcement officers put their life on the line for us every day,” April Arms, SMMC Ex-

ecutive Assistant, said. “On a daily basis they sacrifice time with their families and do their best to protect our community. We want to take a moment and let them know we see them, and they are appreciated for what they do everyday.”

The morning ceremony will begin with a prayer led by Spring Creek Fellowship Pastor Loyd Wells and be followed up by a grab-n-go breakfast served in the lobby at SMMC. The breakfast items and coffee will be prepared by the Yellow Rose Cafe dietary staff.

“In order for our community to grow, remain safe and be healthy it takes all of us working together and supporting each other,” Arms said.

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HERALD file photo

**Scenic Mountain Medical Center is hosting the annual National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day prayer and breakfast at 8 a.m. Thursday.**



## Obituaries

### Robert "Wawe" Hilario



Robert "Wawe" Hilario, 63, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2019. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Robert was born Jan. 27, 1957, in Buckeye, Arizona, to Pilar Hernandez Hilario and Jacinto Hilario.

He is survived by his wife, Santos "Elie" Hilario of Big Spring; two sons, Robert H. Hilario Jr. of Big Spring, and Lewis D. Hilario (Tracy) of California; one step-daughter, Rachel Yates; and a step-son, Sammy Aguilar, both of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters; and one brother.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Jacinto, Rudy and Popo; and a sister.

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CHRISSEY WARD**, 39, of 1003-2 CR 175, Colorado City, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.
- **BILLY JOHN ROSAS**, 38, of 2607 Albrook Dr., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.
- **JEANNETTA RAMEY HERNANDEZ**, 51, of 1202 Lloyd, was arrested on a warrant for no license plate light, and another outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **IZAIHA VALLE**, of 2709 Ann Dr., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of a property, building, vehicle or aircraft.

• **FEY SARA PENA**, of 600 E. 12th St., was arrested on charges of criminal trespass of a property, building, aircraft or vehicle, and evading arrest or detention.

• **ROBYN BERTINA EVANS**, of 1736 Purdue, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass of a property, building, aircraft or vehicle, and evading arrest or detention.

• **SHERRY LYNN JOHNSON**, of 1203 N. FM 700, Lot 7, was arrested on a charge of two counts

of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

• **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Gregg St.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 811 block of S. Lancaster St., and in the 2400 block of S. Gregg St.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 block of N. FM 700

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported at S. Monticello and Michael.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ZACHERY S. BURLESON**, 54, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **ALBERT PRESTON DAY-LONG**, 63, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **MARCUS DELEON**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke-driving while intoxicated-second offense.
- **ROBYN BERTINA EVANS**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and evading arrest or detention.
- **JOSE ENRIQUE FAZ**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for issuance of bad check, and bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **TIMOTHY DOUGLAS GARRARD**, 22, was arrested by BSPD

on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

• **JEANNETTA RAMEY HERNANDEZ**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for violating promise to appear, and no license plate light.

• **REBECCA ANN HUTCHESON**, 43, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear-manufacture of delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **SHERRY LYNN JOHNSON**, 53, was arrested by HCSO on charges for two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **PATRICK ROBERT PARRAS**, 32, was arrested by DPS for two warrants for failure to appear-evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• **FEY SARA PENA**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on charges of criminal trespass and evading arrest or detention.

• **CHARLES WILLIAM POOL III**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on

charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), abandoning or endangering a child with imminent bodily injury, and warrants for assault family violence and a parole violation.

• **BILLY JOHN ROSAS**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.

• **IZAIHA VALLE**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **BLANCA CECILIA VARGAS**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAVID JOSE VILLARREAL JR.**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on charges of failure to identify or giving false or fictitious informatin, resisting arrest, search or transport, evading arrest or detention, and no safety equipment (bicycle).

• **CHRISSEY SUE WARD**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **OUTSIDE RUBBISH FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of S. Bell. Fire was contained.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 12000 block of FM 2230. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Marsh Circle. 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 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 6th St. No transport was required.

## Take Note

• Meet Larry Praeger, Candidate for Texas Supreme Court, on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020. He will be in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to come meet the candidate.

• Christa Castaneda, Candidate for Railroad Commissioner of Texas, will be in Big Spring, at the Mayo Sauce Diner, 206 S. Main St., on Sunday, Jan 12, at 1 p.m. The public is invited to come meet the candidate.

• Kelly Stone, Candidate for Railroad Commission of Texas, will be in Big Spring on Monday, Jan 13, 2020, at Howard County Democrats Headquarters, 1408 Scurry St., at 5:30 p.m. The public is in-

vited to come meet the candidate.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is

located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more infor-

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## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

• 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.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### WEDNESDAY

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

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

### 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 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 focusing on helping people dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion (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.



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# EUROPE

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to support this experience until we reach our goal," she said.

