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## Meals for Martin



**Martin Gutierrez**

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
 Managing Editor

In efforts to provide some relief and monetary support to the family of Martin Gutierrez, the 25 year-old Coahoma native who recently and tragically passed away

in Austin where he lived, the Coahoma High School Class of 2011 is putting on a plate fundraiser. Everyone is encouraged to come and show support for the Gutierrez family, and to let the 2011 class members cook lunch for you this Saturday, December 8 at 11:30 p.m. inside the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria.

According to one of the event coordinators, Brittany Villareal, Class of 2011 members will prepare brisket plates served with sausage, beans, potato salad, a dessert and a drink. The plates will be ten dollars, and all of the proceeds will go directly to Martin's family to assist them with any expenses.

"With the help from some of the parents that have really big grills and smokers

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## BSI hosts first-ever District UIL Academic Meet



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Elementary students from four area school districts gathered at Big Spring Intermediate School Wednesday for the school's first-ever District UIL academic meet. Here, students line up in the school's gymnasium to be directed to the classrooms where they would compete. See Friday's edition of the Herald for a story and results from the event.

## Heritage Museum to honor founder Jerry Worthy

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

The Heritage Museum of Big Spring will host a reception honoring one its most staunchly supportive founders.

"It's Jerry Worthy that were honoring," said Museum Director/Curator Tammy Schreengost. "He was the first president, and he spear-headed the group and led the group in starting the museum. We're thankful to all of those who worked hard to establish and get the museum going, but today is a day that we would like to single out Jerry Worthy and his efforts."

Schreengost said the museum has commissioned a portrait of Worthy along with a plaque, which will be presented at the reception Friday from 6 to 7 p.m.

"It'll be a wine and cheese reception to just give thanks to Jerry," she said. "Anyone can come."

The Heritage Museum of Big Spring, located at 510 S. Scurry St., was founded in 1971.

"I think they had considered the old depot as being a museum location, but they were not allowed to go forth with that because of the danger it presented being right there on the railroad tracks, next to the trains," said Schreengost.

The museum's current location was originally the Big Spring home of Dora Roberts.

"When she passed away, it became the Howard County Library," Schreengost added. "Then when they moved, the building was available. In



**Jerry Worthy**

1971, the museum was organized and they moved into the home, which was made available by the Horace Garrett family. The first exhibit

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## Oh, Christmas tree



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Lighted garlands, giant toy soldiers and a stunning Christmas tree deck the entry hall and grand staircase of Big Spring's Hotel Settles in beautiful holiday style. The Settles Grill will host a Christmas Champagne Buffet Dec. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 432-267-7500 for reservations.

**Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown**



**Jordan** says  
 "Only 19 Days 'til Christmas!"  
 (Jordan Parr, Sports Editor)

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## Warming up our Community

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Winter can be a time of fun with snow falling down and children getting a glimpse of their breath in the frosty winter air, but with that being said, there is no denying it is cold! Many don't even think about the ones who don't get to enjoy the benefits of winter, or about the ones who don't know how they going to be able to endure the cold season because the lack of proper winter clothes. This is why, for the

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Courtesy photo

Merlinda Moron (above), Holy Trinity Youth Group Minister, sorts through donated coats during the 2017 annual Warming up our Community event. This year's 8th Annual Warming up our Community event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Guadalupe Family Center.

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## Obituaries

### Margaret Sue D'Spain Horton



Margaret Sue D'Spain Horton, 85, passed away on Dec. 3, 2018, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. The family will receive friends on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Fairmont Park Church of Christ in Midland. Graveside services will be held on Monday,

Dec. 10, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, Texas.

Margaret was born on Dec. 29, 1932, in McLean, Texas, to Harris and Mary D'Spain. She was married to Joe Frank Horton on April 22, 1956, in Austin, Texas. She earned a bachelor's degree in music from Abilene Christian University and she received a master's in education from the University of Texas at Austin. She taught school for 40 years and retired from the Big Spring Independent

School District in 1995. She was an avid reader and active in the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring prior to moving to Midland in 2012.

She is survived by her son, Jeff Horton and his wife, Victoria of Keller, Texas; her son, Jon Horton and his wife, Renee of Colleyville, Texas; her daughter, Janene Binnion and her husband, Doug of Midland, Texas; she had five grandchildren, Leslye Amon, Lauren Bertrand, Devin Vought, Maren Binnion, Nathan Binnion and five great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harris and Mary D'Spain; her husband, Joe Horton; and grandson, Jason Horton.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards Hospice of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Children's Home of Lubbock or The Westview Boys' Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made to [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Jacqueline "Jackie" Marchant Simpson



Jacqueline "Jackie" Marchant Simpson, 84, of Big Spring, went to be with our Lord Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, at Marcy Place. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Courtney Ballard, pastor of Circuit Riders Cowboy Church, officiating. Graveside services will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at the funeral home.

Jackie is survived by a son, Chris Simpson and wife, Rhonda of Big Spring; a daughter, Gina Elson of Austin; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Ricky Simpson; a brother, Charlie; four brothers-in-law and three sisters-in-law.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JESSE MARTINEZ**, 50, of 107 Becker Rd., was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 33, of 1611 S Owens St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **ABEL SILVA**, 41, of 400 block of NE 10th St., was arrested on an outstanding warrants, and fail to maintain financial responsibility.

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- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 4200 block of N Hwy 87, in the 3000 block of N Hwy 87, and in the 300 block of E Leatherwood Rd.

- **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 3400 block of E 11th Pl.

- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was

reported in the 1700 block of W 3rd St.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1800 block of S Main St., and in the 3200 block of Cornell Ave.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

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

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of S Owens St.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a war-

rant of child support-failure to appear.

- **JESSE MARTINEZ**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of parole violation.

- **DEHALIE MARIE NUNEZ**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **ABEL SILVA**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid, violate promise to appear, bail jumping and fail to appear, and fail to maintain financial responsibility.

## Take Note

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

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

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

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

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

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

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

- The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30

pm.at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank .

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

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

For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

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

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

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

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

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

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

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

### Donald Ray Wilson



Donald Ray Wilson, age 71, passed away Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, at Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City, Texas. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 6th at the Breckenridge Cemetery with Jim Cox officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Morehart Mortuary of Breckenridge.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of E 13th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of S Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **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 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### 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.

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# WARM

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past seven years, Holy Trinity Youth (HTY) has been trying to help aid those who need it by donating warm coats, gloves and many other winter essentials to local families in need. This year, they are bringing the coat drive back again!

This year, HTY is hosting their 8th Annual "Warming Up Our Community," an event that has turned into a tradition where with the help of others, many items are able to be provided to those who need a little warmth during the cold holidays. This year, the event is set to take place on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Guadalupe Family Center inside Holy Trinity Catholic Church, located at 1009 Hearn St. Holy Trinity is inviting those in need to come and join them "warming up!"

"This is a service project our youth group has hosted for the last seven years," stated Merlinda Moron, Holy Trinity Youth Group Minister.

"We begin in November by asking our church members to look through their closets for jackets and blankets they no longer need. Our parishioners are very generous, so we usually have a good variety for our Howard County community to choose from."

Health experts report that even a 2-degree drop in body temperature results in reduced heart rate, loss of coordination, and confusion. Adults cannot work effectively and children find it difficult to learn. For most, a warm coat solves the problem, but for the nearly 15% of Americans living in poverty, a warm winter coat is a budget "extra."

"We do this because we know not everyone has a warm coat or blankets. This is just a way that we can help those who need it," said Moron. "Last year was the best one yet as we were able to help out 20 families with coats, scarves, gloves and blankets. We go through every donation we get and we make sure that we are giving out good quality items."

