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BSHS Choir Director receives statewide recognition

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring High School's choir director has received recognition from a statewide choral association. At the 2019 Texas Choir Directors Association Convention in San Antonio, Gershom Garcia will be a Small-School Clinician for the event. "They gave me a call and asked if I would speak and clinic their music educators for programs that are 'small school,' considered to be 1A through 4A, throughout the state of Texas," Garcia said. "They just said that they were looking for successful programs in the state, and Big Spring was listed among them, so they called and asked if I would be willing to share what we're doing here – the good things that are happening in Big Spring ISD."



Gershom Garcia

Garcia said he was happy about the recognition the district is receiving across the state. "I'm really honored, for one, and I'm really excited for our district, because that brings recognition to the Choral Program and the hard work that the kids have done, and our directors and our district have done," he said. "Really excited that I can share with other music educators our process of learning music and performing and what our mission is, and just examples of what we do curriculum-wise in our district." Big Spring Assistant Superintendent George Bancroft praised Mr. Garcia's contribution to the High School's music program. "He really has done fantastic work here," Bancroft said. "In addition to serving

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WTVA Health Care System to host Veterans Town Hall in Big Spring



HERALD file photo

The photo above shows the US Department of Veterans Affairs seal that is beautifully displayed in the main entrance of the West Texas VA Health Care System here in Big Spring.

Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING, TEXAS – West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) will host a Veterans Town Hall meeting November 29, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., at the WTVAHCS, 300 Veterans Boulevard, Big Spring, Texas. Town halls are an opportunity for Veterans to share open and honest feedback and to talk with the WTVAHCS executive leadership team. Veterans Town Halls are held in each community where a WTVAHCS community based outpatient clinic is located.

"Hearing from our Veterans is the very best way to learn about the challenges they are experiencing so we can address them timely," said Kalautie JangDhari, WTVAHCS director. "It also allows us to communicate about current programs or changes that will impact the services we provide to our Veterans."

If you have concerns or compliments about your healthcare experience at the West Texas VA Health Care System, you can also contact our team of Patient Advocates at 432.264.4839 or visit room 6b, 7 or 8 at the campus in Big Spring. The Patient Advocate office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (excluding federal holidays).

SMMG provider temporary location info

Special to the Herald
 Due to a water leak on Friday at the Scenic Mountain Medical Group (SMMG) Gregg Street location, providers will be seeing patients at alternate locations once again on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

Sheri Nichols, FNP, and Brandi Webb, FNP, will be seeing patients at the West Texas Medical Plaza.

Patients for Sheri Nichols, FNP and Brandi Webb, FNP will be seen at the Orthopedic Office – Dr. Tom Ewing (Suite 101). Webb will be accepting patients in the morning, and then will be off the remainder of the week. To schedule an appointment, call 466-2053.

Leslie Berry, FNP will be closed for the remainder of the week.

Sick visits can be scheduled by calling Scott Barclay, D.O. At 264-6361 through Wednesday morning, or Joyce Alase, M.D. At 268-5340 all day Wednesday.

All SMMG offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Monday, November 26, Berry and Webb will be seeing patients in the orthopedic office, and Nichols will see patients in the ENT (Dr. Howard) office.

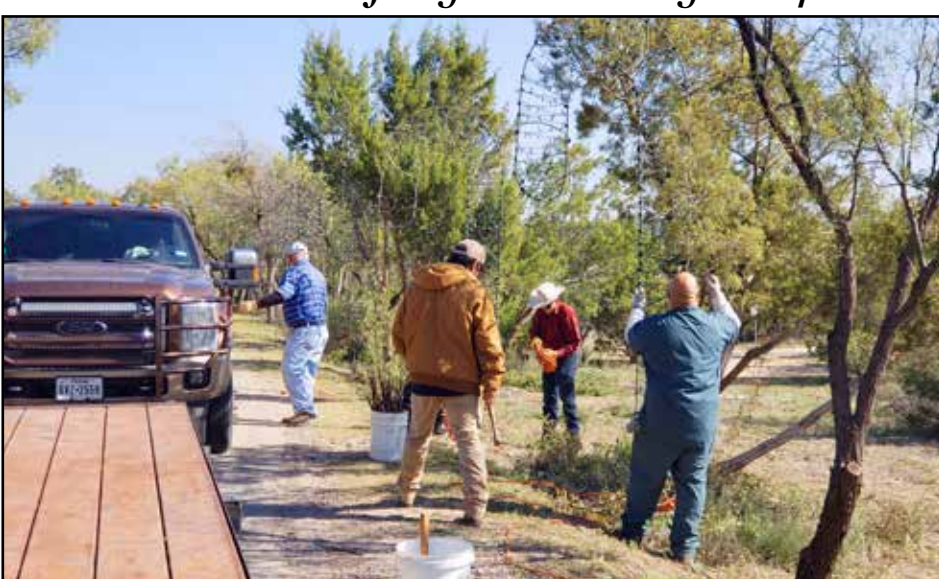
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Let there be light!

Annual Festival of Lights nearing completion



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Festival of Lights workers erect lighted candy canes along Candy Cane Lane, near the Kids' Zone in Comanche Trail Park Monday. The volunteers have been working for about two weeks on the annual drive-through light display already, and are about 80 percent complete, said organizer Howard Stewart. This year, the display will run from Dec. 2 through Dec. 25 instead of Dec. 15 through Dec. 31 as it has in the past. Workers have begun switching the lights over from standard mini-lights to LED bulbs. "It should be a lot brighter and easier to see," said Stewart. "Especially on the poinsettias. We are the 'Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas,' so we started on those first." The display also includes a new display on the dam this year, with the American flag, lighted poinsettias, and the words "God Bless Big Spring," all in LED lights.

Salvation Army gives Thanksgiving

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

On Thursday, the Salvation Army will host its annual Thanksgiving Meal for those who are in need of turkey this Thanksgiving.

Every Thanksgiving, the Salvation Army provides the traditional feast, by either delivery or dining in, at the Salvation Army headquarters to those who don't have any other means of getting one. The Salvation



Josh McKain

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Work off that pecan pie at Thursday's 6th Annual Turkey Trot

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Get ready to work up an appetite this Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22, as it will mark the 6th Annual Mountain Doer/Fitness Pursuer group's Turkey Trot. This is a Thanksgiving morning free, untimed run before the big meal with your family. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome. Run/walk the official 5k route, or stay up top and go around twice for about the

same distance.

The event will kick off from the top of Scenic Mountain State Park.

"We will be meeting up by the pavilion and playground," said event organizer Mindy Sedberry. "We will begin with a prayer at 7:45 at the top of the mountain. You can order a shirt that morning. There will be some giveaways, so get there early to get your name in the contests."

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **HENRY RAMIREZ**, 62, of 4212 Parkway Rd. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY LOPEZ**, 20, of 1402 Tucson was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention, failure to identify fugitive/giving false information, and possession of a controlled substance (Penalty Group 3, less than 28 grams); and on an outstanding warrant.
- **MIGUEL RAFAEL CASIL-**

LAS, 31, of 2611 Neill Rd. was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended or invalid, with no insurance.

- **WILLIAM RAY BULLARD**, 65, of 2908 Cherokee St. was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief (less than \$100).
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of West Fourth St.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 3300 block of Drexel.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of East Interstate 20.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Rd.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Drive and the 2900 block of Cherokee St.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2300 block of South Scurry St.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- **WILLIAM RAY BULLARD**, 65, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief (less than \$100).
- **MIGUEL RAFAEL CASIL-**

a charge of driving while license suspended or invalid, with no insurance.

- **MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR.**, 33, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for expired registration.
- **CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY LOPEZ**, 20, of 1402 Tucson was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear for burglary of a habitation; and on charges of evading arrest or detention, failure to identify fugitive/giving false

information, and possession of a controlled substance (Penalty Group 3, less than 28 grams).

- **MICHAEL ANDREW MARTINEZ**, 34, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated (third or more).
- **HENRY RAMIREZ**, 62, of 4212 Parkway Rd. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Wilderness Trail. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th

St. One person was treated at the scene.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of County Road 846 and County Road 41. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of County Road 840 and County Road 41. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North

Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was treated at the scene.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 23rd St. and Scurry. Six people were treated at the scene.
- **PROPANE TANK FIRE** was reported in the 2800 block of Goliad. The fire was contained.

Take Note

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCA-SA.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. Come by or give us a call. Open enrollment.

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

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

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC 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 meet every

Monday at 5:30 pm at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 C Scurry Street, directly behind Prosperity Bank.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

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

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

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Obituaries

Richard A. "Rick" Purser

Richard A. "Rick" Purser, 65, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, at his home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly Sept. 13 Dec. 20, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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.

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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. TRUMP'S ASYLUM ORDER HIT WITH INJUNCTION

A federal judge bars the White House from refusing asylum to immigrants who cross the U.S.-Mexico border illegally.

