

“May the IRS find you deduct your pet sheep as an entertainment expense.”

— Christopher Moore



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African Americans Audited by IRS More Than Any Other Group



By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent
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A poor, rural county in Tennessee that is predominantly Black receives more audits from the IRS than any other county in the United States while rich counties skate by unbothered, according to a study published on the tax professional news website Tax Notes.

Humphreys County, Tenn., where more than a third of its Black residents live below the poverty line and the median yearly household income is \$26,000, somehow is on the IRS' radar to audit at a higher rate than anywhere else in the nation, according to AOL News.

The irony?

Humphreys County is audited at a rate that is 51 percent higher than wealthy Loudoun County, Virginia, which has a median yearly household income of \$130,000, the highest in the country.

The reason is believed to be because the majority of taxpayers in Humphreys County claim the earned income tax credit, a government program to help lower income taxpayers get out of poverty.

According to the report, the top five counties in the United States that were audited by the IRS were predominantly poorer, Black counties in the rural South.

Other highly-audited counties included majority Hispanic counties in Texas, Native American areas in South Dakota, and white, rural spots in Appalachia, according to Salon.com.

Last year, ProPublica found that the IRS audits poor, EITC workers at higher rates than any other group, excluding Americans earning over \$1 million annually.

The states that experienced the lowest IRS audit rates were largely white and middle-class, like Minnesota, New Hampshire and Wisconsin. The safest taxpayer bracket were households with a median yearly income between \$50,000 and \$100,000, according to Salon.

What's even more alarming about auditing poor, EITC taxpayers at a higher rate than wealthier Americans is that wealthier taxpayers generally commit more instances of tax evasion, which costs the agency more than \$450 billion per year, according to the IRS. By comparison, poor people who file more fraudulent tax returns cost the agency \$1.6 billion per year.

Americans spend 8.1 billion hours doing taxes each year. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

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Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station Unveiled in Ceremony Honoring Dallas Congresswoman

DALLAS, TX — National and local leaders gathered in Downtown Dallas Saturday for the dedication of Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station. The ceremony for the historic train station, which was built in 1916 while segregation was still prevalent, was attended by more than 200 individuals, including family, friends, and colleagues of Congresswoman Johnson.

“If my work highlights any one thing in particular, it is that I have made it a point to help others,” said Congresswoman Johnson during her remarks. “And you’ve heard that this station was segregated, but now, it fits me. It’s open to all, regardless of religion, regardless of the origin of birth, regardless of party, regardless of gender. That’s what I love.”

The City of Dallas voted to rename the transit stop for Congresswoman Johnson in 2016. Those in attendance at the unveiling recognized her service to North Texas in the State Legislature and Congress. U.S. House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (MD) and Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings were among the speakers who highlighted Congresswoman Johnson’s contributions to North Texas.

“It is very fitting that Dallas is paying tribute to Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson by renaming Union Station, which was once a segregated space, after a pioneering African-American woman who has been instrumental in making one of America’s most diverse cities into a growing hub for research and innovation that inspires the world. I was proud to be on hand for this ceremony, and I congratulate my friend Chairwoman Johnson on this well-deserved honor,” said Leader Hoyer.

“Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson is a dedicated public servant, a woman who has given so much to Dallas, to Texas, and to our country. She has worked across the aisle for the betterment of her constituents on aviation, flood control, homelessness, homeland security, law enforcement, science, and, of course, transportation. I couldn’t think of a more fitting person to rename our Union Station after,” said Mayor Rawlings.

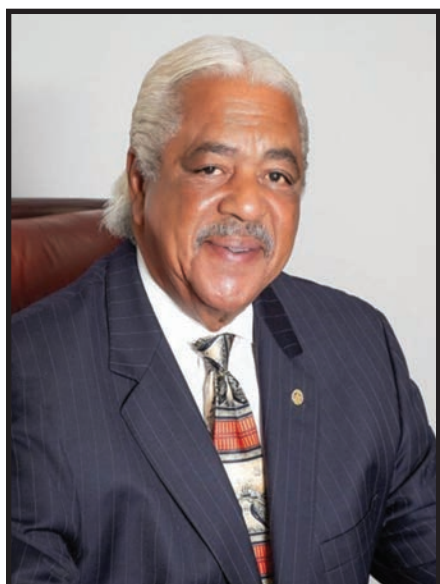
Representatives Marcia Fudge (OH-11), Emanuel Cleaver (MO-05), Marc Veasey (TX-33) and Colin Allred (TX-32) as well as former Representative Joe Barton (TX-06) and Dallas County Treasurer Pauline Medrano also gave remarks at the ceremony. Texas State Sen. Royce West, and Dallas City Councilmembers Adam Medrano, Rickey D. Callahan, Omar Narvaez, Tennell Atkins, Lee Kleinman, Sandy Greyson and Jennifer S. Gates were also among the elected officials and dignitaries in attendance.



