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BSPD Narcotics Division arrests 2

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Department issued the following press release regarding a recent drug investigation.

Police Department Narcotics Division assisted by the Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigations Division.

Special to the Herald
 For the past couple months the Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Division has conducted investigations into the distribution of Crack Cocaine and Marijuana at 100 Lockhart, Lot C.

During the execution of the warrant, two individuals as well as two children - ages 9 months and 2 years - were located inside of the residence.

The two adults were found to be in possession of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine and over \$1,000 in U.S. currency.

At the time of this media release (Wednesday afternoon) the two chil-



Brady Baldwin, III **Devasia Jenae Green**
 dren have been placed with Child Protective Services, and the two adults
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Feast of Sharing moving to Howard County Fairgrounds



HERALD file photo

H-E-B's annual Feast of Sharing has been moved to the Howard County Fairgrounds, due to unforeseen circumstances. The feast is still set for Sunday. The community is invited to attend the free meal.

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

Tables are set, the feast is still on, just in a new location. Despite the unforeseen circumstance of a last minute venue change, the team of volunteers and H-E-B staff is gearing up for the annual Feast of Sharing on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last week, the Howard College campus experienced a power outage, due to a motor-vehicle accident. Due to the extent of the damage, repairs are still in progress, which has hindered the ability to host the annual event. In a proactive measure, a new location was sought and the Howard County Fairgrounds Fairbarn was selected for this year.

The Fifth Annual H-E-B Feast of Sharing is an annual event where H-E-B prepares and serves delicious meals to anyone in the community. In Big

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Inspirations continues tradition with Holiday Open House

Photos with Santa, hot cocoa and more
 By **CINDY PINCH**
 Staff Writer

Inspirations Flowers and Gifts will be hosting their annual Christmas Open House on Friday, Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to partake in this special Christmas event.

"We're going to be serving cookies and hot cocoa," Laura Murphree, owner of Inspirations said. "Santa Claus will be here. This is the first year we've had Santa."

Murphree also plans on getting a

few local musicians to play Christmas carols, to add to the atmosphere. There will also be door prizes at the event. This event is family friendly and open to everyone in the community.

"I love seeing all the people," Murphree said. "It's going to be fun to see all the kids this year, with everyone bringing their children and grandchildren to see Santa."

The annual Christmas open house began in the 1950s when it was known

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Santa, books, and photos at Howard County Library

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Santa is making the rounds and another Big Spring stop has been added. The Howard County Library has teamed up with Star Dodge and the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club for Pictures with Santa. Santa will be at the Library from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"Christmas is almost here and Santa is ready to get those lists from the kids," Tabitha Clark, Star Dodge Public Relations Manager, said. "This will be a great opportunity for families to come visit with Santa and get those lists delivered in person."

In an effort to encourage and support literacy with our youth, there is an added bonus for those visiting with Santa. In addition to delivering their Christmas list to Santa, the first 100 children will receive a free book, courtesy of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club.

"Literacy is an important and valuable gift, and this Christmas we wanted to kick off the season of giving by providing a gift the kids can enjoy year round, with their families," Clark said. "Reading a book together as a family is a great way to make memories, while teaching the kids at the same time."

Families are encouraged to bring their own cameras to take photos with Santa, while he is at the Library.

There is no registration fee and the community is invited to come out and visit the Howard County Library.

For those who do not already have a library card, there will be an opportunity to find out how to sign up for one so families can begin utilizing all the services offered at the Howard County Library.

The library is located at 500 S. Main. To find out more information, call 432-264-2260.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Obituaries

Paul "BUMBA" Viera, Jr.



Paul "BUMBA" Viera, Jr., 34, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Paul was born Nov. 20, 1985, in Big Spring, Texas. He is survived by his twins, Jazmine and Alonzo

Holguin; and another daughter, Angelina Viera; three sisters, Maria Viera, Susana Gonzales (Gilbert) and Vanessa Williams (Marvin); five brothers, Joe Viera (Luisa), Adrian Viera, Adam Viera (Vicki), Chris Viera and Daniel Viera; and numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many aunts and uncles.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Dolores Montez Viera and Paul Viera, Sr.; and two nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RAMIRO VALENCIA MARQUEZ**, 3029 of 1301 Settles, was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **DEWAYNE EDWARD DAVIS**, 39, of 2524 Hunter Dr., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRADY BALDWIN III**, 39, of 1616 S. Zang Blvd., #6206, Dallas, Texas, was arrested on a charge of manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four to 200 grams).
- **DEVASIA JENAE GREEN**, 30, of 907 N. Gregg St., was arrested on a charge of manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four to 200 grams).
- **JON PATRICK MORRIS LEOS**, 22, of 2005 S. Runnel St., was arrested on warrants for no license plate, no drivers license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **GARY LYNN TIDWELL**, 50, of 420 Circle Dr.,

was arrested on a warrant for expired registration.

- **PETE CHAVARRIA JR.**, 26, of 2501 Larry Dr., was arrested on charges of hindering officer discharging official duties, and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of E. 11th Place, and the 1300 block of Park St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Dr., and the 2500 block of Larry Dr.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 5700 block of W. I-20, and the 1300 block of Ridgeroad Dr.
- **MISSING ADULT** was reported in the 2200 block of Edgemere Rd.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 15000 block of S. Lancaster St.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 4200 block of W. Hwy 80.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 96 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BRADY BALDWIN III**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of manufacture of delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four to 200 grams).
- **PETE CHAVARRIA JR.**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on charges of hindering officer discharging official duties and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **DEWAYNE EDWARD DAVIS**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Albroom. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80. 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.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4000 block of Alma Circle. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2300

block of Center Point Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Texas Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Bluebonnet. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Abrams. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• C. Larson Real Estate presents their Second Annual Jolly Jamboree to be held Sunday, Dec. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at 1600 S. Gregg St. The event is free and everyone is invited. Stop by and get a photo with Santa, Mrs. Claus and The Grinch. Cookies, hot cocoa, music, a bounce house, and other fun surprises will be available.

• 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.

• 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 in order 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.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

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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, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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.

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Spring. Thanks to the dedication of all those involved, the event is still set to take place this weekend.

While the food and logistics have been figured out, the event is still needing volunteers. According to Debra Moreno with H-E-B, you don't have to work the entire time of the event; you can work 30 minutes or four hours, whatever works best for you.

"We need volunteers who will work in the Children's Corner and to help

with the food," Moreno said. "This could involve getting drinks iced down, serving in the line, or taking food to the tables. Most importantly, we want to make sure these volunteers also get their meal and get a chance to eat."

Moreno continued, "This is something that H-E-B is excited about every year. It's about community and family, and that's what we're all about."

H-E-B Feast of Sharing will take place Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds. If you would like to volunteer, please call Debra Moreno at the Big Spring H-E-B at 432-816-6018. The community is encouraged to attend the free event.

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

Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 75. West wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north after midnight.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph in the morning.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

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as Jane's Floral, and under different ownership. It is a tradition that Murphree has continued since she purchased the business in 2002.

"We've done it all but last year," she said.

The holiday open house at Inspirations, will be the beginning of this weekend's festivities. Saturday will begin at 8 a.m. with Breakfast with Santa, at heritage Museum and A Vintage Christmas. The day will conclude with

the Big Spring Herald's annual Christmas Parade and the Our Savior presentation at the First United Methodist Church.

Cindy Pinch is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Take Note

join us, we would love to have you.

