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**Dorothy Garrett Coliseum**  
 11:30 a.m.

### Nov. 26

**Farm Bill Workshop**  
 8 a.m. registration  
 8:30 a.m. - 10:30  
 workshop  
**G.C. Broughton Ag Complex**

### Dec. 5

**Tour of Homes**  
 6 p.m.  
**United Way fundraiser**  
 More info. call 267-5201

**Alive After 5**  
**Hotel Settles**  
 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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## Ports-to-Plains Committee Meeting draws crowd at Hotel Settles

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The first of four Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study meetings regarding Segment #2, took place at Hotel Settles on Monday morning. TxDOT and Ports-to-Plains Committee members gathered together to discuss results of the current study, possible issues that could arise and to hear community input from those affected by the corridor in Segment #2.

"This is a corridor study looking at needs. No specific funding tied to any specific part of this project. This is strictly so we know exactly what we need in order to go to the legislature, speak with different partners along the way, etc.," Steve Linehart, TxDOT Transportation Planner out of Austin, said. "This will allow us to find a starting part on how to fund it and how to move forward accordingly."

According to TxDOT Public Information Officer Gene Powell, out of the Odessa District, there will be three more rounds of meetings, with the next round starting in February 2020.



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

**Community members, committee representatives and TxDOT employees gathered at Hotel Settles on Monday morning for the first of four scheduled meetings regarding the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. The next meeting is set for February 2020.**

"It seems strange, but this is an education for us that's why it seems to take so long. We want to have a good feeling for what people who live here, work here and how they see things, Powell said.

"As the mayor mentioned from Lamesa, the city administrator's had one view

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## Howard College kicks off holiday season with annual Luminaria



Courtesy photo

**Howard College has been hosting the Luminaria for the past several years, as a gift to the community. All are invited to attend the evening and kick off the holiday season as a community.**

By **CINDY PINCH**  
 Staff Writer

Luminaria kicks off the holiday season. Howard College will be hosting its annual Luminaria on Thursday, November 21st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will take place inside the Hall Center for the Arts and is free to the public.

"Howard College wanted to do something special for our community during the holiday season. It is our 'gift to the community' each year as we invite people to join us on campus and celebrate the season." Cindy Smith, Director of Information & Marketing said.

Luminaria has been a Howard College tradition for many years. Each year the event grows a little more, enriching the community with a fun and unique holiday experience. In the past, Luminaria has been outside, between the Hall Center and the Student Union Building. However, for the past few years, it has been hosted inside.

"We have held it indoors at the Student Union Building so children and their fam-

ilies didn't have to stand out in the cold weather in the evenings just to see Santa and get pictures." Smith said. "This year we are moving it over to the Hall Center for the Arts."

Children will be able to take their picture with Santa and there will also be the opportunity for children to write letters to Santa. The college will serve hot cocoa and cookies. In addition, the theater department will be putting on a performance of 'A Christmas Carol'.

"It is free of charge, but reservations must be made." She said.

Those interested in reserving tickets for the performance may contact Cynthia Weeks at 432-264-5161. The performance itself begins at 6:30 p.m. Luminaria is free to the public and the community is invited to participate in this Howard College tradition on Thursday night.

Cindy Pinch is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com) or call 432-263-7331.

## BSEDC to hold regular meeting

By **CINDY PINCH**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room. All meetings are open to the public and the community is encouraged to attend.

During the meeting, the board of directors will address the following:

- Call to Order/Invocation and Pledge
- Action to Approve Minutes of the October 15, 2019, Regular Meeting
- Action to Approve October Financials
- Consideration to Enter into Negotiations with a Financial Institution for Financing of the Reliever Route Access Roads
- Directors Report
- Executive Session

According to the agenda, the board will take action on matters discussed during Executive Session. After the routine agenda items are wrapped up, there will be time allotted for public comment, as well as comments from the board.

To find out more information about previous EDC meetings visit [mybigspring.com](http://mybigspring.com) or call the BSEDC office at 432-264-6032.

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## Obituaries

### Vada B. Clark Ryerson Witkowski



Vada B. Clark Ryerson Witkowski, 89, passed away, Nov. 16, 2019, peacefully in her sleep after a tough battle with cancer. Graveside services will be Thursday, Nov., 21, 2019, at the Coahoma Cemetery.

Vada is survived by five sons, Charles E. Ryerson of Big Spring, George Ryerson and William Ryerson of Phoenix, Arizona, Richard McKinney and wife, Patricia of

Buda, Texas, and Lawrence Witkowski and wife, Angela of Big Spring; two daughters, Arvella Roe and husband, Aaron of Midland, Texas, and Evelyn Redd and husband, Jack of Big Spring; 18 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Witkowski; her parents; two brothers, LeRoy Clark and Arvie Clark; and a sister, Dixie Lee Bond.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at <https://www.npwelch.com/>

### Cecilia Jane Morgan

Cecilia Jane Morgan, 61, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019. Grave side service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019 at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 16, 1957 in Big Spring, Texas,

and was a lifetime resident. She is survived by three cousins: Melissa Munroe of Orlando, Florida, Laura Ernst of Winter Garden, Florida and Kevin Munroe of Winter Garden, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marilyn Sechler Morgan and Gene Tunney Morgan.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOHN CHRISTOPHER BLAINE**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on charges of criminal trespass and cruelty to animals-injures animal.

• **STEPHEN DUANE HECTOR**, 55, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to family member.

• **WAYNE JOHNSON**, 69, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JERRY MARTINEZ**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear, and expired drivers license.

• **ENRIQUE BERNARDO RANGEL**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke-burglary of a habitation.

• **JUANITA BEATRICE REYES**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for violating promise to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **ROSALINDA RODRIGUEZ**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear, and expired driver's license.

• **ROSALINDA RODRIGUEZ**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for no driver's license, driving the wrong way one a one way roadway, and violating promise to appear.

• **JOVITA RODRIQUEZ**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for two counts of bail jump-

ing and failure to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **ANGELICA ANNALEESE SHAW**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for having an passenger riding without a safety belt, and for a parole violation-burglary of a habitation.

• **BENITO SMITHWICK**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for fireworks regulations, and driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

• **RAFAEL TREVINO JR.**, 32, was arrested by DPS on a warrants for a probation violation-possession of marijuana.

• **BLANCA CECILIA VARGAS**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter. 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 Cen-

ter.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at I-20 mile marker 165. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Jennings. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at 3rd and Owens. No transport was required.