As one of the initial fundraisers, Whitehead offered Puravida bracelets in 2019 to kick off fundraising efforts. For those who missed out on the initial launch of the bracelet fundraiser, there are still bracelets available. During the holidays, Whitehead spent her extra time wrapping presents as part of her fundraising efforts.

"We had a slow start with our 'It's a Wrap' wrapping booth, but as we got closer to Christmas we ramped up, and it ended up being successful," she said. "We are also working out details for a barbecue plate sale. We are working out details where we will be set up at Walmart, in the near future."

According to information provided by America's Team, the experience is aimed at providing student-athletes with high integrity and strong character opportunities to compete in international programs and offer an opportunity for them to

serve as ambassadors for their school, community and our country.

"This is an incredible honor and huge opportunity to represent not only the U.S.A., but Big Spring High School and Big Spring as well," Kerri Whitehead, Kalyn's mother said.

Her father Danny Whitehead added, "It opens up doors to experience a new culture, meet new people, grow her social maturity, grow her faith and so much more. Not everyone gets to go to Spain and play volleyball."

While the team is dedicated to competition and experiences that will strengthen athletic ambitions, it is also meant to open student's eyes to new people and new cultural experiences. Whitehead along with the team is scheduled to be in Europe from July 13 through July 21, 2020, a total of nine days.

"This is a great opportunity and it means someone noticed me," Whitehead said. "Being able to compete on this time also means there will be more who will notice me and open new doors, especially for college and future athletic opportunities."

# BLUE

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"National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is one day where as a nation we recognize the contributions our law enforcement offers to our community, but we want our officers to know we appreciate what they do everyday and it's because of them we are able to keep our patients, our community and Big Spring safe."

The community is encouraged to join us in the

She continued, "Through this trip it's an opportunity to further my relationship with God and offer an opportunity to play where most people don't and experience a trip most people don't get to experience. In the process it will not only help with my volleyball skill set, but will help open me up to being more social."

For the next few months, Kayln will continue training through her participation in club ball - travel volleyball team - and continue fundraising efforts. For those wanting to find out more about the experience, visit [amteamsport.com](http://amteamsport.com). Donations can be made online or by stopping by the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union where an account has been set up for the trip.

To find out more information or to sign up for volleyball lessons, purchase bracelets or offer your support, contact Whitehead and her family on Facebook by searching Kerri Danny Whitehead.

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celebration and help speak a prayer of protection over our officers during the Prayer at the Pole on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

The community can gather around the flag pole with staff and law enforcement before heading to the office on Thursday. Scenic Mountain Medical Center is located at 1601 W. Eleventh Place.

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# Weather



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 62. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 34. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. South wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 73.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 67.

**Friday Night:** A slight chance of rain. Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 56.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via [forecast.weather.gov](http://forecast.weather.gov))*

# Take Note

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- Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who

do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, Jan. 6 and Tuesday Jan. 7, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the

Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at

Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

- 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.

# SPECIAL

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January 10 is National Cut Your Energy Costs Day and encourages everyone to see what they can do to reduce energy consumption. It is also a good day to schedule maintenance on your heating and cooling system. Some of the steps to take to reduce energy consumption are:

- Replace old windows with new, energy-efficient windows
- Turn down the thermostat
- Turn off the lights when leaving a room
- Take shorter showers
- Carpool when possible

Of course there are many other things that can be done, but this list is a good way to start.

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David Ovalle, 50, died Saturday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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# Oil price keeps rising as industry eyes Iran-US conflict

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP) — The global benchmark for crude oil rose above \$70 a barrel on Monday for the first time in over three months, with jitters rising over the escalating military tensions between Iran and the United States.

The Brent contract for oil touched a high of \$70.74 a barrel, the highest since mid-September, when it briefly spiked over an attack on Saudi crude processing facilities. Stock markets were down as well amid fears of how Iran would fulfill a vow of "harsh retaliation."

"The market is concerned about the potential for retaliation, and specifically on energy and oil infrastructure in the region," said Antoine Halff, a Columbia University researcher and former chief oil analyst for the International Energy Agency. "If Iran chose to incapacitate a major facility in the region, it has the technical capacity to do so."

Still, many analysts say they see little cause for concern about damage to the U.S. economy resulting from the jump in oil prices. Some note that higher energy prices can actually benefit the overall economy because the United States is now a net exporter of petroleum products. And the Federal Reserve's commitment to low interest rates means the Fed is unlikely to raise rates anytime soon to counter any inflationary effects from higher oil prices.

But economists caution that an escalation in the Trump administration's confrontation with Iran could pose new risks to the economy in the long run.

The U.S. killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani in Iraq on Friday. Early Sunday, as Iran threatened to retaliate, President Donald Trump tweeted the U.S. was prepared to strike 52 sites in the Islamic Republic if any Americans are harmed.

Fears that Iran could strike back at oil and gas facilities important to the U.S. and its Persian Gulf allies stem from earlier attacks widely attributed to Iran.