• 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 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

• 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.

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Henry Madrid, 65, of Washington, formerly of Big Spring, died November 13, 2019. The family will receive friends from 6 PM until 9 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with a Vigil Service beginning at 7 PM.

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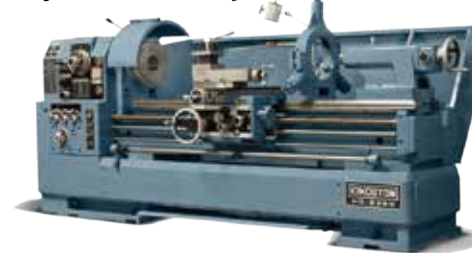
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were arrested and charged with the Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance PG1 4G<200G. Narcotics Investigators are expecting additional charges to follow at a later date as this investigation continues.

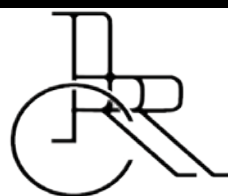
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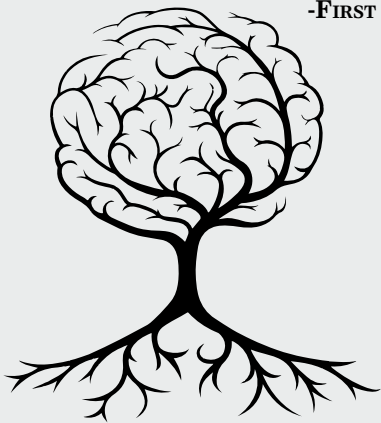
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Spinning Silver

“The real story isn't half as pretty as the one you've heard.” Naomi Novik wrote in her novel *Spinning Silver*.

We've all heard the story of Rumpelstiltskin. About the poor maid who was forced to spin straw into gold in order to impress a king.

But, unless you've already read *Spinning Silver*, you've never heard the story quite like this. Her adaptation is unique. It is vastly different from the traditional tale. In fact, you won't find a character named Rumpelstiltskin, or even one like him.

Novik took an element from a classic story and transformed it into a beautiful novel that can melt even the coldest hearts.

Miryem was poor, and that made her desperate. Her father was kind and generous. Traits that, while good for an individual, didn't make the best money-lender.

Miryem watched as people in her village took advantage of his

patience. They would borrow money and repay him in excuses. As she grew up, she watched the people in her village get fat and rich while her family starved, barely able to make ends meet.

When her mother fell ill, Miryem took it upon herself to take matters into her own hands.

She went to the home of every person who owed her family money and, that began her new role in the family business. Her new, ruthless attitude earned her family the money they needed, and her the reputation of being able to turn silver into gold.

And then winter came and with it, the Saryk. The Saryk are fey who raided villages for gold. They are more ice than anything,

both in appearance and heart. When they come close to Miryem's village, the king of the Saryk hears her boast to her mother about turning silver to gold. The next day, a white pouch filled with silver coins waits on the table in her home. Miryem sees it as a challenge from the king to turn it into gold, and so she does - by investing it.

The Saryk king is impressed and takes Miryem back to his kingdom so that she can turn more silver into gold; though he doesn't understand that she

didn't do it with a trick of magic. Her servant, Wanda, begins the process of trying to find a way to get her back.

Irina, the daughter of a great lord, is promised in marriage to the young Tsar Mirnatus. Though the match should be a joyous occasion, Irina quickly learns that the young tsar is not who she thought he was.

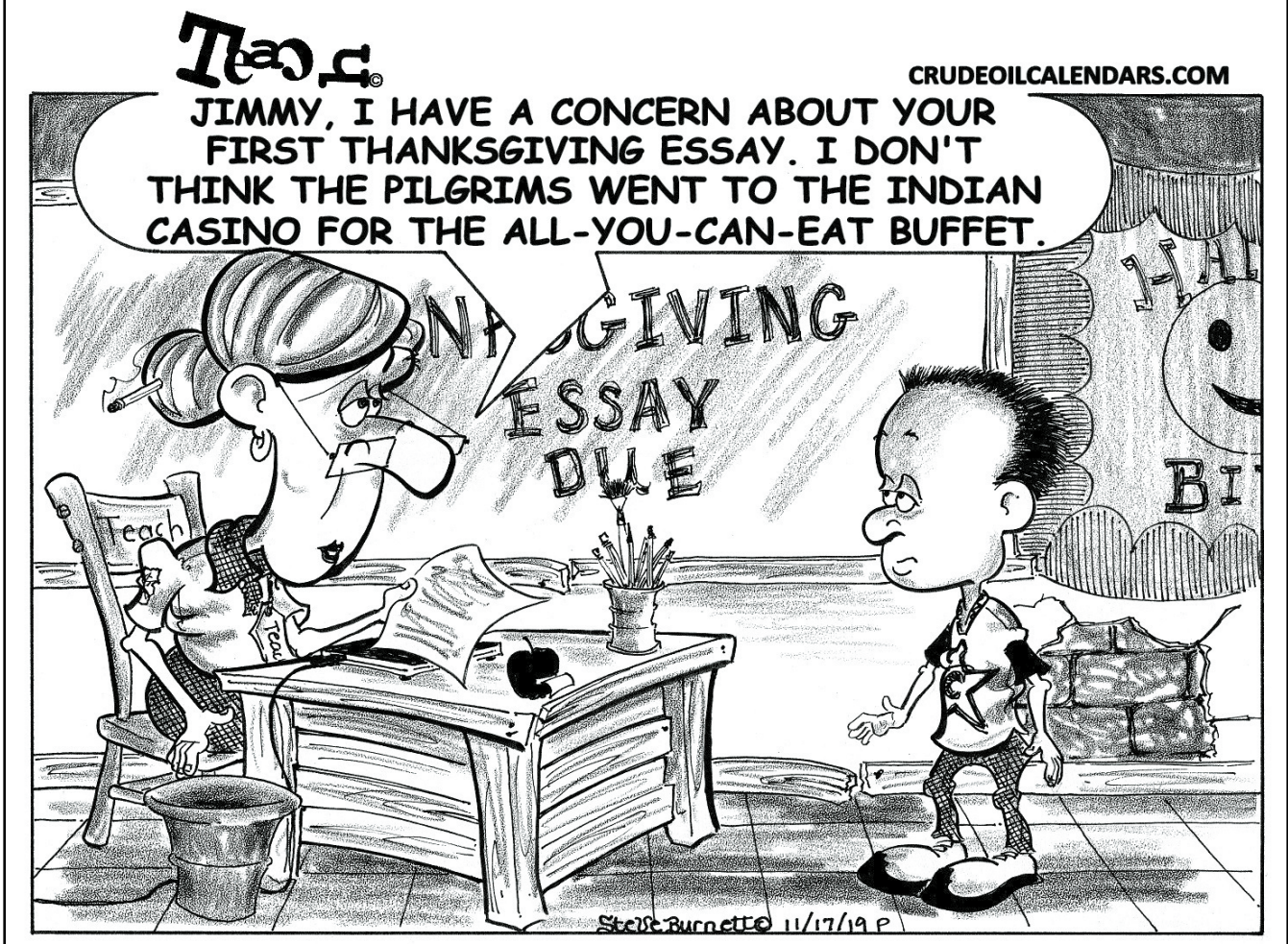
The three young women team up to save two kingdoms from a greater evil than they could have ever believed real.

Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik is a tale spun well. There is depth to the characters and each page adds a new dimension to the story. I enjoyed reading this book both for its twist on a classic tale and for the strong female characters.

Novik has authored several novels including: *Uprooted*, the *Remonaire* series, and the graphic novel *Will Supervillains Be on the Final?* Her novel *Uprooted* won the 2016 Nebula Award for Best Novel.

She has also received the 2007 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer at the World Science Fiction Convention. Novik lives in New York City with her family.

For more information on Novik, visit her website: naominovik.com or follow her on Facebook.



The Postscript: Transatlantic Turnaround

My husband, Peter, and I are returning from Spain by boat. The whole idea started when Peter read a book about the sinking of the Lusitania.

“That sounds like fun!” Peter told me, as he read.

“Death at sea?” I asked.

“No, the part before that!” Peter clarified.

Peter thought the idea of a cross-Atlantic ship sounded fun and romantic. He began investigating transatlantic trips and once Peter starts investigating a thing, it's as good as done.

Peter discovered that a number of cruise lines reposition their boats from the Mediterranean to the Caribbean in the fall and back again in the spring. Some of these trips are quite reasonably priced. As the boat has to be moved anyway, the cruise line would rather the boat be filled with paying customers. Besides, they figure they'll make it up during the long days at sea when passengers have nothing better to do than gamble and shop. In our case, they figured wrong.

Peter and I are generally opposed to organized activities. Peter falls asleep immediately at anything that seems intended to

be educational. We both dislike gambling. We don't participate in raffles, shop on a whim, or willingly pile into vans with strangers. Our idea of a perfect day is spent doing a lot of reading, a little exercising, and eating too much. The best part is simply watching the vast ocean as it passes.

Peter is due for a little pampering after spending a month in our historic little house in Frigiliana. Peter has had his fill of “historic” and “little,” particularly since he discovered the two so frequently go hand-in-hand. Peter spent a month getting

his head banged on historically low ceilings and climbing up steep little antique stairs to get to the bathroom in the middle of the night. Peter is ready for a major dose of modern convenience after all that historic charm.

“Look!” Peter says, on our first night here, “a bathroom on the same floor as our bed!”

“Yes, dear.” I reply.

“And doorways tall enough so I don't need to stoop!”

The boat is nothing if not easily accessible. It stands to reason, I guess, but folks who have nothing to do but cross the ocean by sea are not a young crowd. They settle into their rooms for two weeks and don't need to move their luggage for the duration.

Some of them look as if they are staying for good. They decorate the outside of their doors with magnetic falling leaves or Christmas decorations or their name accompanied by cheerful greetings. It reminds me a bit of a retirement home—which, given the age of the clientele, is not far from the truth.

At some point—in the middle of the Atlantic, more than 1200 miles from land in all directions, the ship will do a full 360-degree turn. They do this, the captain informed us, to check and adjust the accuracy of the ship's compasses. This seems quaint to me in an era of computer navigation and GPS, but apparently it is still done, and I can see why it might be a good idea.

I know there are times when a slow, 360-degree turnaround is the very thing I need to check my own internal compass. To do this slowly, deliberately, when the conditions are ideal—this strikes me as an important bit of house-keeping for both transatlantic boats and lives.

It might not be strictly necessary. But it's always nice to know with some degree of certainty that I am headed in the right direction.

Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir, “Blue Yarn,” was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

The Education Page ^{A B C}

Principles of Education - Interactive Billboard



Courtesy photos

Forsan ISD is offering a new class for students who are considering entering the education field. The students are able to gain knowledge that will benefit their search for a job after graduating high school. Students recently created interactive billboards as a project designed to showcase their creativity. The billboards are displayed throughout the school.

News from the Big Spring High School CTE Department



Courtesy photos

CTE students are pictured working on computer repair in groups. In addition to computer repair, the students are learning about the core sample processes in the oilfield.

By **VONNIE ANDERSON**

BSISD CTE Director

So many times people will say, "Schools really need to teach kids skills that they can use to get a job!" Well we just want the Big Spring community to know that here at BSHS, we are doing just that! Students enrolled in Career & Technical (CTE) course, are being taught and shown skills needed to obtain a job and used in their daily lives.

Here is a list of learning situations and skills that students at BSHS are currently taking part in:

- 1) Housing construction basics
- 2) Pipe welding
- 3) Oilfield processes
- 4) Food prep and safety
- 5) Quality clothing construction and repair
- 6) Microsoft Office programs
- 7) Research and public speaking presentations
- 8) Auto maintenance and repair
- 9) Education/teaching methods and learning styles
- 10) Accounting and recordkeeping (money management)

This is just the short list of what is taking place daily at BSHS in our CTE classes. It is our goal that every student has the opportunity to explore career possibilities and learn by doing hands-on activities. We are projecting some exciting programs to come in the coming school years, as we strive to stay on top of the needs of the community and future needs of our students so that they can be successful!



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THE BULLDOG REPORT



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The CHS Hospitality and Tourism class cooked up a combined 26 quarts of some good-tasting broccoli and cheese and potato soups on the morning of Nov. 21, for the annual United Way Empty Bowls. Seven class members also helped ladle out soup into hundreds of bowls at the event held that afternoon on the campuses of Howard College. Money raised from Empty Bowls goes toward area nonprofit agencies supported by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

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Big Spring High School students who have experienced the E-sports world pose together for a photo. This is a new venture for Howard County.

Special to the Herald

For E-Sports sponsor, Ms. Griffith, a competitive team was just an unrealized idea. This led to research on how to get E-Sports here at BSHS and before she knew it, "Boom we had E-Sports." When we think of video gaming, we often think of hours spent in front of a screen; however, when it comes to E-Sports, competitive video gaming, it is much more.

E-Sports teaches its members how to strategize while allowing them to work as a team. Not only this, but competitive gaming reveals the student's skills along with their dedication. Ms. Griffith, Sponsor of E-Sports, says "It gives students another avenue to show their talent." She goes on to say, "We have students who are athletic or brainy, but then we have students who this [E-Sports] is their thing." The students are passionate about E-Sports because it is something they can call their own. E-Sports gives every student the opportunity to showcase their talents on a different platform.

At their first tournament, the students were able to witness different levels of competition. Because the students were able to experience the skill level of different players, they set new goals for themselves. For the Big Spring tournament, on Decem-

ber 21st, Mrs. Griffith's goal is to get everyone involved. Everyone is invited, as she is wanting to add more talent to her 11 member team.

Outside of showcasing skill level, dedication, and teamwork, E-Sports offers many benefits and scholarships to its students. "Getting our kids scholarship money is definitely a huge goal," says Mrs. Griffith. In fact, UTPB has challenged the students to compete weekly for scholarship opportunities.

E-Sports did not have a smooth start; the students faced many challenges in the beginning such as, access to a gaming station of their own and even wifi and internet problems. Through it all, many were able to take the situation and turn it around. Mrs. Griffith says, "It was such a learning curve of what to expect."

Not only this, but E-Sports brings about many questions such as, can they be helpful, can they follow instructions, and can they be a problem solver?

So, Mrs. Griffith says, "I had to have kids who wouldn't get frustrated with the process."

E-Sports allows students to showcase their skills while also teaching them how to strategize and be a team player. Because they are "Not playing the kid next door," they must broaden their horizons.

Academic Star Student of the Week Big Spring High School's Ransom Colette

This week's Star Student from Big Spring High is Ransom Colette. He's in the class of 2021 and is the son of Lee and Loryne Colette. Ransom hasn't yet lived his entire life in Big Spring, but he's off to a great start.