## Take Note

• **2018 Farm Bill Sign-Up Workshop:** This is a program to assist producers in: 1) updating program yields for all covered commodities; and 2) providing analysis of the two safety net programs available to the producers; ARC and PLC. This will take place Nov. 26, 2019 at the Howard County G.C. Broughton Ag Complex, 2411 Echols St., Big Spring, Texas. There is no fee for this workshop. Registration begins at 8 a.m.; programs are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Topics include the following: 8:30 a.m.-Yield update process 2013-2017; 9 a.m.-ARC/PLC Update; 9:30 a.m.-Online decision aid demonstration; 10 a.m.-FSA Update-Alejo Sierra/Jill Halfmann. For more information, contact Tommy Yeater at 432-264-2236 or email [tommy.yeater@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:tommy.yeater@ag.tamu.edu), or Bill Thompson at 325-657-7306 or email [w-thompson@tamu.edu](mailto:w-thompson@tamu.edu).

• Anthony Rivas, local musician, is collecting food for Isaiah 58 Food Pantry. If you would like to donate, please contact Rivas at 432-935-0779, and he will arrange a time to drop off the donations at the food pantry. The food will then be distributed to the less fortunate in our area on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided that day, and a DJ will be on site for entertainment. Thank you Anthony for doing this for our community.

• The Republican Party of Howard County announces a Meet and Greet opportunity for citizens to hear Dwayne Stovall, candidate for U.S. Senator. Stovall, a Christian Constitutional Conservative, is a fifth generation

Texan and small business owner who actually believes in limited government, spending only what is allowed and necessary by the enumerated powers, and divesting unconstitutional federal powers back to the states. Stovall will be speaking and answering questions at Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, at 11a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2019. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. There will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee, cocoa, popcorn and cookies. There will also be a special visit from Santa from 3 to 5 p.m. If you would like to enter your house into the Best Decorated House contest, you can pick up an application at City Hall or at the Office of the Justice of the Peace and return by December 11. The winner will be announced at the park and will receive a yard sign and stocking of goodies.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• A fund has been set up to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowlkes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

### Kenna Marie Gomez

Kenna Marie Gomez, 21, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## 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.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### 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.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

### 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. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.

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# PORTS

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and TxDOT had another view, well we want to understand those differences early on.”

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor Feasibility Study is designated by HB 1079. The 86<sup>th</sup> Texas legislature passed HB 1079 relating to a study by TxDOT of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, including an evaluation of the feasibility of certain improvements to I-27. The governor signed the bill into law on June 10, 2019. With that bill being signed into law, TxDOT was tasked with conducting comprehensive studies of the Corridor. The study must evaluate the feasibility of and the costs and logistical matters associated with, improvements that create a continuous flow, four-lane divided highway that meets highway standards to the extent possible, includ-

ing improvements that extend I-27. The study is anticipated to conclude in January 2021.

“Segment committee reports will be due at the end of June 2020, then provided to the advisory committee. From there, the advisory committee will in turn produce a report by the end of October 2020,” Powell said. “The next leg of construction won’t begin for several years, after all this data has been gathered, analyzed and presented.”

Linehart added, “The segment committee and advisory committees are just making recommendations, which will be presented to TxDOT and then on to the Governor’s desk and presented to the legislature. There is no predetermined outcome for this ... this is just the grass roots part of the process.”

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is made up of three segments; Segment 1 extends from New Mexico and Oklahoma border to Hale/Lubbock County line; Segment 2 extends from Hale/Lubbock County line to Sutton/Edwards County line; Segment 3 extends from Sutton/Edwards County line to I-35/Juarez-Lincoln Bridge in Laredo.

“You might say it’s a lengthy process, but you have to look at it; there are three different segments, each segment has four meetings, a dozen meetings, plus reports and conversations amongst other meetings. Everyone has their input so we can choose the best path forward that we (TxDOT) suggest and then from there, it’s always possible for a legislature or governor to change things,” Powell said. “It’s not TxDOT making a decision or a recommendation. It’s the elected officials from the communities that will be impacted.”

During the meeting, several areas of focus included safety on roadways, existing conditions and possible future issues that might arise after construction. Some of the highlights from the presentation regarding safety included:

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- Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year

will be Monday, Dec. 2 and Tuesday Dec. 3, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends.

Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m.

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\*42 percent of truck crashes occurred in Segment 2, with the highest rate being between Midland, Glasscock County and Big Spring (more than 2,500)

\*San Angelo had a moderate rate of crashes occur and Lubbock was actually lower for the city area.

\*Fatal crashes totaled 220 over the time span and half of those occurred in Segment #2 (highest rate in the Big Spring, Midland and Lubbock area)

“The reason behind these meetings is so that the community can come out and speak their thoughts. It’s important that we hear all the viewpoints,” Powell said. “If you look at any election, most mayors win with about 60 percent vote so there are other viewpoints in the community. We want to be as comprehensive as we can which will allow us to make the best decisions. One of the great things about conversations with constituents is that we hear viewpoints we haven’t really crystalized or thought of before, and it can change projects.”

Powell added, “We appreciate everyone’s patience and participation; it is a lengthy process. In our microwave society we want answers right now and in projects like this they just don’t come really quickly appreciate the candor and the participation, it’s crucial for us making a good path forward.”

For those wanting to find out more about the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and follow the study results, visit [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov) and search keywords “Ports-to-Plains Corridor”.

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## Take Note

and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to

12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library.

Come join us, we would love to have you.

- 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.

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Cecilia Jane Morgan, 61, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Roy Garcia, Jr., 29, died Saturday. Services are pending for Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pam Grant, 62, died Wednesday. Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Full Gospel Fellowship.

Tom Cates, 51, died Saturday. Services are pending.

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## Weather



**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Light west wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

**Tonight:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 7pm. Increasing clouds, with a low around 54. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Wednesday:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 7am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 7pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 69.

**Thursday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly between 7pm and 1am, then a chance of rain after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

**Friday:** A chance of rain, mainly before 7am. Partly sunny, with a high near 57.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via [forecast.weather.gov](http://forecast.weather.gov))*

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# 3 killed in Oklahoma Walmart shooting

DUNCAN, Oklahoma (AP) — Two men and a woman were fatally shot Monday morning outside a Walmart store in southwestern Oklahoma, and the shooter is among the dead, authorities said.

Two victims were shot inside a car and the third was killed in the parking lot just before 10 a.m. outside the store in Duncan, Police Chief Danny Ford said.

Authorities did not immediately describe a motivation for the shooting. Stephens County District Attorney Jason Hicks authorities said during a news conference Monday afternoon that there was never an active shooter inside the store and he described the shooting as an isolated incident. He did not further explain.

Two bodies covered with sheets were visible in the parking lot Monday afternoon. One body was in the driver's seat of a red, two-door car. The other

body was lying on the ground next to the vehicle.

Bullet holes were visible in the car's windshield. Police said in a Facebook post that a handgun was found at the scene. At the news conference, Ford described the gun as semi-automatic but said he had no further details. He said the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation was still processing the scene.

He said he believed nine shots were fired. Authorities have not released the identities of those killed but did confirm the shooter was among the dead. Ford said all three knew each other but declined to describe their relationships or other identifying information pending notification of immediate family.

Police have also interviewed witnesses to the shooting, Ford said. Aaron Helton, of Duncan, said he was parking

outside the Walmart where he planned to buy groceries when he heard about nine gunshots.