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson joined by members of her family and Congressional colleagues at the unveiling of the Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station sign following the facility’s dedication on Saturday, April 6.

Remembering Harry Maurice Croxton Sr.

MAY 12, 1947 – APRIL 6, 2019



Harry Maurice Croxton, Sr. was born to Charles Spilman Croxton, Jr. and Julia Ann Shelton Croxton in Baltimore, Maryland on May 12, 1947. Harry lived a full and rewarding life until April 6, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Joan Gibson Croxton, his son Harry Maurice Croxton, Jr., two grandsons, Harry Croxton III and Marquese Croxton, cousins, nieces and nephews. Harry is predeceased by his parents and his brother, Charles E. Croxton.

Harry graduated from Morgan State University in Baltimore and he served as Airborne Mission Supervisor with the U.S. Air Force National Security Agency where he became fluent in the Chinese language.

Harry worked for the Internal Revenue Service where his journey led him to Texas. After his departure from IRS in 1986, Harry was Tax Practice Manager for R.E. D. and later Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer for JD & Associates, Inc. Harry launched his independent tax consulting business in 1996, first as HMC Consulting Group, Inc. and later as Croxton & Croxton, Inc. where he was an Enrolled Agent with IRS and Texas Real Estate Broker. During 2004-2013, he also worked as Chief Financial Officer for Harrington, Moran, Barksdale, Inc.

Harry was an active volunteer in the community where he was Past Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee with Arlington Board of Realtors, Past Commissioner of The City of Arlington Planning and Zoning Commission, and current Chairman of the Board of Directors for Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds Corporation. Harry also served on the Community Influence Leaders Roundtable for Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

Harry was a life member of Morgan State University National Alumni Association, life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a founding member of Delta Mu Boulé, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Family and friends celebrated Harry’s life on Wednesday, April 10.



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EDITORIAL PAGE



My Day
By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Dallas' Worldview Resume

Have you been keeping up with Dallas' Resume? How much more will we spread out? What are you looking for in the next Mayor of Dallas? Why are the new residents of the metroplex choosing this region and happy with their choices? What will the upcoming census yield as our population?

Dallas and its surrounding 28plus cities definitely have a lot to offer. The worldwide resume of Dallas is most attractive. The general opinion of Dallas is that it is an expression surrounding an activity and new excitement that is just beginning. Let's take a look at who Dallas really is. . . today.

Dallas has more than 300 people moving here daily. So

in terms of growth Dallas is the 3rd fastest growing city. And the city has been bursting at the waistline with positivity for more than a decade now.

Dallas is the 4th Best City for relocations. It is home to the nation's 2nd largest airline, American Airlines, who is a One World Partner. The One World Alliance centers the collective power of about 12 other world class airlines to make travel, with more privileges, easier and more comfortable for universal travelers.

In the region, the North Texas Region, there are more than 10,000 corporate headquarters making the region the largest corporate concentration in the United States. Dallas has more restaurants per capita than any other metroplex area in the nation. Many factors equate to a good economy, but Dallas has the

6th best GDP (Gross Domestic Product) marking a giant checkmark on the ledger as a great economy.

The GDP has a formula and a definition. One major difference is that it is often used to measure the economic performance of the whole with international comparisons.

Plus or minus twenty-five(25) of America's Richest Citizens call Dallas home with twenty-two(22) of the Fortune 500 Companies in the immediate DFW Territory. This term "richest citizens" of Dallas does not include the number of millionaires. . . which is a separate category.

Speaking of jobs, we have jobs in Big D. Dallas ranks 3rd in the nation in skilled job labor and rising tech positions. Right beside the jobs section is, of course, housing. Actually, Dallas for its size, has

been behind in housing for over a decade. So catchup has both a negative and positive charge. Average rent is over \$1,500 being the nation's hottest housing market since 2014. . . with an approximate average salary of \$67,500. Somewhere along the way was a report on Dallas being voted one of America's friendliest cities.

