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## Feast of Sharing to highlight weekend on-goings



**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Volunteers are now being sought for the 4th Annual Feast of Sharing, scheduled Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Join the festivities and experience Christmas joy as H-E-B provides holiday meals and cheerful spirits at the annual H-E-B Feast of Sharing holiday dinner.

The Feast of Sharing is the culmination of a year round commitment H-E-B makes to fighting hunger. In addition to a holiday meal, you can enjoy music, arts and crafts,

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*HERALD file photo*  
 This photo from a previous year's H-E-B Feast of Sharing shows people packing Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to partake in Howard County's largest annual meal. This year, the Feast will again fill the Coliseum, and will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 9. H-E-B is seeking volunteers to help with the event. Call Debra Moreno at 432-816-6018 for more information.

## Wasson/FM 700 electronic billboard a no-go

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring won't be getting a new electronic billboard at the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson Road. Big Spring's Bobby McDonald had applied for a zoning change on his lot at the intersection for the purpose of installing the billboard in conjunction with Cody Williams of Big Spring's Will B Dunn digital advertising company and 3+ Imprints.

After the Big Spring Planning and Zoning Commission voted two for, four against, at their Nov. 6 meeting to not recommend the zoning change from Neighborhood Service to Light Commercial on the lot located on the west side of the intersection, McDonald and Williams presented their proposal directly to the Big Spring City



**Bobby McDonald**

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## Rainbow trout restock at Comanche Trail Park



*HERALD file photo*  
 The photo on the left shows the TPWD restocking Comanche Trail Lake with rainbow trout at the first of this year, back in January 2018.

**Special to the Herald**  
 Once again, the City of Big Spring will be partnering with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) in stocking Comanche Trail Lake with Rainbow Trout. The first stocking took place on December 4, 2018 and an additional stocking will occur on January 4, 2019. Over

4,000 catchable size trout will be released into the lake during these 2 stocking dates. Below is an excerpt from a letter from Mr. Carl J. Kittel, Program Director - Trout - Texas Parks & Wildlife Department:

"The goal of the TPWD's rainbow trout stocking program is to release catchable size rainbow trout in select waters in Texas to provide a unique winter fishing opportunity, to provide additional fishing opportunities in urban areas, and to provide support to educational fishing programs. Since 1966, the TPWD has stocked rainbow trout into numerous locations around the state. To date, the total

See **TROUT**, Page 3

## Santa coming to 'Christmas in Coahoma' park festival

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Coahoma residents better watch out, not cry and not pout. Why? Santa Claus is coming to town! He'll be at the "Christmas in Coahoma at the Park" event from this Saturday.

"The main event is going to Santa Claus, from 3 to 5," said Coahoma Lions Club Secretary/Treasurer Connie

Shaw. "We're going to be having an arts and crafts project for the kids, and we will be passing out free cookies, free popcorn, free hot chocolate, free coffee or water for anyone who would like to have that. We're going to have hayrides for adults or kids either one to ride on. We're also going to have a small train for the children to ride on, and it will just go around the city block where the park is at. Then at 6:30...we're going to decorate two trees that are there in the City Park and we're going to light them up."

The event, sponsored in its first year ever by the Coahoma Lions Club, will also feature a home decorating contest, Shaw said.

"So far we only have six entries for the home decorating contest," Shaw said. "It's still not too late. The judging will be Friday night, so as long as you can get your address information to us by noon Friday, you can enter. They can bring the information to City Hall or to the JP's office in Coahoma.

Shaw reiterated that homes entered in the contest must be within the Coahoma city limits. The winner will get a

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## SMMC holds annual tree lighting



*Courtesy photos*  
 The 4th annual tree lighting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center took place Tuesday night. Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with the Grinch, made a special appearance. Attendees were able to enjoy Christmas carols sang by the Whitehead Family and warmed up with some hot chocolate and cookies.

**Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown**



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## Obituaries

### Raymon Knox Pitzer

Raymon Knox Pitzer of San Marcos passed away on Dec. 3, 2018, at the age of 78. He was born Jan. 25, 1940, in Monahans, Texas, to Preston Knox and Vada Mae (Wylie) Pitzer.

In Jan. 1961, he married Eleanor Dorsey in Houston, Texas. He worked at Thermon Manufacturing for 45 years. He was an avid reader and in his retirement years he and Eleanor enjoyed traveling.

His parents, brother, Jim Pedigo and wife, Janelle and sister, Elizabeth Beck preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor (Dorsey) Pitzer; son, Knox Pitzer and partner, Michael Ivy of Austin; daughter, Kendra Harmer and husband, Richard of Kyle; brothers, D.V. Pedigo and wife,

Bonnie of Midland, Kenneth Pitzer and wife, Ruby of San Marcos, and Ben Pitzer and wife, Shirley of Montgomery. He is also survived by two grandsons, Jason and Joshua Harmer.

Contributions in Raymon's memory may be made to the San Marcos Food Bank at [www.hayscountyfoodbank.org](http://www.hayscountyfoodbank.org), Compassionate Care Hospice, 102 Wonder World Dr., Ste 307, San Marcos, Texas, 78666, or a favorite charity of one's choice.

Raymon's life will be celebrated in the Pennington Memorial Chapel, at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.

Arrangements by Pennington Funeral Home, San Marcos, Texas, 512-353-4311. [www.pennington-funeralhome.com](http://www.pennington-funeralhome.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Ricky Dale Martin



Ricky Dale Martin, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2018. He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Ricky was born Jan. 6, 1954, in Ft. Hood, Texas, to Dorothy Brown Martin and A. D. Parker Martin.

Ricky is survived by two sons, Richard Martin and wife Rebecca of Bastrop, and David Martin and wife Felisha of Big Spring; three brothers, Darryl Martin and wife Lorie of Kentucky, Gary Martin and wife Tina of Dayton, Texas and Larry Martin of Big Spring; three sisters, Vicky Torres and husband Darryl of Fordoche, Louisiana, Sandra Melton of Fordoche, Louisiana, and Debra Turner and husband Larry of Sweetwater.

Ricky was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Martin, his father A.D. Martin; a daughter, Marsha Burciaga; and one sister, Cathy Ferguson.

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ROBERT CASTANEDA**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.

• **KYLE LEE SIMMONS**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance less than one gram, and on prohibited weapon knuckles.

• **YARA JASMINE RAMIREZ**,

21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of forgery of financial instrument.

• **ADAM LEE GUZMAN**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

• **DANIEL MATERO FALCON**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Rd.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

• **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 300 block of E 3rd St.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 4th and Scurry.

• **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported in the 1000 block of S Gregg St., and in the 300 block of E 3rd St.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ROBERT CASTANEDA**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.

• **REBECCA LYNN COM-**

**STOCK**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of criminal trespass, and BOB criminal trespass.

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## Take Note

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson Big Spring, Texas 432-213-1046, Call today for educational needs. In School, High School graduation, Tutoring, homeschool. We are qualified to help you with your child's education, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Come by or give us a call. Open enrollment.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxil-

iary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for

emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each

month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Coronado. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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## Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly Sept. 13 Dec. 20, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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# 10 Things to Know for Today

## FEAST

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### By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

#### 1. PROSECUTORS RECOMMEND NO JAIL TIME FOR FLYNN

Citing "substantial" cooperation by Michael Flynn in its Russia investigation, the special counsel recommends no jail time for Trump's former national security adviser.

#### 2. A NATION BIDS FARWELL TO BUSH

A funeral service in Washington for the 41st president draws together world envoys, Americans of high office and a handyman from Maine.

#### 3. PRESIDENTS CLUB ASSEMBLES FOR FUNERAL

Trump will be thrown together with the four living occupants of the Oval Office who have given him decidedly mixed reviews.

#### 4. CONFUSION REIGNS AFTER TRADE TRUCE

China promises to carry out a tariff cease-fire with Washington but gives no details about what Xi Jinping and Trump agreed to in Argentina.

#### 5. POWERFUL QUAKE STRIKES SOUTH PACIFIC

The magnitude 7.5 temblor off New Caledonia sends jitters around the region, but there were no initial reports of destructive waves or major damage.

#### 6. WHAT BEST HOPE FOR YEMEN PEACE TALKS MAY BE

U.N. officials don't expect rapid progress toward a political settlement, but they hope headway can be made to address a mounting humanitarian crisis.

#### 7. WHERE SENATORS BROKE WITH TRUMP

Lawmakers briefed by the CIA director are convinced that the Saudi crown prince was involved in the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

#### 8. WISCONSIN REPUBLICANS WORK ON LAME-DUCK BILLS

The measures are designed to empower the GOP-controlled Legislature and weaken the incoming Democrat replacing Republican Gov. Scott Walker.

#### 9. WHO WILL HOST THE OSCARS

The funnyman actor Kevin Hart says the role fulfills a longtime dream.

#### 10. COACHING LEGEND TO STEP AWAY

Citing health concerns and other factors, three-time national champion Urban Meyer of Ohio State says he will retire after the Rose Bowl.