"I arrived and there were three bodies," Helton said.

Walmart spokeswoman LeMia Jenkins said in an email that no staff members were involved in the shooting and the store was not evacuated. Ford told The Associated Press that based on the social media posts of the woman who was killed, he believed she may have been a Walmart employee at some time.

Duncan is about 80 miles (130 kilometers) south of Oklahoma City. The Walmart is in a commercial center that includes a sporting goods store and a dollar store along U.S. Highway 81, the main road that passes through Duncan heading south toward Texas.

## US asks federal judge to toss out Nevada plutonium lawsuit

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The federal government wants a judge to reject Nevada's request for a court order to remove weapons-grade plutonium from a site north of Las Vegas, arguing that officials have already promised that no more will be shipped to the state.

In documents filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Reno, the federal government brands as "conjectural" or "hypothetical" state claims that residents are harmed by radiation from the one-half metric ton of plutonium secretly trucked a year ago from South Carolina to Nevada.

The decision cannot be undone, the material is already in the state and the federal government has sovereign immunity, meaning the state can't force the federal government to act, the motion contends.

The Department of Energy "routinely and safely transports nuclear materials into and out of Nevada and stores classified amounts of plutonium in Nevada," it added.

State Attorney General Aaron Ford is pressing for the court order, saying the state was not informed of the shipments until they had already been made and can't trust the federal agency to abide by after-the-fact promises.

"While we appreciate the Department of Energy's new position that it will not ship additional plutonium here, a court order to this effect will hold the department accountable," Ford said Monday in a statement.

The state maintains the Energy Department failed to conduct proper environmental reviews, and that an accident transporting, handling or storing the highly radioactive material could permanently harm Las Vegas — home to 2.2 million people and host to more than 40 million tourists a year.

"The long-term storage of this plutonium has exposed — and will continue to expose — Nevada's property, lands, water, air and citizens to greater radiological pollution and increased risk of ecological and economic catastrophe," state attorneys said in documents filed Oct. 23.

The Energy Department disclosed last January that the plutonium had been taken in late 2018 to a specialized facility at the vast Nevada National Security Site, an area larger than the state of Rhode Island. The site was used to conduct nuclear weapons tests from 1945 to 1992.

The U.S. government had been ordered by a federal judge in South Carolina to remove a metric ton (2,204 pounds) of plutonium from the Savannah River nuclear weapons refining complex by 2020, and to remove another 5 metric tons (11,020 pounds) in future years.

## Native American shield returned to New Mexico from France

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A ceremonial Native American shield has been welcomed back to New Mexico by tribal leaders, in the culmination of a yearslong international campaign to reclaim the sacred object that held a place in a cycle of ceremonies until it vanished from a mesa-top indigenous village in the 1970s.

Nearly four years ago, the shield surfaced as an auction item in Paris, prompting tribal leaders to begin making public appeals for it to be pulled from bidding and returned to them.

U.S. and Acoma Pueblo officials announced Monday that an FBI agent delivered the shield from Paris last week following a multiagency effort that involved U.S. senators, diplomats and prosecutors.

It will be formally returned to Acoma Pueblo after a judge dismisses a civil forfeiture case that prosecutors filed to secure the shield's return, U.S. Attorney John Anderson said. Until then, it's being held in a federal building in Albuquerque.

"It will be a day of high emotion and thanksgiving," Acoma Pueblo Gov. Brian Vallo said ahead of the expected return.

The shield — a colorful, circular piece featuring the face of a Kachina, or ancestral spirit, and dangling feathers — is among hundreds of Native American items, many of them considered sacred by tribes, to be sent to Paris auction houses by collectors over the years. U.S. laws prohibit the trafficking of certain tribal items domestically, but it doesn't explicitly ban dealers from exporting them.

A U.S. Government Accountability Office report last year found that sales of Native American cultural items began to decline following a 2016 outcry over plans to sell the Acoma Pueblo shield and other items. About 1,400 Native American cultural items were listed for sale between 2012 and 2017, with about half selling for nearly \$7 million.

The auction houses long stood their ground against pressure to halt bidding on Kachinas, mask-like pieces and Plains war shirts, saying that doing so could have broad repercussions for the art market in general.

In the years since the Acoma Pueblo shield was pulled from auction, the EVE auction house has not responded to interview requests from The Associated Press.

Federal officials said the shield was stored at the auction house since 2016. An FBI agent retrieved it about a week ago.

"This shield obviously is a high priority item for us and for Acoma, but it's by no means unique," Anderson said Friday. "It's not the only item out there of cultural patrimony that is subject to purchase and sale that shouldn't be."

U.S. law enforcement is still quite active in that area, Anderson said.

The uproar over auction plans for the shield in

2016 was followed that year by legislation to prevent more items that tribes hold sacred from being sent overseas.

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, a New Mexico Democrat, earlier this year re-introduced legislation to ban collectors and vendors from exporting Native American ceremonial items to foreign markets. He and others blamed legal loopholes for stifling the return of the shield.

"No matter where they are, all sacred and culturally significant items must be returned to their rightful home," Heinrich said Monday in a Twitter post, praising the arrival of the Acoma shield from France.

His legislation would increase prison time from five years to 10 years for violating the law more than once. The bill also would establish a framework for collectors to return protected items to tribes and avoid facing penalties.

For generations, the shield, considered the property of the entire tribe, remained safely in a home atop a 367-foot, sandstone mesa, tribal leaders say. It was placed in the care of different community members over the years but did not belong to any single person, making its removal from the pueblo illegal under tribal law, according to Acoma leaders.

An affidavit from Acoma Pueblo obtained by the AP in 2016 said the shield disappeared after a break-in.

In a statement Monday, Acoma Pueblo officials said the shield had been in the possession of a family for decades that did not know of its ceremonial significance.

Jerold Collings, who court records show sent the shield to Paris for auction, said previously he had inherited it, not knowing it may have been stolen. The tribe's leaders credited Collings for agreeing to a court settlement in July that called for EVE auction house to release the shield to the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

That agreement set in motion the process for the shield to return to Acoma Pueblo, where Vallo, the governor, said it will eventually be held at a museum before it's returned to the Sky City village and re-introduced into ceremonies.

"There's no place for illegal acquisitions and sale of these items," he said. "We hope future laws ensure these items are protected and returned."

The tribe's reservation west of Albuquerque is bordered by mountains and El Malpais National Monument, where historians say Puebloan ancestors built homes amid cliffs and ancient lava fields as early as 950 A.D.

The traditional village of Sky City, situated on the mesa, dates to 1150. Its multistory adobe complexes and homes overlook an expanse of desert marked by rock monoliths.

## Camel, cow, donkey found roaming together along Kansas road

GODDARD, Kan. (AP) — Authorities discovered a camel, a cow and a donkey roaming together along a Kansas road in a grouping reminiscent of a Midwestern Christmas Nativity scene.