The U.S. has blamed Iran for a wave of provocative attacks in the region, including the sabotage of oil tankers and an attack on Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure in September that temporarily halved

its production. Iran has denied involvement in those attacks.

"Targeting oil infrastructure could raise prices and bring worldwide economic pain and put Iran on the front burner," which might be exactly the kind of message its leaders are looking to send, said Jim Krane, an energy and geopolitics researcher at Rice University.

Analysts noted that American households devote a smaller proportion of their spending to energy bills than in the past. That is in contrast to previous periods, when a surge in oil prices often preceded recessions.

The proportion of their spending that U.S. consumers devote to energy has fallen to a historic low of 2.5%, down from more than 6% in the early 1980s, economists at Credit Suisse noted in a research report.

"A global supply shock would be an unwelcome development, but we would not expect it to lead to an imminent recession," the economists wrote. "There have been several dramatic shifts which ought to make the U.S. economy resilient to rising oil prices. Strong household balance sheets, an accommodative Fed and a large domestic energy sector reduce the risks that an oil shock tips the economy into recessions.

Though the U.S. economy can better withstand a jump in oil prices than it once could, the global economy is still vulnerable.

"Higher oil prices are still very much a negative for the global economy, and that will reverberate back on us," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Sung Won Sohn, economics and business professor at Loyola Marymount University, said that if the current crisis were to escalate into a much bigger confrontation, it would represent a potentially serious threat:

"If the situation does not escalate beyond the current level, I would say this will be a minor hiccup for the economy. But if it becomes a war and the Strait of Hormuz is closed, then we are looking at a major economic problem."

Compared to other methods of attack, targeting energy sites also "doesn't kill a lot of people," Krane said. "It's capital-intensive, it's not people-intensive. It's a safer option in terms of the virulence of reprisal."

It would still wreak havoc on the global economy, he said, because of the way that oil markets affect other energy-intensive industries such as airlines, shipping and petro-chemicals.

Global stock markets have been sliding since Friday. European indexes were down over 1% on Monday after Asia closed lower. Wall Street was expected to slide again on the open, with futures down 0.6 percent.

Brent crude was up \$1.07 at \$69.67 a barrel, putting it up almost 6 percent since before the Irania general's killing.

At the same time, experts say the effect of a Middle Eastern geopolitical crisis on oil prices isn't as great as it once was. The U.S. energy industry can ramp up shale oil production in places such as Texas, for example.

"We're in this new territory where the world oil markets are more dynamic and can tolerate this disruption more than they used to," said Michael Webber, a mechanical engineering professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

Tensions between the U.S. and Iran have steadily intensified since Trump's decision to withdraw from a 2015 nuclear deal and restore crippling sanctions.

But after the attack on Saudi Arabia's crucial Abqaiq oil processing facility in September, Halff said the "market was able to dismiss it pretty quickly, partly because there was a perception that shale oil was pretty abundant."

After that incident, the price of oil surged over 14 percent in a day, but lost those gains over the next two weeks.

Halff said the killing of Iran's top general is different.

"This is not something that can be repaired," he said. "You can repair a facility. You can't bring somebody back to life. There's no turning back."

## State news briefs

### Police: Lubbock officers fatally shoot man who fired at them

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Police in Lubbock say a man who shot at a police officer early Sunday was then fatally shot when two officers returned gunfire.

Police say in a news release that 30-year-old Drew Nichols Wallace-Flores was killed in the shooting in a southwest Lubbock neighborhood.

Police say the officers were investigating a report from a resident of seeing a man on security video checking vehicle door handles in the neighborhood shortly after 5:30 a.m. Sunday when the man fled as one officer arrived.

Police say the officer gave chase on foot and as the second officer officer arrived, Wallace-Flores fired at the first officer, and both officers returned fire, killing Wallace-Flores at the scene.

The names of the officers were not immediately released. Police say both are on paid leave pending an investigation into the shooting.

### American family attacked in Mexico, child killed

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Tamaulipas (AP) — An American family returning to the U.S. after a holiday visit to Mexico came under attack just south of Texas on Saturday night, with armed gunmen killing a 13-year-old and wounding three other people.

The attorney general's office in the state of Tamaulipas said the child was a U.S. citizen and that the parents were permanent residents of the U.S. They did not release the victims' names.

The family was traveling in a Chevrolet SUV with Oklahoma state plates, returning from a holi-

day visit to relatives in the state of San Luis Potosi.

The highway on which they were shot is considered high risk. It runs through an area that's disputed by criminal groups, including the Gulf Cartel and Zetas. The road connects the city of Mier with Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, on the banks of the Rio Grande across the US-Mexico border from Falcon Heights, Texas.

### Toddler killed, man wounded in shooting at Dallas home

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities believe a shooting early Sunday that killed a 1-year-old boy and wounded his uncle in a home in Dallas was a targeted attack.

