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Dec. 6

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**Vintage Christmas**  
 Heritage Museum  
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**Gary B's Party at the Plaza**  
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**Christmas Parade**  
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 Heritage Museum  
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**Vintage Christmas**  
 Heritage Museum  
 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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## BSPD arrests Nov. 28 shooting suspect

*Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Department issued the following press release Monday morning, regarding a shooting incident that took place over last week:*  
**Special to the Herald**

On Nov. 28, 2019, at approximately 8:34 p.m., Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to the 1900 block of S. Main in reference to a gunshot victim. Upon arrival officers found



**Jason Allen Partlow-Aguilar**

Pablo Viera Jr., a hispanic male, 34 years of age, to be laying outside of the residence with apparent gunshot wounds.

Officers immediately began life saving measures.

Big Spring Fire/EMS services arrived on scene, took over for officers and immediately transported Viera to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment.

Big Spring Police Department Detectives were notified to respond.

Viera later succumbed to his injuries sustained and was pronounced deceased at 9 p.m.

As a result of the investigation Jason Allen Partlow-Aguilar, a white male, 31 years of age, was arrested and charged with the murder of Viera.

This is an ongoing investigation, and no further information is available at this time.



## Howard College adds a new addition to its flock Raymond Rivera named new Campus Dean of Adult, Continuing, and Career Technical Education

By **CINDY PINCH**  
 Staff Writer

Howard College gains a new addition in Raymond Rivera, the new Campus Dean of Adult, Continuing, and Career Technical Education.

"Howard College has a vision," Rivera said. "With the new vision of Howard College and continuing education and career technical education, I think it's about bringing big college, big city experience to small rural town."

Rivera has five years of experience working as an assistant dean in the Dallas community college district. He has spent time at one of the Federal corrections facilities in Seagoville. There he runs credit programs currently, though he has run continuing education programs there in the past.

"I want to be part of the winning story of F.C.I. (Federal Corrections Institution)." He said. "My vision is to transform the traditional approach, to where our programs are seen to be able to impact the market; where people are going to start saying, 'Why not just go to Howard?'"



**Dean Raymond Rivera**



In his new position with the college, Rivera will supervise adult education, continued education, career technical education, and corrections education programs. His work for Howard College will impact both the Big Spring and Lamesa campuses. Rivera will also work with the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf as needed.

"The vision is really to be able to continuously not only highlight our programs, but to allow the community to be aware of the fact that we are placing well trained individuals in the job market," Rivera said. "We're re-skilling and re-tooling individuals, getting them ready."

Rivera's vision for his new role with the college is all about the community. He has plans to increase community involvement in the college through promoting the programs and course offerings already offered, as well as adding new ones.

"Part of my objective is to spotlight and transform the image and the awareness of what we can deliver, and what

we are doing, but at an unknown scale and a small scale." Rivera said. "We have stellar programs and stellar teachers. I'm going to make sure that our community can truly benefit from what we have to offer."

The college offers continuing education courses and Rivera's goal is to expand what is offered to the community. Part of continuing education involves workforce training. Through courses offered, Rivera hopes to be able to provide basic skills such as customer service and customer satisfaction, phone etiquette, etc. His hope is to be able to transition the adult population of the community to continuing education and from there to the college's CTE programs.

"One of the most successful corrections programs in the country is being done here through Howard College," Rivera said in regard to the FCI training the college offers.

He discovered Howard College through the FCI program. A supervisor told him to look into the courses offered by the college. Following the lead, Rivera made a visit to Big Spring. He was impressed by the work the college does and chose to apply for the position of Campus Dean Adult, Continuing, and Career Technical Education, deciding that the position was a perfect fit for him.

"Adult education has been near and dear to me," Rivera

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## Working together to keep the community warm Blanket Drive taking place through Dec. 6

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Warm hearts are joining together to ensure those in our community stay warm this winter. Big Spring Center for Skilled Care and Lamun Lusk Sanchez have teamed up to gather blankets in the 2019 Blanket Drive.

"Cold temperatures have already found there way to us and we aren't even in the winter months," Christy Brownfield, Big Spring Center for Skilled Care Center Marketing Manager, said. "Any little thing we can do to help those in need this

winter we want to do, and for some a simple blanket could help them stay warm."

Donations of new or gently used blankets are being accepted at two drop off locations; Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home located at 1809 N. Highway 87 or BSCSC at 3701 Wasson Road.

"We have teamed up with Lamun Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home because it offers an opportunity for those on both ends of town to pick up a blanket and drop it off," Brownfield said. "It's also an opportunity for

the community to take a moment and stop in and visit with a resident."

Brownfield continued, "Many of the residents (at BSCSC) don't have frequent visits from family due to their family not living in town or whatever reason; especially during the holidays, our residents love

to have visitors. We are

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Big Spring Herald's  
**Christmas Countdown**

**Ashley** says  
 "Only 22 Days 'til Christmas!"  
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## Obituaries

## ALVIN MARVIN RUSSELL II



Alvin Marvin Russell II was born Oct. 24, 1985, in Pecos, Texas. He was the youngest of two children born to Alvin and Myrna Russell. Alvin was a blessing to all our family.

Alvin attended school in Big Spring, Texas. He attended Bauer Elementary and Big Spring High School. He graduated in 2004. He attended Howard College and received his welding certification from Odessa College. He was a certified Anger Resolution Therapist and certified in Life Skills.

Alvin was very charismatic and full of life. He has always been ready to take on the world and touch the hearts of anyone he encountered. He never met a stranger and always loved to make people feel that they were special and would help them any way he could. He had a smile that would light up the room. People were drawn to his loving, kind heart and his energetic spirit.

Alvin loved music and dancing. He could entertain a room full of people at the drop of a hat. He enjoyed the time he spent riding horses and roping. He was always ready for a rodeo and competing. Alvin could do anything he set his mind to do.

Alvin was a devoted family man. He loved spending time with family, his girlfriend and close friends. He is the best son, brother and boyfriend anyone could ask for. He loved that he was becom-

ing a father to his little girl Legend. When Alvin found out he was becoming a father of his little girl Legend, it was one of the happiest days of his life. Alvin was a fighter that loved, trusted and believed in God. He was a member of Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church and in the all-male choir.

Alvin was a devoted employee of Targa Resources as a Plant Operator. He helped found and worked with the youth program SOAR (Student Outreach and Resiliency Program).

Alvin is survived by his parents, Myrna and Alvin Russell; one sister Tevayan Russell Jones (Freddie) of Midland, Texas; girlfriend Taylor Casillas of Midland, Texas; one daughter Legend Daniella Denise Russell; one grandmother Ella Sue Johnson of Pecos, Texas; a host of aunts, uncles and cousins. Alvin is preceded in death by Lucy and Leroy Russell and Alvin James Johnson Sr.

The family will receive guests from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, 2019, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, at Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church in Midland.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards all the people that prayed for him and supported him during his journey. We know that he is in his heavenly home and free from pain. He will be our forever guardian angel.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## ROBERT G. "BOB" GOODWIN



Robert G. "Bob" Goodwin, 88, of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, at his residence.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, at the First Church of the Nazarene.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, 2019, at the Stigler Cemetery in Stigler, Oklahoma.