AP photo

**Sully, former President George H.W. Bush's service dog, pays his respect to President Bush as he lie in state at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018.**



AP photo

**Ohio State NCAA college football head coach Urban Meyer answers questions during a news conference announcing his retirement Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio.**

## NO-GO

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Council Nov. 13.

The Council voted to give McDonald and Williams another chance to convince the P&Z Commission members. Prior to the Dec. 4 meeting, McDonald withdrew his zoning change request, putting an end to the deal for the foreseeable future.

The reason for the withdrawal boils down to a misunderstanding between McDonald and Williams about usage of the sign for civic advertising.

"I wanted to know how the partner was going to display the public part of it," McDonald said. "The more we talked, the more I understood he wanted to do the public part whenever he wanted to. I just withdrew it. In the first place, he knew that going in and he shouldn't have done that. That was my only purpose in the first place. The lot doesn't mean that much to me. It was just a nice location for him."

Williams said he understood the deal was to make 1/3 of the sign's advertising capacity available to the city for advertising, but that McDon-

ald understood that 1/3 of the sign's advertising capacity was to be used exclusively for civic advertising for no charge.

"We're doing a digital advertising business," Williams said. "Mr. McDonald wanted to do some civil works advertising, and he wanted me to do it for free. He wanted 33 percent of my advertising capacity to be donated to the city for civil works. It was a misunderstanding between him and I. I thought he was asking for me to reserve 33 percent of the advertising capacity for the city, and I'm totally on board with that. In fact, I reached out to (Assistant City Manager) John Medina and told him I could design ads for the city on a long-term basis and offer the city a much better rate than I would the public. That's what I was willing to do, and I'm still willing to do that."

McDonald said his goal was to help Big Spring advertise its local landmarks and assets.

"I was simply doing it for Big Spring, Texas," McDonald said. "We have so many assets that came to us

from our pioneers. We ought to take these things and turn them into the knowledge about Big Spring and the money for Big Spring. I don't think the community of Big Spring understands what all we have."

Williams said he's interested in helping the city grow, but can't afford to give away a large portion of his business pro-bono.

"Like I told Mr. McDonald, that's just not something where we can give that much away," he said. "We're locals and we want to help Big Spring grow and help our community through digital advertising. We're trying to be team players, but we had a landowner with an unrealistic vision."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

## COAHOMA

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stocking full of goodies, and a sign that's already pre-made that says '2018 Best Decorated House in Coahoma.' Anyway, we're just encouraging everyone who lives here in Coahoma to decorate and just have more of a Christmas spirit and just light the town up a little more than we normally do."

Shaw said the first-place stocking will contain money, gift cards, candy and home decor items.

"We also decided to do a second and third place prize this year," she added. "It's not much. Second place is \$50, and third place is \$25."

There will be no charge for any of the fes-

tivities, Shaw said.

"We're hoping it will be a good turnout and that Coahoma will get involved with us," she said. "It will just be a fun night for anyone who wants to come and participate, whether you live in Coahoma or Sand Springs or Big Spring. We don't mind anyone coming to it, but the competition is just for Coahoma. Everything is free, you just have to come and show up. We're not going to charge for you to enter, we're not going to charge for you to come and participate, or have any of our refreshments. Just come and have fun in Coahoma!"

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## TROUT

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number of trout stocked exceeds 8.2 million.

The lake must have water temperatures cool enough to sustain trout from December through February in most areas of the State. The stocking site must be open to the public and approved by the TPWD Inland Fisheries Biologist in your area. The trout remain the property of the state of Texas and subject to TPWD regulations.

Since 1994, the TPWD has sought to expand this very popular program by creating partnerships with municipali-

ties, corporations and special organizations with a common goal of providing unique winter fishing opportunities in Texas. By participating in the program, these entities ensure that this unique fishing opportunity continues to be available to the public in their area. Thanks again for your support and interest in participating in the program."

For additional information, please contact Big Spring Convention and Visitor Bureau Tourism Coordinator, Manny Negron.

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# Not just a fashion statement: Bush's socks spoke volumes

By **JAMIE STENGLE**  
and **NOMAAN**  
**MERCHANT**

Associated Press

HOUSTON — President George H.W. Bush said a lot with socks.

A visit from friend and fellow former president, Bill Clinton, inspired him to wear a pair emblazoned with Clinton's face. He wore Houston Texans' socks when meeting with the head coach. At the funeral for his wife, Barbara Bush, he wore socks featuring books as a tribute to her work promoting literacy.

Bush, who was a naval

aviator in World War II, will be buried this week wearing socks featuring jets flying in formation — a tribute, his spokesman says, to the former president's lifetime of service. The mayor of Houston urged people attending a City Hall tribute to Bush on Monday evening to wear colorful socks in memory of the former president, who died Friday at age 94.

Michael Meaux, who worked in the U.S. State Department under Bush's son, former President George W. Bush, sported a pair of hot-pink socks as he waited for Monday evening's trib-

ute to begin.

"I've had them for a while, but I've never worn them before," Meaux said, laughing.

Bush was one of several high-profile figures to adopt a menswear trend of using socks to add a bit of flash to an outfit. Others include Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The trend hit a peak in the men's market four years ago, said Marshal Cohen, a chief industry adviser of the market research firm NPD Group.

It has endured, with color

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AP photo

Former President George H.W. Bush wears pink socks at the dedication of the George W. Bush Presidential Library on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas on April 25, 2013.

## Should you need to pass a social media check to get a gun?



AP photo

In this photo taken from a video shot on Nov. 28, 2018, Steve Wohlleber talks about his problems with a new gun control bill before the New York state Legislature while working at American Tactical Systems' indoor range in Green Island, New York.

By **MICHAEL HILL**

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Should hateful tweets keep you from getting a gun?

That's a question many have asked after suspects in several horrific mass shootings were found only later to have left social media hints of violence that went unheeded for years. Now a New York lawmaker has introduced a bill that would require police to scrutinize the social media and online searches of handgun license applicants, and disqualify those who publish violent or hate-filled posts.

"We certainly want to make sure we're putting weapons in the hands of the right people and keeping them out of the hands of the wrong people," said state Sen. Kevin Parker, a Brooklyn Democrat who added he was inspired to act after the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting suspect left social media rants that Jews were "children of Satan."

Free-speech watchdogs and even some gun-control advocates have already raised concerns about the bill, which would require handgun applicants to turn over login information to allow investigators to look at three years' worth of Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram posts. Google, Yahoo and Bing searches over the previous year also would be checked.

Licenses could be denied if investigators uncover threats of violence or terrorism or the use of racial or ethnic slurs.

Parker's bill comes as people are increasingly wary about their online lives being tracked. But social postings are commonly checked by everyone from human resource workers to police officers. A survey of more than 550 police departments several

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## Lawyers for Trump seek to punish porn star in court fines

By **BRIAN**  
**MELLEY**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES —

Lawyers for President Donald Trump asked a court Monday for nearly \$800,000 in lawyers' fees and penalties from porn actress Stormy Daniels for a failed defamation lawsuit against him.

Attorney Charles Harder defended ringing up a nearly \$390,000 legal bill for the president and asked for an equal amount in sanctions as a deterrent against a "repeat filer of frivolous defamation cases."

Judge S. James Otero didn't immediately rule. He noted that fees by Harder's firm — as high as \$840 an hour — were reasonable but the 580 hours spent on the case appeared to be excessive and might be trimmed in his eventual award. He didn't indicate how he felt about the requested penalties, but had questioned whether attorneys' fees alone would serve as a deterrent.

Harder had not put a dollar figure on sanctions



AP photo

In this Oct. 11, 2018, file photo, adult film actress Stormy Daniels arrives for the opening of the adult entertainment fair "Venus," in Berlin.

he was seeking before the hearing and Daniels' attorney Michael Avenatti objected vehemently, calling it "absurd and outrageous."

"You can't just pick a number out of thin air in an effort to put my client under Donald Trump's thumb and intimidate her," Avenatti said.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, alleges she had a one-night affair with Trump in 2006. She sued him earlier this year seeking to break a non-disclosure agreement she signed days before the 2016 election about the tryst as part of a \$130,000 hush money settlement. Trump

has denied the affair, but essentially acknowledged the payment to Daniels.

Despite the deal to stay quiet, Daniels spoke out publicly and alleged that five years after the affair she was threatened to keep quiet by a man she did not recognize in a Las Vegas parking lot. She also released a composite sketch of the mystery man.

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## 1 child dead, 45 people hurt in Arkansas charter bus crash



AP photo

Employees from a wrecker service work to remove a charter bus from a roadside ditch Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, after it crashed alongside Interstate 30 near Benton, Ark.

By **JILL BLEED**

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

— A third grader was

killed and at least 45

people were injured

when a charter bus carrying

youth football players from

Tennessee rolled off an interstate

and overturned before

sunrise Monday in central

Arkansas, authorities said.

Arkansas State Police

said the bus crashed along Interstate 30 near Benton, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) southwest of Little Rock. Police said most of the injured were children and that they were taken to hospitals in Little Rock and Benton.

The elementary-school age children from the Orange Mound Youth Association in southeast Memphis were returning home after playing in a tournament in the Dallas area over the weekend, according to Memphis

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# CRASH

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TV station WMC. Orange Mound is a historically black neighborhood that unites around its highly competitive youth football program.