Again. . . Dallas has a lot to offer. And the high speed rail and inland port are not even here yet.

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Photos of W Luncheon with Kevin Young, Olympian and The Betsy Coleman Aviators Of Dallas (Sisters-of-the-Skies).

Parkland urges awareness, action in prevention of sexual assault

VIP/Rape Crisis Center provides comprehensive assistance to child and adult victims

DALLAS – Do these statistics alarm or surprise you?

- Every 92 seconds an American is sexually assaulted
- Every 9 minutes a child is sexually assaulted in the U.S.

- Eight out of 10 rapes are committed by someone known to the victim
- College-age men and women are at high risk of sexual violence

- More than 6.3 million Texans have experienced some form of sexual assault in their lifetime

In addition to these disturbing facts, said Melissa Reilly, LCSW, Director of the Victim Intervention Program (VIP)/ Rape Crisis Center at Parkland Health & Hospital System, sexual assault, including childhood sexual abuse, is an underreported crime. It's estimated that more than 91 percent of sexual assault victims in Texas do not report to law enforcement.

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center has designated April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month in recognition of the widespread prevalence of sexual assault nationwide. Theme of this year's observance is "Awareness to Action."

"In Texas, two in five women and one in five men have been sexually assaulted," Reilly stated. "Additionally, one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before their

18th birthday. Sexual violence crosses all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds. Children are not immune from this type of assault.

At Parkland, every person seeking medical care of any type is screened for abuse, whether it's physical, sexual or emotional. Parkland's VIP/Rape Crisis Center offers support to children, teens, adults and families by providing free counseling, 24-hour response for victims seen at Parkland facilities, and help finding emergency shelters, legal assistance and other services. Spanish-speaking staff is available and services in other languages are offered through medical interpreters.

Parkland's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program provides specialized care to victims of sexual assault presenting in the Parkland Emergency Department. SANEs are registered nurses who have completed education and clinical preparation in the medical forensic care of the patient who has experienced sexual assault or abuse.

"Parkland's goal is to address the medical, social and emotional needs of a sexual assault survivor. This comprehensive approach assists the patient in his or her recovery following the assault," Reilly said. "After a sexual assault, survivors experience different emotions including

fear and depression, changes in their behaviors and often feel disconnected as they have difficulty trusting others."

In addition to psychological and social impacts, sexual abuse often leads to medical problems for victims which are often overlooked. A 2015 report compiled by the University of Texas at Austin found that physical, mental and emotional problems that limit activities are nearly twice as prevalent among sexual assault victims as among non-victims. Sexual assault victims are almost twice as likely as non-victims to suffer from asthma, frequent headaches, irritable bowel syndrome and chronic pain.

The study stated the financial impact to the Lone Star State of sexual assault is conservatively estimated at \$8 billion annually.

Parkland's VIP/Rape Crisis Center began serving the community 21 years ago and has assisted thousands of survivors of sexual assault since opening in 1998. In 2018, the Center served 2,683 victims of sexual assault, family violence or assault. Twenty percent were male, 80 percent female. A total of 5,000 counseling hours were provided.

"Educating the community about the prevalence of sexual assault is one way to help prevent it," Reilly said. "We want individuals, families and the community to know about the

resources available to them. Promoting safe behaviors, healthy relationships and equitable policies will help keep everyone, including children, safer."

Some of ways to turn "awareness to action," according to experts like Reilly:

- Speak out – use your voice to spread awareness about sexual violence.

- Support survivors and yourself – spend time in nature, with supportive friends, journaling, or doing something else that makes you feel strong, healthy and cared for.

- Stay educated – learn the facts, laws and policies about sexual assault in your area.

- Take action – volunteer at or donate to organizations supporting survivors of sexual assault; learn about self-defense and healthy relationships and teach your children ways to stay safe.

- Today and every day – If you or a loved one is in an abusive situation and needs immediate assistance, call the Parkland Rape Crisis Center hotline at 214-590-0430. The National Sexual Assault Hotline is available 24/7 by phone at 800-656-HOPE.