He says, "There are a lot of things that are important to me. First, there's family.

My family supports me in everything I do and they're there for me any time I need them. Second, there are my friends. My friends support me and keep me sane through the tough parts of life. Next, there is effort. Effort is everything. Effort is the only way someone can improve and achieve goals. Lastly, there is knowledge. The pursuit of knowledge is what keeps us humans from being animals. The pursuit of knowledge is what defines us as a species, and it's what drives me to learn as much as I can."

A quick review of those who know Ransom show that his reputation is Golden. According to high school principal Mike Ritchey, "Ransom Colette is a snapshot of what all BSHS students should aspire to become. He exemplifies every attribute that we as a staff seek for all of our BSHS students. Ransom is involved with multiple extra-curricular activities along with challenging himself with the most rigorous course offerings that BSHS has to offer. Our main mantra at BSHS is 'Better is good but Excellence is our goal' and Ransom is really close to excellence."

It is clear that Ransom can see the future and his part in it. About his future he says, "I want to accomplish many things in my life. After high school, I will go to college and get a degree in mathematics. I also plan to minor in music. I want to get a well paying job as a mathematician and perform as a musician for fun and a little bit of extra money."

Regarding his favorite quote, "My favorite one is 'And in the end, the love you take is equal to the

love you make.' - The Beatles."

Ransom has always been a good student but what makes him exceptional is his drive. He is driven to be first in his class. He challenges himself with advanced classes and keeps up with it all by his organization. He has a folder for everything. He is driven to excel in tennis. He almost never misses



a practice and they practice all year long. He started on Varsity as a freshman and has moved his way up to second in Boy's Doubles and fourth in Boy's Singles. He is driven in UIL Academics. He competes in Number Sense, Calculator, Math and Science. He started this in Sixth grade. He has practice two hours, twice a week. He made it to Regional's last year in Math, Number Sense and Calculator. He is driven in Band. He plays the oboe and the tuba. He has made All-Region band since seventh grade, last year he was first chair and made All-Area. He is drum major and devotes many, many hours to help make The Pride Drive band the best.

Another top thing about Ransom is even with all his hard work and dedication, he still makes time for family, friends and fun. In fact, he brings his sense of fun to all his activities.

Dr. Mo Seghier, a man of few but important words says about Ransom, "His work ethic: off the chart. His dedication to purpose: off the chart, His character: stellar. His conduct: exemplary."

Madam Mullins, the lady at the high school who helps students learn to communicate in French says about Ransom, "If a teacher is lucky, the teacher gets to teach great students. I have been truly blessed by quite a few great students. Ransom is at the top of even that list. This is the third year I have had the honor of helping Ransom improve his French. He is funny, cooperative, hard-working, self-motivated, bright, charming, easy-going, fair-minded, and ..."

Congratulations Ransom!

The Buffalo Bulletin

Special to the Herald

A new class is now being offered at Forsan High School. Mrs. Suzanne Kirkland teaches Principles of Education and is preparing students to become the next generation of educators. In this class students learn the history of education, how to modify and adjust lesson plans, and even how to create a resume that will wow future schools. Students are able to actually create their portfolio so that they head into college ready to ace their classes and attain their dream teaching position.

One of the things that the Principles of Education students have recently worked on is creating an interactive bulletin board that will engage learners. Students drafted and designed their own interactive bulletin board and then were able to bring the creation to life around the halls of Forsan High School.

Some students went a step further and took their interactive bulletin board design to the Texas Association of Future Educators competition. The competition, held in Midland, had over 100 competitors, and was Forsan's first time to ever compete. Oscar Lin (junior) and Dakota Wulfert (sophomore) participated in the event with a board that explained the structures of plant and animal cells. William Cole (junior) and Orion Lin (sophomore) competed with a board that displayed influential people of each century. Their board was so well-received that it qualified for the state competition.



Courtesy photo

William Cole (junior) and Orion Lin (sophomore) competed with a board that displayed influential people of each century.

Little Buffs



Courtesy photos

Forsan Pre-K students, Aspen Davis (left) and Cashtyn Ricks (right) read 150 books each. As part of their reward, the students were able to enjoy eating at McDonalds with their teacher, Mrs. Melton.

their futures right now. While Principles of Education may be a new class at Forsan, it is one that the school is hoping will be around for a long time. Who knows, maybe some of Mrs. Kirkland's students will one day walk the halls of Forsan as fellow teachers.

Howard drops both games in South Plains



Pictured above left: Hawks guard Darrell Green attempts a three-point shot in loss to South Plains College. Pictured above right: Lady Hawks guard Vinyet Garcia looks on as the play develops.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Howard men's and women's basketball teams traveled two hours north on Wednesday night to take on NJCAA national powerhouse South Plains College in a conference matchup.

Both teams gave it their best shot but came up short, with the Lady Hawks (4-11) falling 71-48 to the No. 2-ranked Lady Texans before the Hawks (9-5) dropped their contest 74-50 to the reigning national champions.

"I think it's not how you start, it's how you finish," Lady Hawks head coach Earl Diddle said. "I don't think we finished on a real good note. I thought there were times that we could have played a little harder, played a little more aggressive."

Hawks coach Junsie Cotten added, "We had some guys who stepped up and got better tonight. But we have to give South Plains credit because they deserved to win this game."

In a pair of games where everything needed to go right for Howard to come out on top, injuries to Hawks leading scorer Lacey Watson and Lady Hawks' point guard Tatym Barnes held them back from their ultimate watching their team from the bench in street clothes, the double-digit leads that both South Plains squads built were insurmountable.

"We've got our share of injuries," Cotten said. "We don't make excuses and we're going to fight with the guys that we have. Injuries are a part of sports and we're not going to make excuses for it."

The Lady Hawks were up first.

Diddle and his squad jumped out to an early 10-2 lead in the first quarter, coming out firing on all cylinders. As the offense sputtered, the Lady Texans were able to take advantage of the miscues and

turn them into points.

South Plains freshman forward Ka'Lia Smith was able to use her frame to control the paint throughout the game and accounted for 22 points. Lady Hawks defenders could not solve Smith and were gashed consistently from the low-post. Sophomore forward Asia McCoy was also able to exploit this weakness in the Lady Hawks defense, exploding for a season-high 21 points by driving the lane and finding the open shot.

Following the Lady Hawks strong first quarter, the Lady Texans outscored their opposition by a whopping 22-6 margin in the second quarter and took a controlling 39-16 lead into the break.

"I think their pressure took its toll," Diddle said. "I thought the players played well for a while but then we missed our little window to establish how we were going to play."

Freshman center Tye Perryman led the Lady Hawks with 12 points and was able to use her size to match-up well against the bigger competition. Perryman was the only member of her team to record multiple two-point field goals in the game because of the Lady Texans tight defense forcing their opponents to play from the perimeter.

In the end, the Lady Hawks were overmatched in their conference opener and lost to a superior team. After winning three of their last four games, the Lady Hawks will go back to the drawing board and look to bounce-back in another conference matchup this upcoming Saturday in Clarendon.

"I think we're settling in," Diddle said. "We've got a brand-new team. We've got an injured team and we're starting to get back."

The Hawks were up next.

Without leading scorer and team energizer Lacey Watson suiting up because of a wrist injury and other rotational stalwarts such as freshman guard

Mohamed Musa able to play, the Hawks knew that they would be shorthanded from the opening tip.

