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'Just For Kicks' shoe distribution still on for Sat.

Free shoes, haircuts, hams available for schoolkids



Holly Ludington
 By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Holly Ludington and her family are collecting shoes to make local kids' Christmases - and their

next semester of school - a little brighter.

The event is the fourth annual "Just For Kicks" shoe drive, and Ludington said she could use a few more pairs of shoes to meet the goal of 1,000 pairs before the distribution on Saturday.

"We are still collecting shoes. We pretty much collect until the day. I am still shopping. We always aim to collect 1,000 shoes. I believe we are about halfway

there," Ludington said. "I know at Christmas it's a little bit harder.

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The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra
 Presents:
"Home For The Holidays"
Saturday, December 15, 2018
7:30 PM
 Big Spring Municipal Auditorium

Student athletes honored at BSISD school board meeting



HERALD photos/Roger Cline
 The Big Spring Independent School District recognized Big Spring High School's 2018 All-District Team and Academic All-District Team honorees at their meeting Thursday evening. Shown at the bottom are the Cross Country honorees, along with Big Spring Principal and Athletic Director Mike Ritchey, left, Cross Country Coach Randall Shaw, second from left, and Superintendent Jay McWilliams. The top photo shows the BSISD Football honorees, along with Ritchey and McWilliams; and the center photo shows the BSISD Volleyball honorees, along with Ritchey, Coach Mitzi Bell (sixth from left), and McWilliams.

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School Family and Consumer Sciences Department (FCS) held their first Christmas Showcase on Thursday, December 13, 2018. The showcase displayed projects that the students have been working on this fall semester, and included displays from Fashion Design, Interior Design, Child Development and Culinary Arts.

tasked with decorating and setting up all of the displays. Floor plans were drawn so that the students could come up with a layout for the show. Two juniors in the class, Michaela Gonzales and Faith Ramirez, said it took them about two days to decorate, and that they got a lot of their ideas from magazines. They also enlisted the help of the art class to paint some decorations. Michaela

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BSHS FCS holds Christmas Showcase



Courtesy Photo

The Fashion 2 Class of the Big Spring High Family and Consumer Sciences Department created "Dress Form Trees." Pictured above are the winners of Best Dress, which was determined by popular vote. From left to right include Mialah Sanders, Alyssa Byrd, Elexius Lopez and Lauren Rios.

Santa's special visit slated for this weekend

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

Spring Creek Fellowship will be hosting "A Visit with Santa for Special Kids with Special Needs," an event held just for children with special needs to meet Santa in a more environment suited to their needs. This special meeting with Santa is scheduled to take place this Saturday, December 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. inside the Spring Town Plaza, at the Spring Creek Fellowship children's area. Attendees can enter at door by the movie theater, go straight and follow the signs.

According to Jim Billings of Spring Creek Fellowship, this is the fifth year they are hosting this event, and this Santa has plenty of experience with special needs kids.

"Not all children are comfortable getting up in Santa's lap. This Santa will get down on the floor with the kids."

The "Visit with Santa for Special Kids with Special Needs" is free to the public. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served to

all who come, and guests will be able to take their picture with Santa. Mr. Billings says, "This event is not just for the kids, and we hope the entire family will come out and enjoy."

For any additional information regarding this event, please contact Spring Creek Fellowship at 432-714-4584.

Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



Destiny says
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(Destiny, Daughter of Ashley Schwab, Classifieds Representative)

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BSSO staying 'Home for the Holidays' Saturday

HERALD file photo



By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Ready for Christmas? The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and the Big Spring High School Choir, along with local soloists, are...they're presenting their "Home for the Holidays" Christmas program this weekend.

The show goes on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Big Spring Symphony Orchestra Music Director and Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann leads the orchestra during a previous performance. Graumann will take up the baton again Saturday night to conduct "Home for the Holidays," the orchestra's holiday concert, at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

"We've planned a concert that will include traditional sacred and secular Christmas music, but also a variety of other holiday favorites," said Music Director and Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann. "The audience will hear music from holiday films as well as some arrangements in the pop and jazz idioms by the

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Obituaries

Mitchell Dale Brown



Mitchell Dale Brown, 24, of Granbury, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2018. A private memorial service will be held to fulfill his wishes. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mitchell Dale Brown Suicide Prevention, P.O. Box 1512, Granbury, Texas, 76048.

Mitchell was born on Dec. 28, 1993, in Dallas, Texas, to Dale and Joni Brown. He was a senior at Tarleton State University. He was a compassionate,

generous spirit, and cared deeply for those who were less fortunate than himself. Mitchell enjoyed nature and spending time outdoors.

Mitchell is survived by his parents, Dale and Joni Brown, grandparents, John and Janie Hollowell of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Roger and Anna Brown of Granbury, Texas, aunt, Lisa Buchanan and husband Rees, uncle, John Hollowell and wife Martha, cousins: Brittney, Grant, Alyssa, Christian and Cameron, the extended Hirschey and Brown families, and many special friends that provided love and support throughout his life.

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 65, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **NANCY SUNDAY CORWIN**, 58, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **TERRY DON SCHAEFER**, 28, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAVID GUADARRAMA**, 18, was arrested on a charge of pos-

session on marijuana less than two ounces.

• **KATRINA RIOS**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of operate unregistered motor vehicle, and criminal mischief in between \$100 and \$750, and on injury of a child/elderly/disable reckless.

• **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 1800 block of S Main St.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 2400 block of Cheyenne Dr.

• **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of N San Antonio St.

• **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported in the 2400 block of Cheyenne, and in the 600 block of S Main St.

• **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 700 block of W I 20.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

• **KODY MARK BARBER**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of evading arrest detention.

• **NANCY SUNDAY CORWIN**, 58, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CLAUDIA VALENZUELA**

ENRIQUEZ, 33, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 65, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **TRADERO QUMAN GREEN**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **DAVID GUADARRAMA**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession on marijuana less than two ounces.

• **LINDSAY ERIN LUCAS**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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Take Note

• The Big Spring Art Association will have its Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 15th at 6 p.m. We will be at Ben and Sandee Lockhart's home located at 504 Tubb Loop Road. Anyone interested in art of any kind is welcome to come. Come see what we are all about.

• 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. To volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or 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. 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 Auxiliary, 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. Contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

Jeannie Darden

Jeannie Darden died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jimmy Self

Jimmy Self died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Billy Wayne Mills

Billy Wayne Mills died Thursday. Services are pending in Levelland. Local arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3500 block of E I-20. 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 2900 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of S Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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DFAB Toy Drive

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

There will be a toy drive at Desert Flower Art Bar (DFAB) this Saturday, December 15 from 7:30 p.m. to 12 a.m., located at 123 S. Main St. in downtown Big Spring.



Greg McAlister

Los Intocables Motorcycle Club (LIMC), in conjunction with the DFAB, will be collecting the toys and distributing them to local underprivileged children. Greg McAlister, with LIMC, says that even though the LIMC is fairly new and just formed about a month ago, he has experience from working with Guardians of the Children (GOC). The GOC is an organization of local motorcycle enthusiasts with the mission to recognize and react to child abuse and educate the public to do the same, to serve as advocates to provide strength and stability to families in crisis, to be an answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen for courage, support and protection.

Since McAlister spent so much time serving with GOC, the Desert Flower specifically reached out to him for this event. According to McAlister, he hopes this will also get the word out about LIMC.

"We want to help the community," he said. For more information on the toy drive, please contact the Desert Flower Art Bar.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

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

1. SENATE REBUKES TRUMP, SAUDI ARABIA OVER KHASHOGGI'S DEATH

The Senate delivered an unusual rebuke of President Donald Trump's response to the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi and signaled new skepticism from Capitol Hill toward the longtime Middle East ally.