To make an appointment with a counselor or find out more information about Parkland's services, please call the VIP/Rape Crisis Center at 214-590-2926.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Parkland hosts Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 27

Event provides opportunity for proper disposal of medications

DALLAS – Expired, unused and unwanted medications in our homes can end up in the wrong hands or can leach into soil and water. In an effort to prevent accidents and improper disposal of potentially harmful substances, twice a year Parkland Health & Hospital System and the Dallas County Hospital District Police Department participate in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

This year's first National Drug Take Back Day event will take place from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, April 27 at Parkland's Ron J. Anderson, MD Clinic, 5184 Tex Oak Ave., Dallas 75235 and Parkland's Garland Health Center, 802 Hopkins St., Garland 75040.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about Parkland services, please visit www.parklandhospital.com

African Americans Audited by IRS More Than Any Other Group

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As the April 15 deadline to file income tax approaches, African Americans aren't the only ones leery about the IRS.

Americans spend 8.1 billion hours doing taxes each year and the average person spends 11 hours and \$200 completing his or her IRS 1040-Form, according to another new report by the personal finance site, WalletHub.

Since the tax code is so complicated and has rules based on individual household characteristics, it's hard for the average person to tell, WalletHub experts said.

And with a new tax code taking effect this year, 2019 taxes will be quite different than last year.

One simple ratio known as the "tax burden" helps cut

through the confusion.

Unlike tax rates, which vary widely based on an individual's circumstances, tax burden measures the proportion of total personal income that residents pay toward state and local taxes. And it isn't uniform across the U.S., either.

To determine the residents with the biggest tax burdens, WalletHub compared the 50 states across the three tax types of state tax burdens — property taxes, individual income taxes and sales and excise taxes — as a share of total personal income in the state.

With a 12.97 percent total tax burden, New York has the highest burden of any state, followed by Hawaii (11.71 percent); Maine (10.84 percent); Vermont (10.77 percent); and Minnesota (10.25 percent).

Alaska enjoyed the lowest

overall tax burden at 5.10 percent followed by Delaware (5.55 percent); Tennessee (6.28 percent); Florida (6.56 percent); and New Hampshire (6.86 percent).

The national survey from WalletHub also noted some interesting facts and quirks about American taxpayers including:

- 6 million fewer taxpayers will get a federal tax refund this year.
- The average refund in 2019 is \$2,957, as of 3/15/2019.
- Nearly one-third of people (31 percent) say their biggest Tax Day fear is making a math mistake on their taxes, topping not having enough money (28 percent), identity theft (24 percent) and getting audited (17 percent).
- 36 percent of Americans would move to a

different country and 24 percent would get an "IRS" tattoo for a tax-free future.

- 50 percent of people would rather do jury duty than their taxes.
- 1 in 5 would prefer talking to their kids about sex.
- More than 10 percent would swim with sharks, spend the night in jail and drink expired milk.
- Fewer than 4 in 10 people are happy with President Donald Trump's tax reforms.
- 70 percent think they benefit the rich more than the middle class.
- 89 percent of people think the government currently does not spend their tax dollars wisely.

To view the full report, visit <https://wallethub.com/blog/tax-day-facts/11835/>

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LOCAL NOTICE



City of Dallas
2018 Drinking Water Quality Report

The City of Dallas 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report is produced annually to provide information about the City's water system including source water, the levels of detected contaminants and compliance with drinking water rules. The Report is also produced in order to answer your water quality questions.

The 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report shows that the levels of contaminants in Dallas' water meet or are below the amounts allowed by law.

A copy of the 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report can be obtained by calling Dallas' 311 Information Line or downloaded from the City website www.dallaswqr.com

Dallas Public Library exhibit spotlights black activism of 1960s, 1970s

Dallas Public Library has partnered with the newly-organized Dallas Black Power Legacy Project to collect, preserve and display artifacts from the city's black power and black consciousness movements. This new exhibit will be on display April 1 to June 1 in the Dallas History & Archives division of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.

The exhibit includes photos, documents and other original material from the Al & Lovie Lipscomb Collection, the Dallas Black Power Legacy Project Collection, and the Fahim Minkah Collection. Al Lipscomb was instrumental in changing how Dallas City Council members were elected, and Fahim Minkah cofounded the Dallas Black

Panther Party in the late 1960s.

The exhibit will debut at a special event, The Dallas Black Power Experience, on April 6 at 3 p.m. The event features performances by Soul Rep Theatre Company and drummer Len Barnett with a panel discussion about the history of the local chapters of black power groups like the Black

Panther Party, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Black Women's United Front. The event is cosponsored by the Friends of the Dallas Public Library and Remembering Black Dallas, Inc.