The Goddard Police Department asked for help Sunday in locating the owners of the "three friends traveling together (towards a Northern star)."

Police said in a Facebook post that if they couldn't find the owners, they would be "halfway toward a live Nativity this Christmas season."

Sedgwick County Sheriff's Lt. Tim Meyers says the animals belong to an employee of the nearby Tanganyika Wildlife Park.

One person who replied to the Facebook post inquired, "Are there 3 wise looking men near?" Another speculated that they "may lead you to the Second Coming."

Goddard is about 15 miles (24 kilometers) west of Wichita.

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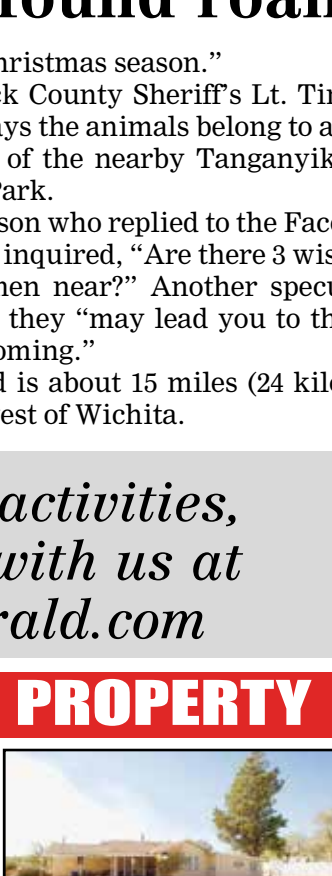
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# Coahoma Bulldogs prepare for second-round playoff matchup with Canadian

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

When Friday night comes along, the Coahoma Bulldogs will not be intimidated by their opponent. In a season where everyone bet against them, Coahoma is currently riding a four-game win streak heading into the second round playoff matchup with the undefeated Canadian Wildcats (11-0). When these two teams meet on the football field later this week at neutral-site Plainview High School, there will be a clashing of high-powered balanced offenses and stingy defenses that will be attempting to apply pressure to their opponent and set the tone early.

"We're just taking it one week at a time," Bulldogs coach Chris Joslin said. "We've known for a while that this was a possibility of happening so our kids have known that for a while. It's a chance to go out there and prove a lot of people wrong. That's what our mentality has been all-year and this is the biggest time to do that. Starting the year, a lot of people didn't give us much of a chance just because of past experiences. We've answered the bell every time and so this is a chance to prove everybody wrong."

The Bulldogs are led into the fire by senior quarterback Zack Schneider, who has accounted for over half of Coahoma's yardage during his last season in the red and white. Following last week's emphatic 69-7 win over Anthony, where Schneider led his team in rushing with 80 yards on only three attempts and tossed a touchdown pass, the captain will look to maintain his solid play and extend his high school football career in the process.

On the year, Schneider has accounted for 20 total touchdowns and has settled into his role as starting quarterback. The versatile former running back has been efficient through the air by passing for 12 touchdowns and completing just under 60.0 percent of his passes. Schneider's dual-threat ability to also be able to run the ball effectively adds another dimension to the Bulldogs offense that has been difficult for their opponents to stop all season. "I would take Zack Schneider on any football team I've ever coached," Joslin said. "He's a football player, number one, but he's a great kid first-and-foremost. Just the work that he has put in from last year to this year is huge. He has turned himself



Courtesy Photo

**Coahoma Bulldogs quarterback Zack Schneider breaks a tackle in a game from earlier this season.**

into a quarterback because he wants to do whatever it takes to win

Coahoma is giving up 15.6 points per game to opposing offenses and will look to shut down the Wildcats potent balanced attack. On the season, Canadian has scored more than 50 points on five separate occasions and head into this Friday averaging a whopping 51.1 points per game.

On the other hand, the Bulldogs are averaging upwards of 43.0 points per game on offense, while the Wildcats are allowing their opponents to score only a measly 12.8 points per game

What does Joslin expect from this meeting of thunder and lightning?

"On paper we're pretty evenly-matched," Joslin said. "We're a little bit bigger in some spots than we are, they're a little faster in some spots than we are. Sometimes bigger is better. Sometimes faster is better. We'll just see how it plays out on that night."

Canadian will look to mix up their offense by keeping a balance between run and pass plays. With a very impressive quarterback in junior Grant McCook, the Wildcats have a star dual-threat option at the most important position on the

field. McCook has racked up over 2,000 yards passing and 700 yards rushing this season while finding the end zone a combined 36 times. The signal-caller has a favorite target in quick-twitched junior wide receiver Twister Kelton who has notched 38 receptions and six touchdowns this season.

Another star junior for Canadian, running back Hayze Hufstedler, is picking up a first-down almost every time he touches the ball. Hufstedler has already passed the century-mark in rushing yards for the year and has punished opposing defenses all year on his 24 trips into the end zone.

In order for the Bulldogs to pull off the big upset, they will need to win the battle at the line of scrimmage and apply the squeeze to the three-headed monster of Canadian. Faced off against a team that has sacked the quarterback an astonishing 42 times, Joslin will need his offensive line to play their best game of the year.

"We need to win up front," Joslin said. "I've said that all year and the one game all-year that we didn't win up front, we were up front. If we win up front on defense and on offense, we'll be successful. That will be very true this week. Whoever wins the line-of-scrimmage is going to win the ballgame."

With both teams combining for an 20-2 record, there are sure to be both offensive and defensive fireworks on the field this Friday night in Plainview.

The Bulldogs have not advanced past the Area round of the postseason since 2003 and will be looking to change that fortune this week. Coahoma has never won this many games in a season and Joslin has his squad oozing with confidence heading into their biggest challenge they have faced so far.

With the season on the line this Friday night up north, look for the Bulldogs to leave it all on the field. Looking to continue their unprecedented season, every player on the roster will need to give it everything they have. In a year where no one was expecting this from the Bulldogs, Joslin and his team will be looking to keep surprising the state.

"If you want to shock the world, you have got to come out and play in games like this."

# Doncic scores 42 in triple-double, Mavs top Spurs 117-110

By DAVE JACKSON

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Luka Doncic grew up idolizing LeBron James, and now the young NBA prodigy has joined James in the record book.

The Dallas Mavericks needed everything Doncic delivered in a sensational performance Monday night.

Doncic scored a career-high 42 points to go with 12 assists and 11 rebounds as the Mavericks held off the skidding San Antonio Spurs 117-110. The 20-year-old second-year guard joined James as the only players in league history younger than 21 to have a 40-point triple-double.

"It feels like every day there are stats you don't know about, stats that you read about," Doncic said. "It's great to hit."

Dallas led wire to wire but had to fend off a late Spurs rally, with Doncic hitting a 3-pointer with 26.5 seconds to play that put Dallas up 115-110 after the Spurs had rallied from 14 down at the start of the quarter.

