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Donations lead Tuesday's City Council agenda

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Donations will be the name of the game at the first Big Spring City Council meeting of 2018. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

According to the agenda for the meeting, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, also known as "Oxy," has donated \$10,000 to Big Spring Fire Department. The agenda says the council plans to spend the donation on additional equipment for Emergency Medical Services.

"Dear Mr. Ferguson, I am pleased to enclose Occidental Petroleum's charitable funds to the Big Spring/Howard County EMS & Big Spring Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000," reads a letter addressed to Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson from Oxy's Senior Manager of Community Relations, Samantha Lombardo.

The letter, photocopied into the agenda notes, also includes a copy of the \$10,000 check.

Donations continue with recognition of another \$25,000 from Oxy, along with \$10,000 from the Wayne and JoAnn Moore Charitable Foundation and \$2,500 from Oncor Electric Delivery Company. This \$37,500

is directed toward Phase II of the Historic Spring restoration Project. Each of the three donations is accompanied by a letter, reprinted in the agenda, addressed to Big Spring Community Relations Director Debbie Wegman, and/or the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Oxy's letter is very similar to their letter to Ferguson, while the Moore's letter lays out stipulations for the donation.

"This grant is for the purpose of the Special Project Renovation of Historic Spring and is subject to the following requirements: You must report on the use of the funds; this reporting must be made within 12 months of receipt of the funds. These funds must be used for the designated purpose stated above," says the letter, addressed to Wegman from James Moore of the Moore Foundation.

Oncor's letter applauds the value of the project.

"We recognize the significant role that the spring restoration plays in the community and we wish you continued success," Oncor's letter reads, signed by Oncor Area Manager Kristy Tyra.

As usual, the agenda also includes consideration of ordinances to

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Presidential paintings



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is George W. Bush's portrait of Sergeant First Class Ramon Padilla. U.S. Army, 2000-2009. This month, Midland's Museum of the Southwest will have Bush's paintings from his "Portraits of Courage" collection on exhibit.

Bush's 'Portraits of Courage' coming to Midland

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

The United States 43rd president once said, "I respect every soldier, from every country, who serves beside us in the hard work of history. America is grateful, and America will not forget."

It's safe to say George W. Bush supports and honors the United States military to the fullest. One way Bush honored the military is by painting the "Portraits of Courage," a vibrant collection of oil paintings and stories by President George W. Bush honoring the sacrifice and courage of America's military veterans.

Starting this month, the Museum of the Southwest, located in Midland, Texas, will have the paintings on display to the public. The Museum of the Southwest will host "Portraits of Courage: A Commander in Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors". This special exhibition from the George W. Bush Institute grew out of President George W. Bush's personal commitment and the ongoing work of the Bush Institute's Military Service Initiative.

"The Museum of the Southwest is very excited to be able to display the oil paintings done by our former president," said Natasha Blackmore, marketing manager of Museum of the Southwest. "We are the first venue of 2018 that will get host the 'Portraits of Courage', and are eager to show off to the public, and also honor the soldiers in the painting."

"Portraits of Courage" brings together 66 full-color portraits and a four-panel mural painted by President Bush, depicting 98 service members and veterans who have served our nation with honor since the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001, and whom the President has come to know personally since leaving office. Each painting will be accompanied by an inspiring story of the warrior depicted, written by President Bush. As the stories unfold, readers and visitors will encounter the faces and the hearts of those who answered the nation's call and learn of their bravery on the battlefield, their journey to recovery and the continued leadership and contributions they make as civilians. Portraits of Courage

will be on display beginning Saturday, Jan. 20 through Sunday, March 25.

"Veterans and active military personnel visiting the exhibition will receive free admission," said Blackmore. "This is to celebrate their service and show our thanks for their sacrifice."

There will be an opening cocktail reception for the exhibition at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19; tickets are available for purchase at MuseumSW.org.