"These movements were an important part of Dallas' rich history. We hope that with increased public awareness, community

involvement and philanthropic partnerships we can continue to collect and preserve the stories of diverse communities for future generations," said Sultana Vest, the librarian overseeing the project for the library.

A digital timeline of black activism in Dallas in 1965-1975 will be featured in the Dallas History & Archives division's Digital Image

Gallery. Full cataloging and digitizing of the collection will take more than a year to complete.

For more information on the Dallas Black Power Legacy Project, contact Marilyn Clark at 214-671-1998.

NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Dwaine Caraway, Former Dallas mayor pro tem sentenced to over 4 1/2 years

Dallas (AP) — Former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway has been sentenced to just over 4 1/2 years in prison after pleading guilty in a federal corruption probe that's shaken local government in the North Texas city.

A long-time fixture in city politics, Caraway resigned from the Dallas City Council last August after pleading guilty to tax evasion and wire fraud. The 66-year-old acknowledged he accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in kickbacks and bribes.

In federal court Friday, a judge berated Caraway and ordered him to pay \$482,000 in restitution and report to prison May 5.

"I was disgusted by your conduct," U.S. District Judge Barbara Lynn told the politician.

Caraway expressed contrition before receiving his sentence, saying he was embarrassed and ashamed of his past behavior.

Larry Duncan, a Former Dallas Council member, receives probation in a corruption scandal

Dallas, Texas- (AP) — A former Dallas official caught up in a federal corruption probe

has been sentenced for his role in a scandal that's reached high into the city's government.

Former City Council member Larry Duncan was sentenced Tuesday to three years of probation and six months of home confinement for tax evasion.

Duncan is the ex-board president of a shuttered school bus agency. He pleaded guilty last October in a scheme in which public officials accepted bribes and payments from a company to support placing its cameras on school buses.

Former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway was sentenced Friday to just over 4 1/2 years in prison for his part in the scandal.

Leaders of the company, Force Multiplier Solutions, have also pleaded guilty. They're awaiting sentencing.

Documentary Movie honoring Robert Hughes, all-time winningest high school basketball coach of Fort Worth

Fort Worth, Texas — In less than a month, May 2 the film "5700 Ramey Ave: The Story of Robert Hughes" will premiere at the Fort Worth Modern Art Museum. The title of the documentary was named for the location of, Dunbar High School, "5700 Ramey Ave" where the Wildcats won 1,333 games, and multiple state titles.

The documentary focuses on one of the

most influential men in the history of basketball in the state of Texas and now can be shared with the public.

Coach Hughes was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017 after he led I.M. Terrell and Dunbar High Schools to five state basketball championships.

Mike Byars, the creator of the documentary and a native of Fort Worth, was one of Coach Hughes' former basketball players. He is now living in Los Angeles and is a filmmaker, but in the 1990's he was a star shooting guard at Dunbar High where he viewed Hughes as a living, breathing Greek mythological figure. Like a lot of kids who played for Hughes, they still view him the same way.

Byars' project that began years ago is now complete with Coach Robert Hughes the star.

Publisher of iconic black magazines files for bankruptcy

Chicago (AP) — Johnson Publishing Co., the owner of the iconic Ebony and Jet magazines that helped change the negative image of black people portrayed by U.S. media, filed for bankruptcy liquidation Tuesday in a federal court in Chicago.

In announcing the Chapter 7 bankruptcy

petition, the company said it was "caught in a tidal wave of marketplace changes and business issues which, despite exhaustive efforts, could not be overcome." The issues included the bankruptcy of a major retailer that carried its Fashion Fair Cosmetics line, a "costly recall" of products and increasing competition from digital rivals, the company said.

John H. Johnson founded the company in 1942 when he launched Negro Digest with a \$500 loan from his mother. The magazine summarized newspaper articles about black life.

But the key to the company's growth was Ebony magazine, founded in 1945 and patterned after Life magazine, one of the nation's leading magazines at the time. The average monthly circulation of Ebony was around 2 million for a time in the 1990s, making it the largest magazine catering to blacks.

In 2014, Jet ceased print editions and became a digital-only publication. In 2016, Ebony and Jet were sold to Clear View Group, an equity firm in Texas.