2. WHERE TRUMP IS FEELING PRESSURE

From both parties in Congress and U.S. allies abroad to take tougher measures against Saudi Arabia over the killing of writer Jamal Khashoggi.

3. CHICAGO HOSPITAL SCENE OF DEADLY CONFRONTATION

A man pulls out a gun and kills a doctor with whom he was having a domestic relationship, then runs into Mercy Hospital and fatally shoots a pharmacy resident and a police officer.

4. FRIDAYS DEADLY IN GAZA STRIP

Every week in the long-blockaded territory, relentless Palestinian demonstrations against Israel keep tensions ratcheted up and casualties rising from Israeli fire.

5. WHAT EXEC'S ARREST MEANS FOR AUTOMAKERS' FUTURE

Carlos Ghosn's potential

ouster as CEO and chairman casts doubt on future of Renault-Nissan alliance.

6. AMAZON EXPANSION MEANS TOUGH FIGHT FOR TALENT

New York City and the Washington, D.C., area will surely feel the brain drain as the online retail giant plans to hire up to 50,000 new workers.

7. NEXT CAMPAIGN ALREADY IN FULL SWING IN IOWA

Potential White House hopefuls intensify their efforts to recruit operatives in the state that's home to the first caucus of the 2020 presidential nominating season.

8. PUERTO RICAN PARROT ENDANGERED AF-

TER MARIA

Biologists are trying to save the remaining half of the bright green birds with turquoise-tipped wings after the hurricane destroyed their habitat and food sources.

9. LEGENDARY DIRECTOR HONORED

Martin Scorsese is praised both for his artistic influence as a filmmaker and for his efforts to preserve and archive classic films.

10. HYPED NFL GAME ONE FOR THE AGES

The Rams outlast the Chiefs 54-51 as Los Angeles wins the highest-scoring Monday night game ever played and the first NFL game with two 50-point performances.

Army's slogan is "Doing the Most Good", and with the turn out of last year's Thanksgiving Feast of feeding and giving the joy of Thanksgiving to over 500 people, they certainly live up to that.

"We provide a warm turkey meal with the works to those of community who may not have any other way of getting to enjoy one," said Salvation Army Captain, Josh McKain. "We are just blessed that we are able to do this and to help people. It seems that every year's turn out gets a little bigger."

This Thanksgiving, the Salvation Army is hoping to provide 500 meals, both deliveries and dine-in at the Salvation Army. Without the Salvation Army, Thanksgiving wouldn't even be possible for some people.

"Our volunteers are absolutely vital to that process. We have groups that come in just about every year and help, and this year we're hoping to see some new faces as well," said McKain. "Giving your time and volunteering during Thanksgiving really gives you a new perspective on the holiday."

Volunteers are expected to begin delivering meals to homebound residents at approximately 10 a.m. Thursday.

"As we have in the past, we'll be delivering meals to those that can't make it here to the Salvation Army office for dinner," McKain said. "We need to get a count of how many meals will need to be delivered. What we're asking is for people that need a meal delivered, to please call and make arrangements by 5 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 21)."

Area residents wanting to volunteer their services to help prepare the meals should show up at the charity's office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Wednesday morning. This year's holiday menu will be filled with traditional Thanksgiving fare.

"Thanksgiving just isn't Thanksgiving without turkey," McKain said. "We'll also have the trimmings, like dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans. A lot of work goes into preparing a Thanksgiving meal, but it's well worth it."

The in-house meal will be served in the Salvation Army's dining hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"It's open to everyone in the community," he said. "Anyone — and I do mean anyone — who would like to come in and have a Thanksgiving meal, bring your family and have a great meal."

For more information on how you can help, or for additional information regarding meals and meal deliveries, please contact the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.

"It's called 'Salvation Army' for a few different reasons," said McKain. "The people who were a part of Christian Mission, all said we aren't volunteers, we are here because we want to be, and those who convert became soldiers of Christ. The soldiers of Salvation Army try and bring salvation to others."

Contact Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

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more students than even our band program, Mr. Garcia has produced more award winners than any director here in Big Spring for more than 20 years."

Garcia thanked those who have contributed to the Big Spring choral program.

"I'd just like to thank

the administration for being so supportive, and Mr. Ritchey. And I've got great colleagues that I'm working with — Beth Spence and Tara Trowbridge and Larry Thibeault have been instrumental in helping develop our choral music," he said. "We're just here to promote choral music in our city and bless people with this music. The kids — I'm so proud of what the kids

have done. This actually is a result of their hard work. They've brought recognition to the district."

The 2019 TCDA Convention is slated for July 25 through 27 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

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

Rain could hamper search for victims of California wildfire

By SUDHIN THANAWALA and JANIE HAR

Associated Press

CHICO, Calif. — It's been 12 days since Christina Taft started the frantic search for her mother Victoria, who refused to evacuate their Paradise home as flames neared, and six days since she gave authorities a cheek swab to identify remains that are likely her mother's.

She still hasn't received confirmation that her mother is dead, and says she's been frustrated by what she feels is a lack of communication from Butte County officials.

"They said they found remains, they didn't say her remains. They won't confirm it to me the whole time," Taft said Monday.

With 79 people killed in the nation's deadliest wildfire in at least a century, there are still nearly 700 names on the list of those unaccounted for. While it's down from nearly 1,000 the day before, it is inexact, progress has been slow,

and the many days of uncertainty are adding to the stress.

More than a dozen people are marked as "unknowns," without first or last names. In some cases, names are listed twice or more times under different spellings. Others are confirmed dead, and their names simply haven't been taken off yet.

Survivors and relatives of those caught in the fire in Northern California are using social media to get the word out: In some cases, to post that their loved ones were safe; in others, to plead for help.

"Aunt Dorothy is still missing. There has been confusion going on at the Sheriff's office regarding her whereabouts because she was taken off the list," a man wrote on Facebook on Monday.

"I have an uncle and two cousins that I have not been able to make contact with," one woman wrote on Facebook, with their names. "Any info would be appreciated."

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea has

said he released the rough and incomplete list in hopes that people would contact authorities to say they are OK. He has called it "raw data" compiled from phone calls, emails and other reports.

"We put the list out. It will fluctuate. It will go up. It will go down because this is in a state of flux," Honea said Monday. "My view on this has been that I would prefer to get the information out and start working to find who is unaccounted for and who is not. I would put progress over perfection."

Officials have also culled reports from the earliest hours of the disaster, when fire knocked out mobile phone communications and thousands fled, some to safe shelter that was hundreds of miles away.

Honea said his office was working with the Red Cross to account for people entering and leaving shelters. Evacuees are also helping authorities narrow the list, sometimes by chance.



Courtesy photo

The photo above shows the pavillion at the top of Scenic Mountain, which is where, on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22, the 6th Annual Mountain Doer/Fitness Pursuer group's Turkey Trot will begin. The Turkey Trot is a free event that starts with prayer at 7:45 at the top of the mountain, and is something all ages and fitness levels can enjoy.

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The Turkey Trot is something all ages and fitness levels can enjoy. Run, jog or walk, but just be sure to bring out your friends and family and start your Thanksgiving off right.

Again, for those interested in participating and who will want a t-shirt, you can still get order them the morning of.

"I will be taking orders at the run," Sedberry said. "You must bring a check or exact change. I will have both long and short sleeved shirts." Short sleeved shirts are \$17 for sizes YXS-YL & Adult S-XL,

and \$19 for sizes A2X-5X. Long sleeved shirts are \$20 for sizes YXS-YL & Adult S-XL, and \$25 for sizes A2X-5X.

"Pricing include tax," said Sedberry. "It generally takes about two weeks for orders to be completed."

Sedberry also stated that you can always use the shirts for next year's run because this is something she plans on doing again next year.

"Initially we started the group because we were training for a half marathon and wanted to have group runs, but then we decided we wanted it to be for any type of fitness group," said Sedberry. "We wanted to spread the love for health and

fitness here in Big Spring, and I believe it has just as the Turkey Trot has as well."

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Raymond Garcia died Thursday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pomposa Salinas Cervantes, 77, died Saturday. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Richard A. "Rick" Purser, 65, died Sunday. Services are pending.

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The Howard County Library will be closed Thursday and Friday November 22 & 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will re-open Monday, November 26th.

Baby Time and Storytime will be available during the week. Baby Time is Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Storytime is Wednesdays at 10:15. Parents and caregivers are welcome to bring their little ones.

Marvel Comics legend Stan Lee passed away this past Monday, November 12 at the age of 65. Best known for his comic book superheroes, Stan Lee brought to many the joy of reading comics.

Here at the library we have a collection of comic books/ graphic novels. Some may be wary of the term 'graphic,' however, graphic novel simply means that it is a novel in comic-strip format, and the term is often used interchangeably with comic books.