One of half a dozen adults on the bus, Damous Hailey, said the players from 10 Orange Mound Youth Association football teams had been playing in all-star squads. He told The Commercial Appeal newspaper that the bus swerved then flipped "about 15 or 20 times," before landing on its side at the foot of an embankment.

"When the bus started flipping, the kids were hollering, and we were trying to calm them down," he said in an interview from Saline Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for injuries to his right side and leg. "I was holding on, trying to make sure I didn't get thrown out."

Teams and coaches affiliated with the Orange Mound Youth Association have not returned phone calls and emails seeking comment.

At a news conference in Memphis Monday afternoon, Nickalous Manning, area superintendent of Aspire Public Schools, said a third grader from an Aspire charter school died in the crash. He did not reveal the child's name.

"When we talked to teammates here, you saw on their faces about what that young person meant to them, the impact that he had on the school community," Manning said. "This is going to be a loss that's going to be hard to heal from."

Students from five Achievement School District facilities in Memphis were also on the bus, according to district spokesman Bobby White.

Authorities haven't talked about the cause of the crash that happened under the cloak of darkness. The bus driver told state police that she lost control. The heavily damaged bus came to a rest after tumbling down a steep embankment next to the crook of a sharp bend on an off-ramp.

Dr. Todd Maxson, surgeon in chief and trauma medical director at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, said 22 of the 26 children aged 9 to 13 who were admitted to the facility were released by late Monday afternoon. He said the four remaining children were stable and expected to fully recover from their injuries.

Maxson said some of the children suffered injuries to the brain or other internal organs, while others suffered cuts and broken bones. He said two of the kids underwent emergency operations and were stable.

Saline Memorial Hospital admitted 13 injured adults and children, spokeswoman Rebecca Jones said. They were treated for cuts, bruises and some orthopedic injuries then released.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences received one adult patient who has not been discharged. A hospital spokeswoman said she couldn't provide any details, citing privacy laws.

It is unclear if seat belts were provided. Lawmakers in Tennessee tried but failed to introduce regulations in 2017 requiring seat belts in new school buses. The bus in Monday's crash was a charter bus.

Orange Mound was created after the Civil War by and for African-Americans, and black-owned businesses flourished there until desegregation enabled residents to live elsewhere. Chronic disinvestment brought widespread crime and poverty.

One resident, Carlos Morgan, told The Associated Press that the youth football program is vital in a neighborhood where youths can so easily be lured into drugs and crime.

"It helps keep kids out of trouble," said Morgan, who also played on traveling football squads in his youth.

It "gives kids opportunity and brings the community together," he said.

A speeding bus filled with school children crashed in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in November 2016, leaving six students dead. Prosecutors said the driver was on the phone at the time of the crash. He was convicted in March this year on six counts of criminally negligent homicide, 11 counts of reckless aggravated assault and seven counts of assault.

# BUSH

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and novelty driving growth in the market, he said. And as menswear became more casual, socks replaced the tie as a conversation piece.

"Year after year we got more and more casual and the fun novelty sock became an opportunity of expression," Cohen said. "As we got rid of ties, guys still wanted to be able to put some style to a navy suit or a black suit."

The socks can add some fun and color to an outfit, while also making a statement.

Bush embraced the practice, and gave it meaning.

In March, the former president tweeted a photo of himself wearing a brightly colored pair of "Down Syndrome Super Hero" socks sent to him

# Empty boxes top high-tech toys on doctor-recommended list

By **LINDSEY TANNER**

AP Medical Writer

Skip the costly electronic games and flashy digital gizmos. Pediatricians say the best toys for tots are old-fashioned hands-on playthings that young children can enjoy with parents — things like blocks, puzzles — even throwaway cardboard boxes — that spark imagination and creativity.

"A cardboard box can be used to draw on, or made into a house," said Dr. Alan Mendelsohn, co-author of a new report on selecting toys for young children, up to around age 5.

Many parents feel pressured by ads promoting tablet-based toys and games as educational and brain-stimulating but there's not much science to back up those claims, Mendelsohn said. Their main misconception: "The toy that is best is the one that is the most expensive or has the most bells and whistles or is the most technologically sophisticated."

Simpler hands-on toys that parents and young children can play with together are preferable for healthy development, said Mendelsohn, a pediatrician at NYU Langone Health in New York.

The report published Monday by the American Academy of Pediatrics cites studies suggesting that heavy use of electronic media may interfere with children's speech and language development, replace important playtime with parents and lead to obesity.

Studies also have found that more than 90 percent of U.S. kids have used mobile devices and most start-

ed using them before age 1.

The pediatricians' group recommends no screen time for children up to age 2, and says total screen time including TV and computer use should be less than one hour daily for ages 2 and older.

"A little bit of screen time here and there is unlikely to have much harm if a child otherwise has other activity," Mendelsohn said. But he added that screen time can overwhelm

young children and is difficult to limit and control.

The academy's website offers suggestions on ideal toys for young children, including balls, puzzles, coloring books and card games.

Shopping recently at Dancing Bear Toys in Asheville, N.C., a store that doesn't sell electronic toys, Leah Graham Stewart said she supports the academy's advice even if avoiding digital toys and games is tough.

She said she's noticed

her two young boys tend to misbehave after playing on an iPad she typically reserves for long airplane rides.

"We try to keep it as minimal as possible," Graham Stewart said. "I just tell them to go outside and play."

Erika Evers, Dancing Bear's co-owner, said the store's mission is to give kids an alternative to tech toys.

"Not that video games and electronic toys don't have their place — in moderation, in our opinion," she said. "But we feel like kids really need opportunities to socialize and interact with their environment in a way that is hands-on and tangible."



AP photo

**In this Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 photo, toys sit on the shelves at a Walmart Supercenter in Houston.**

# FINES

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She sued Trump for defamation after he responded to the allegation by tweeting: "A sketch years later about a nonexistent man. A total con job, playing the Fake News Media for Fools (but they know it)!"

Otero ruled in October that Trump's statement was "rhetorical hyperbole" against a political adversary and was protected speech under the First Amendment.

Although the lawsuit didn't get far before Otero tossed it, he said it was a "one of a kind" case that demanded a fair bit of legal work.

"Given a case of this magnitude, you have to err on the side of being thorough," Otero said.

Daniels has appealed Otero's decision and Avenatti said Monday he expects to prevail at a higher court.

Avenatti, who has positioned himself as a Trump foe and is considering a run for president in 2020, also said he will be seeking attorney's fees against Trump in the ongoing hush money case and he anticipates being awarded a figure that "dwarfs exponentially" what Trump is seeking in the defamation case, possibly exceeding \$2 million.

Trump's lead attorney said the fees and unspecified monetary sanctions were earned because of the extraordinary nature of the defamation case and because of Avenatti's gamesmanship.

"This action is virtually unprecedented in American legal history," Harder wrote in court papers. Daniels "not only brought a meritless claim for defamation against the sitting president of the United

States, but she also has engaged, along with her attorney, in massive national publicity."

In a related case in which Daniels has alleged that her former lawyer, Keith Davidson, colluded with Trump's former personal lawyer Michael Cohen to have her publicly deny the affair with Trump, Avenatti and Cohen's lawyer briefly traded accusations Monday in the hallway of a Santa Monica courthouse.

Standing nose-to-nose with attorney Brent Blakely, Avenatti told him he represented a felon. Blakely shot back that Avenatti is a felon. Avenatti said he's never been convicted of a crime.

Cohen has pleaded guilty to several felonies and admitted funneling money to Daniels to keep her quiet about an affair she has said she had with Trump.

Avenatti was arrested last month on suspicion of domestic violence.

Prosecutors declined bringing felony charges against Avenatti. They are investi-

gating whether he should face a misdemeanor charge for allegations he roughed up a girlfriend. Avenatti has denied wrongdoing.

The Cohen and Davidson lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court has been put on hold, though a hearing is scheduled May 22.

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years ago by the International Association of Chiefs of Police found more than half use social media for listening or monitoring and three-quarters of them use it for intelligence.

While the prospects of Parker's bill passing are uncertain, he has already succeeded at one of his goals of creating "fodder for discussion," including push-back.

Tom King, president of New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, the state's NRA affiliate, said the bill would be the beginning of "the slippery slope of taking away your First Amendment" free speech rights.

At the American Tactical Systems gun range, a short drive from New York's Capitol, gun owners called the proposal unnecessary and intrusive.

"I don't think the government should have access to anybody's history, especially for pistol permits," Steve Wohlleber, who works at the range. "And the state police have enough to worry about besides checking everyone's social media."

David Pucino, a staff attorney at the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, said that while he shared the legislator's goals, he thought there were better alternatives, such as another bill that would create a court order of protection to bar people considered dangerous from possessing or buying guns.

Civil rights attorney Norman Siegel said he believes bill language directing police to consider "commonly known profane slurs or biased language" is too broad to pass constitutional muster.

"A person could be prejudiced," Siegel said. "That doesn't mean he's not entitled to his Second Amendment right."