In the first half, the Hawks kept the game close but were troubled by an inability to get shots to fall consistently.

"We were only down by 11 at halftime and I think we were still there," Cotten said. "I think if we had made more shots then it would have done great things for us."

South Plains freshman guard Benjamin Bayela hurt the Hawks from downtown all night long and finished with a team-high 21 points. All-in-all, nine Texans registered at least one point on a night where the Hawks sent out only eight healthy players.

Three Hawks players scored in double-digits, but it was not nearly enough to come out with the win. Sophomore forward Mike Asante has begun to take control of the offensive and defensive rebounding responsibilities, serving as a brick wall for incoming players driving the lane.

Both Howard teams have shown great progression since the beginning of the season. Going head-to-head with one of the perennial best junior college programs in the nation was a great barometer for seeing the men's and women's improvement.

Each team has one game remaining before their break and will be looking to head into their period of time-off on a high note.

UP NEXT: Both teams travel to Clarendon College on Saturday to take on the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs. The women will play at 2:00 p.m., followed by the men at 7:30 p.m.

Shawn Moran is the sportswriter at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, email sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Ewing Charity Classic Benefits NTPGA Foundation, PGA professional takes home car thanks to Ewing Automotive Group

By Taylor Coffelt

The 14th Annual Ewing Charity Classic, a fundraising golf tournament conducted by the Northern Texas PGA for the benefit of the Northern Texas PGA Foundation, was held today at Trinity Forest Golf Club in Dallas. This year's event raised \$250,000.

The Ewing Charity Classic, formerly the Westcott Pro-Am, is widely considered one of the most special and unique pro-am events in the country with \$4.55 million raised during the past 24 years for the benefit of the Northern Texas PGA Foundation's broad-based community outreach programs. The money raised helps to further the Foundation's mission to positively impact lives and communities through golf.

The Ewing Charity Classic featured 22 teams consisting of three amateurs, a PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour or LPGA Tour player and a PGA of America golf professional. Past and present tour players that participated in this year's event include Paul Barjon, Rich Beem, Chad Campbell, Harrison Frazar, Hunter Haas, Blaine Hale Jr., Paul Haley II, J.J. Henry, Harry Higgs, Charlie Holland, Cheyenne Knight, Edward Loar III, Stephen Osborne, Ryan Palmer, Gerina Piller, Martin Piller, Scottie Scheffler, Conrad Shindler, Austin Smotherman, Robert Streb and Lanny Wadkins.

Professionals Blaine Hale Jr. and Troy Denton, who teamed with amateurs Mark Godvin, Gregg Hammer and Chris Halaska, carded a 13-under par, 131, to capture this year's Ewing Charity Classic by one stroke.

Robert McMillan, PGA director of instruction at McMillan Golf Academy, took home a black 2020 Mercedes Benz C300 after hitting an 54" sand wedge, 80 yards, reaching 6 1/2 inches from the hole. Britt Patton, PGA director of golf at

Vaquero Club, finished in second place hitting his ball 1 foot, 7 inches to take home \$2,500.

"I hit a shot and it went to six inches," said McMillan. "I got very fortunate and lucky. I'm blessed to have a chance to do it. Huge thanks to Fin Ewing and all the guys at the NTPGA. I love you guys. I'm still in a little bit of shock, but this is awesome!"

The contest was Mr. Ewing's idea as a way to not only help raise funds for the Northern Texas PGA Foundation, but also to say a special thank you to the PGA professionals who participate in the event. In 2012 it was so well received that Mr. Ewing decided to keep the shootout going and has given away a car each year since.

Ewing Automotive Group, a dealership group consisting of Mercedes-Benz of Plano, Ewing Buick GMC and Ewing Subaru of Plano, located north of the George Bush Turnpike and South of Highway 121, in one of the fastest developing business corridors in the country. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Ewing and all he has done for the Northern Texas PGA, our local PGA Professionals, junior golfers in North Texas and the game of golf. Earlier this year, Mr. Ewing was inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame for all he has done for the game of golf.

Also during the shootout, PGA TOUR rookie Scottie Scheffler, an NTPGA Junior Tour Member from 2002-2010 made the announcement that \$50,000 of the \$300,000 he won through RSM Birdies Fore Love program he is donating to the NTPGA Foundation to be directed toward the Foundation's Junior Golf pillar.

Miami Marlins join MLB's trend toward artificial turf

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Marlins will join Major League Baseball's trend toward artificial turf by installing the surface at Marlins Park for 2020, and they'll move in the fences for the second time in four years.

CEO Derek Jeter said an artificial surface solves the challenge the Marlins have had growing grass in the retractable-roof stadium since it opened in 2012. They'll install the same turf used by the Arizona Diamondbacks and Texas Rangers.

Five of the 30 teams in the majors now will have artificial turf. Arizona added it this year, joining Toronto and Tampa Bay. Texas' new ballpark opens in 2020.

"While playing the Diamondbacks in Arizona, we were able to get a close look and examine the new surface at Chase Field," Marlins president of baseball operations Michael Hill said on a team website. "We agreed as an organi-

zation that this change was for the best after our players and staff had encouraging remarks regarding the playability of the playing surface."

The Marlins also plan to move in their fence in center and right-center field. The distances are changing from 407 to 400 feet in center and from 399 to 387 in right.

The distances "will now be more in line with the field dimensions you see across many of today's ballparks," Jeter said.

Since it opened, Marlins Park has had a reputation for being pitcher-friendly. This year the stadium had the third-lowest home run rate in the majors.

New York Mets outfielder Brandon Nimmo, whose team plays in Miami three series a season, said the new turf will require an adjustment.

"It does change how you play the game just a little bit," Nimmo said. "The bounces ... they can actually bounce over your head rather than right. So we'll see how it plays."