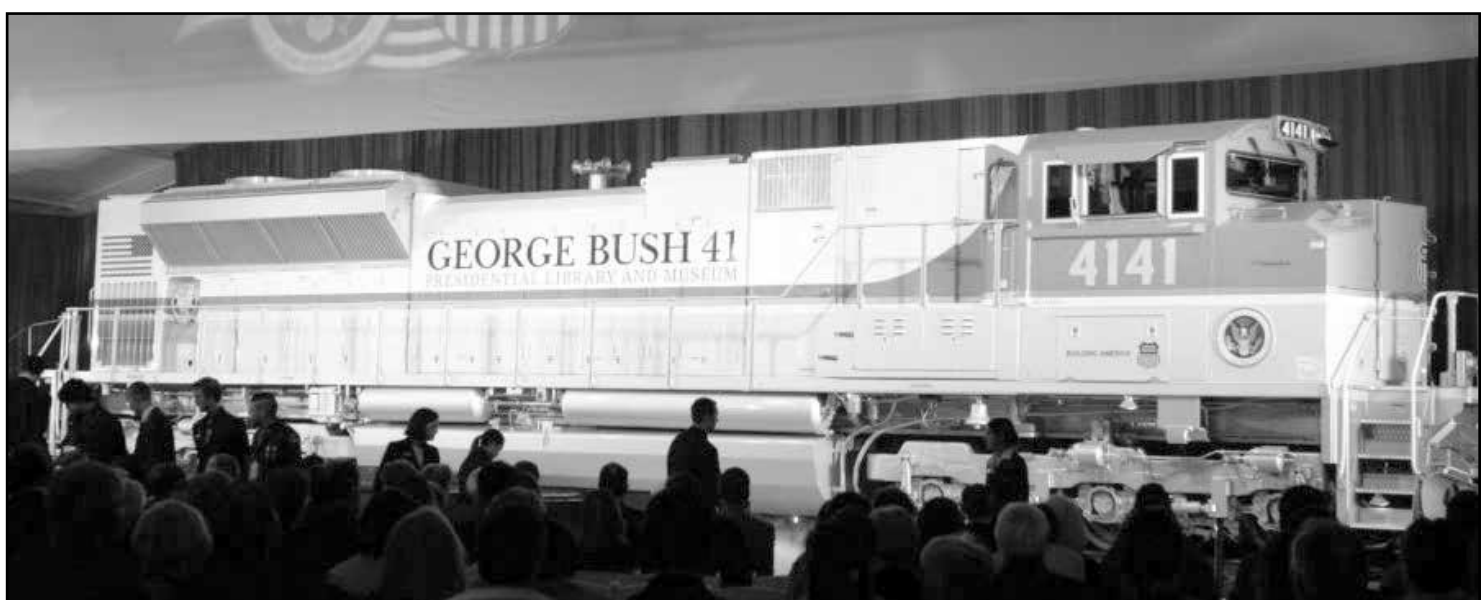
Moron also stated that during the event Saturday, there will be hot chocolate and other refreshments that will be provided and that this event is free to those in need.

"A couple that are involved with the St. Vincent De Paul society help us every year by informing the people that go for financial help or food on Thursday mornings," said Moron. "This gives us a better opportunity to help more people. We have helped more than 50 families over the years. Each year we hope to help more than the year before."

"And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.'" Luke 3:11

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com).

# Presidential funeral train is first in nearly 50 years



AP photo

In this Oct. 18, 2005, file photo, a new locomotive numbered 4141 in honor of the 41st president, George H.W. Bush, is unveiled at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The locomotive was painted to resemble Air Force One, but George H.W. Bush joked that if it had been around during his presidency, he may have preferred to ride the rails rather than take to the skies.

"I might have left Air Force One behind," Bush quipped during the 2005 unveiling of 4141, a blue and gray locomotive commissioned in honor of the 41st president and unveiled at Texas A&M University.

On Thursday, that same 4,300-horsepower machine carried Bush's casket, along with relatives and close friends, for around 70 miles (113 kilometers). The journey through five small Texas towns was expected to take about two and a half hours. It will deliver the casket from suburban Houston to College Station.

There, a motorcade will take Bush to his presidential library at the university, where he will be laid to rest at a private ceremony next to his wife, Barbara, who died in April, and his daughter Robin, who died at age 3 in 1953.

The train's sixth car, a converted baggage hauler called "Council Bluffs," has been fitted with transparent sides to allow mourners lining the tracks on Thursday views of Bush's flag draped coffin.

It will be the eighth funeral train in U.S. history and the first since Dwight D. Eisenhower's body traveled from the National Cathedral in Washington through seven states to his Kansas hometown of Abilene 49 years ago. Abraham Lincoln's funeral

train was the first, in 1865.

Robert F. Kennedy was never president, but he was running for the White House when he was assassinated in Los Angeles in 1968. His body was later transported to New York City for a funeral Mass and then taken by private train to Washington for burial at Arlington National Cemetery. Thousands of mourners lined the tracks for the 200-plus-mile journey.

Union Pacific originally commissioned the Bush locomotive for the opening of an exhibit at his presidential library titled "Trains: Tracks of the Iron Horse." It was one of the few times the company has painted a locomotive any color other than its traditional yellow. After a brief training session during 4141's unveiling 13 years ago, Bush took the engineer's seat and helped take the locomotive for a 2-mile excursion.

"We just rode on the railroads all the time, and I've never forgotten it," Bush said at the time, recalling how he took trains, and often slept on them, during trips as a child with his family. He also called the locomotive "the Air Force One of railroads."

Bush, who died last week at his Houston home at age 94, was eulogized Wednesday at a funeral service at the National Cathedral. By evening, his casket was at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston.

The funeral train has been part of the official planning for his death for years, Bush spokesman Jim McGrath said.

Union Pacific was contacted by federal officials in early 2009 and asked, at Bush's request, about providing a funeral train at some point, company spokesman Tom Lange said.

"We said, 'Of course and also we have this locomotive that we would want to have obviously be part of it,'" Lange said. He noted that trains were the mode of transportation that first carried Bush to his service as a naval aviator in World War II and back home again.

Eisenhower was the last president to travel by train regularly. A key reason was his wife, Mamie, who hated to fly. During the 1952 campaign, Eisenhower traveled more than 51,000 miles and made 252 stops. And while he often flew, his wife rode the train the whole time, Union Pacific said.

Still, when Bush beat Democrat Michael Dukakis and won the presidency in 1988, both candidates used trains to make some campaign stops. Bush also occasionally traveled by train in 1992, when he was defeated by Democrat Bill Clinton, including making Midwest stops aboard a train dubbed "The Spirit of America."

# WORTHY

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that opened was April 18, 1971. It was an exhibit of photographs donated by pioneers. We still have those, and they've served for many years as a very important part of the museum."

Worthy, 90, owner of Worthy Land and Development Inc. in Big Spring, has been a longtime supporter of local projects and serves as a board member on the Big Spring Area Foundation.

For more information about the reception, contact the Heritage Museum of Big Spring at 432-267-8255.

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Ricky Dale Martin, 64, died Monday. He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

# MEALS

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that can cook 20 briskets at a time, we will all be working together to get it done. Everyone from our class is pitching in and helping, whether it be cooking or just organizing the event, or even just coming in and being with us for the day. Even the ones that are from out of town are coming in this weekend, so we will all be working together," said Villareal. "Deciding to do this for the family was a group effort on everyone's part. We have a Facebook group page that we all talk

back and forth on, and we all knew we wanted to step in and do something to help out the family because we were all close in that group growing up and we have always been together."

Howard County is no stranger to banding together as a community when times get tough to help out our fellow neighbors. The Coahoma class of 2011 is another example of that, and although the circumstances are devastating, coming together only brings light to the situation.

"I think it just shows that no matter how far we are or how long we go without seeing or talking to each other, we all will still have

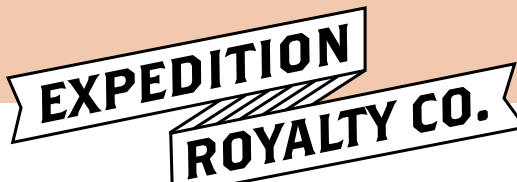
each other's backs no matter the situation," said Villareal. "We are always there for each other."

If you would like more information on the fundraiser for Martin Gutierrez being put on by his former classmates, or if you would like to preorder Meals for Martin plates, please contact Brittany Villareal at 432-270-1705. Cash or checks will be accepted the day of the event. Donations are also welcome and can be made via Paypal at [chsbulldogs2011@yahoo.com](mailto:chsbulldogs2011@yahoo.com).

Contact Managing Editor Marissa Loftin at 432-263-7331 ext. 230, or by email at [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com).

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## Winter storm watch issued for parts of Oklahoma, Texas

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A winter storm watch has been issued for parts of Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle as snow and freezing rain head toward the region.

The winter storm watch is in effect through Saturday night. In Oklahoma, forecasters say 2 to 4 inches of snow is possible along the Interstate 40 corridor. Some areas could see ice accumulations of about three-tenths of an inch, which could cause power outages and tree damage.

In Texas, forecasters say some parts of the Panhandle could see up to 6 inches of snow through Saturday.