Survivors include two sons, Robert L. Goodwin of Houston and Joe T. Goodwin and wife, Tammy of Big Spring; two granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Robert W. Goodwin and Mable Ethel Sherrill Goodwin; and one brother, William S. Goodwin.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com). Oklahoma arrangements are under the direction of Mallory-Martin Funeral Home in Stigler, Oklahoma.

## PAUL "BUMBA" VIERA, JR.

Paul "BUMBA" Viera, Jr., 34, of Big Spring, died Thursday, November 28, 2019. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

*The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:*

- **ALEXANDER JULIAN FRANCO**, 26, of 1508 E. 5th St., was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).
- **JASON ALLEN PARTLOW-AGUILAR**, 31, noon f 1609 Donley, was arrested on a charge of murder.
- **ALEX JOSE GUZMAN**, 23, of 510 Donley, was arrested on warrants for resisting and, search or transport, two counts of credit or debit card abuse, theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500), evading arrest or detention with a vehicle or watercraft, two counts of burglary of a vehicle, and theft of a firearm.
- **WILLIAM EDWARD STARNES**, 40, of 711 E. 15th St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **FARRELL RAYNEI MCCOULLOUGH**, 57, of 1213 17th St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CRYSTAL LASHLE COBLE**, 32, of 2710 S. Anderson Rd., was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (less than \$100-shoplifting).
- **NINFA MORENO GARCIA**, 63, of 1511 Sycamore, Apt. B, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TRACIE LARAE OWEN**, 44,

of 1317 Utah Rd., was arrested on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

- **SUSIE LEDESMA**, 34, of 1509 Johnson, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **KIMBERLY LORENA MUNIZ**, 27, of 2509 Seminole Dr., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JONATHAN HOWARD SOTO**, 28, of 3803 Rice, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL CLAY MCCUNE**, 47, of 1404 E. Pacific Ave., Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750), and warrants for expired registration, driving with invalid license, and failure to appear.
- **CLINTON JAY EPKE**, 40, of 101 Jonesboro Rd., was arrested on a charge of impeding traffic.
- **FREDRICK NONE ALEJOS II**, 22, of 905 Runnels, was arrested on three outstanding warrants from other agencies.
- **RICHARD DUSTIN LOFTIN**, 42, of 803 Avondale, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **TOBY DOUGLAS PORTER**, 43, of 1609 Cardinal St., was arrested on two outstanding warrants from other agencies.
- **ROBBERY** was reported in

the 1700 block of E. FM 700.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Edwards Blvd., 1600 block of Donley St., and the 1000 block of Buena Vista Dr.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1900 block of E. FM 700, and the 6400 block of Perimeter Dr.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87, 100 block of Collins Rd., 1500 block of Sycamore St., 1000 block of N. Main St.,
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg St., 900 block of E. Culp Ave., 1700 block of E. FM 700, 1600 block of Young St., and the 500 block of Westover Rd.
- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg St.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 1300 block of Utah Rd.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main St.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of N. FM 700.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

## Sheriff

• **DON LLOYD BROOKS**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for open container in motor vehicle, and violating promise to appear.

• **IGNACIO SAMUEL CAMACHO**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for evading arrest or detention, and failure to identify intentionally giving false or fictitious information.

• **RONALD CARTER**, 44, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for contempt of court nonpayment.

• **ASHLEY NICOLE GARZA**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STEPHEN DUANE HECTOR**, 55, was arrested by HCSO on charges of violating bond/protective order and resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **JANET DARLENE LUJAN**, 62, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **TREVOR NEIL MCCLUSKEY**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).

• **GABRIEL AGUILAR**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JASON ALLEN AGUILAR**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of murder.

• **FREDRICK ALEJOS III**, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for driving onto or from controlled access road, violating promise to appear, and motion to revoke-possession of marijuana.

• **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR.**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **NANCY CASTRO**, 31, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **CRYSTAL LASHLE COBLE**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for theft (less than \$100).

• **CLINTON JAY EPKE**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of impeding traffic.

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• **NINFA MORENO GARCIA**, 63, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ALEX JOSE GUZMAN**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for two counts of credit or debit card abuse, theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500), two counts of burglary of vehicles, evading arrest or detention, theft of a firearm, and resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **CHRISTINA HARRINGTON**, 41, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams).

• **SUSIE LEDESMA**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear-child support.

• **RICHARD D. LOFTIN**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for a parole violation.

• **OSCAR ESTEBAN MARTINEZ**, 36, was arrested by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

• **FARRELL RAYNEI MCCOULLOUGH**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MICHAEL CLAY MCCUNE**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for theft expired registration, driving with invalid license, violating promise to appear, and a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **KIMBERLY MUNIZ**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **TRACIE LARAE OWEN**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for speeding 10 percent above posted speed limit, and violating promise to appear.

• **TOBY DOUGLAS PORTER**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

• **JONATHAN HOWARD SOTO**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **WILLIAM EDWARD STARNES**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• **STORMI LANE SUTTON**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transport.

*Let us know how you celebrated Thanksgiving. Email memories, traditions and photos to [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com).*

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• 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.

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# HOWARD

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said. "I want to be an innovator in a rural college, but bring about a significant impact."

A part of Rivera's vision is to include senior citizens. He believes that doing so can make a positive impact on the community. His vision includes field trips for seniors as well as courses such as 'How to use your smart phone'. His hope is to include things that would be beneficial and create excitement in the community. A significant part of what Rivera wants is to offer what the community needs whether it's in the corporate or business sector on

down to what the community needs. He is looking into pursuing grant opportunities.

"President Sparks' vision is change. She is extremely visionary," Rivera said. "And I believe her vision (for CTE), and how we can truly serve Big Spring...is because she knows that our community can truly benefit from what we can offer in all these courses and what we offer in continuing education."

The community can look forward to an increase in community involvement from Rivera. Whether it is from traditional courses or adult, continuing, and career technical courses, Howard College has a lot to offer.

"If you can think of innovation, and you can

think of transformation, these are two words that can be significant to what we're doing with these different programs."

Howard College isn't just in Big Spring, it is a part of Big Spring, a part of the community. There is a lot that the college offers the community already. Growth requires change. Adding Rivera to the Howard College family will benefit the community through education, involvement, and a passion for bettering lives; all of which work towards creating a brighter future.

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## Weather



**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 67. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 39. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm after midnight.

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 65. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 72. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 39.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 57.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 46.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

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

## Take Note

• Anthony Rivas, local musician, is collecting food for Isaiah 58 Food Pantry. If you would like to donate, please contact Rivas at 432-935-0779, and he will arrange a time to drop off the donations at the food pantry. The food will then be distributed to the less fortunate in our area on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided that day, and a DJ will be on site for entertainment. Thank you Anthony for doing this for our community.

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. There will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee, cocoa, popcorn and cookies. There will also be a special visit from Santa from 3 to 5 p.m. If you would like to enter your house into the Best Decorated House contest, you can pick up an application at City Hall or at the Office of the Justice of the Peace and return by December 11. The winner will be announced at the park and will receive a yard sign and stocking of goodies.

• 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 information.

• A fund has been set up in order to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowlkes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the

tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

• 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. 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.

• 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.

## Fire/EMS

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of W. 2nd St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of E. 15th St. 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 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on I-20 mile

marker 179. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Rosemont. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of Williams Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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always looking for volunteers and what better way to give back this holiday season than to drop off a blanket and find out how you can give back to our residents."