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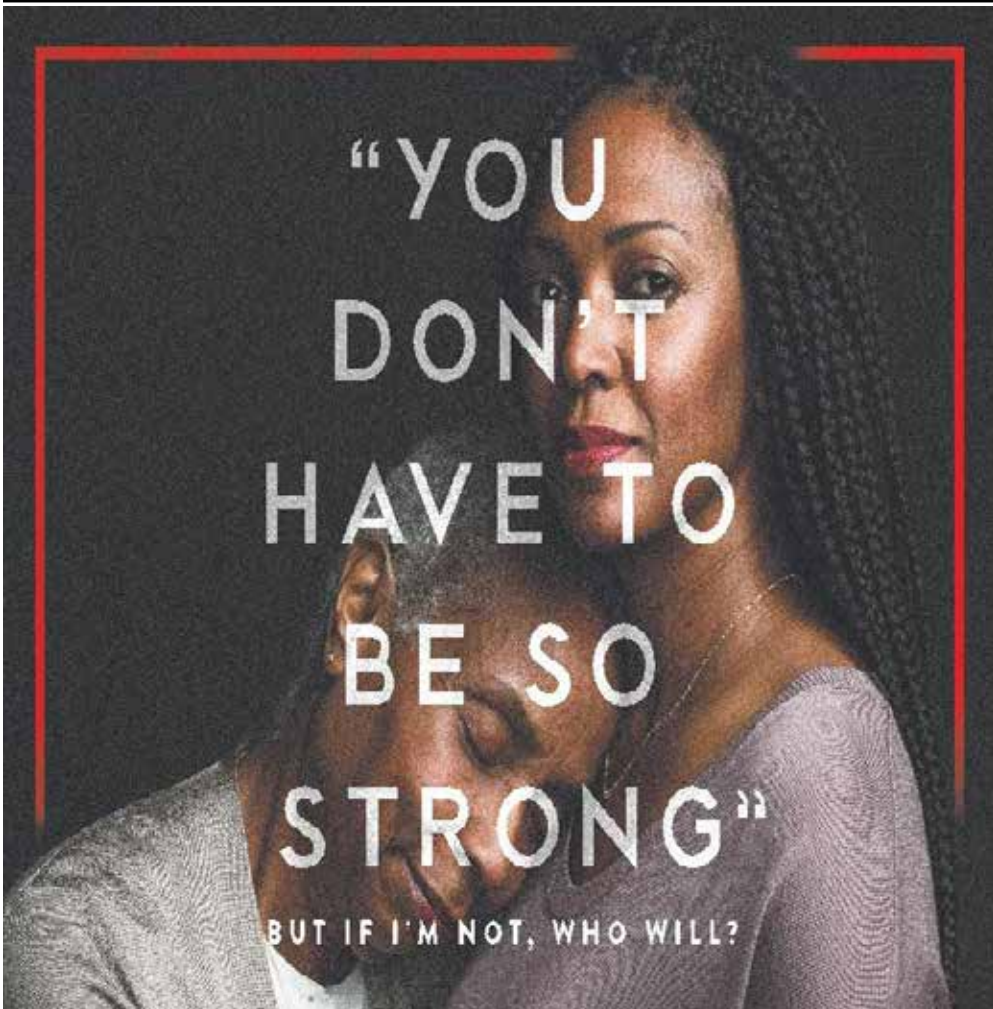
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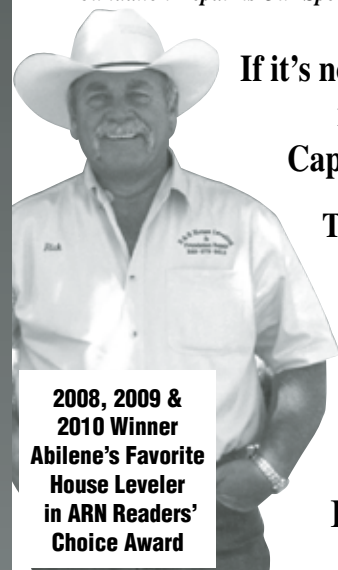
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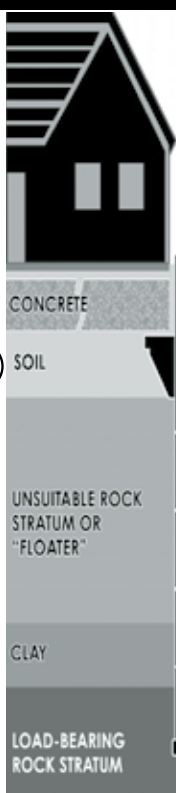
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lunar Assertions and Free Speech

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

who? Maybe it's not one's fault, and neither is it your own. Still, it falls to you to move yourself into a new emotional place.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Love involves sacrifice. Sometimes the sacrifice is a simple matter of accepting who another person is and what they want without trying to influence or control that.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

If you're not getting the kind of attention you need, then figure out how to get it or go elsewhere. The faith of others is crucial to your plans. Without support, it's too easy to lose faith.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20).

The boundaries and expectations you hold inside a relationship are just as important as the nurturing and affection you give. All of these things will co-exist today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Dec. 5).

It is said that the only real happiness is happiness without a reason. That's what you'll have this year. Events worth celebrating, accomplishments, good relationships -- those are all part of it. But under these reasons, which come and go, will be the unreasonable contentment that just is. Aquarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 27, 10, 38 and 5.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). We need each other. We show it in different ways -- kind statements, tearful interactions, public acknowledgments -- all serving to bolster connectedness and communicate the strength and nature of a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While a thing certainly seems acceptable when more people are doing it, this in and of itself shouldn't factor into a moral- or value-driven decision. The question that really matters: Is it right?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Because you have invested in another and hold for them an unspeakable depth of love, tears may come instead of words. It speaks not to weakness but to the sacredness of bonds.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you stick out as being very remarkable, you'll either be promoted or, like the tallest flower in the field, cut down. It is better not to attract jealous attention now. Blend and lead from the inside.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your social savvy and your ability to read people will be put to the test with the many opportunities inside this day. You bring up the scene just by being yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will feel mysteriously compelled to study a



person you wouldn't typically think of as a role model. There's a quality here that you will absorb, though perhaps it will remain beneath your awareness for a time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There was a time when you would have endeavored to avoid embarrassment at all costs. Now you don't worry so much about seeming foolish or being wrong because mistakes are a rite of passage in any worthwhile endeavor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are many comparisons that aren't worth making, questions that waste the time it takes to ask them and roads that lead nowhere. You'll avoid those traps by deciding what you want and going exclusively for that.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Feelings are mysterious, irrational and arbitrary. We want to blame someone for them, but

Annie's Mailbox

Teachers Deserve Parents' Patience and Respect

Dear Annie: I am a teacher in a small town in New England. When I began my job, I thought it was the best job in the world. I spent a lot of time, money and effort to learn the skills to become an effective teacher, and I couldn't think of a better way to give back to my community.

Fast-forward a few years. Most teachers work very hard to plan quality lessons and to make sure that students are making progress in school, but the lack of basic respect in return is severely lacking. The worst of it doesn't come from students. It's hard to believe the appalling behavior from parents that school staff is expected to tolerate.

One recent incident really bothered me. A parent was upset because her child was not getting an A in a certain class. She named the teacher on a public chatroom and invited negative comments! Fortunately for the brilliant, wonderful and respected teacher, several

community members came to their defense and let the poster know that her post was inappropriate.

Parents who post such negative comments never tell the other side of the story: that their child has many missing assignments, poor behavior or poor attendance. Often, the information they post is completely false. This type of behavior seems to be getting worse every year.

If parents have a legitimate concern about their child, they should call or email the teacher and have a conversation. If they want more information or further discussion, they should ask for a meeting and discuss their concerns civilly.

Yelling at school staff, defending your child's disrespectful or unsafe behavior, making threats and publicly posting your displeasure about school staff online is inappropriate and unacceptable. I can't imagine how these parents would feel if someone posted publicly about their child like this. -- A Little Respect, Please

Dear A Little Respect:

You deserve a lot of respect for your profession. Teaching is one of the most important jobs in our nation, so thank you for your service. You are shaping our youth and preparing them for the real world. These parents are way out of line and should know they are potentially hurting their children.

One of the most important lessons a parent and teacher can impart to their children and students is that mistakes are opportunities to try better the next time. This teaches kids resilience and helps them develop their self-esteem.

The goal is for every student to develop a growth mindset as opposed to a fixed mindset. These terms are from Stanford psychologist Carol Dweck, who says that when a student has a fixed mindset, they believe that their basic abilities, intelligence and talents are fixed traits, while students with a growth mindset believe their abilities and intelligence can be developed with effort, learning and persistence.

In a growth mindset, you believe a lasting relationship comes from effort and working through inevitable differences. In a fixed mindset, it's all about the outcome. If you fail, you think all effort was wasted. Those with a growth mindset know it's all about the process, so the outcome hardly matters.

If the parents try to rescue their children every time they don't get an A or don't make the team, they aren't helping their child. In fact, they're sending their children the message that they aren't capable of succeeding on their own.