The National Weather Service also predicts several inches of snow in northern Arkansas along with heavy rainfall in the southern part of the state during the weekend.

## Texas death sentence again thrown out over disability claims

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' highest criminal court has again vacated the death sentence of a Dallas man so that a jury can reconsider whether he's intellectually disabled.

The ruling Wednesday marks the second time the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has overturned the death sentence of Kenneth Wayne Thomas. He was convicted in 1987 of fatally stabbing Mildred Finch, the wife of Dallas civil rights lawyer Fred Finch, who was also

killed in the attack.

The court vacated his first death sentence in 2010 after saying jurors had no way of considering mitigating evidence that Thomas had low intelligence. A different jury again sentenced Thomas to death, concluding he didn't have an intellectual disability.

But the appeals court said in Wednesday's 5-4 ruling that the second jury used flawed criteria and it ordered another sentencing hearing.

## Major championships return to Texas with PGA of America move

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — The PGA of America is leaving Florida for a \$520 million development in the Dallas area that will include a 500-room hotel, a massive conference center and two golf courses that will bring major championships back to Texas.

The decision Tuesday followed approval of an incentives package by the Frisco City Council and other government entities. The move is not expected until the summer of 2022, about the time the two golf courses, a 9-hole short course and practice areas are to be finished.

The first tournament will be the Senior PGA Championship in 2023.

As part of the agreement, the PGA Championship will be held at one of the two courses in 2027 and 2034. It will be the first time the PGA Championship is held in the Dallas area since Jack Nicklaus won his first Wanamaker Trophy in 1963 at Dallas Athletic Club.

The PGA of America also said it would consider its new headquarters for a Ryder Cup.

The last major in Texas was in 1969, when Orville Moody won the U.S. Open at Champions Golf Club in Houston. Texas was seen as too hot for the PGA Championship, a problem that no longer exists with the major moving from August to May starting next year.

The PGA of America will have two Senior PGAs and two Women's PGA Championships at its new courses during the decade after they open, along with five of its other tournaments, such as the Professional National Championship.

The PGA of America has been based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, the last four decades. Frisco is about 30 miles north of Dallas.

It will invest \$30 million to build a 100,000-square-foot headquarters. Most of the cost of the development falls to Omni Stillwater Woods, a joint venture by Omni Hotels & Resorts with Stillwater Capital and Woods Capital. Omni Stillwater Woods will spend \$455 million to buy the land and build the hotel, conference center, retail space, parking and the golf courses. The golf courses will be owned by the city, and more than 300 high school golfers will practice there.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Gil Hanse, who designed the Olympic golf course in Rio, has been chosen to do one of the courses. The other course and the short course are to be handled by Beau Welling, an architectural disciple of Tom Fazio and now the chief architect for Tiger Woods Design.

Frisco and its development arms, along with the school district, are to contribute no more than \$35 million toward building public facilities. The city will provide performance incentives for 20 years, which would include hotel occupancy and retail. Those incentives could be worth up to \$74 million.



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## Bush saluted with praise, humor, cannons at capital farewell

By CALVIN WOODWARD, LAURIE KELLMAN and ASHRAF KHALIL

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — George H.W. Bush was celebrated with high praise and loving humor Wednesday as the nation bade farewell to the man who was America's 41st president and the last to fight for the U.S. in wartime. Three former presidents looked on at Washington National Cathedral as a fourth — George W. Bush — eulogized his dad.

"To us," the son said of the father, "his was the brightest of a thousand points of light."

After three days of funeral events in Washington, Bush was headed home to Texas for more ceremony and then his burial Thursday. After the cathedral



AP photo  
Former President George W. Bush, right, cries after speaking during the State Funeral for his father, former President George H.W. Bush, at the National Cathedral, Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, in Washington.

the end of his eulogy while invoking the daughter his parents lost when she was 3 and his mother, Barbara, who died in April. He took comfort in

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service, the hearse and a long motorcade drove to the National Mall to pass by the World War II Memorial, a nod to the late president's service as a World War II Navy pilot, then arrived at Joint Base Andrews.

Cannon roared again, "Hail to the Chief" was played for Bush for a final time in the capital and the plane with his casket and Bush family members aboard took off for Houston. He died Friday at age 94.

George W. Bush broke down briefly at the end of his eulogy while invoking the daughter his parents lost when she was 3 and his mother, Barbara, who died in April. He took comfort in

## Border Patrol agent charged with capital murder in Texas

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — A U.S. Border Patrol agent who confessed to killing four women and leaving their bodies on rural Texas roadsides has been charged with capital murder, and a prosecutor said Wednesday that he intends to seek the death penalty.

Juan David Ortiz told investigators that he killed the women — whom police have identified as sex workers — because he wanted "to clean up the streets of Laredo," and that he considered local law enforcement was doing an inadequate job, Webb County District Attorney Isidro Alaniz said at a news conference.

Alaniz said prosecutors will seek the death penalty if Ortiz is found guilty.

Ortiz, 35, was initially charged with four counts of murder, as well as aggravated assault and unlawful restraint. He has been

held in Webb County jail on a \$2.5 million bond since his Sept. 15 arrest in the border town of Laredo.

Ortiz, a Border Patrol intel supervisor and Navy veteran, seemed to be living a typical suburban life with his wife and two children when the killings occurred. After the first slaying, he continued going to work as usual. He was eventually arrested after he pulled a gun on a woman who was able to escape and asked a state trooper for help.

Authorities have said Ortiz knew most of the victims and that he targeted them for their vulnerability. Melissa Ramirez, 29, was slain on Sept. 3, and 42-year-old Claudine Luera was killed on Sept. 13.

On Sept. 14, he picked up another woman, Erika Pena, who told investigators that Ortiz acted oddly when she brought up Ramirez's slaying and later pointed a gun



Juan David Ortiz

at her in a gas station, according to court documents. Pena said Ortiz grabbed her shirt as she tried to get out of his truck, but she pulled it off and ran, finding a state trooper who was refueling his vehicle.

Ortiz fled and, he later told investigators, he then picked up and killed his last two victims — 35-year-old Guiselda Alicia Cantu and 28-year-old Janelle Ortiz, a transgender

woman whose birth name was Humberto Ortiz.

With Pena's help, authorities were able to track Ortiz to a hotel parking garage where he was arrested.

According to court documents, Ortiz confessed to investigators that he had killed four people. All of the women killed had been shot, but one them died of blunt force trauma, Alaniz said Wednesday.

## USA Gymnastics files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy



AP photo  
In this Feb. 26, 2014, file photo, the USA Gymnastics logo is displayed at AT&T Stadium during a news conference announcing in Arlington, Texas.

By WILL GRAVES  
AP Sports Writer

USA Gymnastics is turning to bankruptcy in an effort to ensure its survival.

The embattled organization filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition on Wednesday as it attempts to reach settlements in the dozens of sex-abuse lawsuits it faces and to forestall its potential demise at the hands of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

USA Gymnastics filed the petition in Indianapolis, where it is based. It faces 100 lawsuits representing 350 athletes

in various courts across the country who blame the group for failing to supervise Larry Nassar, a team doctor accused of molesting them.

Kathryn Carson, who was recently elected chairwoman of the board of directors, said the organization is turning to bankruptcy to speed things up after mediation attempts failed to gain traction.

"Those discussions were not moving at any pace," Carson said. "We as a board felt this was a critical imperative and decided to take this action."