Despite being under new ownership, the company struggled financially, with freelance writers suing to be paid. The lawsuit was settled last year.



SPORTS PAGE



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DIRK NOWITZKI ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AFTER FINAL HOME GAME FOR MAVERICKS

By SCHUYLER DIXON

DALLAS (AP) — It's time for the most accomplished European player in NBA history to retire after scoring a season-high 30 points in a 120-109 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Tuesday night.

"As you guys might expect, this is my last home game," Nowitzki said, doing a better job of fighting his emotions than he did at the end of a timeout in the second quarter, after a tribute video showing his holiday visit to a children's hospital a little more than two years ago.

"This is obviously super, super emotional. Just too many people to really thank. I put you guys on a helluva ride with a lot of ups and downs, and you guys always stuck with me and supported me, so I appreciate it."

Nowitzki never shared his retirement plans because he didn't want a farewell tour, but he also said he only began serious deliberations on retirement when his lower body gave him issues late in the season.

The sellout crowd that followed Cuban's orders by showing up early chanted "M-V-P" and "One more year" throughout the game. But after he made the announcement, the chant turned to "Thank you, Dirk" as Cuban started to speak.

"There's no words that I could possibly say to describe how I feel what you meant to this organization, but I can make you all kinds of promises," Cuban said.

"I'll promise you that you have a job for life. I don't care what you do. I'll promise you that we'll retire your number, not a tough decision. And I'll promise you we will put the biggest ... statue ever. And we'll put it right in front of the arena."

The smooth-shooting 7-footer changed the game when the Mavericks traded for the 20-year-old, taken ninth overall in the 1998 draft. He was the first player that big to be a legitimate threat at the 3-point line.

Nowitzki, sitting at 31,540 points with one game left, gave the home crowd another thrill last month by passing Wilt Chamberlain to regain sixth on the career scoring list. Nowitzki reached that spot last season, but James passed him.

"It will never be the same around here," said Rick Carlisle, who coached Nowitzki for his final 11 seasons. "It just won't."

The NBA's highest-scoring foreign-born player broke Kobe Bryant's record of 20 seasons with the same franchise, although it took longer than expected because of setbacks following ankle surgery that sidelined Nowitzki for the first 26 games. Bryant retired from the Lakers three years ago.

"It's been a long time coming, struggling this year with my foot," Nowitzki said. "It just doesn't make any sense any more physically. I think mentally I could still do it. I can always push myself to work out and work hard. But physically, the foot is just not quite there."

The legacy, however, is.



Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki gets emotional after a video played during a break in the first half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Phoenix Suns in Dallas on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. (AP)

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NCAA Latest: Virginia's clutch tourney goes down in history



MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Texas Tech and Virginia went into overtime to decide the national title game, the first time since Kansas beat Memphis in 2008 in San Antonio. Virginia won 85-77.

Led by De'Andre Hunter and his NBA-ready game, the Cavaliers turned themselves into national champions Monday night, holding off tenacious, ferocious Texas Tech for an 85-77 overtime win — a scintillating victory that came 388 days after a crushing setback that might have sunk a lesser team for years.

But Virginia was better than that.

A season after becoming the first No. 1 seed to lose to a 16 — the one thing that had never happened in a tournament where



anything can — the Cavaliers watched a 10-point lead turn into a 3-point deficit before Hunter came to the rescue. The sophomore made the game-tying 3 with 12.1 seconds left in regulation, then made another with just over two minutes left in the extra period to give the Cavs the lead for good.

"Surreal," Hunter called it. "It's a goal we started out with at the beginning of the season. We knew we were going to bounce back from last year. We achieved our dreams."

After going scoreless for the first 18 1/2 minutes, Hunter finished with a career-high 27 points, and if he leaves as a lottery pick — well, what a way to go out.

He helped the Cavs bring home the first NCAA title for a pro-

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Local Spotlight



This week's local spotlight is State Representative Yvonne Davis pictured with Rev. Dr. And Mrs. C. J. R. Phillips, Jr. who is senior pastor of St Phillips Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas along with Texas Speaker of the House, Dennis Bonnen, At the State capitol in Austin, Texas. Dr. Phillips recently served as Chaplain of the Day. Representative Davis sponsored Dr. Phillips who was responsible for providing the opening prayer for that particular day of the legislative session.



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