Detectives were trying to figure out who, or what, inside the home the gunman was seeking, police Chief Renee Hall said. No arrests had been made as of noon Sunday.

Hall identified the slain boy as Rory Norman, who would have turned 2 on Jan. 24. The wounded man is the boy's 20-year-old uncle, a college student home for the holidays, according to Hall.

The man's name was not released. He was hospitalized Sunday in stable condition, Hall said.

Hall said police believe the shooter knew the layout of the home, noting that the person fired a rifle through bedroom windows. She said the person knew where to aim.

The wounded man told police that the person fired several times, striking both him and the child.

"The only thing we are confident in at this point is that this was deliberate and this was intentional," Hall said.

Hall said multiple people live in the home, but she did not know how many were there at the time, adding that she visited the home Sunday morning.

"It's the scene of a baby dying. I don't know what

that looks like to anyone else, but I know it's something you never want to see," Hall said.

Dallas police statistics say there were 210 homicides in the city in 2019, including 10 which were ruled justifiable.

Police spokeswoman Officer Tamika Dameron said there have now been four homicides in the city in 2020.

### OCA teacher wins teaching excellence award

ODESSA (AP) - An Odessa Collegiate Academy AVID coordinator and teacher recently won a National Society for Leadership and Success Award for excellence in teaching.

Elizabeth Gray was honored along with Chet Cooper, OC anatomy and physiology associate professor II; honorary membership R. Mikel Lemons, OC professor of agriculture; Mauro Blessed Matai, Odessa College Law Enforcement Training Academy coordinator; and Eric Baker, OC department chair of visual and performing arts; and Debbie Lieb, Ector County ISD community engagement specialist.

Winning for excellence in service to students were Katie Nisbet, OC interim dean of the School of Liberal Arts & Education; and Seline Watts, OC mobile fab lab coordinator.

Gray said it was exciting to win the award and she had to be nominated.

"Ms. Gray is well deserving of this award," Principal James Ramage said.

He added that she is a fantastic teacher, devoted to the students who looks out for their best interests all the time.

"It couldn't happen to a better person," Ramage said.

This is Gray's seventh year with ECISD. Her first three years were at Hays STEAM Academy and the last four have been with OCA, which was formerly known as Falcon Early College High School.

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### Lady Hawks fall to Frank Phillips 64-49

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Frank Phillips Lady Plainsmen came to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to take on the Howard Lady Hawks on Monday night and left town with a 64-49 win over the hometown team.

Things started off well for the Lady Hawks as they built a sizable lead in the first quarter. After Frank Phillips scored the first basket of the game, the Lady Hawks went on a 13-0 run anchored by their shooting from the three-point line.

“We got off to a really good start,” Lady Hawks head coach Earl Diddle said. “Then, I thought we started turning the ball over and started to give up second shots. Instead of us embracing that, our energy went down, their’s went up, and I think we got a little bit tired.”

However, the Lady Hawks shaky rebounding allowed the Lady Plainsmen to get right back into the game. In a tightly contested first half, Frank Phillips was able to trim the lead to only two points heading into the locker room at half-time.

The Lady Plainsmen stormed into the second half and scored 26 points in the third quarter. Howard had a difficult time getting the ball in the basket during the third and trailed by a score of last 45-32 heading into the final phase of the game after a handful of lead changes.

“We didn’t execute very well, had a bad spell and they hit some shots during that bad spell,” Diddle said. “We did rally back a bit and played a little better but then the game’s gone.”

Frank Phillips guard Alexys Grice was single-



Courtesy Photo/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

**Howard Lady Hawks guard Alexys Grice goes up for a layup during Monday night’s home loss to Frank Phillips.**

handedly able to close-out the game for the Lady

Plainsmen in the fourth quarter when it seemed as though she could not miss any shot she took. Grice finished the game with 24 points and the Lady Plainsmen only received a two-point contribution from their bench during their big comeback win over Howard.

Meanwhile, Lady Hawks guard Averie Benson came off of the bench to tie for the team-lead with 12 points on an outstanding 4-of-5 shooting from downtown. The only shot from beyond the arc that Benson missed was a last-second three-quarter court heave that fell short of the basket.

After a disappointing loss where the Lady Hawks lack of depth had really shown through, the team had no problem fighting until the final whistle and trying to claw back into the game for the win.

“We went through a little sour spot in the third quarter and then we got going again,” Diddle said. “I think that was a positive.”

Howard has still won four of their last eight games after winning only one of their first nine. With a roster limited by injuries and a star player’s decision to leave the team, the Lady Hawks are attempting to figure out their identity in this second part of the season.

“I think we’re going to have to stop turning the ball over and get set to play 40 good minutes,” Diddle said.

UP NEXT: The Lady Hawks will travel to Hobbs on Thursday night to take on New Mexico Junior College at 6:45 P.M.