Reading a comic book is more than simply looking at the pictures, with exciting stories and engaging language, comics may be great choice for visual learners, or struggling readers because it's a great way to boost literacy and vocabulary. Readers also learn about context as they have to process the visual, spatial and textual components in a comic book to follow the storyline.

There are comic books and graphic novels about other topics besides superheroes, some graphic novels are also non-fiction and subjects range from biographies, history or science. Furthermore, comic books do present a story and we all learn something from stories, so whatever your reading preferences is there is something for everyone.

This week's reviews include western, fiction and mystery.

In the rugged, towering Canadian forests, huge-muscled men settled their grudges with ax handles and bare fists. In **"Timberjack"** (LP W CUS D) by Dan Cushman, Big Tim Chipman learned that the day he came back to claim his family's timber tracks. Set against him was Croft Brunner, whose hatred for the Chipmans had burned for twenty years. So it was Chip-

man v. Brunner, two big men battling for a lumber empire- and for Lynne Tilton, who was beautiful enough to be its queen.

In **"Lightning Swift"** (LP W MAC W) by William Colt MacDonald, Chuck Jenkins was in trouble. Chuck had been framed into a fight and then thrown into jail. The one man who would have given him an honest break, Sheriff Wick Deming, of Espada, had "committed suicide" only a few days before.

The worst of it was that the he had only a few more days to raise the money to pay for his T-Bench ranch, and if he did not pay off on time, he would lose the T-Bench to Craig Kimball and Fisher Cochrane. There seemed to be nothing to do but call on his old friend Lightning Swift for help-because if Swift couldn't do anything, no one could. Lightning was as good as his name, but he arrived in Espada to find things looked pretty hopeless.

The man who promised to lend Chuck money had vanished completely, and the cook at the T-Bench had been murdered. Lightning Swift had to take drastic measures. He began by discovering the people who were plotting against Chuck, and then he decided to administer a dose of hot lead. Before he got through, more than one crook had met his fate, and more than one mystery had cleared up.

Game warden Mike Bowditch in **"The Poacher's Son"** by Paul Doiron (F DOI P), returns home one evening to find an alarming voice from the past on his answering machine: his father Jack, a hard drinking womanizer who makes his living poaching illegal game. Even more frightening is the call that Mike gets the next morning from the police: they are

searching for the man who killed a beloved local cop the night before--and his father is their prime suspect.

Jack has escaped from police custody, and only Mike believes that his tormented father might not be guilty. Shunned by colleagues who have no sympathy for the suspected cop-killer, Mike must come to terms with his haunted past. He knows firsthand Jack's brutality, but is the man capable of murder?

Desperate and alone, he strikes up an uneasy alliance with a retired warden pilot, and together the two men journey deep into the Maine wilderness in search of a runaway fugitive. But the only way for Mike to save his father is to find the real killer--which could mean putting everyone he loves in the line of fire.

In **"The Lying Game"** (F WAR R) by Ruth Ware, four friends realize their shared past was not as safely buried as they had once hoped. In the idyllic coastal village of Salten along a tidal estuary known as the Reach, a woman's dog charges into the water to retrieve what first appears to be a wayward stick, but to her horror it turns out to be something much more sinister.

The next morning, three women in and around London--Fatima, Thea, and Isabel--receive the text they had always hoped would never come, from the fourth in their formerly inseparable group, Kate, that says only, "I need you." The four had been best friends at Salten, a boarding school near the cliffs of the English Channel. Each different in their own way, they became inseparable and were notorious for playing the Lying Game, telling lies at every turn to

both fellow boarders and faculty. As the four converge in present-day Salten, they are faced with the consequences of playing the lying game.

Harriet 'Hal' Westaway receives a mysterious letter bequeathing her a substantial inheritance from her grandmother in **"The Death of Mrs. Westaway"** (M WARR) by Ruth Ware. Hal knows there's been a mistake, her grandparents have been dead for more than twenty years, and she hasn't had anyone to help her since her mother died three years ago.

But the bills are piling up and Hal is running out of options. Down on her luck and worn thin by the weight of adulthood, Hal can't help but wonder if the cold-reading skills she's honed as a tarot card reader might help her claim the money.

Soon, Hall finds herself at Trespassen, the sprawling estate in the English Countryside where the deceased Mrs. Westaway's family has gathered to pay their respects and claim their inheritance. But it doesn't take long for Hal to realize that there's something very wrong about this strange situation, and the inheritance is at the center of it.

We hope you enjoy the holidays. Come by to check out any of these titles or come by and browse some comic books/graphic novels in our collection. Stan Lee said **"Comic books to me are fairy tales for grown-ups."**

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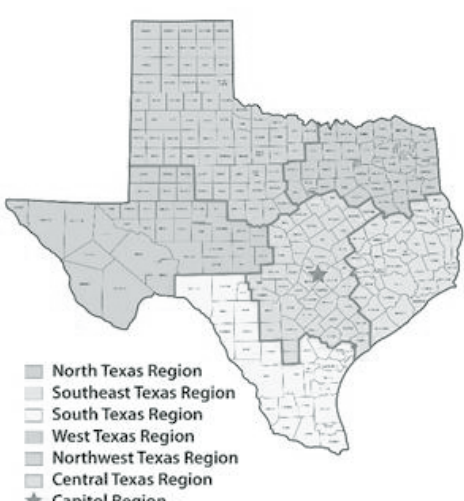
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DPS launches new regional Facebook, Twitter accounts



AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today announced the launch of seven regional social media accounts, covering every corner of the state and all seven DPS regions, including North Texas, Southeast Texas, South Texas, West Texas, Northwest Texas, Central Texas and the Capitol Region.

This expanded social media network will complement the existing DPS social media channels (Facebook and Twitter) and further connect the department with local communities.

"With a state as diverse and spread out as Texas, it's important for DPS to continually seek ways to share information and connect with the Texans we proudly protect and serve," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Each DPS region is unique, and we look forward to using these regional social media accounts to highlight the work of the department in those areas and bolster our ties with communities throughout Texas."

Each of the new Facebook and Twitter accounts for the seven different DPS regions will provide the public with information specifically tailored to the individual area. Social media posts that Texans can expect to see on the new regional accounts include public safety news, helpful tips, department activities and accomplishments, and community involvement.

Ex-West Texas man gives away 120 packaged turkeys from truck

RANGER, Texas (AP) — A man who says his family didn't have much when he grew up in West Texas returned to his hometown to give away 120 packaged turkeys from the bed of his pickup truck.

KTXS-TV in Abilene reports Cecil Ray Fuentes now lives in Hobbs, New Mexico, but hasn't forgotten Ranger, located 80 miles (128.74 kilometers) southwest of Fort Worth.

at times, relied on others to make ends meet — so he's paying it forward. Fuentes on Saturday loaded his pickup with 100 turkeys and offered them free in Ranger.

A simple green sign said: "Free Turkeys. Happy Thanksgiving!"

Fuentes, who ended up buying 20 more turkeys to give away, says it felt good to see smiles on the faces of people he's known his whole life.

Fuentes says his family,

Trump critic Hurd keeps Texas US House seat for Republicans

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press
AUSTIN, Texas — Rep. Will Hurd, one of few Republican critics of President Donald Trump in Congress, narrowly won his reelection bid Monday in a sprawling Texas district that has been a perennial battleground.

Democratic challenger Gina Ortiz Jones conceded Monday, nearly two weeks after Election Day, ending what had been one of the few remaining unresolved races of the 2018 midterm elections. It now leaves only four congressional elections nationally where The Associated Press has not declared a winner, in some cases



AP photo

This combination of file photos shows candidates for Texas' 23rd District Congressional seat in the November 2018 election from left, incumbent GOP Rep. Will Hurd and Democrat Gina Ortiz Jones.

because officials are still counting votes.

Jones was trailing Hurd by about 1,100 votes in the 23rd Congressional District, which stretches from San Antonio to El Paso. Democrats had intensified efforts to flip the seat this year after Hillary Clinton carried the district in 2016.

But Hurd has proved durable in a district that he has now narrowly won for a third consecutive time. The former CIA officer criticized of Trump included this summer, when he accused the president of "standing idle on the world stage"

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Judge bars US from enforcing Trump asylum ban

By NOMAAN MERCHANT

Associated Press
HOUSTON — A federal judge barred the Trump administration from refusing asylum to immigrants who cross the southern border illegally.

President Donald Trump issued a proclamation on Nov. 9 that said anyone who crossed the southern border between official ports of entry would be ineligible for asylum. As the first of several caravans of migrants have started arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump said an asylum ban was necessary to stop what he's attacked as a



AP photo

Central American migrants sweep outside the shelter where they are staying in Tijuana, Mexico, Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018.

national security threat.

But in his ruling Monday, U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar agreed with legal groups that immediately sued, arguing that U.S. immigration law clearly allows someone to seek asylum even if they enter the country between official ports of entry.

"Whatever the scope of the President's authority, he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden," said Tigar, a nominee of former President Barack Obama.