Blankets are being accepted at both locations until Dec. 6. Once all the blankets have been collected they will be handed out to those in need, in the Big Spring community.

To find out how to get involved or to drop off a blanket, stop by Big Spring Center for Skilled Care or Lamun Lusk Sanchez or call

Christy Brownfield at 432-816-2977 or Daphne Glenn at 432-268-8387.

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## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Ramon C. Franco, 63, died Friday. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Paul "BUMBA" Viera, Jr., 34, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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## Texas HHS awarded National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Grant

### \$3M grant will connect Texans to Lifesaving help

#### Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas Health and Human Services is receiving a two-year grant of over \$3 million from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's State Capacity Building Initiative.

The grant will increase the state's capacity to provide free, confidential, emotional support and services to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

"The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline grant will create more opportunities to offer hope, help and healing to Texans in need of critical services," said Sonja Gaines, HHS deputy executive commissioner of Intellectual and Developmental Disability and Behavioral Health Services. "This grant provides Texans across the state with access to local support and resources needed to ensure those in an emotional crisis get the help they need."

The purpose of this grant is to assist Texas call centers in answering more calls from residents, reducing wait times and connecting them to local treatment facilities, support and nearby crisis or

emergency service centers.

"These funds will further help our efforts throughout Texas in preventing suicides and also encouraging hope. I thank all those who are working valiantly alongside HHSC in curbing suicides among our youth and adults, including our veteran service men and women," said Rep. Four Price.

Throughout the two years of this Lifeline grant, Texas Health and Human Services will receive more than \$1.5 million each year to raise the in-state answer rate for Lifeline calls to 70 percent from a current in-state answer rate of approximately 31 percent. Currently, Texans who call into the Lifeline can be routed to different back-up call centers which may be out of state. This can result in individuals or families not receiving efficient routing to local treatment, support and longer wait times.

"Suicide is a concern for large and small communities across Texas and the nation. We are very thankful that this funding helps our efforts to assist with local suicidal calls," said Mark Ware,

senior director of crisis services of My Health My Resources of Tarrant County. "With the Lifeline Grant, our employees are able to connect callers in our community with local resources to help with immediate needs and effectively impact suicide rates across Texas."

To help Texans receive access to local resources, Texas HHS will contract with four local mental health authorities to implement the grant in March 2020: The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, Integral Care (Travis County), MHMR of Tarrant County and Emergence Health Network (El Paso County).

For more information on accessing behavioral health services in Texas, please visit <https://mentalhealthtx.org/>. For people in a crisis and concerned family members, please call the Lifeline at 800-273-8255 (800-273-TALK).

To learn more about suicide prevention and crisis centers, visit the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline website and the HHS Suicide Prevention page.

## Evacuation order lifted as huge Texas plant fire 'contained'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Officials lifted evacuation orders Friday for around 50,000 people on the Texas Gulf Coast, determining a massive fire was finally under control at a chemical plant rocked by two major explosions two days earlier.

"We are in a position to say it's contained. We feel comfortable with the efforts that have been made by our firefighters," Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick said at a news conference in Port Neches, about 80 miles (129 kilometers) east of Houston.

But the area around the TPC Group plant remained dangerous. Several isolated fires were still blazing and visible at the facility, which makes chemical and petroleum-based products. Officials said they could not predict when those would be fully extinguished.

The explosions began early Wednesday morning and were so big that nearby homes captured the bright balls of fire on front-porch security cameras. The blasts shattered windows and ripped doors off hinges.

Three workers were injured, and when a second blast erupted 13 hours after the initial overnight explosion, evacuation orders covered a 4-mile (6.4-kilometer) radius around the plant took effect.

Debris thrown across Port Neches — and potentially neighboring towns — by the sheer magnitude of Wednesday's explosions also posed risks to families returning home. Branick, the top county official, cautioned that construction on the plant began in the 1940s and that asbestos could have been hurled into people's yards. He urged homeowners to steer clear of any "white, chalky substance" and call health officials if any are found.

Branick said it may be several months before the cause of the explosions is known. He said the air quality posed no threat to residents.

"There's still going to be smoke in the air. There's still going to be flames visible at night," said Troy Monk, the director of health safety and security for the TPC Group. "I would love to tell you we're going to be done by the end of

the day. I would not be telling you the truth if I made that statement. It's very difficult for us to quantify in days how long this is going to take."

The explosion was the latest in a series of high-profile accidents this year up and down the Texas Gulf Coast, which is home to the highest concentration of oil refineries in the nation. In July, an explosion at an ExxonMobil refinery in Baytown left more than dozen people with minor injuries and put nearby residents under a shelter-in-place for three hours.

Toby Baker, the head of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, called it an "unacceptable trend of significant incidents" this week and said the petroleum industry must be accountable.

But environmental groups for years have accused Baker's agency of being a toothless watchdog that provides inadequate oversight and slaps highly profitable corporations with only meager penalties.

The TPC Group plant had been labeled a "high priority" violator by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency following its last inspection in 2017 and had been cited multiple times in recent years for clean air violations.

Environmentalists were also quick to point out that the TPC Group explosion occurred just a week after the Trump administration scaled back chemical safety plant measures that had been prompted by a 2013 explosion at a Texas fertilizer storage facility that killed 15 people. The rollback included eliminating a required public access to information about dangerous chemicals companies keep on site.

Officials have said the first blast occurred around 1 a.m. Wednesday in an area of the plant that makes butadiene, a chemical used to make synthetic rubber and other products. It sent a large plume of smoke stretching for miles and started a fire. The second blast ripped through the plant about 2 p.m., sending a steel reactor tower rocketing high into the air.

The plant has 175 full-time employees and 50 contract workers.

## Research team to take fresh look at delicate artifacts

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Sandals and baskets that have withstood the ravages of time will be among the perishable artifacts analyzed by a team of scientists looking to learn more about a corner of the southwestern United States that was first excavated decades ago.

Depending on what they uncover, officials are hopeful that the \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management will lead to more research opportunities in the Guadalupe Mountains, which straddle the New Mexico-Texas line and are situated within one of the nation's busiest oil and gas basins.

The University of New Mexico is partnering with the Lincoln National Forest, the University of Pennsylvania, the Western Archaeological and Conservation Center, the New Mexico Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Guadalupe Mountains National Park and the Carlsbad Museum and Art Center.

The team plans to use existing museum collections to build a time line of basket and sandal styles used by those who once inhabited the area. They also will take

a new look at two rock shelter sites using new technologies, including a drone and photogrammetric mapping.

The project is spearheaded by Robert Dello-Russo and Alexander Kurota of the University of New Mexico's Office of Contract Archaeology.

"This study will ensure meaningful consultation with, and self-determination for, the Native American tribes who claim ancestry with the Guadalupe Mountain region," Dello-Russo said in a statement.

No ceremonial artifacts will be subjected to any kind of analysis as part of the project, officials said. The Guadalupe Mountains still represent an important spiritual sanctuary for the Mescalero Apache, a once nomadic Native American tribe now based in south-central New Mexico.

The Mescalero Apache harvested plants such as agave, sotol and bear grass. The agave's fibers were used for ropes, blankets and sandals.

According to the Bu-

reau of Land Management, excavations of Burnet's Cave and Hermit's Cave during the 1930s uncovered artifacts made of fiber, wood and feathers. They included sandals, baskets, ropes, fiber bundles and grass rings that are now part of museum collections.