On a practical level, the measure would mean more work for police in New York who already check the criminal and mental health histories of handgun license applicants.

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, whose department processes a few hundred applications every year, said "it's definitely going to bog things down a bit" in a licensing process that already can take from 120 days to a year to complete.

Parker countered that states have the authority to limit hand gun use for public safety.

"If you're afraid of your personal privacy," he said. "Don't apply for a handgun license."

by John Cronin, a 22-year-old New York man with Down syndrome who with his father runs an online business selling socks.

Cronin's mother, Carol Cronin, said her son and Bush became "kind of sock buddies." Not long after starting John's Crazy Socks, John Cronin learned of Bush's love of colorful socks and sent him a box. After Barbara Bush died in April, it was Cronin who sent Bush the socks featuring books that he wore at her funeral.

Carol Cronin said that when her son learned that it was Bush who signed the Americans with Disabilities Act banning work-

place discrimination of people with disabilities and requiring improved access to public places and transportation, he felt their connection was "meant to be."

"The inclusiveness that is envisioned by that legislation has changed his life and every other person who has a differing ability for the better," said Cronin, who noted that the majority of employees hired for the business have differing abilities.

She said her son's idea of starting a sock business turned out to be a successful and fulfilling one.

"I think it lets people express themselves in a subtle way," she said.

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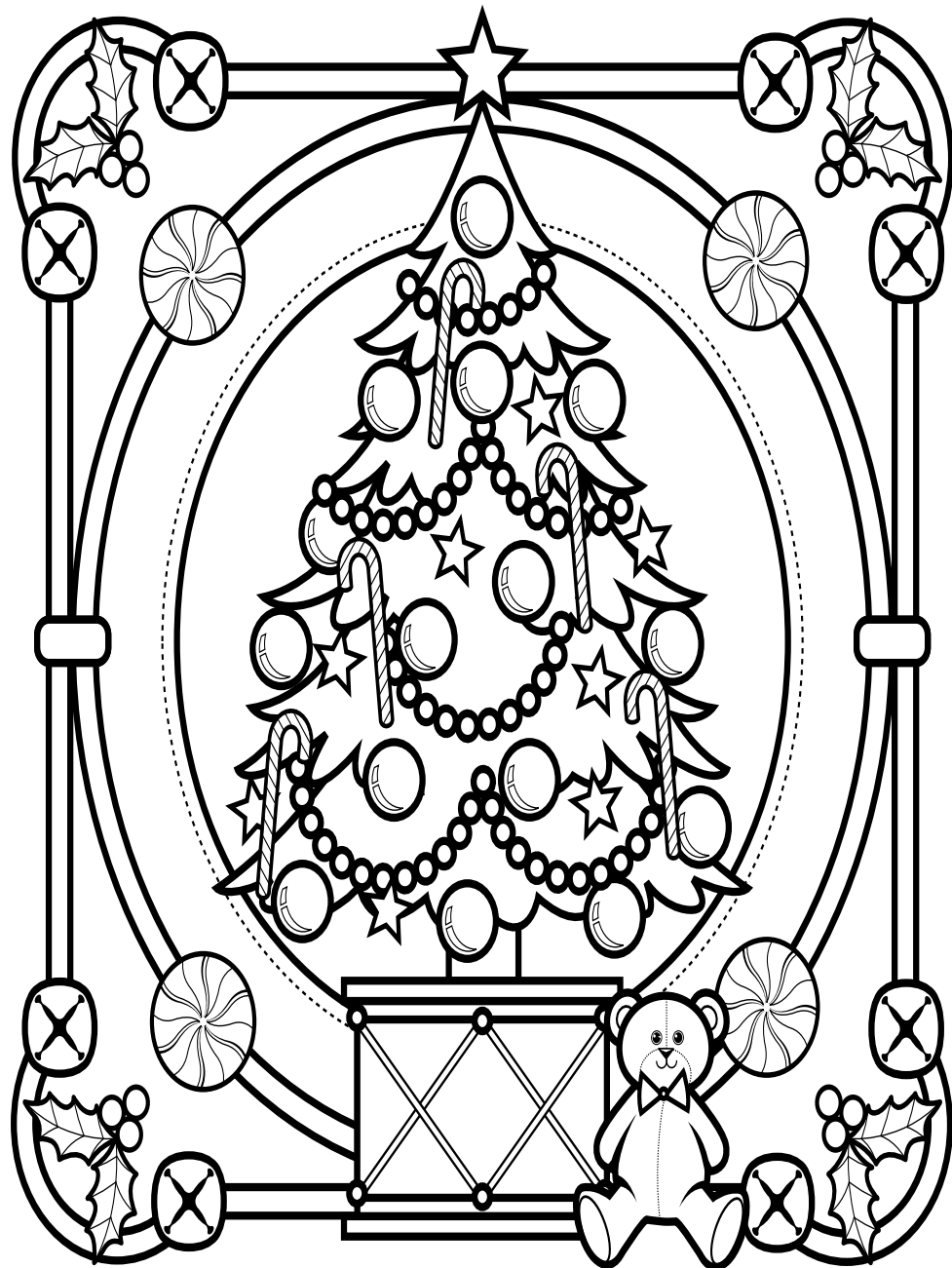
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### Lady Steers well rounded in 51-43 win over Hermleigh



By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

Behind the solid play of their back-court the Lady Steers took it to the Lady Cardinals Tuesday night at Steer Gym. Big Spring never trailed in the game after the first quarter and found a way to continue to build on their lead in every period.

In the first quarter it was a back and forth low scoring affair that ended in a 10-10 tie heading into the second.

With guards Alexis Starr and Amber Martinez playing really well on the perimeter and Kayleigh Penny playing great on both ends of the floor the second quarter was a different story. The Lady Steers jumped out early on Hermleigh in the quarter and never looked back heading into half time with a narrow 23-19 lead.

In the second half coach Voss had her ladies ready to play and the Lady Steers increased their narrow lead from just 4 points all the way out to 9 points on great shooting and even better team defense. With Starr pressing the pace, Martinez knocking down the open jumpers and Penny creating second chance opportunities inside the Lady Steers took control of the game and headed into the fourth quarter up 36-27.

In the fourth quarter Hermleigh made a push but the Lady Steers responded and kept the defensive intensity up and never relinquished the lead. Big Spring fended off the Lady Cardinals attempts at a late run and came out on top 51-43.

Alexis Starr led all scorers with 18 points while Amber Martinez added another 15 points and Penny rounded out the Lady Steers scoring with 12. The Lady Steers will travel to Stanton this Thursday to compete in the Stanton tournament.

Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Alexis Starr lays the ball up during the Lady Steer's 51-43 win at home over Hermleigh on Tuesday, December 12, 2018.

Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Kayleigh Penny tries a three point attempt during the Lady Steer's 51-43 win at home over Hermleigh on Tuesday, December 12, 2018.

### Bulldogs clip Owls



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Braxton Chandler, No. 3, heads toward the post chased by a Reagan County Owl during the Bulldogs/Owls varsity basketball game held Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, in Coahoma.

#### Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Gage Clark netted two 3-point goals in the fourth quarter to help salt away the Bulldogs 39-27 victory over the Reagan County Owls Tuesday night.

The Coahoma High School senior had a game high of 13 points at the board with most of his baskets coming in the second half.

Coahoma nabbed the first score of the match and never looked back leading throughout the game. By the half, the Bulldogs had a 6 point advantage over the Owls. Although scoring on both sides was slow in the second and third quarter, the game pick up in the fourth.

Clark started off the quarter burying two shots behind the arc and added two more points to the scoreboard to increase the lead 33-20. Braxton Chandler dropped the ball in under the post for 2 and Joe Manning finished off the game for Coahoma with a flourish by nailing two free throws and later completing a layup for 2 more points

with 1:02 left in the game. Manning brought in a total of 8 points for the night.

Next the Bulldogs will head to Stanton to compete in the Hooptown Classic. Coahoma faces off against the Stanton JV at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Earlier in the evening, the Bulldog JV team lost to the Owls 15-26.

Coahoma Bulldogs vs Reagan County Owls

Coahoma: 12, 5, 8, 14 — 39

Reagan County: 7, 4, 7, 9 — 27

Coahoma — Brice Martin, 2; Braxton Chandler, 4; Joe Manning, 8; Zack Schneider, 5; M. Martinez, 2; Gaige Hill, 2; Bryson Cline, 3; Gage Clark, 13.

Reagan County — Jaden Gonzalez, 9; Seth Hernandez, 3; Isaiah Perez, 2; Pablo Hernandez, 5; Isaac Perez, 2; Jacob Gallegos, 2; Justin Chavez, 4.

Free Throws — Coahoma, 5 - 12; Reagan County 7 - 9; Three Point Goals — Coahoma 2 (Gage Clark); Reagan County 2 (S. Hernandez; P. Hernandez); Total Fouls — Coahoma 17; Reagan County, 10.

### Bulldogettes withstand Owl attack



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Caitlyn Corley, No. 11, races down court during the Bulldogettes/Lady Owls game held Dec. 4, 2018, in Coahoma. Corley had a game high of 16 points for the evening.