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The Rolling Stones plan 13 US live dates next year

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rolling Stones will be rolling through the United States next

year. The band says it's adding a 13-show leg to its No Filter

tour in spring 2019 that will hit Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, Washington, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Illinois and Washington, D.C. The tour

kicks off in Miami on April 20.

For the past few years the legendary band has mostly played in Europe. Lead singer Mick Jagger says in a statement: "It's a thrill when we play stadiums in the States."

Tickets go on sale Nov. 30. The band returned to its blues roots in 2016 with the release of "Blue & Lonesome," which earned the Stones a Grammy Award for best traditional blues album.

Plano police use donated helicopter for sky-high training

By VALERIE WIGGLESWORTH

The Dallas Morning News
PLANO, Texas — One by one, the SWAT officers climbed out of the helicopter and slid down a rope to the roof of the one-story building at Toyota's headquarters. The Dallas Morning News reports within a minute, all eight were on the roof, weapons drawn and ready for a possible threat. Then it was time to reload and repeat.

A fast-rope exercise that took months of planning went off without a hitch Monday at three locations in Plano.

"We don't always have the option of going in the front door," said Officer Mike Bogacki, an 18-year veteran of the Plano police SWAT

team. As the suburban city of 285,000 continues to add high-rise buildings, first responders have to adapt and train using new scenarios.

"Plano is no longer growing horizontally," Bogacki said. "It's growing vertically, and we need to meet that challenge."

This was the second time that Plano's elite team has trained with a helicopter. The first came two years ago.

The Plano Police Department doesn't own a helicopter, spokesman David Tilley said.

Instead, the department tapped the generosity of the aerial crane service that's typically delivering massive air conditioners and other supplies to rooftops around the region. Fate-based 5 State Helicopters Inc. donated the pilot, fuel and use of the helicopter for Monday's exercise.

The other practice sites were Fire Station No. 4 and the Spear Street Capital building in west Plano.

SWAT team training needs to be as realistic as possible, said Bogacki, citing a common catchphrase among first responders who are "training for the speed of life."

The key to a successful drop is a tight grip on the 40-foot rope with their hands and feet to ensure a controlled descent. No harnesses. No safety nets.

"Some people say it's dangerous," Bogacki said. "We say it's exciting and pretty dynamic."

"But we believe it's essential for the training."

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Argument at Chicago hospital erupts into deadly shooting

By **AMANDA SEITZ**
and **DON BABWIN**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — An argument outside a Chicago hospital turned deadly when a man pulled out a gun and killed an emergency room doctor whom he knew, then ran into the hospital and fatally shot a pharmacy resident and a police officer, authorities said.

The attacker, Juan Lopez, also died Monday but it was not clear if he took his own life or was killed by police at Mercy Hospital on the city's South Side, Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said.

Chicago "lost a doctor, pharmaceutical assistant and a police officer, all going about their day, all doing what they loved," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said, fighting back tears. "This just tears at the soul of our city. It is the face and a consequence of evil."

Mercy Hospital said the staff who died were Tamara O'Neal, 38, an emergency room physician who never worked on Sunday because of her religious faith, and Dayna Less, 25, a first year pharmacy resident who had recently graduated from Purdue University.

The slain officer was identified as Samuel Jimenez, 28, who joined the department in February 2017 and had recently completed his probationary period, Johnson said. Police said he was married and the father of three children.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi described the shooting as a "domestic-related active shooter incident," but provided no details about the relationship between the two.

Lopez, 32, and O'Neal had been arguing in the hospital parking lot. When a



AP photo

Police and firefighters salute as an ambulance arrives at the medical examiner's office carrying the body of Chicago Police Department Officer Samuel Jimenez, who was killed during a shooting at Mercy Hospital earlier in the day, Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, in Chicago.

friend of O'Neal tried to intervene, "the offender lifted up his shirt and displayed a handgun," Johnson said.

The friend ran into the hospital to call for help, and the gunfire began seconds later. After O'Neal fell to the ground, Lopez "stood over her and shot her three more times," a witness named James Gray told reporters.

When officers arrived, the suspect fired at their squad car then ran inside the hospital. The police gave chase.

Inside the medical center, Lopez exchanged fire with officers and "shot a poor woman who just came off the elevator" before he was killed, Johnson said, referring to pharmaceutical assistant Less.

"We just don't know how much damage he was prepared to do," Johnson said, adding that Less "had nothing to do with nothing."

Jennifer Eldridge was working in a hospital pharmacy when she heard three or four shots that seemed to come

from outside. Within seconds, she barricaded the door, as called for in the building's active shooter drills. Then there were six or seven more shots that sounded much closer, just outside the door.

"I could tell he was now inside the lobby. There was screaming," she recalled.

The door jiggled, which Eldridge believed was the shooter trying to get in. Some 15 minutes later, she estimated, a SWAT team officer knocked at the door, came inside and led her away. She looked down and saw blood on the floor but no bodies.

"It may have been 15 minutes, but it seemed like an eternity," she said.

Maria Correa hid under a desk, clutching her 4-month-old son, Angel, while the violence unfolded. Correa was in the waiting area of the hospital for her mother-in-law's doctor appointment when a hospital employee told them to lock themselves in offices.

She lost track of how many shots she heard while under the desk "trying to protect her son" for 10 to 15 minutes.

"They were the worst minutes of our lives," Correa said.

The death of Jimenez comes nine months after another member of the Chicago Police Department, Cmdr. Paul Bauer, was fatally shot while pursuing a suspect in the Loop business district.

Mercy has a rich history as the city's first chartered hospital. It began in 1852, when the Sisters of Mercy religious group converted a rooming house. During the Civil War, the hospital treated both Union soldiers and Confederate prisoners of war, according to its website.

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The Department of Homeland Security did not immediately comment on the ruling, which will remain in effect for one month barring an appeal. In issuing the ban, Trump used the same powers he used last year to impose a travel ban that was ultimately upheld by the Supreme Court.

If enforced, the ban would potentially make it harder for thousands of people to avoid deportation. DHS estimates around 70,000 people a year claim asylum between official ports of entry. But Tigar's ruling notes that federal law says someone may seek asylum if they have arrived in the United States, "whether or not at a designated port of arrival."

"Individuals are entitled to asylum if they cross between ports of entry," said Baher Azmy, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights, which sued the government alongside the American Civil Liberties Union. "It couldn't be clearer."

Around 3,000 people from the first of the caravans have arrived in Tijuana, Mexico, across the border from San Diego, California. U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Monday that it closed off northbound traffic for several hours at the San Ysidro crossing. It has also installed movable, wire-topped barriers, apparently to stop a potential mass rush of people.

As of Monday, 107 people detained between official crossings have sought asylum since Trump's order went into effect, according to DHS, which oversees Customs and Border Protection. Officials didn't say whether those people's cases were still progressing through other, more difficult avenues left to them after the proclamation.

DHS has said it wants asylum seekers at the southern border to appear at an official border crossing. But many border crossings such as San Ysidro already have long wait times. People are often forced to wait in shelters or outdoor camps on the Mexican side, sometimes for weeks.

ACLU lawyer Lee Gelernt said that some people seeking asylum cross between official ports because "they're in real danger," either in their countries of origin or in Mexico.

"We don't condone people entering between ports of entry, but Congress has made the decision that if they do, they still need to be allowed to apply for asylum," he said.

WWII pilot killed in vintage airplane crash in Texas

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas (AP) — The 93-year-old passenger who was killed when a World War II-era fighter aircraft crashed in South Texas had been a WWII pilot, according to group that arranges fighter plane rides for veterans.

The P-51D Mustang had just participated in a flyby Saturday when it crashed in Fredericksburg, about 70 miles (110 kilometers) north of San Antonio. The pilot was also killed.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Orlando Moreno on Monday identified the pilot as 73-year-old Cowden Ward

Jr. of Burnet and his passenger as Vincent Losada, 93, of San Antonio.

Freedom Flyers posted on Facebook that Ward was flying an "honored passenger, a WWII B17 pilot" when he crashed. Ward was the founder of Freedom Flyers and often flew veterans in his plane, which was deployed in World War II and the Korean War, the group said.

"Cowden was a civilian, but he had the highest respect for our nation's servicemen and women, more than anyone else I have ever known," his friend, Kayla Segerstrom,

told the San Antonio Express-News.

Ward's plane, named Pecos Bill, was taking part in ceremonies Saturday organized by the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg. The day included a battle re-enactment showcasing WWII equipment and weapons.

Chris Arntz, an Army veteran who attended the program with his wife and daughter, told the Express-News that Ward's plane had just flown over the crowd when it appeared to nose dive beyond a tree line.

"I told my wife, 'I'm pretty sure that plane just crashed,'" said Arntz, explaining that there was no loud explosion or any other indication of a crash as the program continued uninterrupted. He learned later upon returning home that his suspicion was correct.

The plane crashed into the parking lot of a nearby apartment complex, damaging vehicles. No one on the ground was hurt.