Officials say most of the artifacts have not been examined since their excavation some 80 years ago, before the development of radiocarbon dating. The new analysis will allow the artifacts to be placed into more precise time periods.

The research will determine whether the perishable artifacts can be linked to farmers of the Formative era, which dates from 1000 BC to 500 AD, or to hunter-gatherer communities stretching back thousands of years.

The researchers say the preservation of such perishable items is of utmost importance as they can provide invaluable knowledge about the daily lives of those who lived on the land long ago.

## Police: Airman shot himself after being shot by officer

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — An airman from an Air Force base in Texas shot himself and died after a police officer shot him during an armed confrontation, police said.

Abilene police officers found the airman at a home on the city's south side early Saturday after officials at nearby Dyess Air Force Base reported that the man was harming himself, Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge said at a morning news conference.

After officers knocked on the door, the airman came out of the house with a rifle and handgun, Standridge said. The airman repeatedly pointed the rifle at the officers, who'd formed a perimeter around the home, and was shot by SWAT supervisor as he appeared to take aim at police. The airman then crawled into some bush-

es where he shot himself, the chief said. The airman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Standridge did not name the officer or airman, who he said may have been motivated by the fallout from an October car crash.

The airman had "despondency issues" because he was being investigated for drunk driving, the chief said.

The Texas Rangers and the Air Force base's special investigations unit are looking into the shooting. Police in Abilene, a city of some 123,000 people 180 miles (290 kilometers) west of Dallas, will also conduct a criminal and internal affairs investigation.

The SWAT officer has been placed on leave.

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# Pair of seniors use experience to lead Steers



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**Point guard Zephaniah Nelson drives towards the basket for a layup in a match-up from earlier this season.**

By SHAWN MORAN  
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers have four seniors on their roster. Two of those players, Abel Clark and Zephaniah Nelson, contribute to their team's success in

ways that are not always shown in the box score. "They are two guys that have been in the program and been leaders for four years," Steers head coach Kris Hise said. "Those two have been varsity players since their freshman year. They deserve everything they've got right now. They work hard for it and they are just two great kids."

Clark has the most size of any of the Steer players and uses that to his advantage. Posting up underneath the basket, Clark does a lot of the dirty work down-low for his team and helps to clear out space. "I've turned into the garbage man," Clark said. "I do all the dirty work. Getting rebounds, run the floor, outlet passes and all that stuff."

Nelson is a quick-twitted guard who is a menacing player on defense and a distributor with the ball on offense. It becomes obvious when watching him play man-to-man pressure defense that cornerback is the position he calls home on the football field.

"Me playing all four years means I have to step up and play my role within the team," Nelson said. "I have to take care of the ball, be responsible, help my teammates through practices and all of that."

Both players have gotten out to a great start to the season and have assisted the Steers to their impressive 3-1 record through the first month of the season. With the schedule about to heat up, it is always important to have players with varsity experience to lean on.

Clark and Nelson have both been four-year varsity players and can share their knowledge with the younger players on the team.

Compared to the past few seasons, the two team leaders see a difference in the Steers team taking the court this year.

"We're a whole lot better," Clark said. "There's a lot more want-to to be out here and want to win. They are all just my little brothers and I'm happy to be out here with them."

Nelson added, "We've got a bunch of young kids that can play. We can all score."

Led by junior guard Kyler Seymore in the scoring department, the Steers have had no trouble putting points on the board to start the season.

Currently riding a three-game winning streak where they have outscored their opponents by a combined 57 points, the Steers seem to be finding their flow as the season moves into its second month.

With several tournaments coming up this month, the Steers will be tested often to see just how legitimate this team will be going forward and into the postseason.

This group of players are not looking for an early exit from the playoffs this season. With a solid mixture of veteran experience and youth leading the Steers on the court, the potential for Big Spring is sky high.

"We want to go deep," Clark said. "As deep as we can and as far as the youngin's will take us."

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# Big Spring Steers football season recap with Cannon McWilliams

By SHAWN MORAN  
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers finished their 2019 season with a 2-9 record and a first-round exit from the postseason. The team is filled with underclassmen and can be expected to take a step forward next season. Steers head coach Cannon McWilliams gives his thoughts on the past season here:

**Favorite moment:** "I think my favorite moment would be probably the last regular season game of the year and getting a win. Getting a district win at home. That was probably the bright spot."

**Favorite Game:** "It was our kids being resilient after losing five or six in a row. To be able to go back-and-forth in that game with lead changes all the time. They never gave up and that's what we're trying to build here. We played very hard and we were able to come out the victory and make one more play than they did. It's exciting moving forward."

**Where the team improved most:** "I think we got better overall offensively and defensively. We found a little bit of a team identity. Overall, just our team's toughness. Mental and physical toughness grew. We were excited with the seniors who laid the foundation and we found out who really wanted to be a part of the program. I couldn't be more happy with the guys who stuck it out because it wasn't easy. They're going to see that grow into something positive with the underclassmen. I'm just excited about the guys who stuck with it when it got hard. Those are the guys we're going to lean on in the future."



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**The Steers make a gang tackle in a game from the past season.**

**What to expect going forward:** "We started Phase One today in the offseason. We believe a good football team, or any good athletic team, is built in the weight room first off. We just started with our Phase One here. We had a lot of juniors and sophomores and even freshmen that had to play on the varsity-level even if they weren't really ready because of certain circumstances. Now, it's our jobs as coaches to get them stronger. Stronger and faster, that's the name of the game. So, we're going to live in the weight room for about a month-and-a-half and then slowly start working back to outside and more quickness

things but right now we've got to get stronger."

**Players to be excited about:** "I'm excited to have a returning quarterback. It will be the first time since I've been here, this is my third year, that we will have a returner behind center. I'm excited with our running back Orlando Sanchez with him coming back. I think he'll be the best running back in the area if he wants to be, which I think he will. I'm excited with a lot of the young sophomores who are on the offensive line: Karl Karbonoff and Derek Howard. They really had to play before it was their time but they still kept up. I could go on and on but I'm looking forward to seeing the growth throughout the offseason and getting ready for the spring. I'm really looking forward to seeing these guys grow."

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# Louisville is new No. 1, unranked Michigan goes to No. 4

By JOHN MARSHALL  
AP Basketball Writer

Louisville is the latest No. 1 following an unexpected loss by Duke. Michigan has matched a record by debuting at No. 4.

A season of parity is taking a toll in the AP Top 25.

Louisville became the fourth team in five weeks to claim the top spot, receiving 48 of 65 first-place votes from a national media panel in The Associated Press men's basketball poll released Monday.

No. 2 Kansas, coming off the Maui Invitational title, had three first-place votes and No. 5 Virginia received five. Maryland rose to No. 3 — the Terrapins' highest ranking since hitting No. 2 in 2015-16 — in a week when every spot in the poll changed from last week.

Michigan (7-0) knocked off Iowa State, No. 7 North Carolina and No. 9 Gonzaga to win the Battle 4 Atlantis title in the Bahamas. The Wolverines were rewarded with nine first-place votes and matched Kansas in 1989 for the biggest jump from being unranked in the history of the poll that dates to 1949.

Not a bad first season under former Michigan star Juwan Howard.