2. GUATEMALAN CHILD DIES IN CUSTODY AFTER CROSSING US BORDER

Federal immigration authorities have confirmed that a 7-year-old girl who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border with her father last week died after being taken into the custody of the U.S. Border Patrol

3. TRUMP'S SEARCH FOR NEW CHIEF OF STAFF HAS REALITY TV FEEL

The chaotic process is hardly a novelty for the Trump administration, which has struggled with high staff turnover and attracting top talent.

4. MICHAEL FLYNN UPBEAT AS SENTENCING LOOMS

The former national security adviser is days away from being sentenced in the Russia probe on a felony charge that in different times might have brought an end to his career.

5. AFTERMATH OF FRANCE ATTACK SUSPECT SHOOT-OUT CAPTURED ON VIDEO

The footage shows armed French security forces and the body of the man slumped in a

doorway.

6. CANADA CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO SUPER POWERS

First President Donald Trump attacked Canada on trade and now China has the country in its crosshairs, detaining two Canadians in apparent retaliation for the arrest of a top Chinese tech executive on behalf of the United States.

7. PRIEST TRAVELS U.S. SPREADING GOSPEL ONE GOOD DEED AT A TIME

Three years after the pope appointed Father Jim Sichko to a fleet of Catholic missionaries the Kentucky-based priest has been crisscrossing the United States, spreading the Gospel through acts of kindness.

8. PELOSI READY TO BECOME HOUSE SPEAKER

After a dramatic week, Nancy Pelosi is set to reclaim the speaker's gavel and go toe-to-toe with President Donald Trump.

9. JAZZ SINGER NANCY WILSON DIES

The Grammy-winning "song stylist" and torch singer whose polished pop-jazz vocals made her a platinum artist and top concert performer, died at age 81 after a long illness.

10. CHARGERS CLINCH PLAY-



AP photo

In this Feb. 13, 2005 file photo, Nancy Wilson poses with her award for best jazz vocal album for "R.S.V.P. (Rare Songs, Very Personal)" at the 47th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

OFF SPOT WITH WIN OVER CHIEFS

Philip Rivers had a pair of touchdowns in the final minutes, to give Los Angeles a 29-28 victory over Kansas City.

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band Mannheim Steamroller. In recognition of Hannakuh, which was on December 10, the orchestra will play a fantasia on a favorite Israeli melody."

Graumann said the audience will be able to participate in this year's concert.

"The audience will have two opportunities to sing-a-long with the orchestra," he said. "We'll sing traditional sacred carols on the first portion of the concert, and more commercial popular songs on the second half of the concert. And, we've heard a rumor that the jolly man from the North Pole will be paying a visit, even visiting with children during the intermission."

A reception is planned following the

concert, sponsored by Trinity Baptist Church and the Big Spring Symphony Guild.

Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens; all students, kindergarten through college, receive free admission, although students under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets may be purchased at Karat Patch, H-E-B, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Heritage Museum of Big Spring; as well as at the door the night of the performance.

For more information visit the Big Spring Symphony Association on Facebook or at their website, www.bigspringssymphony.org.

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People want to do Christmas for their own. But at the same time we do get a whole lot of people that do pour out and are so generous and giving. We're still preparing for it, but we're ready. We're excited!"

The drive is for school kids from Pre-K through 12th grade, and will begin at 10 a.m. at Big Spring's Family Faith Center, 810 E. 11th Place. This year, the church will be offering free haircuts for school kids, and also free hams for the holidays. In addition, each new pair of shoes will come with a new, clean pair of socks as well.

"You just show up at the

church and there will be volunteers out there that will direct everybody to where they need to go," said Ludington.

The holidays add a lot of extra stress to the lives of many people, Ludington said.

"There's a big need. It always alleviates a little bit of stress, whether it's back to school, or what we're doing now, which is Christmas. The last time we did it for Christmas, there was a family that came in, and what we gave them WAS their Christmas," said Ludington. "We have people that are just lined up outside, wrapped around our annex building. They are always excited to come in. We have a whole slew of volunteers that help kids try on

shoes.

Just for Kicks started as a family project for the Ludingtons.

"It was just something that me and my sons wanted to do for our community. Something that would give back and teach us how to serve and love on people in our community," she said. "I have five sons. They range...I have twins that are 22, an 18 year old, a 15 and a 13 year old. So they're a bunch of boys who love shoes.

For more information, contact Holly Ludington at 432-213-4776.

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doesn't know if this will be her career choice but says, "I learned a lot in this class and I think this will help me in the future."

The child development class had some very informative displays regarding various child development issues like hunger, poverty and child abuse. They also created lesson plans showing what can be taught at different stages of development.

The culinary class was responsible for preparing snacks for the event. Bacon hors d'oeuvres, veggie rolls and sausage balls were served, along with cookies and fudge to cure your sweet tooth. The Fashion Design class had several displays including one called "Elements of Design." They also made different pillows for boys and girls, all very cute and colorful. The Fashion 2 Design class also designed dif-

ferent Christmas dresses called Dress form trees. Visitors were asked to vote for their favorite, and Dress 2 was the winner.

According to College, Career and Technical Education Director at Big Spring High, Vonnie Anderson, the turnout was great as a total of 125 people visited the show.

"This event was to really showcase all the different areas of our programs, the talents of our students, to let the parents come and see their kids hard work pay off, and to let the public know we are here," she said. "We are really proud of the talent we have here at Big Spring High School."

Anderson also mentioned that courses

offered at Big Spring High School are preparing students for college and possible career pathways for their future. "It is our goal to provide opportunities for students to develop and learn skills that they can use for life!"