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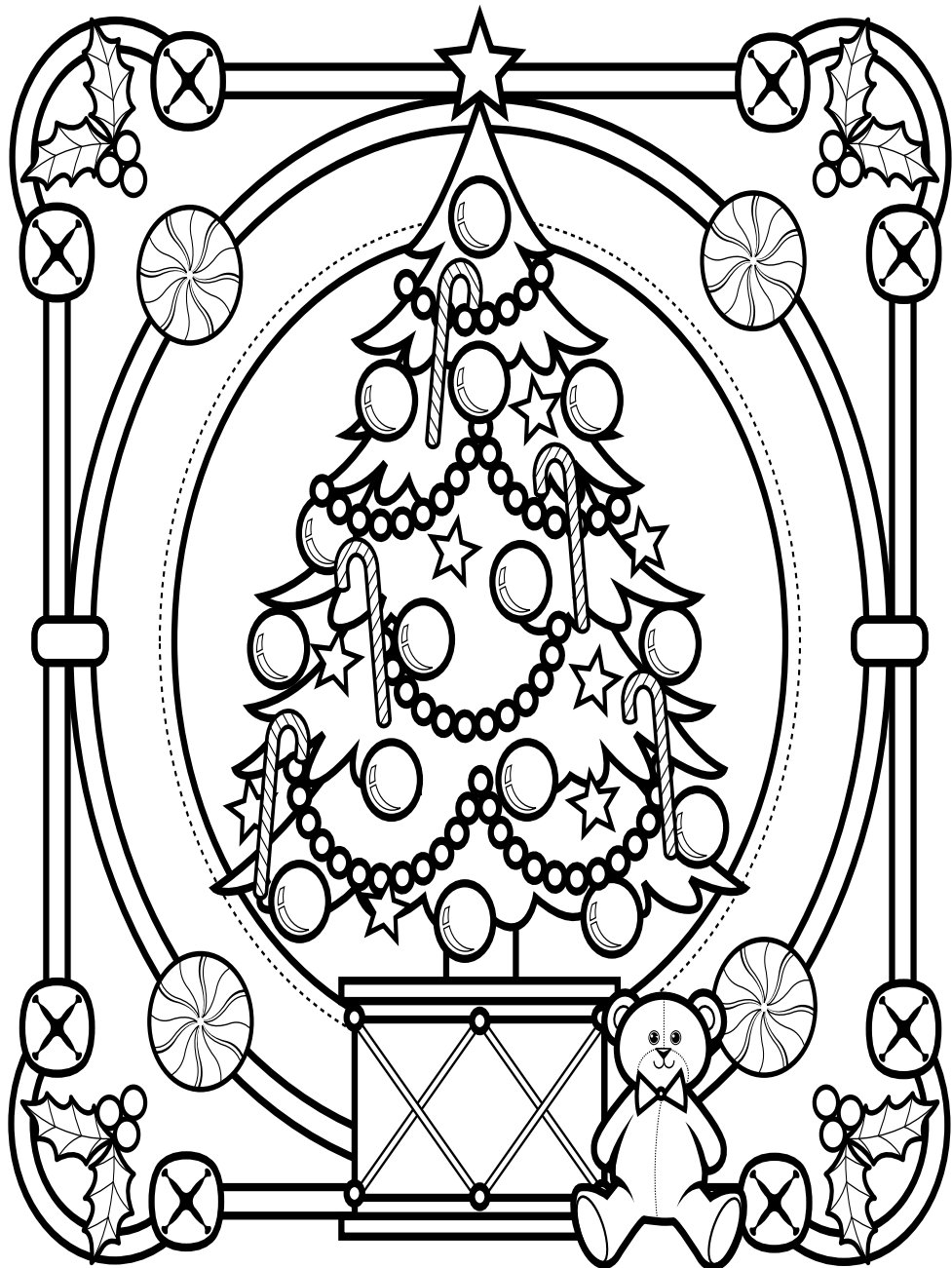
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### LeBron scores 42 as Lakers surge past Spurs late, 121-113



By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — LeBron James had no idea why he was so tired. He slept 11 hours overnight, missing his company Christmas party in the process, and then had a 2½-hour nap before the Los Angeles Lakers' game against San Antonio.

Perhaps his body just knew he would need all that stored-up energy to hold off the Spurs during a frantic finish.

James scored 20 of his 42 points in the fourth quarter and Josh Hart hit two clutch 3-pointers in the final minutes of the Lakers' fourth straight victory, 121-113 on Wednesday night.

Kyle Kuzma had 22 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who lost Brandon Ingram to a sprained left ankle in the first quarter. Los Angeles still beat the Spurs for the first time in three tries this season, but only after James dramatically took control of another fourth quarter during his third four-point game since joining the Lakers.

"It's the fourth quarter, and my teammates look at me to make plays," James said with a shrug. "Sometimes it doesn't happen that way but I put that type of pressure on my back

because I love my teammates giving me that responsibility."

James went 7 of 8 from the field with three 3-pointers in the fourth, but he was quick to point out he had plenty of help from younger Lakers, even after Ingram went down. Kuzma scored nine points in the fourth, including a key dunk on a pass from James with 2:13 left, while Hart and Lonzo Ball both hit big 3s.

Everything added up to an impressive finish by the Lakers, who improved to 15-9 with their eighth win in their last nine home games.

"You just know" when James is about to take over a game, Hart said. "I've said it before. He's the best ever to put on a uniform. When it's happening, sometimes it's amazing. People should stop criticizing, shut up and enjoy his greatness."

DeMar DeRozan scored 32 points and Rudy Gay had a season-high 31 before fouling out for the Spurs in the first of back-to-back games in three days to wrap up the season series between these longtime West rivals. They'll meet again in San Antonio on Friday night.

"We made everything tough for them, (but) it got away from us in the fourth quarter,"

DeRozan said. "Even though we were scoring, going back and forth, we couldn't get those critical stops when we needed them, and that killed us."

San Antonio held an eight-point lead in the fourth before James started a rally by scoring nine consecutive points. The Lakers hit seven 3-pointers in the final period while making 13 of 20 shots overall with one turnover.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 21 points and nine rebounds for the Spurs, who have lost seven of 10.

"They made tough shots," Aldridge said. "Guys competed and tried to keep guys in front of them, but they found the back side of the defense."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Longtime Lakers big man Pau Gasol didn't get to play against his old team. He is out with a stress fracture in his left foot. ... Davis Bertans hit three 3-pointers but also drew a technical foul in the third quarter. "I think I said one more word than I was supposed to," he explained.

Lakers: Ingram had played at least 25 minutes in every game since he returned from a four-game suspension for fighting in Los Angeles' home

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### Randle, Davis push Pelicans past Mavericks 132-106

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Anthony Davis noticed that his rebounding numbers were lower than usual against the Dallas Mavericks. Davis also knew why, and he wasn't about to complain about it, as long as it was Pelicans teammate Julius Randle getting to the ball instead.

"He's playing physical. He wants to go get every rebound. He wants to make every shot. He's a perfectionist in my opinion, and that's a good thing about him," Davis said. "He demands a lot of himself because he wants to win. When you've got a guy like that who's hungry for everything, every possession, every loose ball, it's going to make your team better."

Randle had 27 points and 18 rebounds and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Dallas Mavericks 132-106 on Wednesday night.

Davis also scored 27 points to go with a career-high nine assists, five blocks and four rebounds — nine below his average — despite twisting his ankle and briefly leaving the court for treatment after stepping on Dorian Finney-Smith's foot in the third quarter.

Davis said his ankle felt "great" after the game, and credited his spike in assists to the Pelicans finding a good rhythm by the end of the first quarter and sustaining it until the end.

"Guys are making shots and a lot of guys are playing with confidence and not afraid to take shots," Davis said after New Orleans shot 55.4 percent (51-of-92) overall and an even better 58.6 percent (17-of-29) from 3-point range.

"When guys are going to double-team me, once I get the ball in my hands, I've just got to make the right reads." Jrue Holiday had 17 points and four steals for New Orleans, which largely controlled the contest while winning for just the third time in nine games.

Harrison Barnes had 16 points and Wesley Matthews 15 for the Mavericks, who came in having won five of six but had trouble with the Pelicans' up-tempo pace while playing one night after beating Portland at home.

"We could not get it going from start to finish," Barnes said. "It was not a great night for us, but we have to flush it and keep moving."

"You cannot make excuses for your-



New Orleans Pelicans forward Julius Randle (30) shoots over Dallas Mavericks forward Harrison Barnes (40) and forward Luka Doncic (77) in the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018.

self and the schedule is what it is," Barnes added. "You just have to go out there and play, and tonight we just did not compete at the level that we are used to competing at."

J.J. Barea scored 14 points, and Dwight Powell added 12 points and 10 rebounds for Dallas, which also was short-handed as usual starting guard Dennis Smith Jr. sat out with a sprained right wrist.

"We have to get home, get healed up as much as we can, and get ready to go," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said.

New Orleans never trailed after E'Twaun Moore's 20-foot jumper put the Pelicans up 32-31 at the end of the first quarter.

Running the floor relentlessly, and effectively after many of the Mavs' 18 turnovers, the Pelicans scored 60 points in the paint and 29 on fast breaks.

New Orleans led by 16 at halftime, by as many as 25 in the third quarter and 29 in the fourth.