"I'm sure we're on the map now," Howard said. "A lot of teams are looking and seeing Michigan as a name that's out there. When you beat teams like Creighton and Iowa State as well as North Carolina and Gonzaga, you're no longer under the radar."

Louisville wasn't exactly under the radar after opening the preseason poll at No. 5. The Cardinals (7-0) made a steady climb to No. 2 and moved to the top spot when previous No. 1 Duke lost at home to Stephen F. Austin. Duke dropped to No. 10 after its 150-game home winning streak against nonconference opponents ended in Durham.

Louisville has its first No. 1 ranking since 2013 — the year the Cardinals won the national title — after beating Akron and Western Kentucky last week. The only other time Louisville was ranked No. 1 was in 2009.

"There's no team that's arrived. No team's arrived," Cardinals coach Chris Mack said. "A lot of people are saying that we haven't played anybody. A lot of people are saying we're not there. Maybe we aren't deserving. I don't care."

The record for most teams at No. 1 is seven, set in 1983, so this season is already more than halfway there. Another jumble could come next Monday because of a slate of huge games this week, including Michigan at Louisville on Tuesday.

"So many good teams, not very many great teams," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "Everybody's got question marks. Everybody's got things to try to deal with and I don't think any of us know where anybody is right now."

### NFL Standings

AFC East	Division	Overall	PF	PA
New England	4-0-0	10-2-0	322	145
Buffalo Bills	3-1-0	9-3-0	257	188
New York Jets	0-4-0	4-8-0	204	280
Miami Dolphins	1-3-0	3-9-0	200	377

AFC North	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Baltimore Ravens	3-1-0	10-2-0	406	219
Pittsburgh Steelers	3-2-0	7-5-0	236	225
Cleveland Browns	2-1-0	5-7-0	246	272
Cincinnati Bengals	0-4-0	1-11-0	179	298

AFC South	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Houston Texans	3-1-0	8-4-0	293	271
Tennessee Titans	2-2-0	7-5-0	276	234
Indianapolis Colts	3-2-0	6-6-0	261	257
Jacksonville	1-4-0	4-8-0	220	292

AFC West	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Kansas City Chiefs	4-0-0	8-4-0	348	265
Oakland Raiders	2-2-0	6-6-0	237	324
Denver Broncos	2-2-0	4-8-0	198	237
L.A. Chargers	0-4-0	4-8-0	244	241

NFC East	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Dallas Cowboys	4-0-0	6-6-0	310	236
Philadelphia Eagles	1-1-0	5-7-0	274	284
Washington	0-3-0	3-9-0	173	290
New York Giants	1-2-0	2-10-0	230	339

NFC North	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Green Bay Packers	3-0-0	9-3-0	289	255
Minnesota Vikings	1-2-0	8-4-0	319	242
Chicago Bears	3-1-0	6-6-0	212	208
Detroit Lions	0-4-0	3-8-1	280	315

NFC South	Division	Overall	PF	PA
New Orleans Saints	4-1-0	10-2-0	298	248
Tampa Bay	2-3-0	5-7-0	340	346
Carolina Panthers	1-3-0	5-7-0	280	320
Atlanta Falcons	2-2-0	3-9-0	260	323

NFC West	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Seattle Seahawks	3-0-0	10-2-0	329	293
San Francisco 49ers	3-1-0	10-2-0	349	183
Los Angeles Rams	1-2-0	7-5-0	283	250
Arizona Cardinals	0-4-0	3-8-1	255	351

### PLAYOFF PICTURE

**AFC:** (1) Ravens, (2) Patriots, (3) Texans, (4) Chiefs, (5) Bills, (6) Steelers

**NFC:** (1) 49ers, (2) Saints, (3) Packers, (4) Cowboys, (5) Seahawks, (6) Vikings

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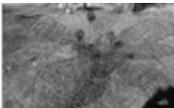
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#### PERMIT NO. WQ0010069003

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010069003, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at an annual average flow not to exceed 3,800,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on April 4, 2019.

The facility is located at 360711<sup>th</sup> Place, in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. The treated effluent is discharged to a ditch, thence to Beals Creek, thence to the Colorado River Below Lake J.B. Thomas in Segment No. 1412 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the ditch and limited aquatic life use for Beals Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1412 are primary contact recreation and high aquatic life use. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

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### Legals

**ectedly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

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al of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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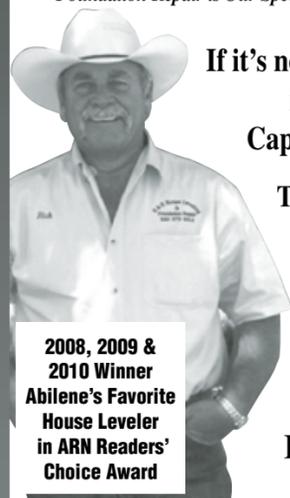
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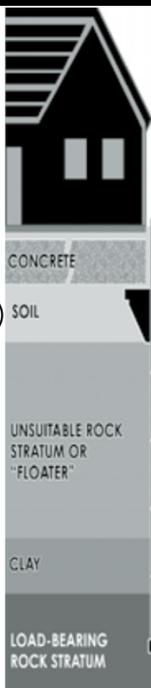
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Annie's Mailbox

Closed Door, Open Heart

Dear Annie: One of my cousins lives about two hours away. Her parents are deceased, and she is estranged from her siblings. She has been in the hospital several times for mental health care. I believe she is bipolar but don't know that for sure. Because she lives alone now, we invite her to family gatherings for the holidays.

About once a month, I will receive a burst of text messages from her, sometimes 20 or more at a time, telling me about something that is going on in her life. Recently, in one of those bursts, she said she wants to move and might like to rent a room from a relative. I reminded her that she has a comfortable home in a place where she already knows people and that it can be hard to establish a new network of friends and support in a new place. She said she knows all of that but wants to move anyway.

I am worried that she is hinting that she would like to move in with my spouse and me. We

have a large, comfortable home with spare bedrooms now that our children are on their own. But we enjoy our home as it is and don't want anyone else living here with us. I know that is selfish, but I just don't see how it could work to have my cousin live with us. If she asks directly if she can move in, I plan to tell her no. Am I wrong? -- Caring Cousin

Dear Caring Cousin: There is nothing wrong with enjoying a quiet home with you and your husband. You are very kind to invite your cousin over for the holidays and family gatherings. Setting boundaries with family members is the right thing to do. It is your house, and you have a right to keep it as is.

It sounds like she might be experiencing a manic episode. Sometimes during a manic episode, people can experience risk-taking behaviors, hyperactivity or impulsive decisions. Check-in with her and ask her how she is feeling, how life is going and if she is getting treatment for her mental health. Really listen, too.

It has to be difficult for her to be completely estranged from her siblings. Maybe this could be an opportunity for her to seek some real help.

In no way, shape or form are you responsible for her. Be kind and loving to her while protecting your personal space. Everyone will be better off for it in the long run.