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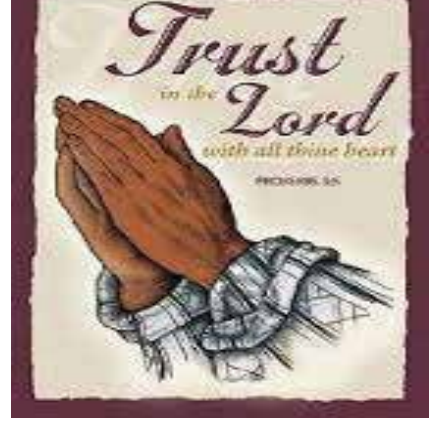
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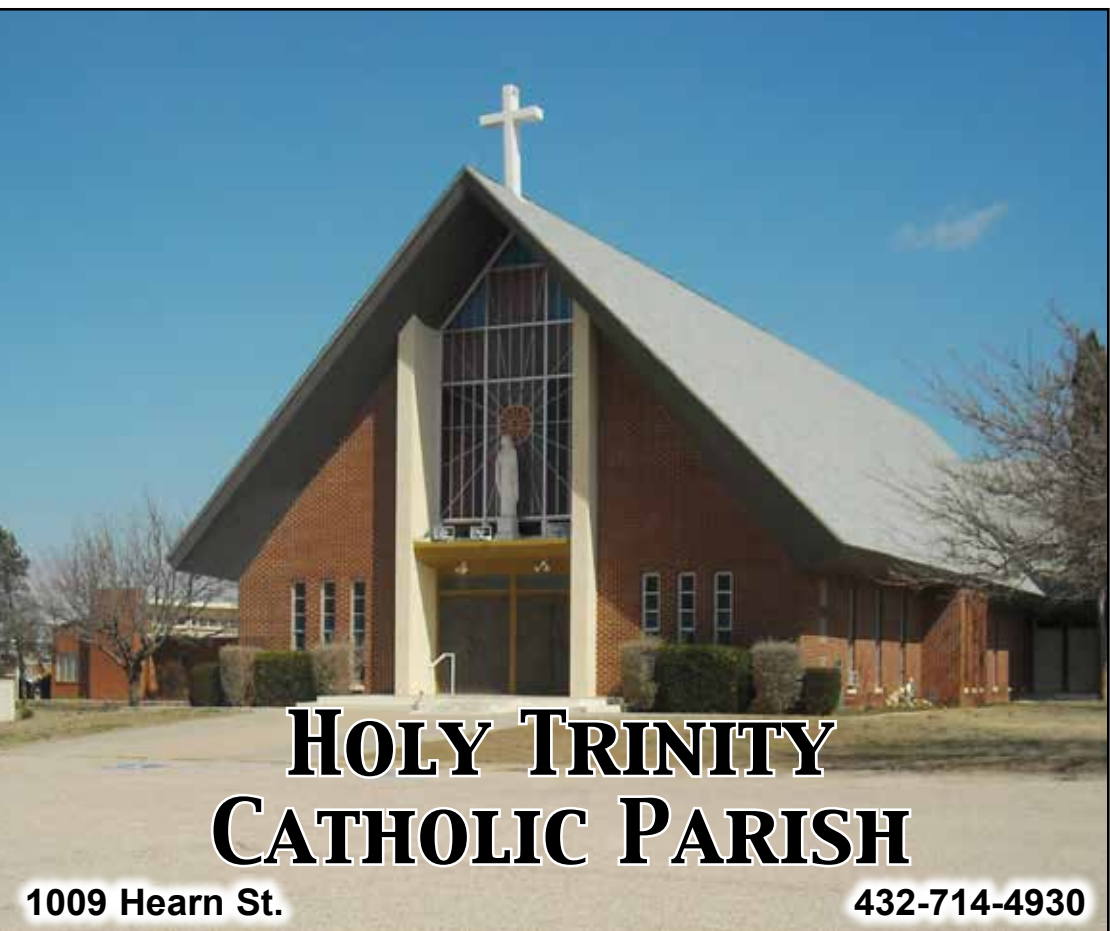
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Psalm 91: 14-16

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Church News

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom Koger and Mike Robinson, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

At the Congregational Meeting after worship last Sunday, the Nominating Committee, headed by Jim Little, presented the slate of candidates for the 2021 Class of the Session. Those named and elected were Paula Farquhar, John Ferguson, Helen Glass, Debra Jones, Nancy Koger, and Wayne Larson. Two of those are replacing Session members who have moved.

This week the Service Committee hosted a Senior Christmas Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Ellen Austin was in charge of the food. The Tardy Bells bell choir furnished entertainment.

The monthly Stated Session Meeting is to be Monday, December 17, at 6 p.m. in the church Library.

Susan McDaniel will provide refreshments for Take Ten this week. Lector is Buddy Cochrane. Ushers last Sunday were Louise Hitch, Dave and Susan Wilson, and Susan McDaniel. Last Sunday Kay and Danny Kennemur lit the second Advent candle during worship.

During the season of Advent, the Children's Sunday School is presenting a Living Advent Calendar for the Children's Moment in each Sunday's worship service.

The lectionary passages for the Third Sunday in Advent are Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir opens the service musically with the Introit, "People, Look East," based on a Traditional French Carol. The Choir will present "Carol of the Children" by John Rutter as the anthem. The Children's Bell Choir will play the offertory.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpchs.org. Please Like us on Facebook.

Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday Worship is at 11 a.m. Guest speaker, Chance Nichols, will be preaching on 1 John 4:12-17 this Sunday morning. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Book of Proverbs, verse by verse.

If you have any piano playing skills and feel led to use those skills we are in need of a piano player on Sunday morning. You can contact Pastor Tom Lassiter at (432) 213-4177.

Please come and join with us at Crestview if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever! We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd. in Big Spring.

College Baptist Church

On Mission; In Real Life

A Christmas Story- Let me tell you the story of a little lady who lived most of her life in the 1800's. I called her a little lady; and though that is true, she stood only 4'3"; she is a Giant among Southern Baptists. As a young woman from the South, she was well educated, had a love for Jesus Christ, and a burning passion for the Nations. In 1873, when she was 32, and still single, our Foreign Mission Board appointed her as a missionary to China. Lottie's story, and her faith, are amazing!

In China, she became known as the "cookie lady", because she was able to use her baking to reach the hearts of the children, and thus the families, for Christ. Unlike other missionaries of her day, she transformed her living style, dress, and customs to those of the Chinese people. Her love for Christ permeated everything she did, even to the point of death.

Lottie, however, did have a "pet peeve." She simply could not understand how Christians in the United States could be so complacent about the lost world. She became a prolific letter writer, trying to get others to see the desperate plight of a world without hope in Jesus. She pleaded with those back at home to come to China! "A young man should ask himself not if it is his duty to go to the lost, but if he may dare stay at home. The Command is so plain, "Go." Her heart cry was if they couldn't Go, send someone else, or to give liberally to help others to Go!

Because of failing health, caused by self neglect from giving most of her food to others in need, our Mission Board attempted to bring her home in 1912. On December 24th, at the age of 72, having served in China for almost 40 years, Lottie went to Heaven aboard a home bound ship, in the harbor of Japan! She had said, "I wish I had a thousand lives that I could give to missions."

Now, over a 100 years after her life and story, Southern Baptists still collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering each December. Unique from other giving channels, this one goes 100% for International Missions, through the Southern Baptist network, already in place.

At College Baptist Church in Big Spring, we share the heart of Lottie Moon for the Nations. We would welcome you to join us in this great cause! Pray

about your part! You can make the check to College Baptist Church, and write Lottie Moon in the designation line. If you give through our church, we don't keep a dime! For more information about Lottie Moon, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, feel free to contact me at 432-935-2083. Your gift is tax deductible.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, December 16th- Join us this Sunday as we enter the season of sharing and great expectations. We offer both a 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship service so come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Monday, December 17th- Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. We will be gathering in the ARC from 6-8P.M. for our 7th Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with sisters in Christ. Please bring an ornament to exchange and a dish or finger food to share. If you need more information, contact Debbie Reiger

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Fall Breakout Session- Join us each Wednesday for our Mid-Week Breakout Sessions. We will start at 6 p.m. with our Fellowship Meal in our Misfits lounge. Praise & Worship will start promptly at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary followed by our Breakout sessions @7:20 p.m. Breakout session schedules can be picked up at the Front Office or Kiosk station.

Van transportation- We have an active Van Ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. Worship Service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7pm for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432.264.0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

LCMS Third Sunday in Advent December 16, 2018 "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday Evening Advent Services begin this week. We are having a Soup Supper from 6:00-6:45pm and the Advent Service begins at 7 p.m. Please come and join us.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts." Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

First Baptist Church

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

Come celebrate the wonders of the Christmas season Sunday at 10:50 am, and join the people of First Baptist Church as they worship The Gift of God, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of classic hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship songs. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "The Colors of Christmas" with the morning message titled "A Gold Christmas". Drawn from Matthew 2:1-11, listeners will thoughtfully consider Jesus' kingship, as confirmed by the divinely inspired gift of gold brought by the wise men who traveled a great distance to worship Him. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS')

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

Sunday evening at 4:45, everyone's welcome to participate in FBC's annual church-wide caroling. This is about spreading the joy of the Christmas season throughout the community, so just come and have fun-regardless of what you think your singing abilities are! Meet at the church, and be sure to bring some friends!

All area men are invited to the Men's breakfast



and Bible study Saturday December 15 at 8 am in the Family Life Center. Plan now to attend, and to invite some men to this special time of fellowship and encouragement. The study is "The Man God Uses" by Henry and Tim Blackaby.