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### Howard Hawks lose heartbreaker to Frank Phillips 79-74

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

After defeating the No. 1-ranked team in the nation last week, the Howard Hawks (10-7) seemed to pick up right where they left off against the Frank Phillips Plainsmen on Monday night. That was until a weak second half on defense and an inability to consistently score allowed Frank Phillips (13-4) to prevail with a 79-73 win.

“The game started and both teams were shooting jump shots,” Hawks head coach Scott Raines said. “We had made a few more and got some layups in transition and from late in the first half they just got their guys to really buy-in.”

Eric Reed Jr. led the way for the Hawks and willed his team back into the game on multiple occasions. The sophomore guard racked up 30 points but it was not enough to stop the two-headed monster of guards James McNeil and DJ Richardson. The duo combined to score 42 points and were able to successfully drive the lane after opening the game with a tough time knocking down jumpers.

At halftime, the Hawks held a 38-30 lead and looked to be dominating the offensive boards for second-chance opportunities. Frank Phillips halftime pep talk worked and the Plainsmen began to make it very difficult for the hometown team to stop them on offense.

“They collectively made a commitment to being tough and driving the lane,” Raines said. “We just continued to shoot jump shot after jump shot and we didn’t make them.”

There was more than a handful of lead changes throughout the second half as these two teams battled for supremacy.



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**Hawks’ leading scorer Eric Reed Jr. goes up for a layup during the close loss to the Plainsmen on Monday night.**

After going down 56-50, the Hawks quickly erased the deficit and tied the game with a little more than eight minutes to play. This was the first of multiple deficits the Hawks would erase in the second half.

With just 13.3 seconds remaining, the Plainsmen knocked down two clutch free throws to take a 77-74 lead. On the ensuing possession, Hawks guard Klay Brown was pressured by two defenders and turned the ball over which essentially ended the game. The Plainsmen then knocked down two more free throws and left town with a big 79-74 win over the Hawks.

“I thought by far they were the most aggressive team and they probably deserved to win,” Raines said. “They took care of the ball and we lost the points in the paint battle by 14.”

The Hawks will get a chance to show their aggression later this week against another tough opponent. When this Howard team is clicking, they look like one of the best teams in the nation. With a little over a month left in the season, the Hawks will look to build consistency from game to game.

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#### NCAA Men’s Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Gonzaga	16-1	1607	1
2	Duke	13-1	1545	2
3	Kansas	11-2	1513	3
4	Baylor	11-1	1386	6
5	Auburn	13-0	1317	8
6	Butler	14-1	1181	11
7	San Diego St	15-0	1130	13
8	Michigan St	12-3	1129	14
9	Oregon	12-3	1075	4
10	Florida State	13-2	966	18
11	Ohio State	11-3	924	5
12	Maryland	12-2	863	15
13	Louisville	11-3	844	7
14	Kentucky	10-3	811	17
15	Dayton	13-2	614	20
16	Villanova	10-3	604	10
17	West Virginia	11-2	599	16
18	Virginia	11-2	556	19
19	Michigan	10-4	502	12
20	Penn State	12-2	456	21
21	Memphis	12-2	455	9
22	Texas Tech	10-3	287	22
23	Wichita State	13-1	252	24
24	Arizona	11-3	184	25
25	Colorado	12-3	81	NR

#### RECEIVING VOTES:

Iowa (63), Seton Hall (48), Arkansas (38), Marquette (25), Xavier (18), Wisconsin (17), Houston (8), Creighton (6), Washington (6), VCU (5), Saint Mary’s (3), Liberty (2), Northern Iowa (2), Purdue (1), BYU (1), Stephen F. Austin (1)

#### DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

Iowa (23)

#### NCAA Women’s Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	UConn	12-0	721	1
2	Oregon	12-1	708	2
3	Oregon State	14-0	682	3
4	S. Carolina	14-1	669	4
5	Stanford	13-1	626	5
6	Baylor	11-1	614	6
7	Louisville	14-1	574	7
8	UCLA	14-0	531	10
9	NC State	14-0	529	9
10	Texas A&M	13-1	468	11
11	Florida State	14-1	465	8
12	Indiana	12-2	389	14
13	Mississippi St	14-2	371	15
14	Kentucky	12-2	367	13
15	DePaul	13-2	316	16
16	Gonzaga	14-1	303	17
17	Maryland	10-3	278	12
18	Arizona	13-1	243	18
19	West Virginia	11-1	239	19
20	Missouri St	12-2	155	21
21	Arkansas	13-2	150	20
22	South Dakota	14-2	92	NR
23	Tennessee	11-3	89	22
24	Michigan	11-3	71	NR
25	Princeton	12-1	19	NR

#### RECEIVING VOTES:

Northwestern (18), Rutgers (14), Iowa (10), Syracuse (9), TCU (9), Miami (6), Florida Gulf Coast (5), Arizona State (3), Texas (2), Minnesota (2), Nebraska (2), Kansas (1)

NCAA Basketball AP Top 25 is updated every Monday during the season.