The National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration are investigating.

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and being manipulated by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"While we came up short this time, we ran a race of which we can be proud," Jones said in a statement. "I remain

committed to serving my community and country, and I wish Will Hurd the courage to fight for TX-23 in the way in which our district deserves."

Jones, an Air Force veteran, was aiming to make history as Texas' first openly gay and Filipina-American mem-

ber of Congress. Last week, she had attended orientation in Washington for new members of Congress and had asked a judge to extend a deadline to correct provisional ballots. But she conceded after election results were canvassed in recent days.

Hurd, who has previ-

ously already declared victory, thanked Jones in a statement and said he would need everyone's help whether they voted for him or not.

Democrats flipped two Republican-held districts in Texas this month, one in Dallas and another in Houston.

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Bulldogs maul Midessa 79-23



Gage Clark, No. 23, slam dunks the ball for 2 points during the Coahoma/Midessa Homeschool basketball game held Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, in Coahoma. Clark had a game high of 14 points to help lead the Bulldogs to a 79-23 win against the Warriors.

Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody



Joe Manning, No. 5, reaches for the basket during the Coahoma/Midessa Homeschool game held Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2018, in Coahoma.

Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - Gage Clark had a game high of 14 points and Bryson Cline added 12 more to help lead the Bulldogs to a decisive 79-23 win against the Midessa Homeschool Warriors Monday night.

The Bulldogs were dominate in the first half scoring 52 points while keeping the Warriors to single digits in both quarters. Coahoma was also deadly behind the arc netting seven 3-point baskets for the evening. Gaige Hill and Cline had two each.

Clark and Brice Martin, who had 11 points for the night, helped cap off a productive first half with a little excitement. With 25 seconds left, Clark threw down a slam dunk for 2 followed by Martin, who buried a shot with 3 seconds left.

Returning from the break, the Bulldogs continued to score in the double digits racking up 27 points while

keeping the Warriors to just 9 before the final buzzer sounded.

Next: The Bulldogs return to action on Tuesday, Nov. 27, against the Wildcats in Grady. The JV game starts at 5:15 p.m. with the varsity game set for 8 p.m.

Points per Quarter

Coahoma: 21, 31, 13, 14 - 79
Midessa: 8, 6, 8, 1 - 23

Coahoma: Gage Clark, 14; Bryson Cline, 12; Brice Martin, 11; Braxton Chandler, 9; Isaac Murillo, 7; Joe Manning, 6; Gaige Hill, 6; Isaiah Martin, 5; Sean Striegler, 4; Zack Schneider, 3; Daniels, 2.

Midessa - Edwards, 8; Chavez, 8; Barrego, 4; Cooley, 2; Graham, 1

Free Throw - Coahoma 6-12; Midessa 5-12; 3-point baskets - Coahoma 7 (Hill - 2; Cline - 2; Murillo, B. Martin, I. Martin); Midessa 0. **Total Fouls** - Coahoma 14; Midessa 11; Fouled Out: None

Steers lose a close one to Odessa high 71-65

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

For a second straight game the shorthanded Steers, who are still waiting for the rest of their team to finish the football season, lost a close one to Odessa High 71-65.

Big Spring was led by Kyler Seymore who had 25 points on offense following his 30 point showing versus Pecos

last game. Senior guard Mikal Banks made his presence felt last night, racking up his first double double of the season with 15 points and 10 rebounds in the game coming off his 8 points and 16 rebounds against Pecos last week. Freshman Gavin Great-house added an impressive 13 points against Odessa while freshman Javarious



Ford has had back to back 4 point games. Gomez had 3 points against Odessa and 15 points against Pecos. Lewis scored 2 points and Martinez added another 3 points tonight following a 8 point game against Pecos. Steers' big man Marcus Miramontes had a pair of blocks and 8 rebounds following his 6 point, 4 block game Fri-

day against Pecos.

"The past 2 games we have played with great effort and great defense. These guys have been fun to watch and coach so far this year. We will continue to improve without our football kids out here and will only get better when they join us." Said head coach Chris Hines. The Steers will play Andrews on the road tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

Conley and Gasol lead Grizzlies past Mavericks 98-88



Memphis Grizzlies guard Mike Conley (11) drives against Dallas Mavericks guard Jalen Brunson in the second half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, in Memphis, Tenn.

By CLAY BAILEY

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — While the rest of the NBA trends toward high-scoring, fast-paced offenses, the Memphis Grizzlies are relying on defense.

And the longtime partnership of Mike Conley and Marc Gasol.

Conley scored 28 points, Gasol had 17 points and 15 rebounds, and the Grizzlies pulled away over Dallas 98-88 on Monday night to snap the Mavericks' four-game winning streak.

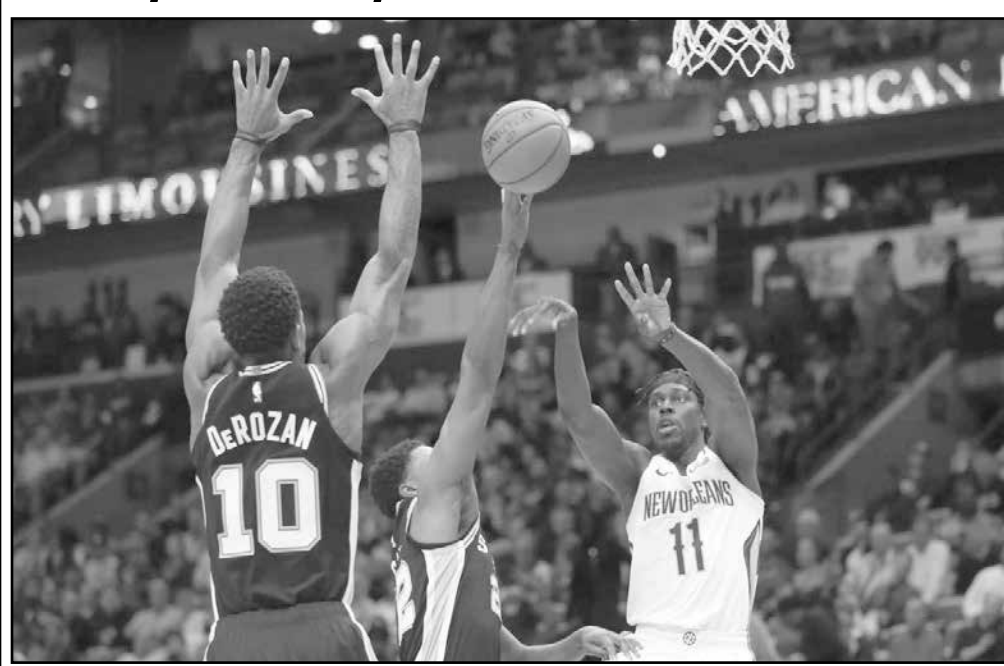
"In today's league, I think a lot of

teams are so used to things being easy, nobody really wants to play defense," Conley said. "Everybody wants to get up and down and shoot 3s. So, when they come upon a team that gets into you and is physical and actually plays defense, it's a different game for them."

This one had 17 lead changes and 15 ties before Memphis reeled off 10 straight points in the late stages for the biggest lead in the game for either team.

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Davis, Randle lead Pelicans past Spurs, 140-126



New Orleans Pelicans guard Jrue Holiday (11) passes between San Antonio Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan (10) and forward Rudy Gay (22) in the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Monday, Nov. 19, 2018.

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — As a contested layup by Pelicans guard Ian Clark caromed off the rim, Julius Randle barreled into the paint, grabbed the offensive rebound and quickly fired it to the perimeter, where Darius Miller caught it in rhythm and nailed a 3-pointer.

It was the kind of effective hustle play that Randle has been providing in bunches lately, just as the Pelicans hoped he would when they acquired

him to help fill the void left by DeMarcus Cousins' departure in free agency.

Anthony Davis had 29 points and nine rebounds, Randle added 21 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists in 25 minutes, and New Orleans won its third straight with a 140-126 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday night.

"I was just being aggressive. I was just playing hard. If I make mistakes, I don't really care.

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CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE

On **Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 at 5:30 PM**, the City of Big Spring Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing** in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th St. to consider recommendation for approval of Z18-05, a zone change request from Neighborhood Service (NS) to Light Commercial (LC) on 0.57 acres located approx. 180' SW of the intersection of Wasson Rd. and W. FM 700. More specifically, Bk 1, Lot 14 in the Thorp Addn. in Big Spring, Howard County, TX. The Planning and Zoning Commission will forward their recommendation to the Big Spring City Council for a **Public Hearing** to be held **Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 at 5:30 PM** and their final decision to be made on **Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 at 5:30 PM** in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th St.