COAHOMA — Bulldogettes fans were treated to an exciting ending as the Reagan County Lady Owls nearly wrestled away a Coahoma victory with seconds left in the game.

After trading the lead back and forth over three quarters in the close fought match, the Lady Owls went on a 7 point run in the last three minutes cutting down Coahoma's lead from 10 to 3. However, the Bulldogettes got possession of the ball with seconds left and saved the 35-32 win.

Caitlyn Corley, who had a game high of 16 points for the night, and Cassie Grant were instrumental in the victory. Together, the two girls brought in 14 of Coahoma's 17 points in the second half.

In the first half, Reagan County sat on top with a 4 point lead by the end of the first quarter and a slight 2 point lead by the half.

Returning from the locker room, the Bulldogettes took control of the scoreboard when C. Grant buried a shot behind the arc to help the Bulldogettes take over 21-20. Then field goals by Corley and Paige Atkins, who also went 4-4 at the charity strip,

widen the score to 28-25 by the end of the third quarter.

Combined, Corley and Grant added 7 more points to give Coahoma a 10 point cushion in the fourth then the Lady Owls made their run.

Next, the varsity Bulldogettes will compete in the 3 day Hooptown Classic tournament hosted by Stanton ISD. Coahoma faces Big Spring for the first game at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Earlier in the evening, the Bulldogettes JV team lost to Reagan County, 22-37.

Coahoma Bulldogettes vs Reagan County Lady Owls

Coahoma: 8, 10, 10, 7 — 35

Reagan County: 12, 8, 5, 7 — 32

Coahoma — Macee Grant, 2; Caitlyn Corley, 16; Paige Atkins, 8; Jovi Gonzales, 2; Abby Lopez, 1; Cassie Grant, 6.

Reagan County — M. De La Cruz, 2; C. Flores, 4; S. Sosa, 4; N. Goodloe, 2; S. Darr, 2; P. Baggett, 3; C. Cervantes, 2; M. Hernandez, 13

Free Throws — Coahoma 6 - 12; Reagan County 6 - 11 ; Three Point Goals — Coahoma 1 (C. Grant); Total Fouls — Coahoma 16; Reagan County 13

### Bufs Sweep Borden County with wins for Boys and Girls teams

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

The Bufs and Lady Bufs hosted the Borden County Coyotes and Lady Coyotes to Forsan Tuesday evening. In the boys game Kobe Richardson took control of the game early and never looked back. Richardson led all scorers with 36 points while grabbing 5 rebounds, 6 steals and dishing out 5 assists. In the first quarter both teams found success on offense and pushed the pace to end the quarter tied 13-13. In the second quarter Forsan's tough team defense really started to show and they held the Coyotes to just 6 points in the period while scoring 12 of their own to take a 25-19 lead into the half.

Coming out of the half, the Bufs went right back to work on defense holding Borden under 10 points for the second straight quarter while scor-



Courtesy photo/Kara Freeman

Bufs guard Kobe Richardson hits from long range Tuesday night December 4, 2018 in a nice 53-45 home win over Borden County.

ing a game best 17 points of their own in the period to take a 42-28 lead heading into the fourth.

In the final period the Coyotes made a push scoring 17 points in the final quarter, but it was too little too late as the Bufs held them off with 11 points of their own and played tight defense down the stretch to hold on for a nice 53-45 home win. Jonathan Gabehart had 6 points and 5 boards in the game with Paul Evans leading the team in rebounds with 10.

In the girls game the Evans sister put together another great performance that was pretty one sided the entire contest and came out with an impressive 55-33 win over the Lady Coyotes. The Lady Bufs great shooting, disciplined defense and stellar rebounding make them a tough matchup for anybody, and with the Evans sisters continuing to play off each others strengths this team has a lot of upside moving forward.

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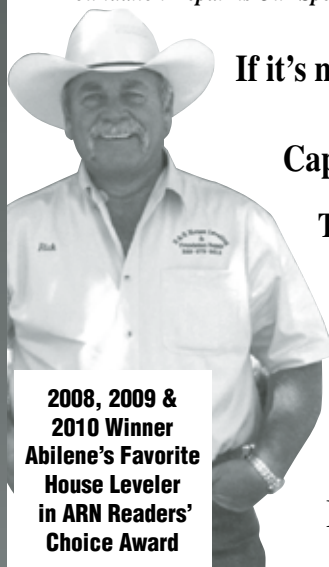
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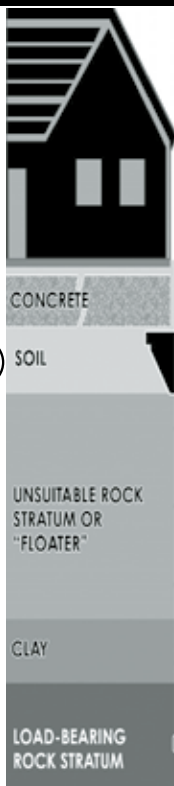
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Tricky but instructive

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**NORTH**  
♠ A K 3  
♥ 10 9 8 4 2  
♦ 6 4 2  
♣ K 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 7 6 4 2  
♥ 7 5  
♦ 5  
♣ 10 8 6 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 8  
♥ 3  
♦ K Q J 10 8 7  
♣ Q J 7 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 9 5  
♥ A K Q J 6  
♦ A 9 3  
♣ A 9 4

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♥(!) 2♦ 3♥  
Pass 4♥ Pass 6♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
**B. Jay Becker**, former editor of this column, once played in a team-of-four event where the pair he was playing against got to a slam on the strange bidding shown. The declarer struggled through the play but finally gave up the ghost at the finish, losing two diamonds and going down one.  
**South had a few words to say** to North about his opening bid, which, it must be granted, was very much on the light side.  
**When the North-South hands** were held by Becker's teammates, North did not open the bidding. East

did, however, with a pre-emptive bid of three diamonds. South, Sidney Silodor, overcalled with three hearts, which was raised to four by North.  
**Here, though**, Silodor made six. This was no major triumph, since he had not bid the slam, but it did point up the fact that the North player at the other table, who was in six, could have made it. At both tables, a diamond was led (at one table by East, at the other by West). Two diamond losers seem certain, but Silodor made 12 tricks just the same.  
**After winning the diamond**, Silodor drew two rounds of trump. The K-A of clubs were then cashed, and a club was ruffed in dummy. Next the K-A of spades were led, followed by a third round of spades, on which East showed out. But instead of trumping the spade, South discarded one of his losing diamonds, allowing West to win the trick.  
**This left West** in a hopeless position. Whether he returned a club or a spade, declarer would trump in dummy while discarding his remaining diamond loser. Tricky? Yes. But also instructive.  
**The point is that declarer** should never give up, even in a seemingly impossible contract. If Silodor found the solution when only 30 extra points were involved, shouldn't his counterpart have found the answer when a slam was at stake?

Tomorrow: The philosophy of defense.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### Cosmic Love Forecast

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Venus transits considered, the cosmic forces currently agree with William Shakespeare in that friendship is constant except for in matters of love. Every heart has its own language. "Let every eye negotiate for itself and trust no agent." Who someone loves is a very particular thing and no friend can tell another the soundness of that idea.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**. Self-worth and net worth are not interchangeable values. For you, this fact is a no-brainer. For some others you know, it will take time and life experience to learn -- bear with them.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**. Maybe it's not, as they say, "all good," but there is little time to waste rejecting the parts that aren't. It is "much good," and it will take a while to count all this goodness. Take your time.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**. You've an even temper much of the time, but this shouldn't be taken for a steadfast rule. When your passion is stirred, it will surprise and impress all.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**. Status is important, but it's never been your high priority. Right now there are a hundred things you care much more about than looking good to the neighbors. Because you're not worried about status, your status rises.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**. Does the world seem

to be in disarray? Sometimes it's our way of mentally ordering information that makes it confusing. A teacher can help us find another point of view -- one that will bring context and clarity.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**. Cheerfulness is charming. As you continue to make optimism your default, you cultivate even greater powers of enchantment and become a charismatic influencer.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**. Wisdom comes out of adversity. Hardship is the greatest teacher. But you don't have hardship now. The second greatest teachers are people you don't agree with. Learn where they're coming from and become wise.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**. There will be conflicts, mostly one of your responsibilities clashing with another of more or less importance. Put it all on paper. That's how you'll sort it out.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**. What are you doing on a daily basis to support your emotional

and spiritual health? What are you doing every day to prove that you love yourself? "Excellence is not an act, but a habit." -- Aristotle.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**. You're making plans. Ideally, you'd include everyone, but this might not be possible. Don't worry, the right people will show up, which is to say the people who most need to be a part of this.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**. You've been on a learning curve, but now you're getting the swing of things and it's all starting to flatten out a bit. Enjoy the successful feeling that comes with hitting your stride.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**. You're in the mood to share, and you have much to give. Presentation will be key. It's not the face value, but the spirit in which a thing is given that really counts.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 5)**. You're considered a tastemaker, and your recommendations will enhance and in some cases change lives. Highlights of this solar return will include: a dance of love that spans seasons, an event that involves several moving parts and brings together different groups, and something done in the spirit of justice. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 7, 14, 30 and 20.