"We wanted to come in, knowing they were on a back-to-back, and just push the ball and be aggressive," Davis said.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: As Powell dunked early in the fourth quarter, he was poked in eye by Davis. Dallas coach Rick Carlisle received a technical foul for shouting at officials about the play and Holiday made the technical foul shot. ... Finney-Smith had 12 points and Jalen Brunson had 11 points. ... The Mavs shot 42.9 percent (39-of-91) and missed 32 of 46 3-point attempts.

Pelicans: F Nikola Mirotic, New Orleans' third-leading scorer, missed his second straight game with an illness. Randle started in his place. ... Darius Miller made four of his six 3-point shots for all of his 12 points off the bench while Moore made three of four. Davis made both of his shots from deep and Randle made two of three. ... Holiday, who has struggled with turnovers at times, finished with

eight assists and only one turnover.

LINEUP SHIFT

With Randle moving from sixth man to starter, Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry decided to try to solidify his second unity by moving usual starting wing E'Twaun Moore into a reserve role and start defensive-minded Solomon Hill. The Pelicans improved defensively and enjoyed a boost in bench scoring that allowed them to increase leads several times while starters rested.

Moore finished with 17 points and six assists in 26:24 and made three of four 3s.

"If I come off the bench I don't care. I'm going to jump right into the fire with an aggressive mindset," Moore said. "I'm definitely down for it. Anything to help the team win."

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The applicant proposes to use physical methods at the facility to separate oil and gas waste into solid, water, and oil components. The waste material that will be accepted at this facility will be non-hazardous oil and gas waste resulting from activities associated with the exploration, development, or production of oil, gas, or geothermal resources such as drilling fluids, fracturing fluids, and flow back water. The separated solid waste material will be disposed of off-site at an authorized disposal facility. The liquid water fraction will be disposed of at an authorized deep-well injection facility. The separated oil-phase material will be transported to an off-site oil reclamation plant. Pursuant to Commission rules, affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the Commission by the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the last date of publication of this notice. This is the first notice of two required published notices. The last date of publication is expected to be December 13, 2018, which means protests should be received by December 28, 2018. Protests must be sent to the Technical Permits Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-3840).

#10010 Dec. 6, 2018

## Annie's Mailbox

### Husband Has a Night In With Someone Else

**Dear Annie:** I was recently out of town for a long weekend with some girlfriends. When I returned home, I opened the refrigerator and commented to my husband of 30 years that based on the leftovers, he must have prepared a nice meal for himself. He responded that he had invited my best friend, who is single, over to have dinner and watch a football game. He had not mentioned this to me during our text correspondence over the week-

end. They are also good friends. I would not have minded if they had gone to a public place for a meal or a game, but I feel that the intimacy of their having dinner in our home was inappropriate. My husband said it did not occur to him that anything was wrong with what he did. I know nothing intimate happened between them. My girlfriend and I have been best friends for 25 years. Am I being too sensitive? -- Surprised

**Dear Surprised:** Yes, you probably are being a little too sensitive about where your husband and best friend had dinner. But if your wish is that he

have dinner at a restaurant and not your house, you should tell him. You were unable to tell him because the real issue is that you were gone for a girls weekend and only communicated with your husband via text. Marriage is about intimacy and communication. Had you or he picked up the phone, you probably would have been more reassured to hear his voice, and he most likely would have mentioned to you that your friend was coming over to the house. At that point, you could have said you really would prefer that they go to a restaurant. Relationships are all about verbal

communication, and we invite trouble when we expect our partners to be mind readers.

**Dear Annie:** I am interpreting the situation described by "Steamed in Connecticut" differently than you did. I am thinking that the former co-worker really wanted to have "Steamed in Connecticut" and her husband as guests at his son's wedding. I think the former co-worker and his wife were being very considerate by uninviting them. They knew that "Steamed in Connecticut's" husband was not working, and they most likely were trying to be

sensitive to their financial situation and take the pressure off them. -- Gloria P.

**Dear Gloria:** That's a brighter take on their behavior, and I appreciate your looking for the good. Maybe they really were just trying to be considerate. Even so, rescinding a wedding invitation after the fact is poor form and liable to hurt feelings. I wouldn't recommend it.

**Dear Annie:** I'm replying to "Sleepless in SoCal," whose new apartment has lots of noise. I wear earplugs to sleep because my spouse snores. I don't miss my

alarm. It could be that my body sort of knows when to wake up, but I can still hear the alarm with my earplugs in, and I wear the ones with the highest noise reduction rating. Perhaps "Sleepless in SoCal" could try earplugs on a weekend, set the alarm as usual and see what happens. She might be surprised. -- Monica

**Dear Monica:** Wearing earplugs on the weekend to test whether she can still hear her alarm is a great idea. Thanks for the tip.



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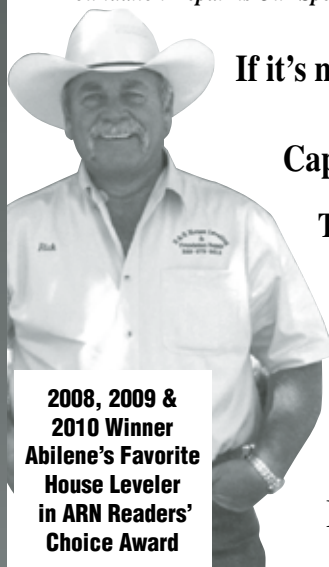
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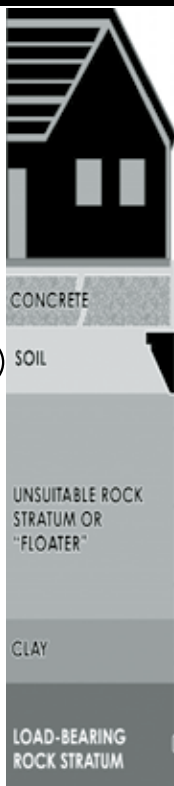
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## The philosophy of defense

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	Q 7 5		
♥	K Q J 7		
♦	J 6 2		
♣	Q J 8		
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠	10 8 2	♠	J
♥	9 3	♥	10 6 5 4 2
♦	A K Q 8 7 4	♦	9 3
♣	A 5	♣	10 9 6 3 2
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	A K 9 6 4 3		
♥	A 8		
♦	10 5		
♣	K 7 4		

The bidding:

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Just as the declarer is frequently confronted with a choice of ways to try to make his contract, so are the defenders often presented with different ways to try to defeat the contract. In these cases, the defense naturally looks for the method of play that offers the best chance of attaining that goal.

Take this deal where West led the diamond king, East playing the nine. West continued with the queen, and after East and South each produced

another diamond, West paused to consider his next move.

He saw two chances to stop the contract: namely, if his partner had either the club king or the heart ace. So at trick three, he cashed the club ace, looking for an encouraging signal from East. But when East played the deuce, West shifted to a heart. Declarer won with the ace, drew trumps and claimed the balance.

Considering the bidding, West's defense offered virtually no chance of garnering four tricks for his side. He could see 25 high-card points between his own hand and dummy, which meant that South was virtually certain to hold the ace of spades, ace of hearts and king of clubs to justify his opening bid and subsequent four-spade bid.

After cashing the club ace at trick three, West should have dismissed any notion that East might have the ace of hearts. Instead, he should have played his partner for the one card he could reasonably hold on the bidding — the jack of spades. In line with that, West should have led the four of diamonds at trick four, hoping to manufacture a trump trick for himself.

This play would have worked like a charm. East would ruff the diamond with the jack, and West would ultimately score a trump trick to defeat the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Conditions Inside Pandora's Box

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

While there's nothing less funny than a person trying too hard to be funny, you appreciate the effort. In this and other ways, people will try to impress you. It's flattering.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Each phase of the day has a gift. Morning gives you your freshest mind. Afternoon gives you a body warmed up and ready for the hardest thing it has to do today. Night gives you the need to give and receive for loving comfort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

There is no "perfect." And if there were, it would only close your mind to new ideas and standards. Instead of seeking the ideal, seek a solution that's as quirky and flexible as you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You may be agitated by today's sky because it calls for more honesty than you feel would be kind. Perhaps the poet Kahlil Gibran can help: "If indeed you must be candid, be candid beautifully."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 6).

Don't worry about being heroic. Heroism is the byproduct of doing the right thing consistently. That's the true aim of your heart so you can't go wrong. More highlights: the purchase of property, a leadership role in which you share what inspires you, inspiring others along the way, and countless escapades with a jolly friend. Pisces and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 7, 22 and 19.