The Christmas Eve service will begin at 6 pm Monday December 24. Plan now to attend this special time of honoring God and praising Him for the gift of Jesus Christ.

Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to find out about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 pm, and include adult worship choir practice, adult Bible study and prayer time, children's activities, and youth group. Call 267-8223 or go to fcbigspring.org for detailed information.

FBC is looking for a secretary/receptionist to work in the church office. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please call the church at 267-8223, or see Pastor Mark for more information.

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website: fcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 Merry Christmas!

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to join them

for Sunday services at 2:00 pm. Gather with BHDC for a time of praising and worshipping our faithful and loving Heavenly Father. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will share a message from Scripture. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

For First Church of the Nazarene

Rediscovering Genuine Joy is the message this Sunday at 10 am presented by Pastor Richard at the Nazfamily Church. Also, a special thank you to everyone who visited and volunteered for this year's Drive Thru Nativity and thank you to the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau for helping sponsor.

Come out this weekend as the annual ladies ornament exchange will take place this Saturday at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is asked to bring an ornament to exchange as we enjoy good food provided by the mens ministry and fellowship with one another.

Also, December 21st and 22nd from 6-8 pm the Cedar Road Campus of Nazfamily will be presenting "Searching for Christmas" an interactive walk through journey where you can take moment and find Jesus. Then stay after for a winter wonderland experience with free cider, hot chocolate and treats.

On December 24th at 6:30 pm there will be a special Christmas Eve Service of the Nativity. Invite friends and family to join the celebration of the gift of Jesus.

If you need prayer or just want to spend time with God, the sanctuary will be open at 7 a.m. on Tuesday mornings and during the noon hour on Thursdays. You can also leave any prayer requests at the alters and someone will pray over those.

Remember 9 am on Sunday mornings, both Men's and Women's class meet before service. The Women's class is continuing on the importance of reading the bible.

Nazfamily offers two different types of services. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria for a more contemporary setting or the 1400 Lancaster campus which is more traditional for Sunday Service.

Small groups for both men and women meet Sunday morning at the Lancaster campus at 9 a.m. while kids enjoy fellowship and breakfast before service.

On Wednesday at 6:00 pm, the Cedar Road Campus has a meal, bible study and children's and youth activities. At 6:30 pm on Wednesday, the Lancaster campus has prayer and children's and youth activities. Other small groups meet throughout the week, if you are interested pick up our small group bulletin.

A ministry of the NazFamily Church is the Nazarene Christian Academy for K-6 grades at 118 Cedar Road. The Academy is fully accredited. Contact Alyssa Clark by calling the main church number.

For more information contact the church office at

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(432) 267-7015. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter under Nazfamily, visit our website at www.nazfamily.org or download our app.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. Don't forget the Cookie Run immediately after!

We take cookies to those who have to work Christmas Eve to show them we appreciate them. Please bring cookies packed by the dozen in zip top bags. We always need as many cookies as we can get! Please share with your favorite cookie recipe!

KID CONNECT/GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS
Sunday, December 16, 2018, JOSEPH SAVED HIS FAMILY, Genesis 42:46; 50

Lesson point: God sent Joseph to Egypt to establish a remnant.

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 am at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us!

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry is taking donations to sponsor turkeys and hams to give to families in need for the holidays. Just \$5 will help! Contact Kay Elder for more information.

Volunteers are needed for "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. Hours are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. If you are in need of food, please come see us! We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left! If you are interested in volunteering with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy Worship! We are excited about this new ministry for children ages K through 4th grade! We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning!

There is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. This group is called "PUP" which stands for "Picking Up Pieces." All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome! Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there! For address or more info, please contact the church office.

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible." If you are interested, please contact Derrick Looney or the church office.

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the Mall.

Our Van Ministry is growing and needs licensed drivers to help pick up those that need a ride to church. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact the church office.

Donations are needed for our Blessing Box placed outside in front of the church. This ministry is separate from "Our Daily Bread" and is supported completely by donations of nonperishable foods. Please consider donating nonperishable food items on a regular basis if you are able! Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

Our Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Lauren Bratcher.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas." That should take you to our Home Page.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-noon-Worship Service

10:45 a.m.-noon-Children's Church

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-

6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4
7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study-Beautiful Outlaw
Wednesday-
Community Groups-various times and places
Thursday
7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples
Saturday
7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall and prayer at the church.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall.

On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m.

What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ.

Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Happenings for December

**Christmas Eve service will be on Monday, December 24th at 10:30 p.m. Please come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.

The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday December 16 Pastor Derrell's message, "The Reason For the Messiah", is from John 3:16-17. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior."

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The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5.

Real Life Wednesday night sessions include something for almost everyone. The Women's Bible Study Group meets at 6:30 PM.

Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. The Praise Team rehearses at 7 p.m.

There is a Family Movie Night at 6:00 PM on December 19; the movie is "The Star." During December the regular schedule for Wednesday evenings will vary depending on holiday activities. A Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24.

An "Open House" is scheduled for the Parsonage on Sunday, Dec. 16 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

New classes of "Financial Peace University" will begin the last week of January 2019.

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Mavs' Nowitzki makes debut in 21st season vs Suns

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Dirk Nowitzki at last began his record-breaking 21st season with the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night, coming off the bench in the first quarter of a 99-89 loss to the Phoenix Suns.

No other NBA player has played that many seasons with the same team.

"It is good to be back," he said after the game. "Obviously I got a lot of work to do timing-wise, conditioning-wise. I have been running on a treadmill, which is not the same as playing NBA speed against a bunch of 20-year-old athletes."

The 40-year-old had been tied at 20 seasons with Kobe Bryant, who retired from the Los Angeles Lakers after the 2015-16 season.

Nowitzki had surgery to remove bone spurs from his left ankle last April, and the timing was to make sure he would be ready at the start of this season. But the 7-foot German had a setback before training camp, with tendon soreness forcing him to continue rehabbing the injury and missing the first 26 games.

He made his first appearance in the opening quarter with 3:27 left in the opening quarter. A minute later,



Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki scores against the Phoenix Suns in the first half during an NBA basketball game, Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, in Phoenix.

he banked in his first shot in his six-minute stint on the court. It was his only basket in his six minutes of play.

"All things considered he did fine, did well," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle

said. "This is a challenging situation for Dirk. Coming back in and re-acumulate mid-stream, with no real live practice time to speak of, but he has been busting his butt big time. I

respect the hell out of him for what he has done to get back on the floor."

The 2007 MVP said the slow pace of the rehab was to ensure Nowitzki wouldn't be sidelined again once he returns. The 13-time All-Star has been steadily ramping up his activity for several weeks.

Nowitzki, who led the Mavericks to their only championship as the NBA Finals MVP in 2011, took pride in playing 77 games last season as a 39-year-old. He hoped for a similar number in what could be his final season. Instead, it's been more like 2012-13, when he missed 27 games after preseason arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

The highest-scoring foreign-born player, Nowitzki is seventh on the career list with 31,187 points. He was sixth to start the season before LeBron James passed him over. James is up to fifth, and Nowitzki needs 233 points to pass Wilt Chamberlain for sixth.

Nowitzki is expected to come off the bench for the first time since his rookie season in 1998-99. And he's teammates with the latest Euro sensation in 19-year-old Luka Doncic, the third overall pick and a strong contender for Rookie of the Year.

AP Sports Writer Schuyler Dixon in Dallas contributed to this report.