"In conjunction with Portraits of Courage, the Museum of the Southwest will be hosting a workshop Friday, Feb. 23, through Sunday, Feb. 25, in the Blakemore Planetarium classroom," said Blackmore. "It's going to be a small group, for a hands-on with the art instructor who taught Bush."

Attendees are invited to work alongside George W. Bush's art teacher, prominent Dallas-based artist Gail Norfleet, during this exclusive three-day workshop. Ms. Norfleet will guide workshop participants through beginning oil painting

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Pope urges efforts to rebuild trust in North Korea, Syria

By **NICOLE WINFIELD**
 Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis urged concerted international efforts Monday to rebuild trust on the Korean peninsula and in Syria, using his annual foreign policy address to demand that political leaders put the dignity of their people before war, profit or power.

In a wide-ranging speech to ambassadors from some 185 nations, Francis reaffirmed the need to respect the status quo of Jerusalem and refrain from any initiative that exacerbates hostilities.

Francis didn't cite the United States by name, but many elements of his speech could have been read as an implicit appeal to the Trump administration: He called for governments to provide universal health care for

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Porzingis, Jack help Knicks edge Mavs to end skid at 3

By DAVE JACKSON
Associated Press
DALLAS (AP) — On the day the New York Knicks guaranteed his contract for the rest of the season, Jarrett Jack hit the big shot to deliver them a victory.

Jack's floater in the lane with 31.2 seconds to play snapped a tie and the Knicks beat the Dallas Mavericks 100-96 on Sunday night.

Kristaps Porzingis scored 29 points for New York, which ended a three-game losing streak and sent the Mavericks to their third straight loss — all at home.

Dallas never led in the game, but for the third game in a row, the Mavericks made a late rally, the Mavericks made a late rally, the Mavericks made a late rally — and fell short just as they had against Golden State and Chicago.

"It's really the same old story," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "It's an early hole, it's a late rally, and then come up short. Bottom line is we've got to be better early in games."

Harrison Barnes scored 25 points and Devin Harris had nine of his 11 in the fourth quarter for Dallas on the night the team honored long-

time point guard Derek Harper by retiring his jersey.

The Mavericks trailed 90-77 at 4:48 left, but went on a 15-2 run over the next 2:20 to tie the score at 92. Harris started and ended the run with 3-pointers.

"We did what we were supposed to do all game, turned up the pressure and intensity," Mavericks guard Wesley Matthews said. "It was just a little too late."

After Porzingis made two free throws and Barnes hit a short jumper, Jack used Porzingis' screen to penetrate into the lane and drop in a floater.

"I was just trying to be aggressive," Jack said. "They had done a good job of mucking the game up, denying a lot of our actions, not allowing us to get the ball in the place that we were trying to get it to. (Porzingis) set a good screen. I saw I had an opening and I just tried to knock the shot down."

J.J. Barea missed a long 3 that would have given Dallas the lead, and Courtney Lee hit four free throws in the final 16.6 seconds to seal it.

Up 56-52 at halftime, New York built its lead to 73-63 midway through the third

quarter before the Mavericks closed the quarter on an 8-2 run.

But after Harris' three-point play cut the lead to 77-74 with 11:27 to play, Dallas did not score again for five minutes as the Knicks built the lead back to 13.

TIP-INS
Knicks: Lee has made 43 free throws in a row, the second-longest streak in Knicks history. Chris Duhon made 44 in a row in 2008-09.

Mavericks: Matthews had 14 points and four Mavericks

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McCollum's floater gives Portland a 111-110 win over Spurs

By ANNE M. PETERSON
AP Sports Writer
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — CJ McCollum's floater bounced several times as the crowd seemed to hold a collective breath.

It finally fell in with 5.9 seconds left, giving the Portland Trail Blazers a 111-110 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday night with both teams short-handed.

and then I rushed the last shot. The team did a really good job of putting us in that position, working hard. I think this one is definitely on me tonight."

Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard sat out because of a partial tear in his left shoulder, coach Gregg Popovich revealed before the game. Leonard sustained the injury during the Spurs' 103-89 win Friday over the Phoenix Suns.