Dear Annie: "Daughter of a Narcissist," please write a book! Your letter was the best article I've ever read about narcissism. I am going to repeat the "phrases" until they are etched in my mind. -- Wife of a Narcissist

Dear Wife of a Narcissist: I am printing your letter in hopes that "Daughter of a Narcissist" sees it and takes you up on your suggestion. Knowing that there are other people out there who understand exactly what it is like to live with a narcissist could be comforting for others.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Take a break from the effort of relationships. You don't have to do anything more than be open to love in its many forms, and it will come to you just the way you most need it to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll enter a fresh scene. Being new in a situation is an opportunity to present yourself in whatever way you feel like being seen. Exercise your right to experiment. You can be whoever you want to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may like a person very much and yet realize that you somehow are not at your best around that person. Take notice and endeavor to spend more time with the people who make you feel



like more than you were, not less.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The manners involved in a correspondence will play heavily into the out-

come. Which salutations should you use? Should you hug or shake hands? When the little details hit the right note, the relationship sings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are so many demands of you today, and you'll be as capable as you are organized. Make a list and check it twice so nothing falls through the cracks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When the days are shorter and colder, it's more challenging to replenish your energy with time in the sun, but catching a few rays and some fresh air is crucial to

your well-being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Aristotle suggested, "All knowledge seems to be teachable, and what is known is learnable." While that may well be the case, stick to the intersection of the most learnable and the worthiest of imparting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Trouble, like many other commodities available for borrow, accrues interest. And so, successfully steering clear of anything that smacks of drama will save you more energy than you think.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 3). Before the close of the year, you become free of a burden or constriction, and as a result, there will be a short lull and a long creative run in which you will merge and develop your talent into the stratosphere. You'll stumble onto a secret and have the option to share or keep it. A special relationship will be a source of joy. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 8, 35, 42 and 37.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Eliminating the luck factor

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

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

Opening lead — jack of spades.  
It is unusual to find as many finesses in a single deal as there are in this one, but that's the way the cards were actually dealt. What's more, the unhappy soul who wound up as declarer tried and lost every one of them, and so finished a trick short of his goal.

He won the opening spade lead with the queen and promptly led the jack of hearts and let it ride, losing to the king. West's spade return was taken by the king, and a heart was led to the ten, eliminating the opposing trumps.

After cashing the ace of spades, declarer led a diamond to the queen. West won with the king and exited with a diamond to South's ace.

By this time, two finesses had met with no success, but declarer was not yet finished. After winning the diamond, he led a club to the queen, losing to East's king. Back came a club, and South took his last shot by finessing the ten. Down one.

There is no question that declarer was extremely unlucky to have failed on four successive finesses. Nevertheless, the fact is that he took one finesse too many, and it cost him the contract.

There was certainly nothing wrong with trying the heart finesse initially, but after it lost, South should not have attempted the diamond finesse. To assure the contract at this point, all he had to do after cashing the ace of hearts and ace of spades was to play the ace and queen of diamonds.

While playing the diamonds in this fashion might have cost him a diamond trick, it guaranteed that the defenders would never score more than three tricks all told. Whichever opponent won the diamond would have to return a club in order to avoid handing South a ruff-and-discard, and regardless of what club was led or who led it, declarer could not lose more than one club trick.

Tomorrow: A to Zia.  
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SUDOKU

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

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

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Impressionable Moon

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Changing just one thing in a space changes the energy there. You'll use this to your advantage and affect the environment in interesting ways as you try and change the pattern there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). They don't always feel the zing of your wit or laugh in the right places, because you're a step ahead. Don't worry; they'll catch up. In the meantime, keep setting the pace and tone like it's your job. It sort of is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There was a chaotic element you were actively blocking out of your life. Through the years, you learned to do this so automatically you no longer realize it's a choice, though you'll have a different perspective on it today.

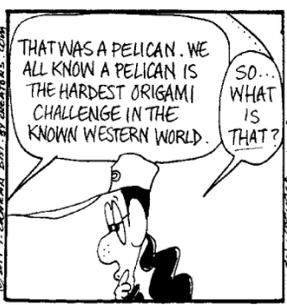
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may feel as though you've slipped in during the area of self-command. It's like you don't want to follow your own instructions. Start small. Tell yourself to stand up. Achieve it. Then go for something a little bigger.

	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
5:PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Broke Girl	CBS 7	Tele	News	All About	Focus	Flintstone	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Impossible II, Thandie Newton	SportsCenter	Daily Wager	LSU Sports	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48: Tulsa	Moonshiners
5:30	ABC	Noticiero	CBS	Noticias	News	Shofar	News	Business	Flintstone	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Top 25	College Basketball: Stars In.	College Basketball: Stars Pre.	Stars In.	Law & Order: SVU	Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On	Moonshiners
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7:PM	Brad Paisley Thinks	Ringo	The Resident	NCIS (DVS)	El sultán (SS)	Grinch	News	Great Performances	Andy G.	The Flash	Big Bang	College Basketball: Mavericks at Pelicans	College Basketball: Mavericks at Pelicans	NBA Basketball: Trail Blazers at Clippers	NBA Basketball: Trail Blazers at Clippers	Law & Order: SVU	Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts
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10:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Words of Freedom	In Their Own Words	C. Burnett	black-ish	Conan	SportsCenter W/Van Pelt	SportsCenter W/Van Pelt	Don't Ever Give Up	Stars In.	Law & Order: SVU	Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On	Team
11:PM	Nightline	Deportivo	Funny	James	El Señor de los	Seth Meyers	Master	In Their Own Words	Perry Mason	black-ish	Conan	SportsCenter W/Van Pelt	SportsCenter W/Van Pelt	Ariel Helwani's	NHL Hockey: Stars at Jets	Law & Order: SVU	Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On	Team
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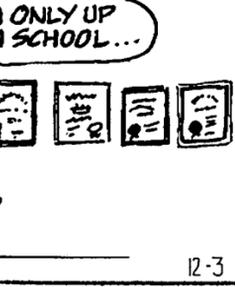
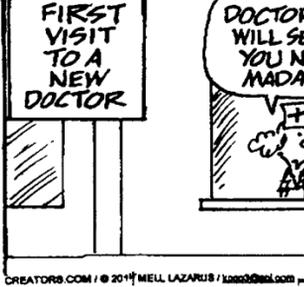
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This Date In History

**Today in History**  
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 2019. There are 28 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 3, 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.  
On this date:  
In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.  
In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States by the Electoral College.  
In 1960, the Lerner and Loewe musical "Camelot," starring Julie Andrews as Guenevere, Richard Burton as King Arthur and Robert Goulet as Lancelot, opened on Broadway.  
In 1964, police arrested some 800 students at the University of California at Berkeley, one day after the students stormed the administration building and staged a massive sit-in.  
In 1967, a surgical team in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard (BAHR'-nard) performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the donor organ, which came from Denise Darvall, a 25-year-old bank clerk who had died in a traffic accident.  
In 1980, Bernadine Dohrn, a former leader of the radical Weather Underground, surrendered to authorities in Chicago after more than a decade as a fugitive.  
In 1984, thousands of people died after a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.  
In 1991, radicals in Lebanon released American hostage Alann Steen, who'd been held captive nearly five years.  
In 1992, the first telephone text message was sent by British engineer Neil Papworth, who transmitted the greeting "Merry Christmas" from his work computer in Newbury, Berkshire, to Vodafone executive Richard Jarvis' mobile phone. The Greek tanker Aegean Sea spilled more than 21 million gallons of crude oil when it ran aground off northwestern Spain.  
In 1999, Tori Murden of the United States became the first woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean alone as she arrived at the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, 81 days after leaving the Canary Islands near the coast of Africa.  
In 2001, in the wake of bomb-