Harden's 50-point triple-double leads Rockets over Lakers



Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) reacts after dunking the ball against the Los Angeles Lakers during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets were clinging to a lead over the Los Angeles Lakers in the fourth quarter on Thursday night when James Harden told coach Mike D'Antoni he needed to come out for a bit to rest — something the reigning MVP never does.

D'Antoni was perfectly happy to fulfill Harden's request, and the move could not have worked better for the Rockets.

Harden returned with about five minutes left to take over the game, scoring 11 points during a big run to cap a 50-point, 10-rebound and 11-assist night in a 126-111 victory.

"You play 45, 46 minutes, it's difficult on anybody in this league," Harden said. "The guys are so talented and great, so that little period that I had to rest, came back in re-energized and ready to make good plays."

Chris Paul was surprised when Harden asked for the break.

"It's very rare that James or any of us would take ourselves out," Paul said. "But ... I think that gave him that quick little breather that he needed to come in and finish it."

Harden grabbed his 10th rebound with less than 90 seconds left to give him his second triple-double this season and the 37th of his career.

LeBron James finished with 29 points for the Lakers, who had won their previous two games.

James was unhappy that the Lakers sent Harden to the line 19 times, where he only missed once.

"You can't put him on the line ... he's already talented," James said. "He can put the ball in the hole multiple ways. He can drive, step-back 3s and you (can't) give him easy points."

Houston's lead was three after Kyle Kuzma's soaring dunk, but Harden was fouled on a 3-pointer and made all three free throws to make it 112-

106.

Harden then made 3-pointers on consecutive possessions to push the lead to 12 and cause Lakers coach Luke Walton to call a timeout. James was in Harden's face on the second one and Harden fell to the court as the ball rolled around the rim for a couple of seconds before dropping in.

"He's a superstar and he makes tough shots," Walton said. "But that whole thing started with us giving him three free throws."

James added a dunk before Clint Capela and Harden made consecutive baskets to compete the 13-2 run and make it 122-108.

It was the first meeting between these teams since Paul and Rajon Rondo got into a fight on Oct. 20 that led to suspensions for both players and Brandon Ingram. There wasn't an altercation this time around in a game where Rondo sat out as he recovers from surgery to repair a broken right hand. But there was a spate of technical fouls late in the third quarter that led to the ejection of Nene.

He was called for a foul after being knocked to the ground trying to defend Kuzma as he drove to the lane. He yelled at officials and received a technical foul.

Kuzma made his free throws but Kentavious Caldwell-Pope missed the technical shot.

Nene made a hook shot before fouling Kuzma again on the next possession. He continued to scream at officials and was hit with a second technical foul and was ejected. Harden attempted to calm him down, but Nene continued to be agitated until he was escorted to the locker room.

Kuzma made all three foul shots and added a 3-pointer with Harden in his face after a 3 by Harden to leave the Lakers up 88-87 with 9.9 seconds left in the quarter.

Kuzma was called for a foul after that and Walton got a technical for arguing about that call.

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Spurs earn largest win of the season, beat Clippers 125-87

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Spurs appropriately returned to their defensive principles on an evening when San Antonio was celebrating "Throwback Night."

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 27 points and the Spurs won their fourth straight, topping the Los Angeles Clippers 125-87 on Thursday for their largest win of the season.

A franchise that won five championships behind a dominant defense under Gregg Popovich has been troubled by an inability to stop people this season. Two weeks ago, the Spurs lost by 30 points in three games after the franchise suffered only five such losses in Popovich's first 1,758 games.

San Antonio has since staged a revival, holding an opponent under 100 points for the third straight game while winning the first four games of a six-game homestand. With fans celebrating in giveaway T-shirts featuring the team's Fiesta colors, the Spurs feel like they have finally turned the corner defensively.

"Yeah, but we're still going to continue to get better defensively," DeMar DeRozan said. "Talking, communication, but for the most part we're just going out there having fun, playing with a lot of confidence."

Rudy Gay had 21 points and DeRozan added 14 as San Antonio handed Los Angeles its worst loss of the season.

"We're just playing basketball, making it easy on ourselves," Gay said. "We're moving the ball, helping each other on defense. That's what makes

it fun, just playing the right way and being good teammates to each other."

Tobias Harris scored 17 points for the Clippers and Danilo Gallinari and Avery Bradley added 15 apiece. Los Angeles has lost two straight and four of five.

The Spurs shot 59 percent from the field and had a 14-2 advantage on fast-break points. San Antonio shot 63 percent in the first quarter in taking a 38-27 lead that swelled as the game progressed.

Playing their third game in four nights and without Lou Williams and Luc Mbah a Moute, the Clippers' only lead came in the opening 2 1/2 minutes of the game.

"I turned to one of the coaches and said, 'Even if we're making shots, we lose tonight because they're just shooting the ball so well,'" Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "I didn't think we were into them enough. I thought they were very comfortable."

San Antonio held Los Angeles to 20 points in the third quarter, extending its lead to 24 points and enabling Popovich to rest his starters in the fourth.

"In any stat, in any part of the floor, they were just better than us tonight," Gallinari said.

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Clippers: Harris was cut across the bridge of his nose when DeRozan swiped down in an attempt to strip the Clippers forward of the ball. Harris had to have a bandage placed on his nose before re-entering.



San Antonio Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge (12) shoots over Los Angeles Clippers center Marcin Gortat (13) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, in San Antonio.

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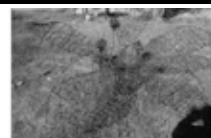
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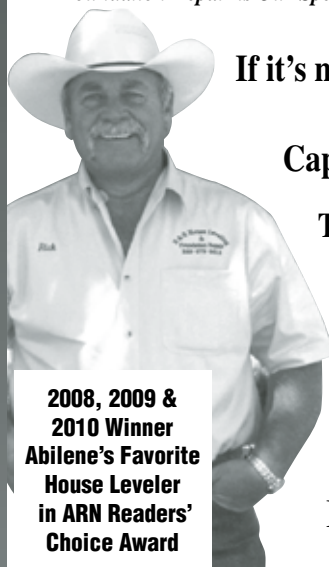
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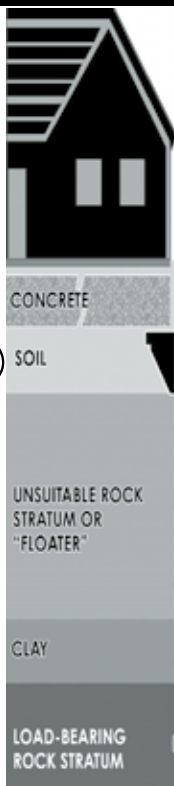
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

1. Your partner bids One Diamond, and you respond One Notrump. Using standard methods of bidding, which of the following three hands best fits your bid?

- a) ♠ 53 ♥ Q82 ♦ 74 ♣ A108762
- b) ♠ QJ3 ♥ A92 ♦ 1054 ♣ KJ95
- c) ♠ A84 ♥ QJ95 ♦ 73 ♣ Q1072

2. The bidding has gone:

| Partner | You |
|---------|-----|
| 1 ♣ | 1 ♠ |
| 2 ♣ | 2 ♦ |

Which of these three hands best fits your bids?

- d) ♠ AJ103 ♥ 653 ♦ AQ84 ♣ 102
- e) ♠ Q10962 ♥ 64 ♦ AKQ6 ♣ 95
- f) ♠ K8754 ♥ 72 ♦ AJ93 ♣ 86

1. A one-notrump response to an opening bid indicates six to 10 high-card points. The bid does not promise notrump distribution, but is in essence a courtesy response, saying that you have enough points to answer an opening bid, but no other reasonable action is available.