"It didn't want to go in. I think that's karma for all the in-and-outs I've missed all year. So I was due for it," McCollum said. "I got a good look so I can live with that even if it rolls out. That's the shot I practice over and over again."

McCollum finished with 25 points and Maurice Harkless added 19 off the bench for the Blazers, who were without starter Damian Lillard. It was Portland's fifth win in seven games, and third straight victory at home.

"It's too bad because he was starting to get back into form a little bit after playing a couple of games," Popovich told reporters. The coach said the Spurs would monitor the injury over the coming days, and there was no official word about how serious it was.

The game against the Suns was just Leonard's eighth appearance of the season after missing the first 27 games with right quadriceps tendinopathy.

Trailing by as many as 12 points in the third quarter, Portland rallied to lead 101-94 on Harkless' 3-pointer with 5:37 left. But Ginobili's 3 gave the Spurs a 105-103 lead with 2:48 left. He added another to extend the lead to 108-105.

McCollum's layup with 1:11 to go gave the Blazers back a one-point edge, but he missed an off-balance jumper that would have given Portland some cushion.

"It's disappointing, we need him," Ginobili said. "He started to feel better, to feel good and then we lose him for a few games and we don't know how many."

The Spurs also didn't have Rudy Gay (right heel) and Danny Green (groin tightness). Tony Parker also did not play. San Antonio plays again on Monday against the Sacramento Kings.

The Blazers were without Lillard because of a right calf strain. Lillard missed four games because of a strained right hamstring but played in the last two, despite being bothered by his calf.

After Kyle Anderson's free throws put San Antonio in front, McCollum came through with his floater that gave Portland the winning margin. Aldridge missed a jumper from out front as time ran out.

Afterward, Aldridge took responsibility. "I definitely have to be better. I think this one is on me," he said. "I missed two free throws

Lillard leads the Blazers with 24.9 points and 6.3 assists per game. Shabazz Napier started in his place.

Napier helped spark Portland at the start and the game was tied at 27 to start the second quarter.

The Spurs led 53-48 at the half, led by Aldridge with 15 points. Jusuf Nurkic had 11 for Portland.

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Tech beats K-State



Kansas State's Dean Wade (32) looks to pass the ball around Texas Tech's Zach Smith (11) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, in Lubbock, Texas.

Evans 27 points as No. 18 Texas Tech beats K-State 74-58

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Keenan Evans and No. 18 Texas Tech have done more than just win their first three Big 12 games. The Red Raiders haven't trailed in a conference game yet.

When Kansas State made a bit of a run in the second half Saturday, Evans scored the game's next four points off turnovers and the Red Raiders maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the way in a 74-58 victory.

"We just drew it in our head that we were not about to be that team that was about to have a letdown," Evans said. "Past teams have beaten top teams and, in the next game, get beat. We really didn't want to be

that team. This wasn't a cupcake game. Every night in the Big 12 is a grind-it-out game."

Evans finished with 27 points as the Red Raiders backed up that 85-73 win four days earlier at Allen Fieldhouse, their first victory ever on the road against No. 10 Kansas.

Texas Tech (14-1, 3-0 Big 12) is one of only two Big 12 teams to make it through the first three conference games without a loss. No. 6 West Virginia beat No. 7 Oklahoma 89-76 later Saturday. Those were the only other teams to start the day 2-0 in the Big 12, and the Red Raiders play both of them next week.

"Just really pleased to get another win

in this league," Tech coach Chris Beard said. "These games are so hard to win. I don't think most people understand how hard it is to win a game in the Big 12 Conference. All the preparation, how well you have to play, so I just want to recognize our players. I thought we had two great days of preparation."

By shooting 70 percent in the first half, the Red Raiders jumped out to a 20-4 lead and settled for a 40-22 advantage at the break. The Red Raiders were still shooting 61 percent when Beard pulled starters from the game.

Dean Wade had eight points for K-State (11-4, 1-2) in a 16-8 spurt to get within 48-40 with just

under 12 minutes left. That's when Evans converted two turnovers into points, and Tech added a third basket after a turnover right after that.