### Cowboys pick McCarthy to replace Garrett as coach

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Mike McCarthy won a Super Bowl and went to the playoffs eight straight years while coaching two-time MVP quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

The Dallas Cowboys are hoping for similar results from McCarthy with Dak Prescott. McCarthy, who won the title as Green Bay’s coach at the home of the Cowboys nine years ago, has agreed to become the ninth coach in Dallas team history, a person with direct knowledge of the deal said Monday.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



### Playmate Moon

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Perspective is impermanent. You want it to change fast? Move. That's the quickest way. Time -- you have to wait for. Colors -- you have to impose with a lens. Want to keep a perspective as long as possible? Stand still.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You like yourself better around certain people. There's a reason for it, though one you may not be consciously aware of yet. What if you made it a rule that you only pursue relationships with people you feel good around?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your attention needs are versatile. You can operate beautifully as a

self-contained business of one, and you can also be a cog in the wheel of a large organization. You'll do both before the day is done.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You don't have to do anything. All the things you feel you're being forced to do are actually quite optional. All the things you tell yourself you must do are also optional. Take the pressure off. See your options.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** As the sign that rules the heart, Leos connect in a network of hearts and send love through invisible cords that extend throughout humanity. Healing is taking place between friends and strangers.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Babies of all

ages throw tantrums when they don't get what they want. Your mature way is more fun and creative, and that's

why you'll choose it. You'll keep your wits about you and look for new opportunities.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** A person who is very concerned about pleasing another will have a hard time establishing a unique and independent voice and view. Forget the

rest for a minute. Do a deep dive into your own perspective.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The

prevalent "cult of the individual" values self-reliance in an essentially eusocial species; it's easy to see the clash. Today's problems melt away as you see yourself as interdependent instead of isolated.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You don't have to sacrifice

anything as an incentive for love to stay with you. It doesn't work like that and neither should your professional life, family relationships or friendships.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Keep looking for an excellent fit for what it is you want to do. You don't have to already be doing your side perfectly. The right team members will help to figure out the vision along the way.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Part of learning how to be happy is learning about unhappiness. When the joy is cut off, it's a chance to see why and make a plan of action for keeping it flowing.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Healthy relationships are good for other healthy rela-

tionships. The positivity you generate with one person spills over to your relationship with another. Quality exchanges only add value all around.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 7).** Waves lapping at the shore look gentle enough while moving the enormity of oceans. You are like the moon, exerting an invisible, constant and mighty force over the tides of life. You make a plan daily and follow through. Your commitment to yourself is how all things are possible. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 14, 3 and 38.

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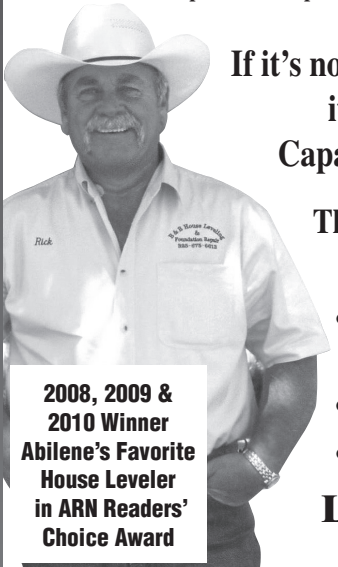
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Annie's Mailbox

Infidelity in the Inbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for more than 50 years. We have had a great life together, sharing a lot of the same interests.

We had a great friendship with another couple. Several years ago, the husband caught my husband and his wife sexting each other. I do believe it was a one-time thing, as she was drinking and the circumstances pointed to being a one-night thing. I wanted to forgive and forget, as she was a really great friend. However, her husband insisted that we have no further contact with each other.

We have another friend who is a single mom with two grown children. They live a couple of hundred miles from us. For some reason, she started texting my husband about issues she has had with her children. Over the years, they have continued to text each other, but it is getting more and more frequent. One time I looked at his text messages, and she was sending him pictures of herself. She is beautiful and younger. I told him that I was not comfortable with all the texting and the pictures she sends. Since then, I have found them texting a lot more. I confronted

her, and she said that my husband is her best friend and a big support system to her. She has a lot of issues with her grown children. I told my husband that I did not have an issue with their friendship, but my issue is his keeping it from me.

I asked that he tell me about her texting, and what's going on. He agreed. But nothing has changed. I knew they were still texting, and he wasn't saying anything to me, so I tried to check his messages from his computer, but he changed the password. When I asked him what his new password was, he gave me a number, but when I have tried it, it doesn't work. So I have gone behind his back and checked his messages on his phone and have found that they pretty much text daily. He has not said a word to me about it. And I have noticed at times that he deletes her messages but not anyone else's, so I am feeling he is trying to hide them from me. I have yet to confront him with this. Am I being stupid about this or should I be concerned? His lying is what bothers me about this whole situation. -- Disgruntled Wife

should have called for some serious relationship repairs. Not just sweeping it under the rug as a one-time thing. That behavior is unacceptable, and if you're going to stay married to him, then some serious counseling should be done.

Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me. Your husband is lying to you and keeping secrets about his correspondence with another woman. Kindly tell this woman that she needs to find a professional therapist to help her with her grown children problems, and she needs to stay away from your husband.

Your husband has lied to you many times, and his behavior points to him knowing better. Otherwise, he wouldn't feel the need to delete these messages. It is not unreasonable for you to ask him for honesty and openness in his communication. It is time to go into marriage counseling and have your husband come clean. You sound like too kind of a woman to be lied to and taken for granted. It is time to stick up for yourself and tell him no more, once and for all.

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Dear Disgruntled Wife: The first time you caught your husband sexting another woman

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2	1	9	6	8	4	7	5	3
4	5	6	1	7	3	8	9	2
6	8	5	3	1	9	7	4	2
1	9	3	7	4	2	6	8	5
5	7	4	8	9	6	1	3	2
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By Steve Becker

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- ♦ J 5 4 3
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WEST

- ♦ Q 10 3
- ♥ 10 9 8 7 2
- ♦ K
- ♣ Q 10 6 3

EAST

- ♠ J 8 7 4
- ♥ 6 4
- ♦ Q 9 8 7
- ♣ J 9 2

SOUTH

- ♦ A 9 6
- ♥ K Q 5
- ♦ A 10 6 2
- ♣ A 8 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

After spending enough time at the table, a player tends to deal with certain recurring situations almost mechanically. The trouble with this is that on some occasions, what appears to be a stock situation turns out not to be.

Consider this deal where South is in three notrump and West leads a heart. Declarer can see eight sure tricks — two spades, three hearts, a diamond and two clubs — and must develop a ninth.

It seems perfectly natural to win the first trick in dummy and lead a diamond to the ten, which loses to West's king. But after declarer wins the heart return and cashes the ace of diamonds, exposing the 4-1 break, he discovers that he can no longer establish a second diamond trick and so finishes down one.

However, the fact is that South can assure himself of an extra diamond trick — no matter how the opposing diamonds are distributed — by playing the suit correctly. Whether the diamonds are divided 3-2, 4-1 or even 5-0 has absolutely no bearing on the outcome!

To score a second diamond trick with the given diamond combination, declarer should lead a diamond to the ace rather than the ten at trick two.

In the actual deal, South catches West's king, and his worries are over. But regardless of what West plays on the ace, another trick in the suit is assured by next leading a diamond toward the jack.

If either opponent has the K-Q-x-x or K-Q-x-x-x, the situation is revealed, and declarer simply adapts his play to whatever has developed. And if a diamond honor is singleton or the suit breaks 3-2, the task becomes even simpler.

Tomorrow: A singular double improbability.

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# COWBOYS

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McCarthy interviewed over the weekend, before the Cowboys made the announcement Sunday that Jason Garrett wouldn't return after 9½ seasons.

Dallas missed the playoffs at 8-8 with high expectations in a make-or-break season for Garrett, whose contract expires next week.

Green Bay made nine trips to the postseason in 13 years under McCarthy. That's the only other head coaching job the 56-year-old has held. He was fired during what ended up being a second straight losing season for the Packers in 2018.

McCarthy led the Packers to at least 10 wins in eight of his first 11 seasons, including four trips to the NFC championship game.

Dallas hasn't been that far in the playoffs since the last of the franchise's five Super Bowl titles to finish the 1995 season. The Cowboys missed the playoffs six times in Garrett's nine full seasons.

McCarthy also interviewed with Cleveland, Carolina and the New York Giants. He went 125-77-2 in the regular season with the Packers and 10-8 in the playoffs. The Cowboys have just three playoff wins since their last championship.

The eight-year playoff run for McCarthy and Rodgers was from 2009-16, a stretch that included two divisional-round victories over the Garrett-led Cow-

boys.

The Cowboys believe they have their next franchise QB in Prescott, who was the 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year after replacing the injured Tony Romo and never relinquishing the starting job.

Prescott, whose rookie contract is expiring, and two-time rushing champion Ezekiel Elliott have made the playoffs twice in four seasons and got their first playoff victory in 2018 after losing their postseason debut to Rodgers and McCarthy with Dallas as the NFC's top seed in 2016.

McCarthy was fired after an embarrassing loss at Lambeau Field to Arizona, a defeat that all but sealed a second straight year without a postseason trip for the Packers.

With a mandate to get the Cowboys past the divisional round for the first time in nearly 25 years, Garrett couldn't build on a 3-0 start. Dallas went 4-8 in the next 12 games with a pair of three-game losing streaks.

The Cowboys still had a chance to make the playoffs with a win at Philadelphia in Week 16, but the 17-9 loss handed their postseason fate to the Eagles for the final week. Philadelphia beat the New York Giants 34-17, eliminating Dallas despite its 47-16 win over Washington.