Badmouthing a teacher on a public forum is one of the most tasteless and harmful things I have ever heard about. I am very sorry for your friend and glad that other people came to their defense. I hope this letter helps parents think twice before they swoop in to try to fix their children's inevitable imperfections.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The most trying task of all

North dealer.
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 ♠ A K 8 4 3
 ♥ K 8 4
 ♦ K 8 7
 ♣ 6 3
WEST
 ♠ 10 9 2
 ♥ A Q 5
 ♦ J 10 9 3
 ♣ J 10 8
EAST
 ♠ J 7 5
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 6 5 4 2
 ♣ 9 7 5 4 2
SOUTH
 ♠ Q 6
 ♥ J 10 9 7 6 2
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Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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4	6	3	1	7	5	7	4	2
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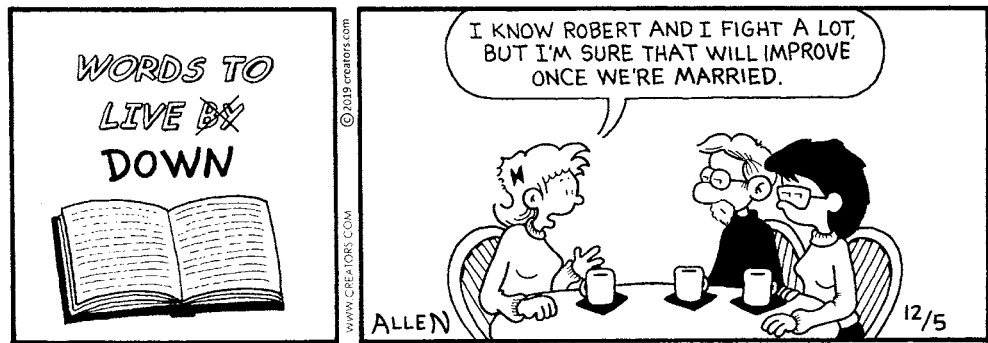
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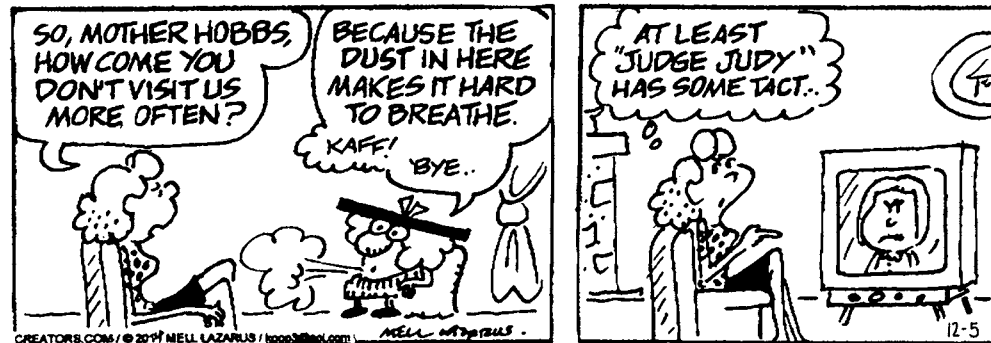
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2019. There are 26 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 5, 1913, Nelson Mandela, the anti-apartheid leader who became South Africa's first black president, died at age 95. On this date: In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35. In 1848, President James K. Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California. In 1901, movie producer Walt Disney was born in Chicago. In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States. In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment. In 1945, five U.S. Navy torpedo bombers mysteriously disappeared after taking off from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a training mission with the loss of all 14 crew members; "The Lost Squadron" contributed to the legend of the Bermuda Triangle. In 1952, the Great Smog of London descended on the British capital; the unusually thick fog, which contained toxic pollutants, lasted five days and was blamed for causing thousands of deaths. In 1994, Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades. In 1998, James P. Hoffa claimed the Teamsters presidency after challenger Tom Leedham conceded defeat in the union's presidential election. In 2002, Strom Thurmond, the oldest and (until Robert Byrd overtook him) longest-serving senator in history, celebrated his 100th birthday on Capitol Hill. (In toasting the South Carolina lawmaker, Senate Republican leader Trent Lott seemed to express nostalgia for Thurmond's segregationist past; the resulting political firestorm prompted Lott to resign his leadership position.) In 2003, the two makers of flu shots in the United States, Chiron and Aventis Pasteur, announced they had run out of vaccine and would not be able to meet a surge in demand.

In 2008, the Labor Department reported that an alarming half-million jobs had vanished in Nov. 2008 as unemployment hit a 15-year high of 6.7 percent. A judge in Las Vegas sentenced O.J. Simpson to 33 years in prison (with eligibility for parole after nine) for an armed robbery at a hotel room. (Simpson was released to parole on Oct. 1, 2017.) Ten years ago: A jury in Perugia, Italy convicted American student Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito (rah-fy-EHL-ay soh-LEH'-chee-toh), of murdering Knox's British roommate, Meredith Kercher, and sentenced them to long prison terms. (After a series of back-and-forth rulings, Knox and Sollecito were definitively acquitted in 2015 by Italy's highest court.) A nightclub blaze in Perm, Russia, killed more than 150 people. Spain won the Davis Cup for the second straight year. Five years ago: President Barack Obama announced his choice of Ashton Carter to be the new U.S. secretary of defense. NASA's newest space vehicle, Orion, accomplished its first test flight, shooting out more than 3,600 miles from Earth for a hyperfast, hot return. Rolling Stone magazine issued an apology and cast doubt on its story of a young woman who said she'd been gang-raped at a fraternity party at the University of Virginia. The magazine said it had since learned of "discrepancies" in her account. One year ago: Former President George H.W. Bush was mourned at a memorial service at Washington National Cathedral attended by President Donald Trump and former Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter along with their spouses; former president George W. Bush was among the speakers, eulogizing his dad as "the brightest of a thousand points of light." Canadian authorities said they had arrested the chief financial officer of China's Huawei (WAH'-way) Technologies for possible extradition to the United States on fraud charges. (Meng Wanzhou awaits extradition hearings scheduled for January, 2020.) Wisconsin Republican lawmakers passed measures to weaken the incoming Democratic governor and attorney general. Today's Birthdays: Singer Little Richard is 87. Author Joan Didion is 85. Author Calvin Trillin is 84. Actor Jeroen Krabbe (yeh-ROHN' krah-BAY') is 75. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 73. Pop singer Jim Messina is 72. College Football