Barry Brown led Kansas State with 24 points and Dean had 14 before fouling out in the final 3 minutes. Cartier Diarra added 11 points.

All 10 Texas Tech players scored, and Zhaire Smith was the only other in double figures with 11 points.

"They had some success and had some issues last season, but I thought they'd come back and play with a lot of heart and toughness," K-State coach Bruce Weber said. "That's"

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Stars cruise past Oilers for 5-1 victory

DALLAS (AP) — Stars coach Ken Hitchcock played a hunch early Saturday, and it paid off quickly.

Alexander Radulov, Jamie Benn and Tyler Seguin — put together on the same line in the early going — scored first-period goals within a span of 6 1/2 minutes, leading the Stars past the Edmonton Oilers 5-1.

Seguin also had two assists. John Klingberg had a goal and two assists, and Mattias Janmark had a goal and an assist for Dallas.

The Stars have won six of their past eight games.

Radulov assisted on the other first-period goals, giving him two goals and four assists in Dallas' past two games. He had three goals and five assists in the Stars' three games against Edmonton this season.

Radulov has 16 goals in 43 games after scoring 18 in 76 games last season for the Montreal Canadiens. He came to Dallas as a free agent last summer.

"Sometimes it's happening, sometimes it's going well, and we worked hard and got rewarded," Radulov said.

Hitchcock opened the game with Benn and Seguin playing

with Brett Ritchie for the second consecutive game but quickly put Radulov back with the team's top two scorers, where he has played previously this season.

"I felt the way the rotations of the line were going that it was a better matchup if I put Rads' there," said Hitchcock, third in career NHL coaching wins at 805. "He had a bead in on the game, and I had to get him out there as much as I could early and often."

"We didn't have an answer for

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AP photo

New York Knicks guard Jarrett Jack (55) battles Dallas Mavericks guard Dennis Smith Jr. (1) for space during the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, in Dallas.

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scored 11.

HARPER HONORED

The Mavericks retired Harper's No. 12, the third Dallas player to be so honored. Harper's jersey joins those of his former teammates Brad Davis (No. 15) and Rolando Blackman (No. 22) in the rafters. Harper played 12 seasons in a 16-year career with the Mavericks, ranking fourth in the team's history in points and first in assists and steals. Harper also made the NBA Finals with the Knicks in 1994 and is now the analyst on Mavericks' TV broadcasts.

"I kept looking up at Brad and Ro's numbers during the first half of the game and just thinking that I was going to be up there joining those guys," Harper said after the game. "When reality sets in, this is a big deal because not a lot of people get to have their jersey retired. It's an incredible honor."

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BATTLE OF THE ROOKIES

Harper wore No. 11 with the Knicks, and that jersey is now worn by rookie point guard Frank Ntilikina, the eighth pick in the 2017 draft. The Mavericks took Dennis Smith, Jr. with the next pick. Smith won the scoring battle on Sunday, 11 points to seven, and both players had five assists. Ntilikina added seven rebounds and was on the floor for most of the fourth quarter as the Knicks built their double-digit lead.

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Kyle O'Quinn had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Enes Kanter added 13 points and 18 boards for the Knicks. Porzingis fell just two rebounds short of a double-double of his own.

UP NEXT

Knicks: Return home to play Chicago on Wednesday.

Mavericks: Host Orlando on Tuesday.

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what's happened."

BIG PICTURE

Kansas State: The Wildcats fell one game below .500 in Big 12 play with a rivalry game against Kansas on the horizon after a midweek contest.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders are 3-0 play for the first time since the 2003-04 season. They will almost certainly move up in the polls after two more double-digit victories this week, including the win over the Jayhawks.

HURT WILDCAT

K-State starting guard Kamau Stokes went to the Wildcats locker room with an apparent ankle injury before the first half ended and didn't return. He scored two points in 15 minutes, well below his season average of 14.2 points per game.