Applying this guideline, only the first hand qualifies as a one-notrump response. Although the hand contains a good six-card club suit, if you were to bid two clubs, you'd be announcing that you had more than 10 points. One notrump is therefore the only remaining option.

It would be wrong to respond one notrump with b), as you have too many points. The proper response with this hand would be two clubs.

With c), the correct response is one

heart, not one notrump. The obligation to try to find a major-suit fit takes precedence over attempting to limit your strength. The one-heart response indicates four or more hearts and six or more high-card points, with no upper limit.

2. The proper initial response with d) is one diamond, not one spade. This makes it possible to explore for a fit in all four suits while still on the one-level. If partner next bids one heart, you can then bid one spade, thereby informing him that your spades are only four cards long. This type of information often proves invaluable to partner as he seeks the proper contract.

With f), the initial spade response is correct, but a two-diamond bid at your next turn would not be. After partner's two-club rebid, which indicates minimum values (13 to 15 points), you should pass, since game is now highly unlikely. Two clubs is probably the best partscore contract, and you should not force partner to bid again with such skimpy values.

Hand e), however, offers a reasonable chance for game, despite partner's weak rebid. There might still be a game in notrump, spades, diamonds or clubs, and you can best explore that possibility by bidding two diamonds (forcing). By inference, partner will know you have five spades, since with only four spades, you would have bid one diamond first, as in d) above.

Tomorrow: Assembling all the clues.

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Annie's Mailbox

Employed but Wanting to Travel

Dear Annie: I have a full-time job, and I love it. However, I'm never happier than when I'm traveling. How do I make peace with the fact that I probably can't travel more than twice a year now that I work a 9-to-5? Is there some way I could travel more than that? My job is really important to me, but I don't want to stifle my biggest passion. -- Wanderlust While Working

Dear Wanderlust While Working: It can seem like a mean paradox. When you have the time to travel, you don't have the money; when you have the money to travel, you don't have the time. Really, though, there are plenty of ways to scratch your itch to travel while still working full time. Look into weekend trips that are driving distance from your town. Often, there are more amazing things than we realize just beyond our backyards. Plan ahead to maximize use of long weekends, and consider using vacation days to extend them. If you have been at your job for a while and feel that your boss knows you and your work ethic well, it's worth having a conversation with him or her about the possibility of sometimes working remotely (assuming that's doable with your

type of work). If you're offered a new job down the line, bring up vacation days during the salary negotiation. Sometimes companies will offer more paid time off in lieu of higher pay. The worst your boss can say is no. Whatever you do, don't lose that sense of adventure. It's good for the spirit.

Dear Annie: I am late coming to the conversation, but I came across your columns with the survey about whether people would have children if they had it to do over again. My husband and I have been married for 50 years, and we chose not to have children for a variety of reasons. I have often been asked when meeting someone new, "Do you have children?" I answer, "No, my husband and I chose not to have any. Tell me about yours." And then the conversation happily turns to the pleasure of their kids. I phrase my comment so that no one is left wondering whether we tried and couldn't have them, we had one and something happened or some other situation prevented us from having children. What I have found amazing is the vast number of times someone responds to my comment with something like the following: "I love my children, and I'd be devastated if something happened to

one of them. But if I had it all to do over again, I wouldn't have any" or "I'd only have one (or two or three or whatever the case may be)." I am the fourth of five children, and I suggested once to my mother that given the economic times, the work, the time constraints and the other difficulties five children bring, it might have been better if she had stopped with only three. A confused, amazed and questioning look came over her face, and she said, "But what would I have done without you?" I guess I was lucky. -- No Kids, Thanks

Dear No Kids: Your way of responding when people ask whether you have children is stellar -- a graceful way of directing the conversation. Plus, asking others more about themselves is a sure way to be an artful conversationalist in general.

Based on the results of the survey I conducted earlier this year, the majority of parents feel the way your mom did. It was sweet to read their joyous letters.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lunar Conjunctions to Neptune and Mars

Today's talk centers on what we deserve out of life. Is anyone inherently deserving of more than the essential human freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Deserving or not, the lunar conjunction of Neptune and Mars suggests that getting expectations met depends largely on educating others as to what they are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Gratitude is like stretching. It's preparation for the vigor ahead, easing the way for effort, warding off injury. People don't do gratitude for the same reason people don't stretch. It's so easy they forget. Don't let that be you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Many material things bring more torment than delight, as the maintenance, cartage, storage and display of these things, coupled with the fear of losing them, can be more acute than any joy of ownership.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Among other things, love has been compared to fever, dreaming and anesthesia. Certainly, that's one version -- and a very pleasant, though temporary, one at that. So enjoy!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Avoiding sadness today is like standing in the ocean and avoiding wetness. Sadness (like joy, excitement, frustration, trepidation, curiosity...) is part and parcel with the experience of the day. It will quickly wash over you.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS 22-Dec. 21).



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The ennui is not relievable by purchase. The retail rush lasts somewhere between 15 minutes and two hours, and then the ennui settles back in. It will take a big project to send the ennui running.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everything looks original to the one who's never seen it before. Put your work in front of fresh eyes of all ages to get a different perspective on what you're doing. The feedback will help you hone in on a more lucrative direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're so respectful and appreciative of even the most accessible joys because you know that sometimes a lot more work goes into presenting them than most people would guess.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Modesty isn't always about what you say; it's often a move that comes before that -- the avoidance of being spotlighted at all. A low profile will keep you in the good graces of humility.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 14). Your life will be lush with mutual appreciation. Your love is like Miracle-Gro. Those you nurture will thrive, and it's your pleasure to watch this happen. Highlights to come include travel done in style, a group effort to launch your project and the happy resolution to what was an ongoing conflict. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 39, 22 and 18.

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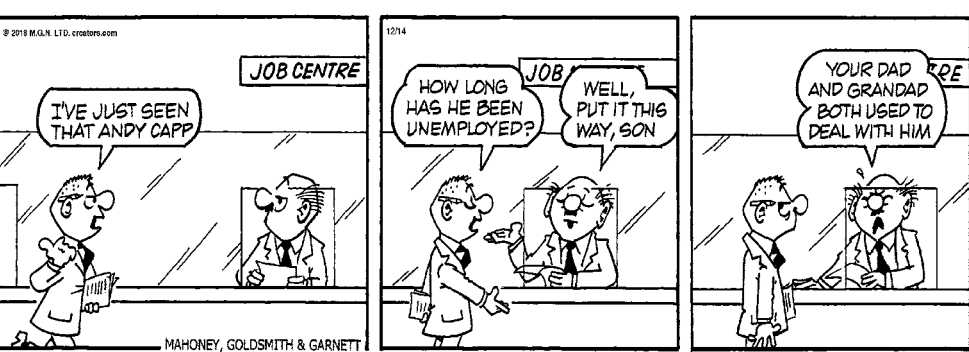
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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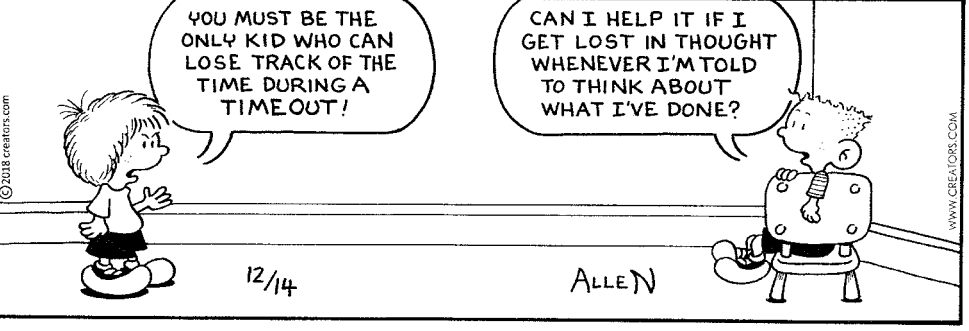
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2018. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1912, a gunman with a semi-automatic rifle killed 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, then committed suicide as police arrived; the 20-year-old had also fatally shot his mother at their home before carrying out the attack on the school.