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Public Notice

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The City of Big Spring is submitting a 2019-2020 Community Development Fund grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for water, street and/or waste water improvements in Big Spring. Accordingly, the City is seeking a qualified engineer/engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all necessary application materials and, if awarded to enter into a contract to prepare preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

High-Energy Hack

The lunar opposition to Venus reminds us that temptation is actually a very draining state of being. We all have a finite amount of willpower, and there's much competing for its use, including tasks that require a higher level of thinking. Want more energy? Get rid of temptation by removing it, or yourself, from the environment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like most people, you unconsciously seek out what you believe might heal the wounds of the past. Unlike most people, you wake up midreach to question your own motives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your areas of deep sensitivity and feeling needn't be quite so protected in light of your choice to be in environments that support you fully. So you can let your guard down a bit.

GEMINI (May 21-

June 21). What if you knew that your belief in someone was the essential ingredient that would allow that person to grow into who he or she wanted to be? Act as if this is so, and you'll bring magic to your world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To need security is only natural. Those who've had it don't think about this as much as those who've been without it. When things shake up a little, it's good, but no one wants to live like every day is an earthquake.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Communicating well starts with a feeling that you can -- that no one is going to leave or get too upset if you bring up an uncomfortable truth. Your success in relationships will be due in part to the emotional maturity of all involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A touch of fantasy can be excellent for relationships, but when fantasy



becomes the preferred mode, the relationship never gets a chance to thrive. Avoid the dynamic of needing to save or be saved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Extreme independence is an illusion. People need interaction to survive. Don't be fooled by someone who seems fine as a solo act. Even introverts benefit from fellowship, however awkward it may be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Believe your heart. Listen to

what it tells you. It's OK to feel that you're somehow lacking, even though the picture looks about right. This could be about people being there for you, but not in the way that you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's safe to move forward. It still could turn out to be a prickly arrangement, but you can handle it, and besides, there is opportunity in that, too. Such challenges will build emotional muscle tone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Turbulence isn't passion, but it might look like it to someone who doesn't know better. The excitement of conflict produces similar symptoms, so it's a fair mistake, but one you don't have time for today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though you may not say that you approve of yourself, it shows in your every action today. You've a comfort level, a confidence, and all you do will be congruent with your inner drive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll rely on machines, and your life will be better for it as long as you remember that machines can't think. Rather, they make deductions based on data. Bring your considerable intuition and emotional insight to the equation, too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 20). You enjoy making people

happy, but it's really not your job to please the world. Drop that idea, and suddenly a healthier set of priorities and boundaries begins to shuffle up your life. At first it seems that it's your turn to be happy, and then you realize you don't have to take turns. You get your needs met on a daily basis. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 44, 48 and 16.

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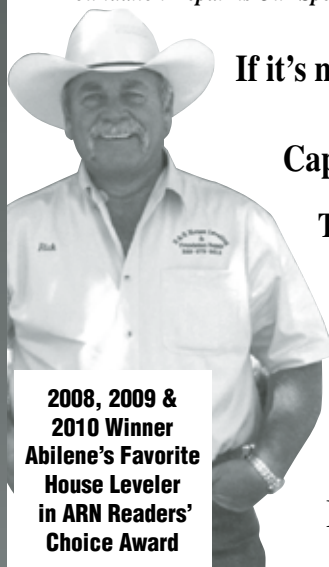
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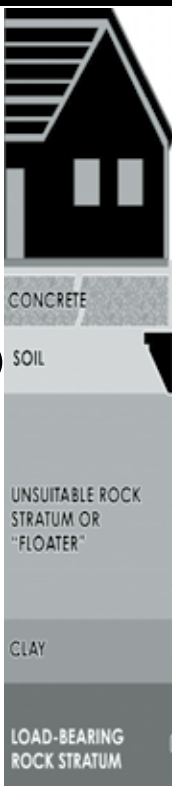
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ANDY CAPP

Panel 1: "LET'S BE CLASSY, RUB, AND DINE AL FRESCO," I SAID

Panel 2: BUT SHE STILL WASN'T HAPPY

Panel 3: WHY? WHERE DID YOU TAKE HER?

Panel 4: THERE

Panel 5: JOE'S BURGERS 'N' PIES

AGNES

Panel 1: WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR HEAD?

Panel 2: A BAKER'S POOFY HAT.

Panel 3: POOFY HAT?

Panel 4: ALL BAKERS WEAR POOFY HATS SO THEY ARE NOT CONFUSED WITH HIGHWAY PATROLMEN OR NUNS OR THINGS OF THAT NATURE.

Panel 5: I WOULDN'T THINK THAT WOULD HAPPEN VERY OFTEN.

Panel 6: NOT SINCE THEY INITIATED POOFY HATS.

ARCHIE

Panel 1: WHY HAVE YOU BEEN STANDING OUT HERE ALL PERIOD?

Panel 2: I'M WAITING FOR ARCHIE TO SHOW UP! THIS IS THE LATEST HE'S EVER BEEN!

Panel 3: RUB RUB

Panel 4: LET HIM DAWDLE! THE LONGER HE TAKES, THE WORSE HIS PUNISHMENT! I'VE BEEN THINKING UP DOWNRIGHT FIENDISH STUFF!

Panel 5: SHOULD I LET HIM KNOW I GOT IN EARLY TODAY?

Panel 6: NOT UNTIL I FIND A VIDEO CAMERA!

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Panel 1: RUTHIE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Panel 2: I'M TRYING TO THINK OF SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

Panel 3: OH, GIVE ME A BREAK!

Panel 4: BECAUSE THINKING IS VERY IMPORTANT!

Panel 5: I THINK.

Panel 6: Therefore I am.

NEST HEAD

Panel 1: WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, BIG GUY?

Panel 2: WRITING A THANKSGIVING CAROL.

Panel 3: YOU KNOW, LIKE "FROSTY THE SNOWMAN" OR "RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER," BUT FOR THANKSGIVING.

Panel 4: WHAT HAVE YOU GOT SO FAR?

Panel 5: "TERRY THE TERRIFIED TURKEY."

Panel 6: DON'T SING WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL.

MOMMA

Panel 1: FRANCIS, YOUR LOW-LIFE IMAGE KEEPS YOU FROM RISING IN THE WORLD.

Panel 2: CAN'T YOU TRY TO ACQUIRE SOME TASTE AND DIGNITY?

Panel 3: OKAY, MOMMA.

Panel 4: GOOD OH, BEFORE YOU GO, DEAR, PLEASE TAKE OUT THE TRASH.

Panel 5: OKAY...

Panel 6: - IS BLACK TIE OPTIONAL? -

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 20, the 324th day of 2018. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 20, 1945, 22 former Nazi officials went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany. (Almost a year later, the International Military Tribunal sentenced 12 of the defendants to death; seven received prison sentences ranging from 10 years to life; three were acquitted.)

On this date:

In 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

In 1910, the Mexican Revolution of 1910 had its beginnings under the Plan of San Luis Potosí issued by Francisco I. Madero.

In 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, at Westminster Abbey.

In 1967, the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phase-out. A group of American Indian activists began a 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

In 1976, the boxing drama "Rocky," starring Sylvester Stallone, premiered in New York.

In 1982, in one of college football's oddest finales, the University of California used five laterals to score a disputed winning touchdown on the last play of a game against Stanford, 25-20.

In 1985, the first version of Microsoft's Windows operating system, Windows 1.0, was officially released.

In 1998, forty-six states embraced a \$206 billion settlement with cigarette makers over health costs for treating sick smokers.

In 2000, lawyers for Al Gore and George W. Bush battled before the Florida Supreme Court over whether the presidential election recount should be allowed to continue.

In 2003, Michael Jackson was booked on suspicion of child molestation in Santa

Barbara, Calif. (Jackson was later acquitted at trial.) Record producer Phil Spector was charged with murder in the shooting death of an actress, Lana Clarkson, at his home in Alhambra, California. (Spector's first trial ended with a hung jury in 2007; he was convicted of second-degree murder in 2009 and sentenced to 19 years to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: Sen. Ted Stevens, the chamber's longest-serving Republican, delivered his swan song address following his failed re-election bid; he was saluted by his colleagues as a staunch friend and teacher. The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to impose new sanctions aimed at reducing the arms flowing into Somalia and the lawlessness and piracy that were flourishing there.

Five years ago: Secretary of State John Kerry said the U.S. and Afghanistan had agreed on the language of a bilateral security pact that would clear the way for thousands of U.S. troops to train and assist Afghan forces after the NATO combat mission ended in 2014. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation allowing same-sex weddings in his state.