Weber said Stokes would be evaluated further when the team returned home.

"Cartier hit a couple of 3s, he pushed it, made good decisions and got in the paint," Weber said. "Obviously, he doesn't have the same experience that Kam has, but he was solid for us and, depending what happens with Kam, obviously will have to get some more minutes if Kam's out for a while."

SMITH COMING BACK

Texas Tech forward Zach Smith, eight days after rolling his ankle in the Big 12 opener against Baylor, played 19 minutes and scored six points. He was limited in the game against Kansas.

"Zach Smith's a warrior," Beard said. "Average people, even good to great people, wouldn't play any minutes at Kansas and wouldn't even play tonight. But

Zach's an elite person who's approached the rehab like a pro."

UP NEXT

Kansas State returns home for a Wednesday game against Oklahoma State.

Texas Tech will visit No. 7 Oklahoma on Tuesday night. It's the team's second true road game this year, but it also is the squad's fifth contest out of the state of Texas.

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that line," Oilers coach Todd McLellan said. "They scored just about every way they could except for on the power play. They created a lot of havoc for us in our end on a lot of lateral plays."

"He's such a dynamic player," Benn said of Radulov. "He's taking his game to another level."

Leon Draisaitl's power-play goal for the Oilers at 2:04 of the third period denied Ben Bishop his fifth shut-out of the season.

Oilers goalie Cam Talbot was pulled at 4:45 of the second period after allowing four goals on 19 shots. He was replaced by Al Montoya, who was acquired on Thursday from Montreal and had not played since Nov. 4 because of concussion symptoms.

"It was a long road back," Montoya said. "I'm just happy to be back. I haven't had much time to skate, but I feel good, which goes a long way."

Dallas' three first-period goals were all backdoor one-timers. Radulov opened the scoring at 10:21, beating Talbot to the glove side. He was fed by Seguin, who received a cross-ice breakout pass from Klingberg.

Radulov passed to Benn less than three minutes later for an easy backhand.

Seguin tapped in a cross-crease pass from Radulov at 16:32, Klingberg getting the other assist.

Janmark scored when attempting to pass from the goal line to Brett Ritchie in the crease. The puck caromed off the skate of Oilers defenseman Andrej Sekera past Talbot.

As Talbot skated off the ice toward the locker room, backup goalie Kari Lehtonen was standing in the tunnel and gave him a good-luck tap with his stick.

Edmonton has lost three of its past four and has been outscored 16-2.

"I don't think it's a lack of effort," Connor McDavid said. "We just have to get it done."

NOTES: Seguin leads Dallas with 21 goals this season. ... With Montoya activated, the Oilers waived goaltender Laurent Brossoit. Brossoit was 3-7-1 with a 3.22 goals-against average as Talbot's backup this season. ... Oilers forward Patrick Maroon served the second and last game of a suspension for a hit on Los Angeles' Drew Doughty on Tuesday. ... Dallas defenseman Marc Methot was a late scratch with a sore knee, replaced by Julius Honka. Methot had returned to the lineup Thursday after missing 26 games with a knee injury.

UP NEXT

Oilers: Play at Chicago on Sunday.

Stars: Host Colorado next Saturday night.



AP photo

Portland Trail Blazers guard Shabazz Napier, center, dribbles past San Antonio Spurs guard Bryn Forbes, left, and San Antonio Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018.

SPURS

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San Antonio extended the lead to 69-57 after Aldridge's layup.

The Blazers rallied and took an 80-77 lead on Napier's basket near the end of the third quarter but Davis Bertans hit a 3 to pull San Antonio back into a tie to open the fourth.

Napier, who continues to impress with his passing, finished with 15

points for his 10th straight game in double figures.

TIP-INS

Spurs: San Antonio won the opening game of this season's series with the Blazers 93-91 in Portland on Dec. 20. The third of the three meetings will be in San Antonio on April 7. ... Aldridge played his first nine NBA seasons with the Blazers.

Trail Blazers: Nurkic had his ninth double-double of the season. He finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds.

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