On this date:

In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home at age 67.

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen (ROH-ahl AH-mun-suhn) and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson vetoed an immigration measure aimed at preventing "undesirables" and anyone born in the "Asiatic Barred Zone" from entering the U.S. (Congress overrode Wilson's veto in Feb. 1917.)

In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner 2 passed Venus at a distance of just over 21,000 miles, transmitting information about the planet, such as its hot surface temperatures and predominantly carbon dioxide atmosphere.

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, ruled that Congress was within its authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to blacks).

In 1972, Apollo 17 astronauts Harrison Schmitt and Eugene Cernan concluded their third and final moonwalk and blasted off for their rendezvous with the command module.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe as she took office as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Former New York Yankees outfielder Roger Maris, who'd hit 61 home runs during the 1961 season, died in Houston at age 51.

In 1986, the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by

Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

In 1988, President Reagan authorized the U-S to enter into a "substantive dialogue" with the Palestine Liberation Organization, after chairman Yasser Arafat said he was renouncing "all forms of terrorism."

In 2005, President George W. Bush defended his decision to wage the Iraq war, even as he acknowledged that "much of the intelligence turned out to be wrong."

Ten years ago: An Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at President George W. Bush during a news conference in Baghdad; Bush ducked the flying footwear as they whizzed past his head and landed against the wall behind him. (The shoe-thrower, Muntadhar al-Zeidi (MOON-tuh-dahr ah-l-zay-EE'-dee), ended up spending nine months in prison.)

Five years ago: Bells tolled 26 times in Newtown, Connecticut, to honor the dead on the first anniversary of the Sandy Hook school massacre. China carried out the world's first soft landing of a space probe on the moon in nearly four decades as the unmanned Chang'e 3 lander touched down on the lunar surface. Jameis (cq) Winston won the Heisman Trophy, making the Florida State quarterback the second straight freshman to win the award, after Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel. Actor Peter O'Toole, 81, who'd achieved instant stardom as Lawrence of Arabia and was nominated eight times for an Academy Award without winning, died in London.

One year ago: The Federal Communications Commission voted to repeal the Obama-era "net neutrality" rules, a move that gave internet service providers a free hand to slow or block specific websites and apps as they see fit, or charge more for faster speeds. The most serious charge against James Alex Fields, accused of driving into a crowd protesting a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August, was upgraded to first-degree murder; a 32-year-old

woman, Heather Heyer, died and dozens were injured.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-actress Abbe Lane is 87. Actor Hal Williams is 84. Actress-singer Jane Birkin is 72. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 72. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 72. Actress Dee Wallace is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ronnie McNair (The Four Tops) is 69.

Rock musician Cliff Williams is 69. Actor-comedian T.K. Carter is 62. Rock singer-musician Mike Scott (The Waterboys) is 60. Singer-musician Peter "Spider" Stacy (The Pogues) is 60. Actress Cynthia Gibb is 55. Actress Nancy Valen is 53. Actor Archie Kao is 49. Actress Natascha McElhone is 49. Actress-comedian Michaela Watkins is 47. Actress-

comedian Miranda Hart is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brian Dalrymple (Soul For Real) is 43. Actress KaDee Strickland is 43. Actress Tammy Blanchard is 42. Actress Sophie Monk is 39. Actor-singer-musician Jackson Rathbone is 34. Actress Vanessa Hudgens is 30. Rock/R&B singer Tori Kelly is 26.

Thought for Today:

"Both now and for always, I intend to hold fast to my belief in the hidden strength of the human spirit."

Andrei Sakharov (1921-1989)

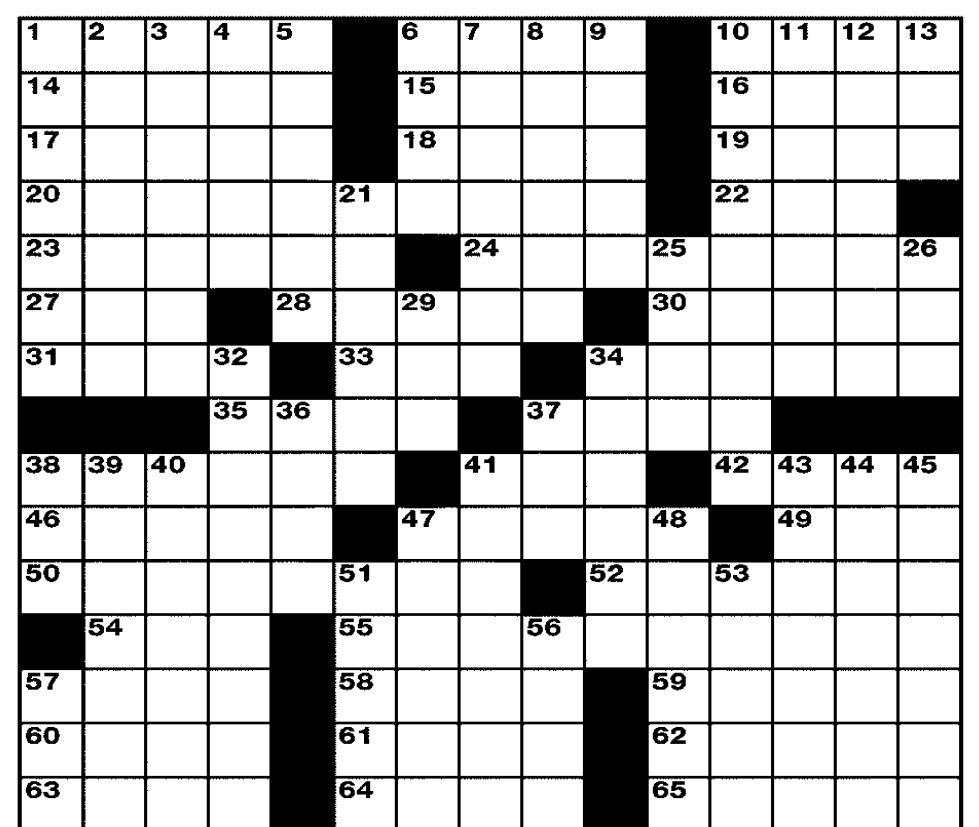
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Trying to hit
 - 6 Episode-ending display
 - 10 Nowhere near here
 - 14 Taunter's talk
 - 15 Excessively stylish
 - 16 Piece from Pagliacci
 - 17 Frankfurt's state
 - 18 Earn as a return
 - 19 Preteen toon since 1987
 - 20 Artist's rental agreement
 - 22 Device with a keypad
 - 23 Insistent agreement
 - 24 Very funny threesome
 - 27 Poky, in product names
 - 28 Possible partners of leotards
 - 30 Lagoon enclosure
 - 31 Mountaineer's burden
 - 33 Bookie's charge
 - 34 How some squash is served
 - 35 With 37 Across, corn is cooking quickly
 - 37 See 35 Across
 - 38 Cost, so to speak
 - 41 No longer in the film
 - 42 Sci-fi sage
 - 46 300 __ Plaza (Texas attraction's address)
 - 47 Literary figures
 - 49 Director Anderson

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- 1 Unbeliever
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 - 3 One of the reeds
 - 4 Beneficial thing
 - 5 All of it
 - 6 Mindfulness
 - 7 Corridor covering
 - 8 Stable condition
 - 9 Major blood group
 - 10 A mouse may run on one
 - 11 Neighborhood near some colleges
 - 12 Navigational measure
 - 13 Mouse cousin
 - 21 Venus de Milo's home
 - 25 "Later!"
 - 26 Not yet updated
 - 29 McCourt memoir
 - 32 Kickball and croquet

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- 34 Kennel club category
 - 36 Awestruck
 - 37 Name on the cover of Kinsey and Me
 - 38 __ Constitution Hall (DC concert venue)
 - 39 Amazon's Asian rival
 - 40 Humongous house
 - 41 Keep under control
 - 43 Admit
 - 44 Pantheon personalities
 - 45 Gets promoted
 - 47 1930s pope
 - 48 On a necklace
 - 51 On a tether
 - 53 Integrity
 - 56 Ending like -ule
 - 57 Swarm around



Answer to previous puzzle

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12/14/18

Cowboys trace top-5 defense to draft, starting with Lawrence

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Dallas defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli remembers the night the Cowboys traded up in the second round of the 2014 draft to grab DeMarcus Lawrence because they thought he was the last pass rusher on the board with the skills to become elite.