One year ago: President Donald Trump announced that he was designating North Korea, which he called a "murderous regime," as a state sponsor of terror. CBS News suspended Charlie Rose, and PBS stopped distribution of his nightly interview show, after a Washington Post report carried accusations of sexual misconduct from eight women. Nebraska regulators approved an alternative route for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, the last major regulatory hurdle facing the project's operator.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Kaye Ballard is 93. Actress Estelle Parsons is 91. Comedian Dick Smothers is 80. Singer Norman Greenbaum is 76. Former Vice President Joe Biden is 76. Actress Veronica Hamel is 75. Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff is 72. Actor Samuel E. Wright is 72. Singer Joe Walsh is 71. Actor Richard Masur is 70. Opera singer

Barbara Hendricks is 70. National security adviser John Bolton is 70. Actress Bo Derek is 62. Former NFL player Mark Gastineau is 62. Reggae musician Jimmy Brown (UB40) is 61. Actress Sean Young is 59. Pianist Jim Brickman is 57. Rock musician Todd Nance (Widespread Panic) is 56. Actress Ming-Na is 55. Actor Ned Vaughn is 54. Rapper Mike D (The Beastie

Boys) is 53. Rapper Sen Dog (Cypress Hill) is 53. Actress Callie Thorne is 49. Actress Sabrina Lloyd is 48. Actor Joel McHale is 47. Actress Marisa Ryan is 44. Country singer Dierks (duhkr) Bentley is 43. Actor Joshua Gomez is 43. Actress Laura Harris is 42. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Dawes is 42. Country singer Josh Turner is 41. Actress Nadine Velazquez

is 40. Actress Andrea Riseborough is 37. Actor Jeremy Jordan is 34. Actor Dan Byrd is 33. Actress Ashley Fink is 32. Rock musician Jared Followill (Kings of Leon) is 32. Actress Jaina Lee Ortiz is 32. Actor Cody Linley is 29. Pop musician Michael Clifford (5 Seconds of Summer) is 23.

Thought for Today:

"There is no greatness where there is not simplicity."

Leo Tolstoy
Russian author
(1828-1910)

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| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Despise | 1 African beast larger than a rhino | 67 Thaws | 1 Central position |
| 5 Billiards bounce | 2 Opera solos | 68 Speak unclearly | 10 Frozen spike |
| 10 Something to scratch | 3 Pick-me-up beverage | 69 Salon colorist | 11 Poker hand that beats a 20 Across |
| 14 Clothes-smoothing appliance | 4 Contestants | 70 Newspaper-printing machine | 12 Birthday party dessert |
| 15 "Me, too" | 5 Baby cow | 71 Work at a keyboard | 13 Make snake sounds |
| 16 Spiced tea | 6 "Be that ___ may . . ." | | 21 "Either you do it, ___ will!" |
| 17 Half a quart | 7 Leaf-gathering implement | | 25 Ancient |
| 18 Was fond of | 8 Signs of the future | | 27 "My country, 'tis of ___" |
| 19 Annoys | | | 28 ___ view mirror (windshield attachment) |
| 20 Not-so-great poker hand | | | 29 Desert haven |
| 22 Mediocre grades | | | 31 Hand-washing bar |
| 23 Academy Award | | | 32 Trumpet or bugle |
| 24 Pilfered | | | 33 Have the lead role |
| 26 Liquid explosive, for short | | | 34 Cincinnati's state |
| 30 Dog's restraint | | | 35 Poker hand that beats an 11 Down |
| 33 Cushiony | | | 37 Chick's chirp |
| 36 Gathered in a pile | | | 38 Otherwise |
| 39 Dove's sound | | | 42 "Time to ask for directions, folks" |
| 40 Therefore | | | 44 Tax form ID |
| 41 Flip-chart stand | | | 47 Wood used for homebuilding |
| 42 Be dressed in | | | 49 Canine sound |
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Elliott, Cowboys in thick of NFC East with Redskins up next

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Ezekiel Elliott still had five more games to watch last year after the Dallas Cowboys lost in Atlanta at the beginning of their star running back's six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations.

After playing a huge role in helping the Cowboys thrust themselves into the NFC East race with a win at the Falcons, Elliott will be right in the middle of trying to get them back to the playoffs instead of having to watch a season go south without the 2016 NFL rushing champ.

"We can't lose this grit. We can't lose the way we're going out there and working every day. We can't lose the way we're going out there and competing on Sundays," Elliott said after a 22-19 win over the Falcons. "We've got to build on that."

It's quite a two-game streak to build on for Dallas (5-5): road victories over the past two Super Bowl participants from the NFC, before which the Cowboys were winless away from home and teetering on playoff extinction just halfway through the season.

And it set up a Thanksgiving showdown against Washington (6-4) on Thursday with the division lead on the line.

"That's all that much more reason to appreciate how this team's come together and be where we are right now," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "We (Cowboys and Redskins) don't always play for a ti-



Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott plows through Atlanta Falcons safety Damontae Kazee on his way to the end zone and a touchdown during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, in Atlanta. Dallas won 22-19.

AP photo

tle, but to some degree, we're playing for it out there Thanksgiving day."

Both victories featured winning drives to answer tying fourth-quarter touchdowns — first against defending champion Philadelphia. The Cowboys actually answered two tying TDs in the final quarter against the Eagles.

Elliott had two of his five 100-yard rushing games and combined for 388 yards from scrimmage and three touchdowns in wins over the Eagles and Falcons.

Instead of wondering what they'll do without that kind of production, the Cowboys are feeding off growing confidence in an offensive line that is finally absorbing changes and

the residual benefits of new No. 1 receiver Amari Cooper, acquired in a trade when Dallas was 3-4 going into its open week.

"We've talked about that for a couple weeks now," quarterback Dak Prescott said. "The way teams are playing us and the way they're playing Amari and adjusting their coverages has given us favorable boxes. The offensive line is doing a great job of taking advantage of that. Zeke's finding holes and making people miss."

Prescott was sacked a career-high eight times in his first game without Elliott last year against the Falcons, the start of a three-game losing streak.

Although the Cowboys won the final three without their running back, the margin for error was gone. A loss to Seattle in Elliott's return eliminated Dallas a year after Prescott and Elliott led the team to an NFC-best 13 wins.

The reward for the current two-game surge is three straight home games, although one-loss New Orleans is the middle opponent. After an extended break following the Saints game, the Eagles visit. Philadelphia's hopes of a repeat are fading coming off a blowout loss at New Orleans.

"We played our way back into this thing, but this one is every bit as big as the last two," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said on his radio show Monday. "So, we got to pull this off and it's great we put ourselves back into a position to be relevant here."

The formula from the two road wins seems to be the best hope for the Cowboys. The defense keeps them in games, as it has done several times this season, while the offense makes the winning plays late.

One of the fourth-quarter TDs against Atlanta was set up by rookie linebacker Leighton Vander Esch's second interception in as many games.

"We're gelling at the right time," Prescott said. "We're complementing the defense. They get turnovers. We're turning them into points and when you do that, you give yourself a chance. We know we're going to be in every game."

MAVS

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Garrett Temple and Conley each converted 3-pointers in the stretch that gave Memphis the lead for good. The Mavericks' 88 points were not only a season low, but the first time this season Dallas didn't reach 100.

"That's what Memphis is all about," said guard Dennis Smith Jr., who led the Mavericks 19 points. "They've been like that for years."

Neither teams held a lead of more than six points until the final Memphis rally. Several Memphis players said their physical play can wear teams down, and at some point,

cracks start showing in the opponents' play.

As it did in the fourth quarter.

"I thought we played three tough, solid quarters," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "And then the fourth, we had some breakdowns."

Jaren Jackson Jr. finished with 13 points and Temple added 12 as Memphis won its sixth in the last seven.

DeAndre Jordan added 17 points and a season-high 20 rebounds. Luka Doncic had 15 points and 10 rebounds — the rookie's first double-double of his career — but was 6 of 20 from the field.

The main impact from the Memphis defense wasn't on turnovers — Dallas ended the game with 11 — but rather the

Mavericks shooting a season-low 34 percent.

"We want to be a unique team — you see all these high, high scoring games — that holds teams to under 90 points. And grinds out wins," Temple said.

TIP-INS
Mavericks: Doncic was 0 of 6 in the first quarter before converting the first shot of the second quarter. ... Dallas made only four 3-pointers in the first half, including three by Dorian Finney-Smith. Doncic had the fourth one. ... Jordan has led Dallas in rebounding in all but one game this season (Harrison Barnes with 13 on Nov. 6 against Washington). ... The Maverick previous low in points for a game this season was in

the season-opener when they scored 100 points in a loss to Phoenix

Grizzlies: Conley converted a 4-point play in the closing seconds of the first half. ... Gasol had eight rebounds in the first quarter. His 15 for the game was a season-high. ... Gasol, who entered the game having made 12 of 25 3-pointers over the last three games, missed all five of his shots from outside the arc. ... Memphis won its 11th game of the season, halfway to last year's total of 22.

SEE YOU COME SPRING TIME

The two teams will not meet again until March 2 at Dallas. Then the Southwest Division foes will play a back-to-back

in April — in Dallas on April 5 and then in Memphis on April 7.

CONLEY SHOOTING

Conley, coming off a season where he played only 12 games because of a season-ending heel injury, struggled shooting in the early stages this year as he got back into game shape. He has connected on 50 of 102 shots over his last six games. "I sure hope you didn't think I was going to shoot like 10 percent for the rest of the year," Conley said after the game.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Host Brooklyn on Wednesday night.