Doncic has an NBA-leading six triple-doubles in just 13 games this season.

"This guy can do anything he wants to on a basketball court," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "He's having one of those magical runs right now. It's a phenomenal thing to watch. It's a phenomenal thing to be a part of."

Dallas also got a career-high 22 points from Dorian Finney-Smith, and Kristaps Porzingis added 18 points and 10 rebounds.

The Spurs have lost six in a row, their longest slide since 2011, and dropped eight of nine since a 4-1 start. They're off to their worst start since 1996-97, the season before they drafted former star and current assistant coach Tim Duncan.

DeMar DeRozan scored a season-high 36 points for the Spurs, helping to lead a fourth-quarter surge after they trailed 93-79 entering the period.

"When adversity hits you can't run from it, you can't shy away from it, you can't let it get you down," DeRozan said. "Try to channel that energy and put it in the right place so we can understand why we got beat."

### KEY SEQUENCE

With Dallas up 110-107, both Bryn Forbes and Patty Mills missed potential game-tying 3s. On the ensuing possession, Porzingis lost the ball going up to shoot but Finney-Smith scooped it up and fired an off-balance 20-footer as the shot clock expired. It fell through to put Dallas up five.

"I looked at the clock, and it just bounced right to me and I threw it up," Finney-Smith said.

"Exactly like we drew it up."

After Rudy Gay's 3 brought the Spurs back within two, Doncic stepped back and hit the 3 that finally finished off San Antonio.

### FINNEY-SMITH EMERGES

Finney-Smith shot 8 for 10 from the field, including three 3s. All the more impressive was that the fourth-year wing, who has built a reputation with his defense, had his career game while also drawing a tough assignment in DeRozan.

"I think I owe (Carlisle) some money because I said I wouldn't go for his pump fake, and he got me one time," Finney-Smith said.

### TIP-INS

Spurs: Coach Gregg Popovich talked about Duncan, in his first season as an assistant coach: "His mere presence is valuable. When a young kid has Tim Duncan put his arm around them and guide them in a certain way, give them a piece of advice, that's way more important than what I can do."

Mavericks: This was their first matchup with the Spurs since the retirement of Dirk Nowitzki, who played against the Spurs 78 times in the regular season.

### NFL Standings

AFC East	Division	Overall	PF	PA
New England	4-0-0	9-1-0	287	108
Buffalo Bills	3-1-0	7-3-0	211	170
New York Jets	0-4-0	3-7-0	164	255
Miami Dolphins	1-3-0	2-8-0	139	305

AFC North	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Baltimore Ravens	3-1-0	8-2-0	341	196
Pittsburgh Steelers	1-2-0	5-5-0	200	202
Cleveland Browns	2-0-0	4-6-0	192	228
Cincinnati Bengals	0-3-0	0-10-0	147	276

AFC South	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Indianapolis Colts	3-0-0	6-4-0	227	206
Houston Texans	2-1-0	6-4-0	245	232
Tennessee Titans	0-2-0	5-5-0	203	197
Jacksonville	1-3-0	4-6-0	189	222

AFC West	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Kansas City Chiefs	2-0-0	6-4-0	284	239
Oakland Raiders	2-1-0	6-4-0	225	250
L.A. Chargers	0-2-0	4-6-0	207	194
Denver Broncos	1-2-0	3-7-0	172	197

NFC East	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Dallas Cowboys	4-0-0	6-4-0	286	197
Philadelphia Eagles	1-1-0	5-5-0	234	230
New York Giants	1-2-0	2-8-0	203	289
Washington	0-3-0	1-9-0	125	253

NFC North	Division	Overall	PF	PA
Green Bay Packers	3-0-0	8-2-0	250	205
Minnesota Vikings	1-2-0	8-3-0	289	205
Chicago Bears	2-1-0	4-6-0	169	174
Detroit Lions	0-3-0	3-6-1	244	272

NFC South	Division	Overall	PF	PA
New Orleans Saints	2-1-0	8-2-0	238	199
Carolina Panthers	1-2-0	5-5-0	228	257
Atlanta Falcons	2-0-0	3-7-0	220	262
Tampa Bay	1-3-0	3-7-0	277	313

NFC West	Division	Overall	PF	PA
San Francisco 49ers	3-1-0	9-1-0	295	155
Seattle Seahawks	3-0-0	8-2-0	275	254
Los Angeles Rams	0-2-0	6-4-0	243	198
Arizona Cardinals	0-3-0	3-7-1	248	317

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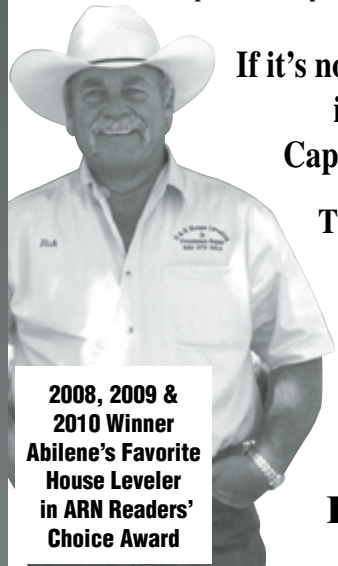
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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
*Where there's a will*

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

In deciding how to tackle a particular suit combination, no method of play, however unusual, should be excluded from consideration if it fits in with declarer's prime objective: to make the contract. Anything declarer can do to further that goal is a step in the right direction.

Consider this deal where West led the ten of hearts against three notrump. Declarer took the trick with the ace and played the A-K and another club, won by East with the

queen. East shifted to the queen of diamonds, and South went down two.

While it is true that South was unlucky to lose a club trick to East and also to find West with the ace of diamonds, the fact remains that he could have adopted a different line of play that would have ensured making at least three notrump.

All he had to do was to win the heart lead in dummy, lead the seven of clubs and let it ride if East followed low. If the seven lost to West's ten or queen, South would then have four club tricks and nine all told. If the seven won the trick because East had the queen and ten, five club tricks would become certain.

If East covered the seven with the ten, South would win with the king, return to dummy with a heart and play another club, intending to finesse if East followed low. This sequence of plays would be entirely consistent with the overall aim of keeping East out of the lead at all costs in order to avoid a possible killing diamond return.

Of course, if East showed out on the first club lead from dummy, South could still assure four club tricks and the contract by going up with the ace and returning a low club toward dummy's jack.

Tomorrow: A handy defensive device.

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## SUDOKU

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

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

ANSWER:

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### Lunar Shift Change

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Existential questions can bring up fear, and that's why many people avoid them. However, because you sense there's something soulful you need to get to today, you're willing to make the ask.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Obstacles are opportunities. Sometimes it takes a while to see exactly how. It won't be readily apparent. Examine the situation from different angles, looking for its unique offering.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You, like most people, have an urge to say something about the stuff you like. There's nothing selfish or selfless in this. You don't feel like your words will make the world better. You just need to talk. It's human.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You may as well consider smiling and being contented to be interchangeable today. If you're one, you're the other. If you're not at least one, you're neither. It's one of those times when feelings have to be enacted to be felt.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Companies trying to detect your appetites by monitoring your spending habits will miss the mark. Even close friends and loved ones can't predict you. You're changing, and that's what makes this such an exciting time.

### BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Remember when you were performing at a peak level, and take note of what was motivating you back then. The situation you face now is different, but there are similarities that you can reimagine and apply.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You will be true to your values, both the ones you know about and the ones you don't consciously think about. By questioning your actions (good and bad ones alike) you'll learn something useful about your values.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Go ahead and do the things that make you feel better about yourself -- without putting yourself through that line of questioning that involves "what you think you deserve." It's nonsense. You deserve happiness.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Things have gotten out of hand, overly complicated and excessively fancy,

detailed or emotional. Find the simplicity and see it through.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Fake, negative and malicious stories can spread quickly among fools and die just as quickly when they fall on the ears of the wise. You'll shut down gossip by simply refusing to participate in it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You are only responsible for one person's reactions to life. If you're tending to that, then you probably won't have enough time left over today for the toxic habit of people-pleasing.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You're so optimistic that pessimistic people don't know what to do with you. Your mood will serve as a kind of filter that affects your field of attraction and influence.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 19).** Your cosmic birthday present is a stellar sense of balance. Somehow you're able to give generously to others and still have plenty left to follow your own goals and dreams. Exciting things happen in the realm of personal development. A tenderhearted person joins your team. You learn a skill that heals what ailed you. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 16, 3 and 5.

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## Annie's Mailbox

### Rebuilding After Betrayal

Dear Annie: I read "Dear Annie" now, just as I read "Ask Ann Landers" and "Dear Abby" starting in the 1950s. I hope you can give me some advice.

My husband, "Fred," and I have been married for 58 years. We met when we were both working in Washington, D.C. We were 18 years old. We dated for 3 1/2 years. He presented himself to be charming, a man of good morals, sweet, kind, a Christian and a virgin. I thought he loved me more than anyone. I had some reservations because he spoke of "Mother" frequently, often using the phrase "Mother said."

Once I got to know him better, I felt he had matured. But after marriage, he began to have temper tantrums. I was shocked.

After losing our first baby to a miscarriage, Fred was drafted into the Army and soon sent to Korea. I had begged him to join the Guard, but at his mother's suggestion, he refused.

After he returned home, I became pregnant and had a little girl. A year and a half later, we had a son, born a couple of weeks prior to Christmas.

While out shopping around that time, I saw Fred using a pay phone, so I walked up behind him and overheard a

romantic conversation. He made up a plausible lie, and I let it go. Years went by, and he was not good to me.

Last year, after 57 years of marriage, he decided to tell all. He now tells me he was calling a woman for a second date during the week of Christmas. He later called to see if the coast was clear, as she was married, too. He also told me he had slept with prostitutes while in Korea and then had relations with other women in D.C., Chicago -- where we lived for a time -- and then Memphis, where we now live. He claims he has always loved me and the encounters with other women were "just sex," as if that makes a difference to me.

I am devastated beyond belief.

We are now 80, and I have stage 4 cancer. People tell me I look as if I am in my 60s, and the cancer is in remission. Our children are grown. We have completed one year of counseling. He has been diagnosed as a "sex addict," and I have PTSD. Our lives are in ruin. He denies that he's addicted to sex, and he denies that it was caused by his domineering mother, as counselors have suggested.

I am uncertain as to what to do. I worked hard and invested well and can afford to support myself. Counseling

helped some but not much. Right now, I am unable to make logical decisions. Do you have any words of wisdom for me? -- A Lifelong Reader

**Dear Lifelong Reader:** You sound like a remarkable and very strong woman. My advice is that you make the decision NOT to make a decision at this time. Instead, focus on yourself and making you -- and only you -- happy, whatever that might mean. Go to your church, visit your children and grandchildren. While you're healing from this trauma of deception, it's perfectly reasonable to take a break from your husband. There are different types of therapy you could try. Continue with your counseling and perhaps add some meditation or prayer groups. Spend time with your friends.

At some point, you will realize that your husband had a very troubled upbringing, which contributed to his acting out. This does not excuse his behavior, but hopefully, the realization will give you some peace of mind. Remember that his actions had nothing to do with you or how much he loved you but rather with how little he loved himself.

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7:PM	Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Exatlón Estados Unidos (SS)	News	Our Mess	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Movie: Transformers, Josh Duhamel (DVS)	American Game	College Football: Stars In.	Stars Pre.	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners
8:PM	Conners	Cuna de lobos	The Resident	NCIS (DVS)	El final del paraíso	News	Building	Finding Your Roots	Andy G.	The Flash	Big Bang	Movie: Transformers, Josh Duhamel (DVS)	Peyton's	NHL Hockey: Vancouver Canucks at Dallas Stars.	NHL Hockey: Vancouver Canucks at Dallas Stars.	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners
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11:PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	Tonight Show	Words of Freedom	Amanpour-Co	C. Burnett	black-ish	Conan	Movie: Taken 2 (DVS)	SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: Canucks at Stars	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners	
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### ANDY CAPP

Panel 1: Andy Capp stands in front of a sign that says "I'VE HAD A WIN ON THE HORSES, YOU SAID".

Panel 2: Andy Capp says, "I'LL TREAT YOU TO A PIZZA, YOU SAID".

Panel 3: Andy Capp asks, "HOW WAS I TO KNOW MOST OF THE FELLAS I OWE MONEY TO WOULD BE IN THERE?"

### AGNES

Panel 1: Agnes says, "I AM GOING TO BECOME A MENTALIST." You? HA!

Panel 2: Agnes says, "GO AHEAD AND SNORT DERISIVELY, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT A MENTALIST IS." HA! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT 'SNORT DERISIVELY' MEANS.

Panel 3: Agnes says, "YOU JUST KIND OF GLIDE OVER THE SURFACE OF THINKING WITHOUT DISTURBING THE SURFACE." THINKING MAKES MY BRAIN PANT.

### ARCHIE

Panel 1: Archie says, "SAY, ARCH, DID YOU READ THIS COMIC?" Jug, please! I'm studying!

Panel 2: Archie says, "SORRY, ARCH, DIDN'T MEAN TO BREAK YOUR CONCENTRATION!" Well, be considerate!

Panel 3: Archie says, "IT'S HARD ENOUGH DOING HOMEWORK, WATCHING TV AND IM'ING FRIENDS AT THE SAME TIME!"

### ONE BIG HAPPY

Panel 1: Grandpa says, "UH-OH, GRANDPA, DON'T WALK UNDER THAT LADDER!"

Panel 2: Grandpa says, "RUTHIE... DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SUPERSTITIOUS!"

Panel 3: Grandpa says, "NOT REALLY, GRANDPA." Well, maybe a little stitious!