ings that had killed 26 Israelis, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared a war on terror. Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge asked Americans to return to a high state of alert, citing threats of more terrorist attacks.  
In 2002, thousands of personnel files released under a court order showed that the Archdiocese of Boston went to great lengths to hide priests accused of abuse, including clergy who'd allegedly snorted cocaine and had sex with girls aspiring to be nuns.  
Ten years ago: President Barack Obama hosted a White House-sponsored jobs forum, where he said he'd heard many "exciting ideas" and proposals and expressed hope some could be put into action quickly. Pope Benedict XVI and visiting Russian President Dmitry Medvedev (dih-MEE'-tree med-VYEH'-dyev) agreed to upgrade Vatican-Kremlin ties to full diplomatic relations. Comcast and GE announced joint venture plans, with Comcast owning a 51 percent controlling stake in NBC Universal. British actor Richard Todd died in Little Humby, Lincolnshire, England, at age 90.  
Five years ago: A State Island, New York, grand jury declined to indict police officer Daniel Pantaleo in the July 2014 chokehold death of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man stopped on suspicion of selling loose, untaxed cigarettes. Herman Badillo (bah-DEE'-yoh), a Bronx politician who was the first person born in Puerto Rico to become a U.S. congressman, died at age 85.  
One year ago: President Donald Trump made it clear that he was closely watching those who turned on him in the Russia investigation; he tweeted that his former lawyer, who cut a deal with prosecutors, should go straight to prison, but Trump praised a key witness for having the "guts" not to testify against him. A casket containing the body of former President George H.W. Bush was flown from Texas to Washington to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol. At the U.N.'s annual climate summit in Poland, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres issued a dramatic appeal to world leaders to take global warming seriously, calling it "the most important is-

sue we face." After a two-year chase, a NASA spacecraft arrived at the ancient asteroid Bennu, some 76 million miles from Earth; the goal is to grab gravel samples in 2020 for return to Earth in 2023.  
**Today's Birthdays:** Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 89. Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 88. Actor Nicolas Coster is 86. Actress Mary Alice is 78. Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 71.

Rock singer Mickey Thomas is 70. Country musician Paul Gregg (Restless Heart) is 65. Actor Steven Culp is 64. Actress Daryl Hannah is 59. Actress Julianne Moore is 59. Olympic gold medal figure skater Katarina Witt is 54. Actor Brendan Fraser is 51. Singer Montell Jordan is 51. Actor Royale Watkins is 50. Actor Bruno Campos is 46. Actress Holly Marie Combs is 46. Ac-

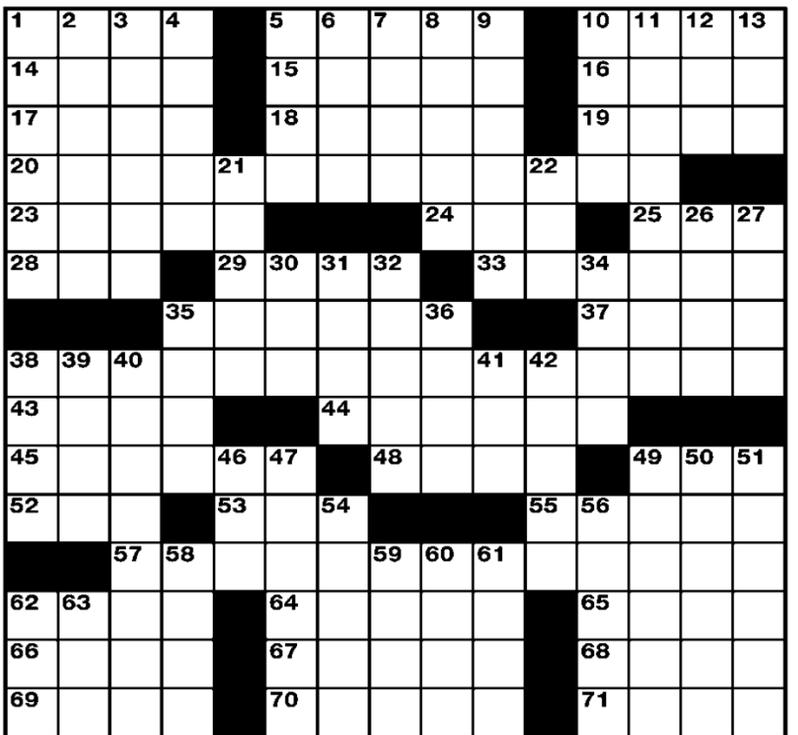
tress Liza Lapira is 44. Actress Lauren Roman is 44. Pop-rock singer Daniel Bedingfield is 40. Actress/comedian Tiffany Haddish is 40. Actress Anna Chlumsky (KLUHM'-skee) is 39. Actress Jenna Dewan is 39. Actor Brian Bonsall is 38. Actress Dascha Polanco is 37. Pop/rock singer-songwriter Andy Grammer is 36. Americana musician Michael Calabrese (Lake Street Dive) is 35.

Actress Amanda Seyfried is 34. Actor Michael Angarano is 32. Actor Jake T. Austin is 25.  
**Thought for Today:** "Facing it, always facing it, that's the way to get through. Face it." — Joseph Conrad, Polish-born English novelist (born this date in 1857, died 1924).  
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tacks on
  - 5 Office aides: Abbr.
  - 10 Swindle
  - 14 Sound from a nest
  - 15 Barton of the Red Cross
  - 16 Strong craving
  - 17 Apex
  - 18 Remarkable things
  - 19 Try to lose weight
  - 20 Pirate's loot holder
  - 23 Valentine symbol
  - 24 Beer barrel
  - 25 Shade tree
  - 28 Strong craving
  - 29 Fixes, as a contest
  - 33 "Quite right!"
  - 35 Hazards
  - 37 "If it \_\_\_ broke..."
  - 38 Suite of computer programs
  - 43 Luau dance
  - 44 The "L" of NFL
  - 45 How bedding is often sold
  - 48 Round cabinet handle
  - 49 Back muscle, for short
  - 52 Business conference: Abbr.
  - 53 Title for a knight
  - 55 Silly
  - 57 Place to pick up mail
  - 62 Run \_\_\_ (lose control)
  - 64 Have \_\_\_ (enjoy oneself)
  - 65 Opera solo
  - 66 Become drained of color

- 67 Book of fiction
  - 68 Nashville's state: Abbr.
  - 69 Examined closely
  - 70 Slow-cooker meals
  - 71 Bonnets and beanies
- DOWN**
- 1 "I don't care" attitude
  - 2 Judicial order
  - 3 Belittle
  - 4 Harpoon or javelin
  - 5 Human rights org.
  - 6 Speak indistinctly
  - 7 Reduced-price event
  - 8 Highway hauler
  - 9 Wide belts
  - 10 Detergent's lather
  - 11 Evaluation standards
  - 12 Become more mellow
  - 13 Ran into
  - 21 Scatter about
  - 22 Swelled head
  - 26 Breathing organ
  - 27 Ration (out)
  - 30 Keogh plan alternative
  - 31 Brownie scout, for example
  - 32 Smooth and lustrous
  - 34 Seize
  - 35 School support grps.
  - 36 Reach across, as a bridge
  - 38 Dishonest imitation
  - 39 Kick out
  - 40 Place to hoist a banner
  - 41 In the past
  - 42 Shaped like dice
  - 46 Double-curve shape
  - 47 Giants of the business world
  - 49 L.A.'s \_\_\_ Tar Pits
  - 50 Choose officially
  - 51 People from Dallas
  - 54 Worker made of metal
  - 56 Below, in poems
  - 58 Approved of
  - 59 Top choice, for short
  - 60 Jetted away
  - 61 Woes
  - 62 Gorilla or orangutan
  - 63 Memorial Day month