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This new moon, with the change of Mercury, is a bit like a mystery box. The box has a door that unlocks with a key, and the key is a single, burning question that is private and unique to each person. Before we ask it, thus turning the key and opening the door, there is perhaps one more thing to consider. How badly do we want to know?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Tune into the subtleties of your language. Avoid using words that convey pessimism, cynicism or sarcasm. Ditch the negativity, not because others are listening, but because you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Anyone not at the meeting gets talked about. So go to the meeting. It will show your solidarity with the group. Maybe lower your expectations first. It could get boring. Little will be decided or learned. Go anyway.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's one thing to accept that you're human and you've made mistakes and quite another to actually love your mistakes because they contributed to who you are. Also, no one can (or wants to) relate to seemingly flawless people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Good living is like good chocolate; there's a little bitterness in there but not too much. Acknowledge and explore your negative feelings (they are part of the recipe, too), but don't dwell there. Life is mostly sweet!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll advise and be advised today. A good thing to keep in mind is that no single piece of advice fits every person. Even if it were the soundest and best line of thought in the entire world, it still wouldn't be right for all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because you want to experience more, you'll meet different sorts of people and let them influence you, all the while never losing sight of who you are. You can do this because your roots grow deep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one likes being in environments they can't, at least to some extent, control. An environment has become stifling. You may resent having to be there. But you can influence this place. Look for ways. There are untried options.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Unencumbered people move quickly. Something is weighing you down. Throw the baggage overboard. A person without baggage is a person who will soon be getting new things.

# SUDOKU

9			8		6	2	
7							9
	2		7			3	
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8	1	9	6	5	2	7	4	3
3	5	2	8	4	7	1	9	6
4	7	6	9	1	3	2	5	8
2	8	1	4	7	6	9	3	5
5	3	7	1	9	8	4	6	2
6	9	4	3	2	5	8	7	1
1	2	5	7	6	9	3	8	4
7	6	8	2	3	4	5	1	9
9	4	3	5	8	1	6	2	7

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5:30 PM	Big 2 ABC	P. Luche	Broke Girl Mom	CBS 7	Tele Noticias	News	Lasting	Mind Business	Mama's Jeffersons	American	Fam. Guy	Bones	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	Stars In. Rangers	NCIS (DVS)	The First 48	Naked and Afraid
6:30 PM	Jeopardy! Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang Pregame	CBS 7	Caso Cerado	News	Way of M.25	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld	Bones	College Football Awards	Women's College Basketball	College Basketball	NCIS (DVS)	Live PD	Naked and Afraid
7:30 PM	Charlie Brown	Jesús	NFL Football: Jacksonville Jaguars at Tennessee Titans	Big Bang Sheldon	La sultana (SS)	Super Good	Truth	Nutcracker	Griffith	Supernatural	Seinfeld	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics	Championship Drive	High School Basketball	College Basketball: Ohio at Xavier	Movie: It's a Wonderful Life, Lionel Barrymore (DVS)	Live PD	Naked and Afraid
8:30 PM	The Great American Baking Show	Mi marido	Amar a muerte	CBS 7	Tele	News	Israel	Amanpour-Co	C. Burnett	Gold	Guest	NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Utah Jazz	The Herbie Awards	Championship Drive	C'boys	Mod Fam	PD Cam	Naked and Afraid
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BOY, CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? YOU SHOULD BE INSULTED!  
I AM! I AM!

HE GAVE ME THE DESK WITH THE WOBBLY LEG!  
HENRY SCARPELLI CHIEF BASTARDIN 12-6

### ONE BIG HAPPY

GRANDMA, THE BIBLE SAYS YOU SHOULD HONOR YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER.  
BUT WHY DOESN'T IT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS SHOULD TREAT EACH OTHER?  
OH, BUT IT DOES, RUTHIE.  
"THOU SHALT NOT KILL."

### NEST HEAD

FINALLY, IT'S GOING TO SNOW. HE JUST SAID A 20% CHANCE.  
I KNOW, I'VE BEEN KEEPING TRACK. 30% YESTERDAY, 25% THE DAY BEFORE THAT. TODAY FINALLY PUTS THE TOTAL OVER 100%.

IT DOESN'T CARRY OVER LIKE THAT.  
YOU MEAN IT'S USE-IT-OR-LOSE-IT?!

### MOMMA

THOMAS, YOUR MOTHER ALWAYS SEEMS TO TELL YOU SECRETS ABOUT ME...  
NO SHE DOESN'T!  
IT'S YOUR IMAGINATION, TINA. DON'T BECOME PARANOID! LET'S GO TO BED.  
DEAR, THOMAS... IS SHE ASLEEP? I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO TELL YOU...

## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2018. There are 25 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlights in History:**

- On Dec. 6, 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.
- On this date: In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York. In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it.
- In 1884, Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument by setting an aluminum capstone atop the obelisk.
- In 1917, some 2,000 people were killed when an explosives-laden French cargo ship, the Mont Blanc, collided with the Norwegian vessel Imo at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the Canadian city. Finland declared its independence from Russia.
- In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.
- In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.
- In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.
- In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.
- In 1982, 11 soldiers and six civilians were killed when an Irish National Liberation Army bomb exploded at a pub in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland.
- In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.
- In 1998, in Venezuela, former Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez (OO'-goh CHAH'-vez), who had staged a bloody coup attempt against the government six years earlier, was elected president.
- In 2001, The House of Representatives, by a one-vote margin, gave President George W. Bush more power to negotiate global trade deals. President Bush dedicated the national Christmas tree to those who had died on Sept. 11 and to service members who had died in the line of duty.

Ten years ago: President-elect Barack Obama said in a Saturday radio and Internet address that he'd asked his economic team for a recovery plan that would save or create more than 2 million jobs. Indicted Democratic U.S. Rep. William Jefferson was ousted from his New Orleans area district in a special election won by Republican attorney Anh "Joseph" Cao, who became the first Vietnamese-American in Congress. Heiress Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, who'd spent the last 28 years of her life in a coma, died in New York City at age 76.

Five years ago: A day after Nelson Mandela's death at 95, South Africans of all colors erupted in song, dance and tears in emotional celebrations of the life of the man who had bridged the country's black-white divide and helped avert a race war. The Fender Stratocaster that Bob Dylan played at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival was sold at Christie's for nearly \$1 million — the highest price ever paid for a guitar at auction.

One year ago: President Donald Trump declared Jerusalem to be Israel's capital, defying warnings from the Palestinians and others around the world that he would be destroying hopes for Mideast peace. Time magazine named as its Person of the Year the "Silence Breakers" - those who had shared their stories about sexual assault and harassment. A wildfire erupted in the exclusive Bel-Air section of Los Angeles, the latest neighborhood of Southern California to find itself under siege from an outbreak of wind-driven blazes. Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that he would seek re-election, putting him on track to become Russia's longest-serving ruler since Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

Today's Birthdays: Comedy performer David Ossman is 82. Actor Patrick Bauchau is 80. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 77. Actor James Naughton is 73. Former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 72. Former Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 70. Actress JoBeth Williams is 70. Actor Tom Hulse is 65. Actor Wil Shriner is 65. Actor Kin Shriner is 65. Actor Miles Chapin is 64. Rock musician Rick Buckler (The Jam) is 63. Comedian Steven Wright is 63. Country singer Bill Lloyd is 63. Singer Tish Hinojosa is 63. Rock musician Peter Dinklage (R.E.M.) is 62. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 57. Actress Janine Turner is 56. Rock musician Ben Watt (Everything But The Girl) is 56. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 51. Rock musician Ulf "Buddha" Ekberg (Ace of Base) is 48. Writer-director Craig Brewer is 47. Actress Colleen Haskell is 42. Actress Lindsay Price is 42. Actress Ashley Madekwe is 37. Actress Nora Kirkpatrick is 34. Christian rock musician Jacob Chesnut (Rush of Fools) is 29. Tennis player CoCo Vandeweghe is 27. Football quarterback Johnny Manziel is 26.

### Thought for Today:

"Disconnecting from change does not recapture the past. It loses the future."

Kathleen Norris  
American author  
(1880-1960).