### MOMMA

Panel 1: Momma says, "I'D LIKE MY SON TO APPLY FOR THE JOB YOU'RE ADVERTISING..." Very well.

Panel 2: Momma says, "YOU'LL FIND HIM TO BE A FINE EMPLOYEE." I will interview him right now...

Panel 3: Momma says, "PSSST... JUST ONE TIP: TRY NOT TO USE THE WORD 'WORK'!"

### NEST HEAD

Panel 1: Nest Head says, "DOES DOUGLEY REALLY NEED THAT FLEA COLLAR DURING THE WINTER?" Probably not.

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### ARCHIE

Panel 1: Archie says, "SAY, ARCH, DID YOU READ THIS COMIC?" Jug, please! I'm studying!

Panel 2: Archie says, "SORRY, ARCH, DIDN'T MEAN TO BREAK YOUR CONCENTRATION!" Well, be considerate!

Panel 3: Archie says, "IT'S HARD ENOUGH DOING HOMEWORK, WATCHING TV AND IM'ING FRIENDS AT THE SAME TIME!"

### ONE BIG HAPPY

Panel 1: Grandpa says, "UH-OH, GRANDPA, DON'T WALK UNDER THAT LADDER!"

Panel 2: Grandpa says, "RUTHIE... DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SUPERSTITIOUS!"

Panel 3: Grandpa says, "NOT REALLY, GRANDPA." Well, maybe a little stitious!

### MOMMA

Panel 1: Momma says, "I'D LIKE MY SON TO APPLY FOR THE JOB YOU'RE ADVERTISING..." Very well.

Panel 2: Momma says, "YOU'LL FIND HIM TO BE A FINE EMPLOYEE." I will interview him right now...

Panel 3: Momma says, "PSSST... JUST ONE TIP: TRY NOT TO USE THE WORD 'WORK'!"

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## This Date In History

### Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2019. There are 42 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Nov. 19, 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made the second manned landing on the moon.

**On this date:**  
In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.

In 1915, labor activist Joe Hill was executed by firing squad in Utah for the murders of Salt Lake City grocer John Morrison and his son, Arling.

In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles (veh-SY) by a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel.

In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

In 1984, some 500 people died in a firestorm set off by a series of explosions at a petroleum storage plant on the edge of Mexico City.

In 1985, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

In 1995, Polish President Lech Walesa (vah-WEN'-sah) was defeated in his bid for re-election.

In 1997, Iowa seamstress Bobbi McCaughey (mihk-KOY') gave birth to the world's first set of surviving septuplets, four boys and three girls.

In 2006, British authorities said they were investigating the apparent poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko (leet-vee-NYEHN'-koh), a former KGB agent who had been critical of the Russian government (Litvinenko died in London four days later of polonium poisoning).

In 2017, Charles Manson, the hippie cult leader behind the gruesome murders of actress Sharon Tate and six others in Los Angeles in 1969, died in a California hospital at the age of 83 after nearly a half-century in prison.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama wrapped up his week-long Asia trip in South Korea, where he said the United States had begun talking with

allies about fresh punishment against Iran for defying efforts to halt its nuclear weapons pursuits. President Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAHR'-zeyeh) pledged to get tough on corruption and strengthen security in Afghanistan as he started a second five-year term. Artist Jeanne-Claude, who helped create various "wrapping" projects with her husband Christo, died in New York at age 74.

Five years ago: Defying Congress, President Barack Obama ordered sweeping changes in U.S. immigration policy possibly affecting as many as 5 million living illegally in the country. Film and theater director Mike Nichols, 83, died in New York.

One year ago: A federal judge in San Francisco temporarily barred the Trump administration from refusing asylum to immigrants who cross the southern border illegally. Nissan said the company's chairman, Carlos Ghosn (gohn), had been arrested for allegedly underreporting his income and misusing company funds. The Trump administration dropped its effort to bar CNN reporter Jim Acosta from the White House, but said he could have his credentials pulled again if he didn't follow guidelines governing the behavior of journalists. For the first time in NFL history, each team scored more than 50 points as the Los Angeles Rams outlasted the Kansas City Chiefs, 54-51; the game featured 14 touchdowns, included three by defensive players.

**Today's Birthdays:** Talk show host Larry King is 86. Former General Electric chief executive Jack Welch is 84. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 83. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 81. Former Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 80. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson is 78. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 77. Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad is 70. Actor Robert Beltran is 66. Actress Kathleen Quinlan is 65. Actress Glynnis O'Connor is 64. Broadcast journalist Ann Curry is 63. Former NASA astronaut Eileen Collins is 63. Actress Allison Janney is 60. Rock musician Matt Sorum

Answer to previous puzzle

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(Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver) is 59. Actress Meg Ryan is 58. Actress-director Jodie Foster is 57. Actress Terry Farrell is 56. TV chef Rocco DiSpirito is 53. Actor Jason Scott Lee is 53. Olympic gold medal runner Gail Devers is 53. Actress Erika Alexander is 50. Rock musician Travis McNabb is 50. Singer Tony Rich is 48. Actress Sandrine Holt is 47. Country singer Jason Albert (Heartland

is 46. Country singer Billy Curington is 46. Dancer-choreographer Savion Glover is 46. Country musician Chad Jeffers is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamika Scott (Xscape) is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lil' Mo is 42. Olympic gold medal gymnast Kerri Strug is 42. Actor Reid Scott is 42. Movie director Barry Jenkins (Film: "Moonlight") is 40. Actress

Katherine Kelly is 40. Neo-soul musician Browan Lollar (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 37. Actor Adam Driver is 36. Country singer Cam is 35. Actress Samantha Futerman is 32. NHL forward Patrick Kane is 31. Rapper Tyga is 30.

**Thought for Today:** "You can always tell gifted and highly intelligent people as they always turn to the past. Any young

person who knows anything that happened before 1980, or 1990, or 2000 for that matter, is immediately someone who is intelligent, probably creative, maybe a writer. Nobody who is drawn to the past and learning about the past is not gifted" — Mike Nichols (film director, born in 1931, died on this date in 2014).