Answer to previous puzzle  
JACKS DOTS MPH  
ATREE UNITS IRAS  
MEANT META NIRO  
FOOTBALLFIELD  
AFT FIB FEEL SEA  
ALI FEELS ATTYS  
HEEL SLY AIR  
WRESTLINGRING  
NEO NOR MEAL  
MASON EGRET ALE  
ARE SON MEA RED  
SOCCERSTADIUM  
TUTU DUAL WRITS  
SNOB ERIC ASSET  
DRS RELY NASAL

# Treinen, Sanchez, Russell, Sánchez become free agents

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Former All-Stars Blake Treinen, Aaron Sanchez and Addison Russell were among 56 players who became free agents along with current Gold Glove second baseman Yolmer Sánchez when their teams declined to offer 2020 contracts Monday rather than make them eligible for salary arbitration.

Baltimore, faced with a similar decision, traded second baseman Jonathan Villar to Miami, which claimed first baseman Jesús Aguilar off waivers from Tampa Bay.

One big-name free agent found a home: All-Star infielder Mike Moustakas and the Cincinnati Reds agreed to a \$64 million, four-year contract, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced.

For the second straight offseason, the Reds are making a splash as they try to shake themselves out of a rut of six straight losing seasons. Their first move involves getting a player from NL Central rival Milwaukee. The 31-year-old Moustakas could fill a hole at second base that opened when Scooter Gennett got hurt and then was traded last season.

Cincinnati scored the fourth-fewest runs in the NL despite one of the league's most hitter-friendly ballparks. Bulking up on offense, stabilizing the outfield and overhauling the bullpen are the Reds' priorities in the offseason.

Ahead of the deadline to offer 2020 contracts to unsigned players on 40-man rosters, San Diego obtained second baseman Jurickson Profar from Oakland for catching prospect Austin Allen, then agreed to a \$5.7 million, one-year contract. Cleve-

land acquired catcher Sandy León from Boston for minor league right-hander Adenys Bautista and agreed to a \$2 million deal.

About two dozen players agreed to contracts, and the total of players eligible for arbitration dropped from about 230 at the start of the day to approximately 165.

Seattle chose not to offer a contract to infielder Tim Beckham, who has 32 games remaining on a drug suspension, and San Francisco let go outfielder Kevin Pillar.

Milwaukee was the most active team in cutting its budget for arbitration-eligible players, allowing a quintet to go free: left-hander Alex Claudio, right-handers Junior Guerra and Jimmy Nelson, infielder Tyler Saladino and third baseman Travis Shaw. The Brewers also agreed to a \$2.2 million, one-year deal with shortstop Orlando Arcia and a \$1.4 million, one-year contract with outfielder Ben Gamel, whose deal includes a \$2.55 million team option for 2021.

After starting the day with 10 arbitration-eligible players, the Brewers finished with three: right-hander Corey Knebel and lefties Josh Hader and Brent Suter.

"I'd say that payroll flexibility helps and isn't a bad thing as we evaluate potential acquisitions throughout the offseason," Brewers general manager David Stearns said. "The way the arbitration system is set up, sometimes you're forced to make difficult decisions if it doesn't appear that allocating the payroll to specific players in the way the arbitration would dictate would be the most effective use of those dollars."

Baltimore jettisoned its top player in Villar in exchange for minor league pitcher Easton Lucas. Villar played in all 162 games this year and led the 108-loss Orioles with 176 hits, five triples and 40 sto-

len bases. He likely will command a salary of about \$10 million in arbitration.

"He was a tremendously exciting player for us, a joy to have," Orioles general manager Mike Elias said. "It was hard to let him go, but we've got to keep an eye on our strategic objectives, which is prioritize the future right now."

Russell, a 2016 All-Star, was banned for 40 games last offseason under Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy after a series of allegations made by ex-wife Melissa Reidy. The 25-year-old returned to the Chicago Cubs in May and batted a career-low .237 with nine homers, 23 RBIs and a .699 OPS.

Russell earned \$4 million in 2019 and was likely to gain a raise in arbitration, probably to around \$5 million.

"We decided to non-tender Addison Russell today simply because the role we expected him to play for the 2020 Cubs was inconsistent with how he would have been treated in the salary arbitration process," Cubs president of baseball operations Theo Epstein said in a statement.

Treinen, a 31-year-old right-hander, had a 4.91 ERA for Oakland this year, up from 0.78 ERA in his All-Star season of 2018. Treinen was expected to command roughly \$7.5 million in arbitration.

Sanchez, a 27-year-old right-hander, was an All-Star for Toronto in 2016 and was dealt to Houston on July 31. He went 2-0 in four starts and 18 2/3 innings, including the first six innings of a combined no-hitter against Seattle in his Astros debut. But the team said on Sept. 5 that he needed shoulder surgery.

Among others cut loose were Philadelphia third baseman Maikel Franco and second baseman César Hernández, Arizona outfielder Steven Souza Jr., and Minnesota first baseman C.J. Cron.

## NCAAB

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Kansas was No. 3 in the preseason poll and dropped to fifth after a season-opening loss to Duke. The Jayhawks (6-1) have been on a roll since then, culminating last week with their third Maui Invitational title.

Kansas used its size up front to beat up on Chaminade, Brigham Young and Dayton to add to the Maui titles it won in 1996 and 2015.

"I'm not sure the win will have a ton to do with what we do going forward," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said. "It's still November and I would like to think that that automatically puts us in a very good or favorable position, but if you don't play well against Colorado, a top-20 team, next Saturday then this probably didn't mean as much."

RISING

Michigan had the biggest jump after receiving 12 overall votes last week. No. 6 Ohio State and No. 14 Auburn were next, each moving up four spots.

FALLING

No. 25 Utah State had the biggest drop, falling 10 places after losing to Saint Mary's on Friday.

No. 11 Michigan State tumbled eight spots after going 2-1 in the Maui Invitational.

No. 21 Tennessee dropped four places after losing to Florida State and beating Virginia Commonwealth at the Emerald Coast Classic.

MOVING IN

No. 17 Florida State is ranked for the first time this season after beating Tennessee and Purdue to win the Emerald Coast Classic.

No. 19 Dayton moved into the Top 25 for the first time since 2015-16 following a strong performance at the Maui Invitational. The Flyers (5-1) knocked off Georgia and Virginia Tech before taking Kansas to overtime in the title game.

No. 24 Butler moved into the AP poll for the first time since hitting as high as No. 11 in 2016-17 after winning the Hall of Fame Classic in Kansas City. The Bulldogs (7-0) beat Missouri, then took down Stanford 68-67 on Kamar Baldwin's 18-foot jumper.

MOVING OUT

Florida dropped out from No. 24 despite winning the Charleston Classic last Sunday and knocking off Marshall.

Xavier was out from No. 25 following the loss to the Gators in the title game.

Texas Tech took a massive fall after losing to Iowa and Creighton at the Las Vegas Invitational, dropping out of the poll from No. 12.

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