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## Annie's Mailbox

### Gift-Giving Woes

**Dear Annie:** As the holidays draw near, I like to be prepared and buy my gifts early. Every year, I get stuck when it comes to thinking of a gift for my younger brother "Henry." Henry is a teenager whose only interest is playing video games. For Christmas, the only things he ever asks for are video games and money. I have made very clear to him that I don't want to get him electronics or money for Christmas, but he never tells me anything else that he would like. I have given him gifts that I thought he would like, but the books go unread, and the hobbies go untouched. I am to the point where I may just buy him socks for Christmas this year. Do you have any advice for how to shop for video game-playing teenagers? -- Stumped Santa

**Dear Stumped Santa:** The decision not to get your brother any more electronics sounds like a great one. Gift-giving is tricky in this situation because you love your brother yet don't want to encourage his passion for video games. However, seeing as he loves games, what about a board game? That way, you could play with the

whole family and engage with one another while at least temporarily avoiding the dreaded "screen time." Another possibility is to get tickets for a game or theater performance that might interest him.

**Dear Annie:** Could you please say something about people who want to stay with a friend or relative and want to have their pet with them? I am an animal lover and have two dogs and a cat, but I worry about having strange pets in my home -- especially if the visit is more than a day or two. Pet owners insist their pets are friendly and very well-behaved. I believe them, but when their pets come to my home, my dogs can be possessive and my cat unpredictable. It seems that their pets may be nervous in strange surroundings and not be the perfect pets they are at home. I'd feel awful if anyone's pet were injured. I hate to sound unwelcoming to people who want to visit me, but when people bring pets into my home, I'm distracted and worried, and I can't enjoy their visits. -- Marilyn

**Dear Marilyn:** I'm happy to print your letter to encourage more thoughtfulness around

this issue -- but I hope you're also vocalizing these thoughts to your visitors. Everything you said in your letter would be appropriate and helpful to explain to would-be guests. I don't think anyone ought to take offense to your perfectly reasonable explanation.

**Dear Annie:** This is a response to "Upset Employee," who is bothered that a supervisor's friend was hired over other employees. Employment law is rather tricky. If the supervisor's friend was qualified, then it was legal. Nothing in the rules says an employer has to take the most qualified candidate. And someone in the position of "Upset Employee" is not supposed to know what anyone else's was. That's a violation of employment law. So, "Upset Employee," if you like actually working there, you just need to let it go. Life isn't fair. If it were, then this would be heaven and not life. -- Christopher

**Dear Christopher:** Thank you for the insights on employment law -- and the nature of life.

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## SUDOKU

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### Here's How It Works:

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

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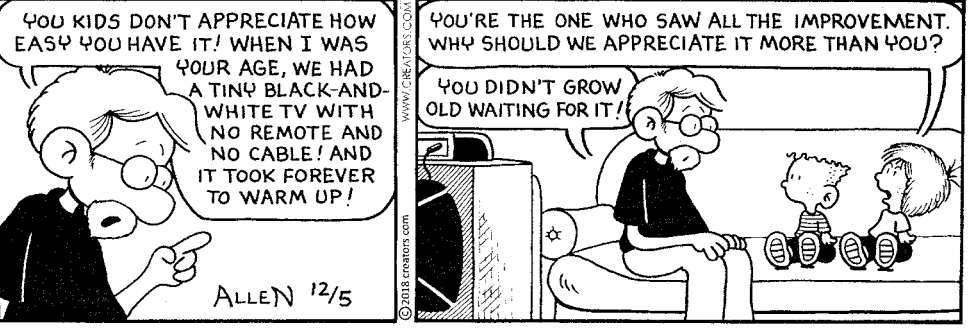
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2018. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1994, Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades.

On this date:

In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1782, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, New York; he was the first chief executive to be born after American independence.

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1848, President James K. Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

In 1901, movie producer Walt Disney was born in Chicago.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

In 1945, five U.S. Navy torpedo bombers mysteriously disappeared after taking off from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a training mission with the loss of all 14 crew members; "The Lost Squadron" contributed to the legend of the Bermuda Triangle.

In 1952, the Great Smog of London descended on the British capital; the unusually thick fog, which contained toxic pollutants, lasted five days and was blamed for causing thousands of deaths.

In 1977, Egypt broke diplomatic relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, Iraq and South Yemen in the wake of criticism that followed President Anwar Sadat's peace overtures to Israel.

In 1988, a federal grand jury in North Carolina indicted PTL founder Jim Bakker and former aide Richard Dortch on fraud and conspiracy charges. (Bakker was convicted on all counts; Dortch pleaded guilty to four counts and cooperated with prosecutors in exchange for a lighter sentence. Bakker was initially sentenced to 45 years in prison; the term was eventually reduced to eight years, and he served a total of about five.)

Ten years ago: The Labor Department reported that an alarming half-million jobs had vanished in Nov. 2008 as unemployment hit a 15-year high of 6.7 percent. A judge in Las Vegas sentenced O.J. Simpson to 33 years in prison (with eligibility for parole after nine) for an armed robbery at a hotel room. (Simpson was released to parole on Oct. 1, 2017.) Death claimed actresses Nina Foch at age 84 and Beverly Garland at age 82.

Five years ago: Nelson Mandela, the anti-apartheid leader who became South Africa's first black president, died at age 95.

One year ago: Democratic congressman John Conyers of Michigan resigned from Congress after a nearly 53-year career, becoming the first Capitol Hill politician to lose his job amid the sexual misconduct allegations sweeping through the nation's workplaces. In a bitterly contested runoff election, Atlanta voters narrowly chose Keisha Lance Bottoms as the city's next mayor; a result that would be upheld after a recount requested by rival Mary Norwood. The International Olympic Committee barred Russia and its sports leaders from the upcoming Winter Olympics in South Korea after concluding that members of the Russian government concocted a doping scheme at the 2014 Sochi Games; some Russians would be able to compete as "Olympic Athletes from Russia."

Today's Birthdays: Singer Little Richard is 86. Author

Joan Didion is 84. Author Calvin Trillin is 83. Actor Jeroen Krabbe (yeh-ROHN' krah-BAY) is 74. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 72. Pop singer Jim Messina is 71. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL quarterback Jim Plunkett is 71. World Golf Hall of Famer Lanny Wadkins is 69. Actress Morgan Brittany is 67. Actor Brian Backer is 62.

Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Art Monk is 61. Country singer Ty England is 55. Rock singer-musician John Rzeznik (REZ-'nihk) (The Goo Goo Dolls) is 53. Country singer Gary Allan is 51. Comedian-actress Margaret Cho is 50. Writer-director Morgan J. Freeman is 49. Actress Alex Kapp Horner is 49. Actress Kati Rocha is 47. Rock musi-

cian Regina Zernay (Cowboy Mouth) is 46. Actress Paula Patton is 43. Actress Amy Acker is 42. Actor Nick Stahl is 39. Actor Adan Canto is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keri Hilson is 36. Actor Gabriel Luna is 36. Actor Frankie Muniz is 33. Actor Ross Bagley is 30.

**Thought for Today:**

"I've never been poor, only broke. Being poor is a frame of mind. Being broke is only a temporary situation."

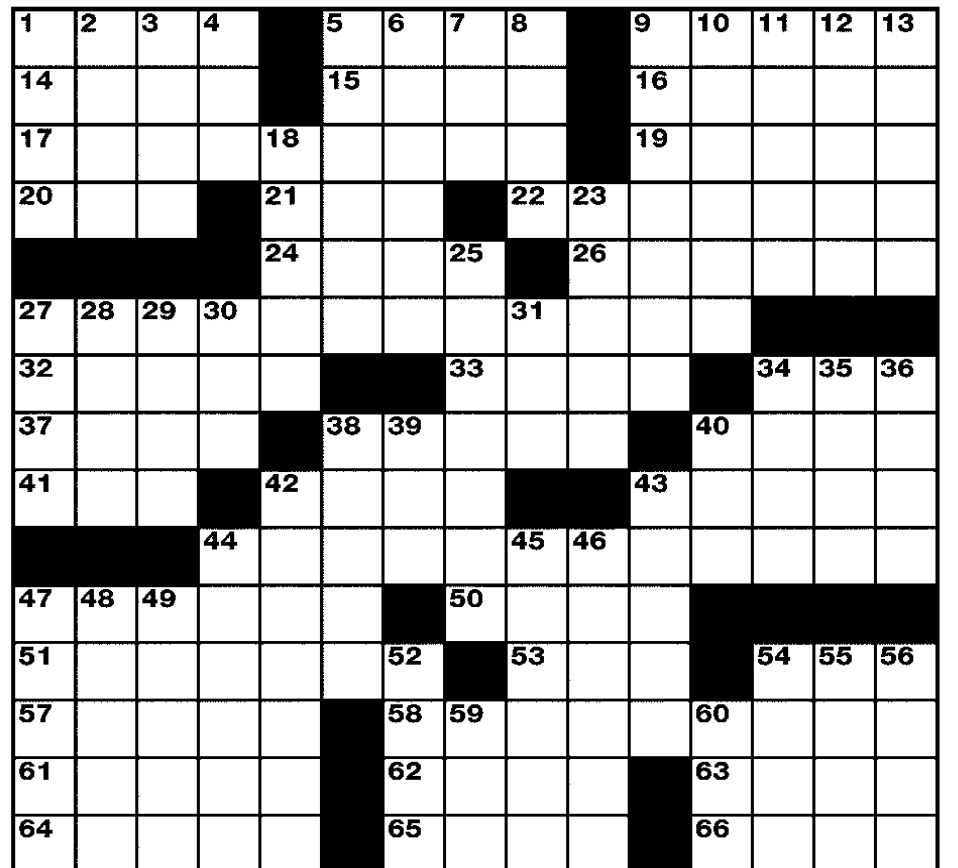
Mike Todd  
American movie producer (1907-1958).