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## Newsday Crossword

### ACROSS

- Pet adoption org.
- Aerosol, for instance
- Middle of the Three Bears
- CEO's domain
- Leave well enough
- Out of the office
- Each, informally
- Shows the way
- All used up
- Unavoidable annoyances
- Doctors' org.
- "Not my error" notation
- Computer cord
- EMT's expertise
- Prefix meaning "large"
- "Don't mind \_\_\_ do"
- Fashion designer Ralph
- Action film star Jackie
- Census data
- Metal that can rust
- Candy-filled hanging at a party
- Harper who wrote... *Mockingbird*
- Southpaw
- Heart test letters
- Place for a belt
- "Hey, am \_\_\_ a roll!"
- Mo. arch city
- Class you must take
- List of choices
- Unusual trinket
- Not worth debating
- A single time

### GOTTA HAVE 'EM by Billie Truitt

Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- Truant soldier, for short
- No \_\_\_ land (area under dispute)
- "OK, Captain!"
- Detect an aroma
- Pep
- Well-mannered
- In flames
- A little \_\_\_ everything (miscellany)
- Adorable kid
- Practical joke
- Put a new price on
- Spicy beans/beef stew
- Track events
- Earliest stage
- Nile snake
- Petty complaint
- Old items of value
- Took care of
- Golden Rule pronoun
- Homecoming returnees
- Specialized retail market
- Typical bagpipers
- Nevada gambling city
- Anything in an env.
- Is sorry about
- Periods of history
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- Highway or byway
- Mediocre
- And others: Abbr.
- Floor-washing implement

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# Harden, Westbrook help Rockets rout Trail Blazers 132-108

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden has been scoring at such a prolific rate this season that his 36-point effort in Houston's rout of Portland on Monday night actually caused his average to dip.

"For him he had a subpar night," Portland coach Terry Stotts said with a slight laugh.

Russell Westbrook added 28 points and a triple-double to help the Rockets to their eighth straight win, 132-108.

Harden, who has scored at least 30 points in eight straight games, had six rebounds, five assists and a steal. He leads the NBA by averaging a career-high 39.2 points this season. The second-highest scorer in the league is Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo, who is well behind Harden at 30.3 points a game.

"I think that a lot of people like to normalize greatness when you see it over and over again," Westbrook said. "But it's not normal because there's no one else that can do it. If it was normal everybody would do it. He's put himself in a position to one of the best ... scorers of all time."

Westbrook had 13 rebounds and 10 assists for his third triple-double of the season and the 141st of his career after sitting out to rest in Houston's last game on Saturday night.

Coach Mike D'Antoni loved the way Harden and Westbrook worked together on Monday night.

"You've got a dose of (Westbrook's) athleticism coming at you and they've got to get back and get a wall and then ... it didn't quite go and get it back to James and just let him do what James does," D'Antoni said. "It's a pretty good 1-2 punch, that's for sure."

The Rockets led by double digits for most of this one on a night they got starters Clint Capela and Danuel House back after both players had missed time with injuries.

Houston was up by 18 with about five minutes left when Harden made a 3-pointer to make it 120-99. Westbrook collected his 10th assist when Harden made a layup with about 3 1/2 minutes left for Houston's next points and the pair along with P.J. Tucker headed to the bench for good after that.

CJ McCollum led the Trail Blazers with 25 points in a game where Damian

Lillard shot just 4 of 15 and had 13 points.

Stotts was unhappy that his team had more rebounds overall than Houston but had just 12 offensive rebounds to 17 by the Rockets.

"The thing that was probably the most disappointing was their offensive rebounding and how they converted their offensive rebounding into points," he said. "I thought that was the difference in the first half."

Houston led by 23 points entering the fourth quarter after scoring 35 points in a big third quarter. The Trail Blazers cut it to 102-85 with about 9 minutes to go but Westbrook had the next three points to pad the lead.

The Trail Blazers cut the lead to 11 with a 3-pointer by McCollum with about 8 1/2 minutes left in the third quarter. The Rockets then used a 19-6 run to make it 94-70 with about 2 1/2 minutes left in the period. Harden had six points in that stretch and Tucker made a 3-pointer and added five points.

The Rockets were up by 14 at halftime after a 15-point second quarter from Harden.

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: Stotts said Carmelo Anthony is expected to join the team on Tuesday. Anthony hasn't played in the NBA since Nov. 8, 2018, when he was with the Rockets ... Portland made 11 of 36 3-pointers.

Rockets: G Eric Gordon spoke to reporters on Monday for the first time since having arthroscopic surgery on his right knee last week. Gordon said he is feeling good and hopes to return around Christmas. ... House returned after missing the last three games with a back injury. ... Capela was back in the lineup after sitting out two games with a concussion.

CAPELA & HAYES

Capela added a season-high 22 points and had 20 rebounds to become the first Rocket to have at least 20 rebounds in four straight games since Hall of Famer Elvin Hayes in 1971. Hayes sat courtside with fellow Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon to witness Capela's big game.

"I talked to him a little bit after the game and he congratulated me," Capela said. "So I'm just proud and hopefully I can keep going."

UP NEXT

Trail Blazers: Visit New Orleans on Tuesday night.

Rockets: Visit Denver on Wednesday night.

# Texas went from Big 12 favorite to 4 losses again

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas began the 2019 season right where Longhorns fans always expect them to be: ranked in the top 10 and ready for a run at the Big 12 title, maybe even the College Football Playoff.

But now that it's mid-November, Texas is right back where it has usually been the last decade: saddled with four losses and the head coach facing questions about what went wrong.

Last week's 23-21 loss at Iowa State sent Texas to its 10th consecutive season with at least four losses, a run of mediocrity unprecedented in program history. The Longhorns (6-4, 4-3) head into Saturday a matchup at No. 13 Baylor (9-1, 6-1) in what could have been a de facto playoff for a berth in the Big 12 title game.

"Their season has been eerily similar to ours," Herman said Monday, "other than they've been able to win those close ones."

But wins and losses are the point. And Baylor didn't start the season as a favorite to win the Big 12. That was supposed to be Texas.

Both programs have third-year head coaches. Baylor was 1-11 under Matt Rhule in 2017 then qualified for a bowl game last season. The Bears started this season unranked before ripping off nine straight wins and are still in control of their own destiny for a spot in the Big 12 title game.

Herman's first season in 2017 got Texas back to a bowl game after a two-year drought. Last season saw Texas return to the Big 12 title game and cap the year with an impressive Sugar Bowl win over Georgia.

That success set up expectations that Herman's third season had the potential to be a special. It hasn't gone that way.

Herman, who faced backlash over late-game play calling in the loss at Iowa State, acknowledged Monday that Texas fans are upset about what could have been. The Longhorns haven't been relevant in the national championship picture since 2009.

"They have every right to be," Herman said. "We have not played to our

level of expectations. If you are a fan of us, you have similar expectations."

Even some of Texas' wins have been shaky. Texas needed a last-play field goal to beat Kansas at home. The Longhorns needed another game-winning kick to beat Kansas State after surrendering a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter.

"I knew we had a difficult schedule. I knew we had a lot of inexperience defensively, especially when the rash of injuries hit early," Herman said. "I'm disappointed we couldn't overcome those things better."

Texas lost to No. 1 LSU in the second game, but the Tigers were the only unfamiliar opponent on the schedule. The Longhorns got to avoid typically tough trips to Kansas State and Oklahoma State this season and got two wins at home, but lost at TCU and Iowa State.

The final two games on the schedule become a matter of pride, Herman said. And to start looking ahead to 2020.

"We've still got a bunch of seniors in that locker room who have bled, sweat and cried for the program," Herman said. "We owe it to them to try to correct the mistakes that were made and do our best."



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