Dallas finished 8-8 four times under Garrett, who had an 87-70 record, including 2-3 in the playoffs, in nine-plus seasons.

Despite never winning more than one playoff game in a season, the 53-year-old Garrett has the club's second-longest tenure behind Pro Football Hall of Famer Tom Landry, coach for the franchise's first 29 seasons.

## Doncic's big 3rd quarter leads Mavericks over Bulls 118-110

By DAVE JACKSON

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — It wasn't the 38 points, the 11 rebounds or the 10 assists from Luka Doncic that most impressed his coach on Monday night.

It was his poise. But the production didn't hurt either.

Doncic scored 21 points in the third quarter and had his NBA-leading 11th triple-double of the season to lead the Dallas Mavericks past the Chicago Bulls 118-110 Monday night.

Doncic scored 17 of the Mavs' 19 points in the final 5:35 of the third to break open what had been a tie game. His 3 gave Dallas a 72-69 lead it would not relinquish.

"I thought tonight the most impressive thing about his game was his demeanor and his disposition and his poise," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "Teams are sending athletic guys to be physical and banging him, and he really stayed level-headed."

The 20-year-old scored at least 20 in a quarter for the second time this season. He hit three 3s over that decisive stretch and scored four other times on drives to the basket, including a rainbow floater that banked in as he was getting fouled. His only blip was missing the subsequent free throw.

"For me, all that matters is we got to win," Doncic said. "We needed that win coming from a loss (in overtime to Charlotte on Saturday) that we should have won. My team is helping a lot. We just played tough from the start to the end and that's how it's

got to be."

Dwight Powell added 16 points for Dallas on 6-for-6 shooting from the floor and 4-for-4 from the line. The Mavericks played without Kristaps Porzingis for the fourth straight game due to right knee soreness.

Lauri Markkanen led the Bulls with 26 points, starting the game despite spraining his left ankle Saturday night against Boston.

"I was proud of Markkanen fighting through. (He) played his heart out," Chicago coach Jim Boylen said. "I thought our guys played really hard, competed."

Chicago stayed close throughout the game, even after losing forward Wendell Carter Jr. to a right ankle sprain with 8:25 left in the third quarter. Chicago went on a quick 10-2 run after Carter's injury to tie the score at 69 before Doncic took over.

TIP-INS

Bulls: Tomas Satoransky had a career-high 14 assists. ... Chandler Hutchison played for the first time since Nov. 27, recovering from a right shoulder sprain. ... Chicago fell to 1-15 this season against teams over .500.

Mavericks: Reserve forward Ryan Broekhoff is working with a group of his fellow Australian NBA and G League players to raise money for those affected by the bushfires in his native country. "There's a small group of (Australians in the NBA) and we're all very close," Broekhoff said. "It's kind of us doing our little bit to raise awareness and get donations." ... J.J. Barea played his 619th game for

the Mavs, tying Jason Terry for sixth-most in franchise history.

AN ANKLE FOR AN ANKLE

Markkanen was upgraded from doubtful to questionable during the Bulls' shootaround and then tested the ankle in warm-ups.

"I warmed up and it felt pretty good," Markkanen said. "I didn't feel much pain. Just got to fight through. I know how much pain I can tolerate."

But in the third quarter, the Bulls suffered another ankle injury Carter went down after landing awkwardly on Powell's foot while going up for a layup. Carter, who played just 44 games last year because of thumb surgery, was taken off the court on a wheelchair. X-rays were negative.

HARDAWAY RETURNS

Dallas got a big lift from the return of Tim Hardaway Jr., who missed the past three games with a left hamstring strain. Hardaway scored 14 points in the first quarter on 5-for-5 shooting with three 3s. Carlisle restricted his minutes, and Hardaway finished with 15 points in 21 minutes.

"I'm happy I was able to make an impact and play within the offense," Hardaway said. "I credit the guys. They did a phenomenal job of finding me and making it easy for me to knock down shots."

UP NEXT

Celtics: At the New Orleans Pelicans on Wednesday.

Mavericks: Host the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday.

## Williams beats wind, Giorgi in Auckland 1st round

Serena Williams kept her cool to win at the ASB Classic in her first singles match of 2020.

Williams defeated Camila Giorgi 6-3, 6-2 in her opening singles match, prevailing despite a gusting wind.

When Williams last played the tournament in 2017 she was blown off the court by a boisterous summer wind and unseeded compatriot Madison Brengle in the second round. She left calling Auckland the worst place she had ever played and vowing never to return. Williams attributes part of her outburst to troubles early in her pregnancy.

"Looking back it's just so surreal and crazy so now that I'm here I just have all these funny memories of me being miserable in the first trimester of pregnancy," Williams said.

Williams teamed for the first time with Caroline Wozniacki on Monday night to win her first round doubles.

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