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Newsday Crossword

S AS IN "SCARY" by Carolyn Stewart  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Agitated state
  - 5 IRS guy, for instance
  - 9 Blue ribbon or trophy
  - 14 Broadcasts
  - 15 Roof overhang
  - 16 Vitality
  - 17 Lowest dice roll
  - 19 River of Missouri
  - 20 "How long \_\_\_ it been?"
  - 21 To the \_\_\_ degree
  - 22 Pickpockets, for instance
  - 24 Abound (with)
  - 26 Lazy ones
  - 27 Primate with long limbs and tail
  - 32 Voice above bass
  - 33 Chopped weeds in the garden
  - 34 "\_\_\_ been a long time"
  - 37 Clumsy ones
  - 38 Bit of broken glass
  - 40 Explorer in kids' cartoons
  - 41 Golf teacher
  - 42 Depict unfairly
  - 43 Have dinner at home
  - 44 Foul-smelling swamp plant
  - 47 Be attractive (to)
  - 50 Grain storage structure
  - 51 Puget Sound city
  - 53 Corporate budgetary exec.
  - 54 Courtroom VIPs
  - 57 Social stratum
- DOWN**
- 1 Wide belt
  - 2 Ship of 1492
  - 3 Savings plans, for short
  - 4 Chiding sound
  - 5 Wobble
  - 6 Rowdy disorder
  - 7 Street sign abbr.
  - 8 Home in a tree
  - 9 Steered clear of
  - 10 With good judgment
  - 11 Plant source for tequila
  - 12 Cockpit radio acknowledgment
  - 13 Prom purchase
  - 18 Go in
  - 23 Walked on a trail
  - 25 Spiky hairstyles
  - 27 Halt
  - 28 Cousin to an apple
  - 29 Facts, informally
  - 30 List of recommendations
  - 31 Negative conjunction
  - 34 Little bit
  - 35 Math class
  - 36 Sensible
  - 38 Pirate flag depiction
  - 39 Female fowl
  - 40 Little bit
  - 42 Ice dancers, for instance
  - 43 Downloaded novel
  - 44 Sporting dog
  - 45 Noisy insect
  - 46 Batman's butler
  - 47 Broad neckwear
  - 48 "\_\_\_ porridge hot . . ."
  - 49 Lasagna or linguine
  - 52 Are, in Acapulco
  - 54 Copenhagen native
  - 55 Start the pot
  - 56 Leave out
  - 59 Big success
  - 60 Keg spigot



Answer to previous puzzle

HALTS CHESS HIM  
EXERT LEVIE ONE  
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TRIS CRIB AROMA  
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TACIT HEAL OGRE  
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STY DESKS BEST

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# Doncic's 21 points lead Mavs past Trail Blazers 111-102

By DAVE JACKSON

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks hadn't won eight in a row at home since the year they won the NBA championship.

On Tuesday night, they matched that mark and continued their upward trajectory in the rugged Western Conference.

Luka Doncic scored 21 points and Wesley Matthews added 17 as the Mavericks won for the ninth time in 11 games, beating the Portland Trail Blazers 111-102.

DeAndre Jordan added 12 points and 17 rebounds for Dallas, which won its eighth in a row at American Airlines Center for the first time since March 2011 - three months before they defeated Miami for the franchise's only NBA title.

"To be the team we want to be, we have to win the games at home," Matthews said. "Our attention to defense is what's really doing it for us."

That defense made it difficult for Portland's vaunted backcourt. Damian Lillard had 33 points, but shot 10 for 23 from the field and 2 for 8 on 3s. His 11-for-12 shooting from the line helped his total.

C.J. McCollum added 18 points for the Blazers, but made just 7 of 19 shots and 2 of 7 3s.

"Our guys did a great job executing the defensive game plan," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "Which was not an easy game plan because we were chasing guys who are great players 30 to 40 feet away from the basket."

Lillard scored 25 of his 33 points in the second half as Portland tried, but failed, to rally from a deficit that was mostly double digits through almost



AP photo

**Dallas Mavericks forward Luka Doncic (77) attempts a shot over Portland Trail Blazers center Jusuf Nurkic (27) as Portland Trail Blazers Al-Farouq Aminu (8) and Maurice Harkless (4) look on during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, in Dallas.**

all the first three quarters.

"It's an uphill battle," Lillard said. "I thought we still had a chance. When you create a hole, you got to fight out of it so hard to get there, you put yourself in a position where you got to be perfect down the stretch."

The Mavericks closed out the first quarter with a 17-3 run and held a double-digit lead until Lillard's drive and free throw made it 78-69 late in the third.

Dwight Powell hit consecutive

3-pointers and Maxi Kleber followed a Devin Harris miss with a dunk to put Dallas up by 14 after three quarters.

J.J. Barea's driving layup capped a 10-0 run that gave the Mavericks their biggest lead at 92-73. Portland got as close as six points in the game's final minutes, but Doncic hit a fall-away 3-pointer with 58.9 seconds to go for a 108-99 lead.

### HITTING THE SKIDS

The teams are going in opposite directions. While Dallas has heated up,

Portland has lost eight of its last 11.

"This game was very similar to the last two we played," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "Get off to a slow start, get down at halftime, make a good comeback and fall short. I think we're all getting tired of it."

### TIP INS

Trail Blazers: Lillard scored the Blazers' final 15 points of the third quarter. Portland's frustration became evident in the third quarter when Al-Farouq Aminu and Maurice Harkless were given technical fouls 35 seconds apart for arguing with referee Ed Malloy.

Mavericks: Guard Dennis Smith Jr. had 12 points and nine assists, one day after he had a root canal to fix a broken tooth suffered Sunday night after the Clippers' Patrick Beverley caught him with an elbow. ... Every Dallas starter scored in double figures and every Mavs player who saw action scored at least five.

### DONCIC HONORED

Doncic was named Western Conference Rookie of the Month for October/November. Doncic started the team's first 20 games and averaged a team-high 18.5 points. He's second on the team in rebounds and assists.

"It means a lot," Doncic said. "It's just another example for me to keep working hard and keep fighting for what I want. There's a lot to improve."

The last Dallas player to be selected Rookie of the Month — and the only one since 2004 — was Yogi Ferrell in February 2017.

### UP NEXT

Trail Blazers: Host Phoenix on Thursday.

Mavericks: Second half of a back-to-back Wednesday at New Orleans.

# Missouri downs UT Arlington 65-45 behind Tilmon

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo.—

Jeremiah Tilmon posted 10 points and 12 rebounds — his second double-double this season — to lead Missouri to a 65-45 victory over UT Arlington on Tuesday night.

The 6-foot-10 Tilmon took advantage of an undersized UTA frontcourt. The tallest players in the Mavericks' starting lineup — Andres Ibarguen and Patrick Mwamba — are each 6-foot-5. The sophomore forward has been heating up, and has now scored double-digits in each of his last three contests.

Tilmon also shot 6-for-6 from the free-throw line. He shot just 52 percent from the charity stripe last year, but has upped that percentage to 80 percent this season.

"Last year, I took three dribbles and paused for four or five seconds," Tilmon said. "Now, I just take two dribbles and go right into my rhythm."

Missouri freshman Torrence Watson added a season-high 12 points. Watson made three of his six 3-point attempts. He entered the game shooting just 27.6 percent from beyond the arc.

"He's been putting extra time in, I think that helps," Missouri head coach Cuonzo Martin said. "I think with any guy who shoots the ball, you like to see the ball go in, and it went in for him."

The Tigers came into the contest shooting 38.2 percent from 3, tops in the Southeastern Conference. Missouri (5-3) shot 9-for-25 from 3-point range against the Mavericks, who entered the game holding opponents to

just 27.2 percent from beyond the arc.

UTA (3-6) struggled all game to establish offensive flow. They turned the ball over 21 times and shot 39 percent from the field. Ibarguen led UTA with nine points.

"We're struggling offensively right now," Mavericks coach Chris Ogden said. "We did miss some more open shots tonight, but we were just way too careless with the ball once again — 21 turnovers is too many lost possessions for us."

Missouri finished shooting 44 percent. The team's leading scorer for the season — Jordan Geist — added nine points and team-leading three assists.

The Mavericks return just 3.2 percent of their points from last season, the least amount of production in college basketball. UTA's nonconference schedule is also filled with power-conference opponents, including Indiana, Arkansas, Missouri, No. 1 Gonzaga and Texas.