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## Newsday Crossword

HOLD 'EM by Greg Johnson  
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### ACROSS

1 Catherine, in Chicago  
6 2, on an ATM  
9 Time to act  
13 Mountaineer's device  
14 Sound on MacDonald's farm  
15 Threshold  
16 Stick holder  
18 Not from this world  
19 Use for an old T-shirt  
20 Bell-shaped flower  
21 Idle drive  
22 Hubbubs  
24 Steak holder  
28 Aristocratic one  
30 Wonder Woman, for instance  
31 Invitation to taste  
32 Doubtless  
34 Silver State sch.  
35 Stock holder  
38 Legal memo header  
41 Scottish philosopher  
42 Where bus patrons' trips start  
46 Place for peas  
48 Shelf hanger's tool  
49 Stack holder  
53 Monsieur Descartes  
54 If \_\_ the Zoo (Seuss book)  
55 Future fiancé, perhaps  
57 Ended a triathlon  
58 Colorful image dot  
60 Stalk holder  
62 Potential pursuits

### DOWN

11 Ice or Iron follower  
12 Aching  
15 Humidifier output  
17 Monocle edge  
21 Nod off  
23 Part of a "greatest thing" comparison  
25 Haiku's line count  
26 Blow up: Abbr.  
27 Clergy person, casually  
29 Datum from a limo driver  
32 Detailed examination  
33 Einstein's birthplace  
36 Metaphorical irritant  
37 New U.S. arrival's class  
38 Any of the Keys: Abbr.

39 Innovative, in Innsbruck  
40 Gave a ballad a disco beat, say  
43 Have more than one's fill  
44 Gridiron punishment  
45 Resembling a reed  
47 Resonant sounds  
50 Living quarters  
51 Encore showing  
52 Veep before Al  
56 Sci-fi staples  
58 Mining area  
59 Certain affirmative answer  
60 Obsolete sheet due to computer animation  
61 Millennial's funds for the future

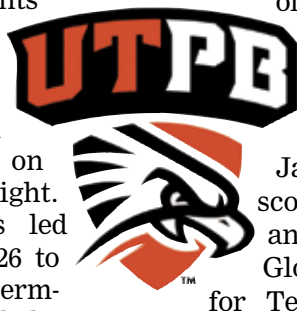
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## Tripp scores 21; Pacific holds off Texas Permian Basin 74-69

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — Jahlil Tripp scored 21 points of its last four games. Pacific (7-4), which has won three of its last four games, Bailed off Division II Texas Permian Basin 74-69 on Wednesday night.



The Tigers led 66-58 with 3:26 to play. Texas Permian Basin pulled to 71-69 with 35 seconds left but Jeremiah Bailey made a 3-pointer with six seconds left.

Tripp made 8 of 10 field goals and was 5 of 6 from the line. Roberto Gallinat added 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Anthony Townes chipped in

11 points for Pacific (7-4), which has won three of its last four games. Bailed off Division II Texas Permian Basin 74-69 on Wednesday night.

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## SPURS

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opener. ... Ball had 14 points and nine assists, hitting three 3-pointers.

### INGRAM OUT

Ingram left midway through the opening quarter after getting hurt while Aldridge committed a flagrant foul against him. The Lakers' third-leading scorer had X-rays that came back negative, but the Lakers seem to think he'll miss additional games. "Ingram said they got him pretty good," coach Luke Walton said.

The former No. 2 overall draft pick has been a key component of the Lakers' starting lineup around James, providing length on the perimeter and improving his drives to the hoop.

### BIG GAME FOR RUDY

Gay poured in 16 points during the third quarter of his highest-scoring performance for the Spurs and a personal best for the injury-plagued scorer since Jan. 5, 2016. He had just one basket in the final 10½ minutes before fouling out with 27 seconds left.

### UP NEXT

Spurs: Host the Lakers on Friday.  
Lakers: Visit the Spurs on Friday.

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## Evans, Jenkins help lead VCU past Texas 54-53



AP photo

**Texas guard Kerwin Roach II (12) tries for a layup during an NCAA college basketball game against Virginia Commonwealth in Austin, Texas, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018.**

By **MARK ROSNER**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — VCU's Mike Rhoades said people used to call him an offensive coach. Then he laughed and added, "But oh, man."

Indeed, VCU is winning this season primarily with defense. The Rams did that on Wednesday night, forcing turnovers and missed shots while handing Tex-

as its second straight loss at home against a mid-major opponent, 54-53.

Marcus Evans scored 16 points and De'Riante Jenkins added 12 for VCU (7-2). Sophomore Marcus Santos-Silva had 10 points, and career highs with 16 rebounds and five steals for the Rams.

Texas (5-3) has lost three straight, including a three-point defeat by Radford last week.

VCU was more than effective on defense. The Rams, using full-court pressure, turned 18 Texas turnovers

into 17 points. But they also converted 17 offensive rebounds into 19 points, enabling them to win while converting only 28 percent of their shots.

"It was a rock fight," Rhoades said. "We made a lot of toughness plays. We played with really good energy and toughness."

The Longhorns had two shots to win the game in the final 40

seconds, but Courtney Ramey and Matt Coleman missed open 3-pointers, the latter as time ran out.

Jericho Sims led Texas with 14 points. Nobody else reached double figures.

Sims made a shot in the lane to leave Texas trailing by one point with 4:12 remaining. The Longhorns then had four turnovers and a missed shot on their next five possessions, while VCU made two free throws — by Issac Vann — during that stretch for a three-point lead.

A steal by Longhorn Jaxson Hayes led to a fastbreak basket by Kerwin Roach with 1:29 left, and VCU again led by one.

The Longhorns' three defeats came after a 92-89 victory over then-No. 7 North Carolina on Thanksgiving.

"I told the guys in the locker room that less than two weeks ago, we were No. 17 in the country with the same guys," Texas coach Shaka Smart said. "But the last 2½ games, we haven't played with the same confidence. We haven't played with the same swagger."



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## Residents head back into California town leveled by wildfire

By DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

PARADISE, Calif. — Some residents of a Northern California town devastated by a catastrophic wildfire nearly a month ago were finally allowed to return home Wednesday to sift through the charred remains in search of precious family heirlooms, photos and other possessions that may have survived.

A long line of cars waited in a cold drizzle at a checkpoint on their way to neighborhoods on the east side of Paradise, where evacuation orders have been lifted.

Beyond the checkpoint, crews in yellow slickers were still clearing debris from burned homes and removing trees from streets littered with melted plastic trash cans and hollowed vehicles sitting on tireless rims.

Before heading to their home, Joyce McLean, 73, and her husband, Jerry McLean, stopped at a store to buy paper towels and plastic bags.

"We didn't own expensive things, but we had a lot of memory things,"

she said, recalling Christmas ornaments made by her son when he was a child and mementos from her Canadian husband's great-grandmother. "If I can find a little piece of his family or just a little piece of my son, I would be happy."

Access to the neighborhoods was limited to residents on Wednesday, but they will be open to anyone on Thursday.

More than 50,000 people in Paradise and two neighboring communities were forced to flee the wind-driven fire that started Nov. 8, killing at least 85 people, destroying about 14,000 homes and blackening 240 square miles (622 square kilometers).

Authorities said 11 people were still unaccounted for in what was the deadliest U.S. wildfire in at least a century.

McLean said she has seen photos on social media of her destroyed home and knows one of the only things that survived was an American flag flying on a pole.

"We lost everything but the clothes on our backs," she said about their dash for safety.

## USA

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money available to victims, which would come from previously purchased insurance coverage, she said. Carson said the insurance companies "are aware we're taking this action and our expectation is they will come to the table and pay on our coverage."

Carson added: "This is not a liquidation. This is a reorganization."

One that USA Gymnastics hopes will buy it enough time to fend off the USOC's intent to decertify it.

The USOC on Nov. 5 took steps to remove USAG as the sport's governing body at the Olympic level — a step that's taken only under the most extreme circumstances. In an open letter to the gymnastics community, USOC CEO Sarah Hirshland said "you deserve better," and that the challenges facing USA Gymnastics were more than it was capable of overcoming as currently constructed.

Carson said the legal maneuvering

Wednesday delays the USOC's efforts to strip its designation as a national governing body.

"We always have a dialogue going with them and intend to make it clear with them we have a lot to talk about and we want to keep that going," Carson said.

USOC spokesman Patrick Sandusky disagreed.

"While we fully understand that USAG believes this restructuring will begin to solve deficiencies we've identified, the filing does not impact our Section 8 complaint and that process will move forward," Sandusky said.