Grizzlies: Travel to San Antonio to face the Spurs on Wednesday night.

SPURS

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I just play through them," Randle said. "When I play with that mindset, without thinking about anything else, I'm successful."

Randle injected the Pelicans with the energy and play-making they needed from their top reserve. He had six of New Orleans' 14 offensive rebounds as New Orleans totaled 21 second-chance points. He also made nine of his 13 shots.

Pelicans guard Jrue Holiday said Randle has recently changed games with "his motor, really. The way he's been decisive offensively. I feel like he's kind of like a bull down there."

The 6-foot-9 Randle is also comfortable starting fast breaks with outlet passes or on the dribble after he comes down with rebounds, and Holiday credited his first-year teammate for making the right plays when he handles or distributes the ball, sets screens and rolls to the hoop.

"He's been doing everything," Holiday said.

E'Twaun Moore scored 24 points and Holiday 21 for New Orleans, which shot nearly 58 percent (59 of 102). Nikola Mirotic hit three of four 3-point attempts and finished with 13 points, while second-year pro Frank Jackson, who because of injury did not make his debut until this season, scored 12 points

DeMar DeRozan scored 21 points and Bryn Forbes added 20 for the Spurs, who defeated Golden State a night earlier but have now lost four of five. Dante Cunningham hit all five 3s he attempted and scored 19 points, but did not score in the second half. Rudy Gay added 17 points.

"As the game went on, their athleticism got to us," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "They played really well and were aggressive. They shot it well and they did a good job moving the ball and moving bodies. We just didn't have enough juice."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Fell to 2-6 on the road. ... Marco Belinelli

and Jakob Poeltl each scored 11, while LaMarcus Aldridge grabbed 10 rebounds. ... Attempted just six 3s in the second half, missing five. ... Committed 15 turnovers that led to 25 Pelicans points.

Pelicans: Randle now has six career triple-doubles. ... New Orleans improved to 8-1 at home, including 8-0 when Davis plays. ... Had 34 assists on 59 made field goals. ... Holiday had nine assists but also committed five of New Orleans' 11 turnovers.

PIVOTAL RUNS

Sharp shooting from deep in the first half helped San Antonio build a 10-point lead. The Spurs hit 10 of their first 14 3-point shots, with Cunningham hitting all five he attempted in front of what used to be his home crowd. When Forbes hit his fourth 3 of the game, San Antonio led 60-51 with 4:28 still left in the second quarter.

But Randle's driving layup 10 seconds later marked the beginning of a game-turning 17-5 Pelicans run during the next 3 1/2 minutes.

Moore hit a pair of 3s during the spurt, Randle added a follow shot while being fouled and Jackson converted a pair of transition layups, one a reverse as he was fouled.

San Antonio was still as close as 83-82 on Gay's fade in the third quarter. But New Orleans responded with seven straight points on Wesley Johnson's wing 3 and consecutive dunks by Davis, and the Pelicans methodically built a double-digit lead that got as large as 20.

JACKON'S PROMISE

Jackson hasn't always been a regular in New Orleans' rotation this season, but that could change given his recent play.

"It's exciting to see somebody so young come out and have meaningful minutes, be able to hold his own," Holiday said. "I feel like his confidence and the confidence from the coaches grow every single day."

UP NEXT

Spurs: Host Memphis on Wednesday night.

Pelicans: Visit Philadelphia on Wednesday night.

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Redskins turn to McCoy as starter, sign Sanchez as backup

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Sports Writer
ASHBURN, Va. — Colt McCoy knew exactly what his teammates needed to hear. In the aftermath of a gut-wrenching two-point loss and the sickening season-ending injury to Alex Smith, McCoy stood up in the Washington Redskins locker room and addressed the group. McCoy "told us we were in good hands," running back Chris Thompson said. "We had no doubt about that from the jump. We lost the game, but I will say Colt talking to us afterwards really had the dudes hyped up and we're ready to get to Dallas." Washington signed

Mark Sanchez on Monday to serve as the new backup, but this is McCoy's team now after Smith broke his right tibia and fibula in gruesome fashion. McCoy will start Thursday when the Redskins visit the Dallas Cowboys in a Thanksgiving showdown that will go a long way to determining who wins the NFC East, and the 32-year-old has the full confidence of the coaching staff and players to take over for the rest of the season. "I just feel very comfortable with Colt and always have," coach Jay Gruden said. "It's been a luxury to have him as a backup quarterback and now it's a great opportunity for him to take the reins. I know he's excited about it. He's a guy that knows



Washington Redskins quarterback Colt McCoy (12) celebrates running back Adrian Peterson's touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Houston Texans, Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 in Landover, Md.

AP photo

NFL Standings

American Football Conference

AFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Patriots	7	3	0	280	236
Dolphins	5	5	0	199	256
Bills	3	7	0	137	251
Jets	3	7	0	208	254
AFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chief	9	2	0	404	294
Chargers	7	3	0	262	209
Broncos	4	6	0	228	235
Raiders	2	8	0	170	293
AFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Steelers	7	2	1	299	225
Ravens	5	5	0	237	181
Bengals	5	5	0	256	312
Browns	3	6	1	218	263
AFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Texans	7	3	0	239	205
Colts	5	5	0	298	249
Titans	5	5	0	178	189
Jaguars	3	7	0	176	219

National Football Conference

NFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Redskins	6	4	0	197	198
Cowboys	5	5	0	203	190
Eagles	4	6	0	205	231
Giants	3	7	0	215	263
NFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Rams	10	1	0	389	282
Seahawks	5	5	0	246	216
Cardinals	2	8	0	145	248
49ers	2	8	0	230	266
NFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Bears	7	3	0	294	195
Vikings	5	4	1	241	229
Packers	4	5	1	247	243
Lions	4	6	0	222	263
NFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Saints	9	1	0	378	239
Panthers	6	4	0	260	252
Falcons	4	6	0	263	276
Buccaneers	3	7	0	267	329

the system, he's a competitor, accurate with the football, understands where to go with the football — we assume — but we'll see on Thursday." Until Sunday, McCoy hadn't thrown a pass in a regular-season game since 2015. The Cowboys game will be his first start since 2014, the same season he beat Dallas on the road on Monday night. That was ages ago in NFL time, but there's a reason McCoy has been on the roster since Gruden came to Washington. His knowledge of the offense was evident even to Houston Texans players when McCoy seamlessly took over for Smith. "He's been here for years," Texans cornerback Johnathan Joseph said.

"He understands the offense well. There's been a point in time where they were talking about him being the starter. So it's good to have two guys that can come in. As soon as he came in the game, it was like they never dropped off from where they were." Whether backing up Robert Griffin III, Kirk Cousins or Smith, McCoy has developed a reputation among teammates for being ready to play in a heartbeat. Center Chase Roullier said McCoy treats each day leading the scout team in practice as his Super Bowl, and no one has ever said the former University of Texas star was unprepared. "Even last year when he didn't I think get a single snap all season, he prepared like he was the starter then," linebacker Ryan Kerrigan said. "To have that mentality and to be that consistent with that mentality really speaks volumes to him as a pro-

fessional." McCoy, who started for Cleveland and San Francisco earlier in his career, has only appeared in nine games over the past three-plus seasons with Washington. Practice is one thing, and McCoy realizes game action is a different animal. "I've still got to knock a little bit of rust off and get ready on a short week," McCoy said after going 6 of 12 or 54 yards and a touchdown Sunday against Houston. "It's tough. It's not ideal. I think for me I've been here a little while. Haven't taking reps with these guys in three of four years, so I think there will be a little bit of a transition there but probably more for me than for them." It's a tough turnaround for Sanchez, but Gruden said the Redskins signed him because of his NFL experience and familiarity with offensive coordinator Matt Cavanaugh and

quarterbacks coach Kevin O'Donnell from his time with the New York Jets. Sanchez got the nod over Kellen Clemens, T.J. Yates, EJ Manuel and Josh Johnson after all five worked out at the team's facility Monday. "He's won some playoff games, has got a lot of experience," Gruden said. "I think this time of the year you need somebody who's taken some meaningful snaps with a lot of experience, and Mark's done that." NOTES: Gruden said Smith's surgery went well and expects the QB to make a full recovery in six to eight months. ... RB Chris Thompson, who has missed the past three games with injured ribs, said he's feeling "a whole lot better" and hopes to be a game-time decision. ... CB Quinton Dunbar (shin) and LT Trent Williams (thumb) are possibilities to return at Dallas.

Texans look to push streak to franchise-record 8 games



Houston Texans outside linebacker Brennan Scarlett (57) celebrates his interception of an Alex Smith pass during an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins, in Landover, Md. The Texans became the first team since 1925 to win seven straight games after starting 0-3 with their victory over Washington on Sunday.

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