**BIG PICTURE**  
UT Arlington: The Mavericks lost their top nine scorers from

last year and continue to rebuild under first-year coach Chris Ogden. UTA has now lost five games in a row for the first time since 2013-14.

Missouri: After starting the season 3-3, the Tigers have won two in a row — with a chance to make it three on Friday — ahead of non-conference matchups with Xavier and Illinois.

**FRESHMAN FOCUS**  
Along with Watson's solid night, Missouri freshman guard Javon Pickett scored 10 points. He shot 2-for-6 from distance. Missouri's newcomers scored 34 of the team's 65 points. Pickett said the team's freshman class is feeling good.

"I feel like (the freshmen) are really confident," Pickett said. "Our older guys keep telling us to shoot the ball, going to the basket, attacking."

**GIVING IT AWAY**  
Along with UTA's 21 turnovers, the Mavericks also shot 4-for-11 from the free-throw line.

**SANTOS CLEARED**  
Martin said postgame that Missouri sophomore transfer K.J. Santos is cleared

to play for the Tigers and will likely play Friday against Oral Roberts. Santos — a 6-foot-8 guard — averaged 7.1 points and

4.2 rebounds in 24.5 minutes per game as a freshman for Illinois-Chicago in 2016-17.

### UP NEXT

UT Arlington will

stay on the road to play North Texas on Saturday.

Missouri faces Oral Roberts at home Friday.



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# Oklahoma QB Murray's 2-sport persistence pays off

By CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer  
NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma's Kyler Murray pulled off an impressive triple play during a brutal 30-hour stretch in April.

On a Friday night, he played center field for the Sooners' baseball team. The next day, he played quarterback in the football team's spring game. After that, he played another baseball game Saturday night.

It was a mental and physical grind for Murray, but his dedication to both sports has paid off. Two months later, the Oakland A's selected him in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft. He chose to continue playing football, and after posting one of the most impressive statistical seasons in FBS history, he was named a Heisman Trophy finalist on Monday.

Murray easily could have quit football after being drafted, but his reason for returning offers a window into his mentality. After a disappointing freshman season at Texas A&M in 2015, he transferred to Oklahoma. He sat out a year because of transfer rules, then waited last season behind Heisman winner Baker Mayfield. Murray's sudden rise in baseball left him facing the possibility that his last significant football memories would come from the rough year at Texas A&M.

He wasn't having it.

"I've been playing this game my whole life," he said. "To leave this game with a bad taste in my mouth after my freshman year at A&M is just not who I am. I've worked my whole life for this, and we're here. So for me, leaving after getting drafted was nev-



Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray (1) celebrates after beating Texas 39-27 in the Big 12 Conference championship NCAA college football game on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

er an option. And they (the A's) knew that. They gave me the opportunity to do what I'm doing. I'm thankful.

"For the people that say I'm crazy for doing it (coming back), it's (quitting) just not who I am. I've played this game since I was 4 years old. I love this game, and I couldn't go out like that."

Instead, he goes out with a 205.7 passer efficiency rating, which would be an FBS record. He has rushed for 892 yards to lead the fourth-ranked Sooners to a Big 12 title and a College Football Playoff meeting with Alabama.

None of Murray's success has surprised Tom Westerberg, his coach at Allen (Texas) High School who watched him go 43-0 and win three state titles. Even with the time off between his freshman year and this sea-

son, Westerberg thought Murray had the tools to pick up where he left off in high school, especially under Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley's direction.

"I always thought he could do it," said Westerberg, who now coaches at Barbers Hill (Texas). "He's doing what he did in high school at the college level. Knowing him and his confidence, with the right situation with the right surrounding cast — and he is totally in the right place — when that gets around him, it's pretty dang good."

Murray's decision to return and play football gave Oklahoma a rare athlete who excels in football and another sport. Kirk Gibson was a star receiver at Michigan State and a first-round draft pick in baseball who famously helped the Los Angeles Dodgers win the 1988 World Series. Florida

State cornerback Deion Sanders is a Pro Football Hall of Famer who also played in the majors. Florida State quarterback Charlie Ward won the Heisman in 1993 before enjoying an 11-year NBA career.

But the comparison most often made is to Bo Jackson, the Auburn running back who won the Heisman in 1985 and eventually played in the NFL and was an MLB All-Star. Murray and Oklahoma even revisited the famed Jackson photo with the baseball bat and shoulder pads and did a "Kyler Knows" video that included famous Oklahomans, similar to the "Bo Knows" Nike campaign.

Oklahoma baseball coach Skip Johnson said it took a lot of cooperation between the football and baseball staffs to help Murray elevate his game to elite levels in both sports.

"It's pretty rare what he's done in football and baseball, especially in our world today of select baseball — you're either going to play select baseball or football, and in football, they won't let you do baseball," Johnson said. "You have to make the choice."

Murray is a junior who would be eligible to play football next year, but he has said multiple times that he plans to focus strictly on baseball after this season. He didn't want to think about the end of his football career.

"I'm not really focused on that," he said. "If I was, I think that would take away from some of the great things that are happening, and I don't think I'd be all in it right now if I was thinking about that stuff. It's something I obviously have to think about. It's coming up pretty quick."

## Column: Meyer will not coach in college again. Believe it

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

After leading Utah to an unbeaten season in 2004, Urban Meyer had a choice to make. He could become the coach at Notre Dame — a dream job, he once called it — or at Florida.

Meyer picked Florida because the Gators were better positioned to win national championships. He won two with the Gators.

After a year out of coaching, the Ohio State job opened — another dream job for the Ohio native who grew up a Buckeyes fan. He stepped into that gig, won another national championship and went 82-9 over seven seasons before announcing on Tuesday he would retire at 54 after coaching the Buckeyes in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

"I believe I will not coach again," Meyer said.

Here is why you should believe him: Meyer's career has been a steady ascent, from Bowling Green for two years to Utah for two years to Florida for six years to Ohio State. Each job has been better than the one before it.

Fans, sports writers and talkers love to debate whether this coaching job is better than that job. Why would a coach leave this school for that school? Not every coach fits perfectly into every situation, though Meyer could probably fit anywhere. But he will never find a better fit than Ohio State because there is no better college job than Ohio State. And nothing about Meyer suggests he would be willing to accept anything less.

Among all the traditional powers, none has been better at maintaining a high level of success than Ohio State. Since 1960, Ohio State has had two losing seasons. Since 1993, Ohio State has 19 10-win seasons. Before Nick Saban, Alabama was down. Oklahoma had its dark days between Barry Switzer and Bob Stoops. Southern California pre- and post-Pete Carroll has struggled to find the right formula. Notre Dame between Lou Holtz and Brian Kelly was a mess.

Ohio State's last four full-time head coaches — Jim Tressel, John Cooper, Earle Bruce and Woody Hayes — are all in the College Football Hall of Fame. This bodes well for Ryan Day, the 39-year-old first-time head coach.

Day's biggest challenge is not screwing up a good thing.

"Starting a program and fixing something that's struggling is much easier to me than maintaining," said Mack Brown, who at 67 is returning to coaching with North Carolina after 16 years as Texas coach. "When we won 10 games at Texas it wasn't enough."

For Brown and new Kansas coach and former LSU coach Les Miles, two former national champions in their 60s, just getting back in the game was enough.



AP photo

Ohio State NCAA college football head coach Urban Meyer answers questions during a news conference announcing his retirement Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio.

They both seem to welcome the lower expectations. When Steve Spurrier returned to college football from a failed stint in the NFL, he landed at South Carolina and was thrilled to — as he would so often say — accomplish things that had never been done before at the school. Gamecocks fans were giddy about the 10-win seasons Florida fans were complaining about at the end of Spurrier's time there.

A second-tier job with less pressure could be just what Meyer needs to continue coaching with a cyst on his brain that causes severe headaches and makes it difficult for an emotional guy to do a high-stress job.

"The style of coaching I've done for 33 years is very intense, very demanding. I tried to delegate more and CEO more and the product started to feel ... I didn't feel I was doing right by our players and by (athletic director) Gene (Smith)," Meyer said.

Now try to picture Meyer doing something even remotely similar to what Brown and Miles have taken on. Urban Meyer, Illinois coach. North Carolina State coach Urban Meyer.

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Only a school with legitimate national championship aspirations could entice Meyer. That list is short. Even shorter is the list of schools that could allow him to have anything close to Ohio State-level success.

Notre Dame? Meyer already knows the limitations in South Bend that kept him away the first time.

USC? Southern California's penchant for hiring celebrity athletic directors doesn't seem conducive to luring a coach who has become accustomed to stable administrative leadership.

A lot of things would also have to fall into place for one of those few elite jobs to open just as Meyer is getting the itch to coach again, assuming he does. Think of everything that had to happen for Meyer to end up at Ohio State. What are the chances something like that could happen again?

Coaches coach and often do so well past retirement age. Meyer is 11 years away from that, so of course it is easy to expect him back on the sideline again. But to do so, Meyer would have to take a step back for the first time in his head coaching career.

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