## Upcoming activities at CISD:

<b>Today</b>	Bulldogettes vs Merkel at home (District opener) 4:30 p.m., JV; 6:30 p.m., varsity
<b>Thursday - Friday</b>	Bulldogs vs Hermleigh away 6:30 p.m., JV; 8 p.m., varsity
<b>Saturday</b>	Junior High boys basketball teams (A teams only) at Greenwood tournament (Thursday - Saturday)
<b>Monday</b>	CHS Band UIL All-Region tryouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	Junior High girls and boys basketball teams vs Stanton 5:30 & 6:30 p.m., girls at Stanton, boys at home
<b>Wednesday</b>	JH District UIL Academic contest
<b>Thursday, Dec. 13</b>	Junior High Bulldogettes (A teams only) at Big Spring tournament (Thursday & Saturday) Noon, CISD Board of Trustees meeting 7 p.m., CHS band Christmas concert

## BUSH

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knowing "Dad is hugging Robin and holding Mom's hand again."

For all the somber tributes to the late president's public service and strength of character, laughter filled the cathedral time after time. The late president's eulogists — son included — noted Bush's tendency to tangle his words and show his goofy side.

He was "the last great-soldier statesman," historian Jon Meacham said in his eulogy, "our shield" in dangerous times. But he also said that Bush, campaigning in a crowd in a department store, once shook hands with a mannequin. Rather than flushing in embarrassment, he simply cracked, "Never know. Gotta ask."

He recounted how comedian Dana Carvey once said the key to doing an impersonation of Bush was "Mr. Rogers trying to be John Wayne."

George W. Bush said "the man couldn't stomach vegetables, especially broccoli," and called that a defect passed down to his children.

The congregation at the cathedral, filled with foreign leaders and diplomats, Americans of high office and others touched by Bush's life, rose for the arrival of the casket, accompanied by clergy of faiths from around the world. In their row together, President Donald Trump and former Presidents Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton stood with their spouses and all placed their hands over their hearts.

Meacham also praised Bush's call to volunteerism — his "1,000 points

of light" — placing it alongside Abraham Lincoln's call to honor "the better angels of our nature" in the American rhetorical canon. Meacham called those lines "companion verses in America's national hymn."

Trump had mocked "1,000 points of light" last summer at a rally, saying "What the hell is that? Has anyone ever figured that one out? And it was put out by a Republican, wasn't it?"

Former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney praised Bush as a strong world leader who helped oversee the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union and helped bring about the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico, signed into law by his successor, Clinton.

With Trump, a bitter NAFTA critic, seated in the front row, Mulroney hailed the "largest and richest free trade area in the history of the world." The three countries have agreed on a revised trade agreement pushed by Trump.

Alan Simpson, former Republican senator from Wyoming, regaled the congregation with stories from his years as Bush's friend in Washington. More seriously, he recalled that when he went through a rough patch in the political game, Bush conspicuously stood by him against the advice of aides. "You would have wanted him on your side," he said.

Simpson said Bush "loved a good joke — the richer the better. And he threw his head back and gave that great laugh, but he never, ever could remember a punchline. And I mean never."

George W. Bush turned the humor

## Academic Star Student of the Week Bubba Duenes, Coahoma High School

Bubba Duenes is very active in sports at Coahoma High School. The senior participates in football, baseball, track, and, outside of school, paintball. He has been named the Sonic KBEST defensive MVP player of the week twice this past football season. Bubba racked up 187 yards as a receiver in 2018 for the Bulldogs on offense. On defense, he had 39 total tackles.

Duenes made the AB honor roll his freshman, sophomore and junior years and has continued to focus on his studies his senior year. Following graduation, Bubba hopes to attend West Texas A&M where he would like to join the Buffalo football team. He plans to major in criminal justice and minor in kinesiology. Bubba is the son of Andrew Duenes and Amie Castillo.



## Congratulations, Bubba!

# THE BULLDOG REPORT

By LYNDEL MOODY

CISD Media Specialist

A canned food drive will be held on the Coahoma ISD campus Thursday, Dec. 13, to help replenish the shelves of Isaiah 58, a food pantry organization in Big Spring.

The annual drive will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Coahoma Elementary School's (CES) parking lot, west of the elementary building. To participate, drivers should pull up to door 21 where volunteers will be waiting to unload the donation. Students who bring canned food items will have the option to have their nose painted red just like Rudolph.

In other news, resurfacing of the track has begun which means the football field is closed until the Christmas holiday. No one will be allowed on the track while this project is under way. The resurfacing is funded through a \$4 million bond approved by voters in 2017 that included upgrades to athletic facilities at the football, softball and baseball fields. Some of those upgrades included installation of artificial turf on all three fields which will help the district save money over the long haul.

During the last home football game held Nov. 9, at the newly renovated field, Bulldog quarterback Zack Schneider carried the ball 24 times for 311 yards and five touchdowns, four of which came in the second half. His efforts helped lead the Bulldogs to a win over the Roosevelt Eagles which secured a playoff bid.

The Ford Motor Company recognized Schneider's stand-out performance by naming him the Built Ford Tough Player of the Week for Class 3A. He was chosen out of more

than 6,000 players in Class 3A.

Last Friday, the high school junior received his official trophy from David Howard, general manager of Big Spring Ford.

The ceremony was held in front of Schneider's classmates while his fellow teammates surrounding him. Schneider is always quick to give credit to his teammates for his successes, said Bulldogs head football Coach Chris Joslin.

"The night that he won this, there were about 14 other people that played a key role in making those holes for him," Joslin said. "He didn't run over 11 people by himself. Now he did run over some by himself. We all saw that, but he didn't run over 11. He had some big guys out front helping him, some receivers blocking for him, and he had a bunch of people on the sideline cheering for him every time he scored a touchdown."

Joslin added Schneider is always a team player who strives for excellence. He encouraged other students to follow Schneider's lead.

Another example of CHS students striving for excellence are Micah Worley, Julia Cox, Emilee Custer and Aubrey Green. Making their second straight appearance at state FFA LDE (Leadership Development Events) competition, the four competed as a team in public relations and Cox competed individually in senior creed. The four made it to the semi-finals.

"I could not be prouder of the effort, work ethic, and desire to succeed that these girls have shown," said Coahoma FFA Chapter Adviser Aaron Custer. "I wouldn't want to have another group of kids to work with. They are fantastic."

back on the acerbic ex-senator, saying of the late president: "He placed great value on a good joke, so he chose Simpson to speak."

Bush will lie in repose at St. Martin's Episcopal Church before burial at his family plot on the presidential library grounds at Texas A&M University in College Station. His final resting place will be alongside Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years, and Robin Bush, the daughter they lost to leukemia in 1953.

On Wednesday morning, a military band played "Hail to the Chief" as Bush's casket was carried down the steps of the U.S. Capitol, where he had lain in state. Family members looked on as servicemen fired off a cannon salute.

His hearse was then driven in a motorcade to the cathedral ceremony, slowing in front of the White House. Bush's route was lined with people much of the way, bundled in winter hats and taking photos.

Waiting for his arrival inside, Trump shook hands with Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama, who greeted him by saying "Good morning." Trump did not shake hands with Bill and Hillary Clinton, who looked straight ahead.

Bill Clinton and Mrs. Obama smiled and chatted as music played. Carter was seated silently next to Hillary Clinton in the cavernous cathedral. Obama cracked up laughing at someone's quip. Vice President Mike Pence shook Carter's hand.

Trump tweeted Wednesday that the day marked "a celebration for a great man who has led a long and distinguished life." Trump and his wife

took their seats after the others, briefly greeting the Obamas seated next to them.

Bush's death makes Carter, also 94 but more than 100 days younger, the oldest living ex-president.

On Tuesday, soldiers, citizens in wheelchairs and long lines of others on foot wound through the Capitol Rotunda to view Bush's casket and honor a president whose legacy included World War military service and a landmark law affirming the rights of the disabled. Former Sen. Bob Dole, a compatriot in war, peace and political struggle, steadied himself out of his wheelchair and saluted his old friend and one-time rival.

Trump ordered the federal government closed Wednesday for a national day of mourning. Flags on public buildings are flying at half-staff for 30 days.

As at notable moments in his life, Bush brought together Republicans and Democrats in his death, and not only the VIPs.

Members of the public who never voted for the man waited in the same long lines as the rest, attesting that Bush possessed the dignity and grace that deserved to be remembered by their presence on a cold overcast day in the capital.

"I'm just here to pay my respects," said Jane Hernandez, a retired physician in the heavily Democratic city and suburbs. "I wasn't the biggest fan of his presidency, but all in all he was a good, sincere guy doing a really hard job as best he could."