Four years and several significant draft decisions later, Dallas is in line for its highest defensive ranking since 2003, and on the verge of joining that Bill Parcells-coached team as a defense-first playoff qualifier.

The Cowboys reversed the offense-dominated formula of quarterback Tony Romo's era without a sky-high draft pick such as star running back Ezekiel Elliott, the No. 4 overall choice two years ago.

Instead, they stuck with their plan in the middle and the end of the first round, and took a number of second-round gambles that are in various stages of paying off.

"I just think we've been diligent in the way we look at the people we've drafted, the movement, the skills, the attitude, the character, hitting," Marinelli said. "Is it really important to them? We've just kind of stayed on

course with that. You start seeing it."

The defense kept Dallas afloat in the playoff race while the offense struggled through the first half of the season. Then came a breakthrough performance against New Orleans that's part of a five-game winning streak. Dallas (8-5) can wrap up the division title with a win at Indianapolis (7-6) on Sunday.

Lawrence, the first pass rusher Dallas drafted after releasing franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware, was second in the NFL last season with 14 1/2 sacks. He's unlikely to reach that number again but gets praise across the board for how well he has played following his breakthrough season.

Randy Gregory is emerging opposite Lawrence after the Cowboys took a chance on him late in the second round in 2015 despite off-field concerns. He played just one of 32 games the past two seasons because of substance-abuse suspensions but has five sacks in seven games, offset somewhat by some crucial penalties.

Dallas took another second-round gamble the next year on linebacker Jaylon Smith, who missed his rookie season recovering from a knee injury sustained in his final game at Notre Dame. After an uneven debut last year, Smith appears to be the middle

linebacker of the future now.

Leighton Vander Esch was the 19th choice in this year's draft and has emerged as a star in the absence of 2016 All-Pro Sean Lee, who is close to returning from a hamstring injury.

Byron Jones, a late first-rounder in 2015, is thriving in a move to cornerback after mostly playing safety his first three seasons. Chidobe Awuzie starts on the other side as a second-round pick last year.

Maliek Collins has been solid at defensive tackle as a third-round pick, same as veteran leader and self-described utility lineman Tyrone Crawford four years earlier.

"We've had to make an emphasis on it, to pick guys," coach Jason Garrett said. "We've selected guys high in the first round, in the second round, in the third round. I think you're seeing the fruits of those selections over the last few years."

There are a couple of late-round picks in safety Xavier Woods and nickel cornerback Anthony Brown and two undrafted starters in safety Jeff Heath and defensive tackle Antwaun Woods, a third-year player who started training camp as a fourth-stringer in his first year with Dallas.

Vander Esch has a chance to be the first rookie to lead the club in tack-

les since the team's coaches started tracking the stat in 1981. The Cowboys rank fifth overall and second in scoring defense.

"I just feel like we've haven't gone away from the system and what it is and how we're supposed to run it, how we're supposed to play," Crawford said of Marinelli's ball-swarming style. "As far as being a hustle-style defense and knowing that the star of the defense is the defense, we kind of embrace that."

The Cowboys drafted Vander Esch out of Boise State despite the need for a receiver after releasing franchise career touchdown catch leader Dez Bryant. Their first three picks in 2017 were defensive players.

The only high defensive pick whose impact is in question is 2017 first-rounder Taco Charlton, who was a healthy scratch last week against Philadelphia after battling a shoulder injury for several weeks and returning for one game.

"You can't overdo it and get too many. We understand," Marinelli said of defensive first-round picks. "But I think those first-rounders are guys that can impact the passing game. And the other guys, we've got to go make them players."

New Texas Tech coach Matt Wells gets \$18.8M, 6-year contract

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — New Texas Tech coach Matt Wells has a six-year, \$18.8 million contract, with Utah State getting an \$800,000 buyout.

The school released details of the contract Thursday. Wells, who replaced Kliff Kingsbury after the former Texas Tech quarterback was fired, could earn incentives of up to \$1 million and will owe 20

percent of the deal's remaining value if he leaves for another job.

Texas Tech's buyout is 70 percent of the remaining value but could be reduced by Wells' future earnings elsewhere.

Wells' assistants will earn \$600,000 each on three-year contracts, with incentives for reaching the Big 12 championship game, the College Football

Playoff or other bowl games.

SPURS

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Former Spurs center Boban Marjanovic received a huge ovation when he entered the game in the fourth quarter. Williams missed his second straight game after injuring his left hamstring Dec. 10 against Phoenix. Williams is expected to miss two weeks. ... Mbah a Moute has sat out 24 straight games with a sore left knee.

Spurs: San Antonio forward Davis Bertans returned after missing two games following the birth

of his first child. Bertans had five points and four rebounds in 17 minutes. ... The Spurs' 38 points in the first quarter were two shy of their season high, which they set Oct. 22 against the Lakers. ... Bryn Forbes joined Danny Green and Gary Neal as the only Spurs players to score 1,000 points and make 150 3-pointers in their first 150 games with the team. Forbes finished with 10 points and was 2 for 7 on 3-pointers.

INSPIRING

Rivers still has fond memories of his two seasons playing for the Spurs from 1994-96, even if it meant he had to give up his Sundays.

"Playing here with David (Robinson) and Avery (Johnson), I mean, my goodness they inspired you to do a lot of things, even go to church," Rivers said, laughing. "That was a tough one. My Sundays were off, but I did (go)."

WHAT IS THAT?

Aldridge isn't sure what to make of Marco Belinelli's fondness for taking off-balance shots rather than squaring up for a basket.

"You're going to get some that look great and you're going to get some that look like, 'Oh Lord.' You've just got to deal with it," Aldridge said.

ROCKETS

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Harden made the technical shot and Paul added two more free throws to leave Houston up 90-88 after three.

TIP-INS

Lakers: Kuzma received a technical foul in the first quarter for arguing about a foul call. ... Brandon Ingram missed his fourth straight game with a sprained left ankle. ... Kuzma had 24 points to give him 20 or more points in a career-best six straight games.

Rockets: Brandon Knight played in his first game since Feb. 15, 2017, after recovering from surgery to repair a torn left anterior cruciate ligament. He came in with about four minutes left in the first quarter and played about four minutes with one assist and one rebound. ... James Ennis sat out with a strained right hamstring.

MORE HARDEN

Thursday was Harden's fourth 50-point triple-double, which is the most in NBA history. It's his second game this season with at least 50 points and 10 assists and he joins Wilt Chamberlain (19) as the only players in NBA history to have more than one 50-point game against the Lakers. He scored 51 against them last season

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