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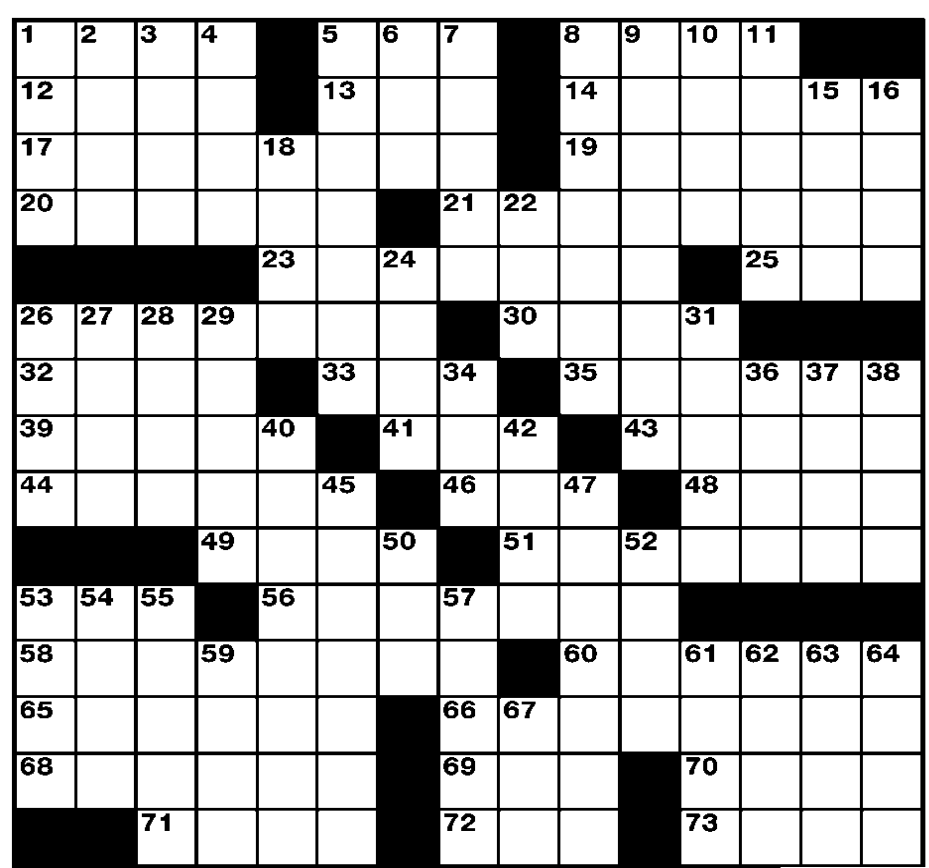
actress Margaret Cho is 51. Writer-director Morgan J. Freeman is 50. Actress Alex Kapp Horner is 50. Actress Kali Rocha is 48. Rock musician Regina Zernay (Cowboy Mouth) is 47. Actress Paula Patton is 44. Actress Amy Acker is 43. Actor Nick Stahl is 40. Actor Adan Canto is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keri Hilson is 37. Actor Gabriel Luna is 37. Actor Frankie Mu-

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 - 5 "Speak!" reply
 - 8 Just ___ (not much)
 - 12 Rigoletto solo
 - 13 Cycle starter
 - 14 Relaxed
 - 17 Big lake: Ojibwa
 - 19 Pleasing to the eye
 - 20 Breakup
 - 21 Flat water: Otoe
 - 23 Ads intended to entice
 - 25 Family member
 - 26 Green mountain: French
 - 30 Bard comedy nickname
 - 32 Switch suffix
 - 33 Haul to the shop
 - 35 Unexceptional
 - 39 East ___ (nation since 2002)
 - 41 Homie
 - 43 Best of all
 - 44 Aquanaut's home
 - 46 Flowing *agua*
 - 48 Valhalla dweller
 - 49 Siberia setting
 - 51 Full of flowers: Spanish
 - 53 Frat letter
 - 56 Court shoes brand
 - 58 The meadow: Mohawk
 - 60 Himalayan kingdom
 - 65 Organic ornamental band
 - 66 Red people: Choctaw
 - 68 Type of terrier
 - 69 Frat letter
 - 70 Carry out
- DOWN**
- 71 Some ATM output
 - 72 Nonspecific person
 - 73 Multiple layers
 - 10 Edison preceder
 - 11 Smile on
 - 15 It's northeast of Reno
 - 16 Actress Cannon
 - 18 Analogy phrase
 - 22 Sound of fear
 - 24 Perched on
 - 26 Old pros
 - 27 Lake that sounds spooky
 - 28 Type of tomato
 - 29 Big bucks
 - 31 Miscue
 - 34 Kids' card game
 - 36 The south of France
 - 37 Surrounded by Scandinavians
 - 38 Director Dunham
 - 40 Mystic Russian monk
 - 42 True to ___ (realistic)
 - 45 Trees with papery bark
 - 47 Nostalgic nickname for Yale
 - 50 NASA affirmative
 - 52 Workplace-regulating agcy.
 - 53 Scenic commuter rd.
 - 54 Elongated lunch
 - 55 Unmoving
 - 57 City near Osaka
 - 59 Bring along
 - 61 "Here comes trouble!"
 - 62 "In the future" ender
 - 63 "You're so right!"
 - 64 Verbal dissents
 - 67 Home of Wichita State U.



Answer to previous puzzle
PATIO UHOH GAP
AGENT RODE ART
REACH AGREEMENT
EVEN DUTIES
DEMURE DENSE
IRAN RESET LITE
MARDI STAID
COMETOTERMS
PEEVE YEAST
AMOS LEERS AGUA
LACED ISLAND
ASTRAY FALL
HAMMER OUTADEAL
UNO AUNT TITLE
PIEN REDO SPATE

Powell, Brunson hit season highs, Mavs top Wolves 121-114

By DAVE JACKSON

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks showed Wednesday night they are much more than Luka Doncic.

Dwight Powell scored 24 points on 9-for-9 shooting from the field, Jalen Brunson ignited a fourth-quarter rally with 14 of his 16 points in the period and the Mavericks beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 121-114.

Powell and Brunson both had season highs as the Mavericks won for the ninth time in 10 games.

Going into the second night of a back-to-back, Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said, "Depth is going to be our calling card if we're going to be good." Then his team went out and proved his point on a night when Doncic struggled with 8-for-22 shooting and was assessed a technical foul in the third quarter.

With five reserves on the floor to start the fourth quarter, Dallas was 7-of-9 on 3s after hitting only four of its first 27. Brunson made two, including the one that put Dallas ahead to stay at 94-93 with 7 minutes to play.

"A little opportunity. A little bit of preparation. I just felt it going," Brunson said.

Maxi Kleber made two 3s and Justin Jackson another before Doncic came back into the game and made his only 3 off an assist from Brunson to put the Mavs up 106-98. Doncic, whose frustrations with the officiating boiled over when he was given a technical foul by referee David Guthrie with 2:26

left in the third quarter, looked skyward as if to show relief when the shot swished through.

Doncic finished with 22 points, seven rebounds and six assists — all below his season averages. It was the first time since Oct. 29 — a stretch of 17 games — when someone other than the 20-year-old standout led Dallas in scoring.

"We have amazing players on this team," Doncic said. "Anybody can do anything."

Karl-Anthony Towns and Andrew Wiggins had 26 points apiece for the Timberwolves, and Robert Covington added 22.

"I think we played solid through three quarters," Wiggins said. "But in the fourth quarter, we let them get too comfortable."

TIP-INS

Timberwolves: Forward Jake Layman remains out with a sprained big toe on his left foot. Coach Ryan Saunders said Layman was not with the team as it begins a four-game trip and didn't have a timetable for his return.

Mavericks: Powell's 14 first-half points were a career high in a half for the sixth-year center and he finished just two short of his career high after leaving the game midway through the fourth quarter with a wrist injury.

LUKA'S STREAK

Calling this a below-average game for Doncic only emphasizes the impressive numbers he's put up in his second year. He is currently riding a streak of 17 consecutive games with at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists. That tied Russell West-

brook's streak as the second-longest since the ABA-NBA merger (1976-77). Only Michael Jordan (18 games in 1988-89) has a longer streak.

"When he's on the bench, he's up, cheering on his teammates with the best of them," Carlisle said of Doncic. "He was really into the game when our second unit got it going in the fourth."

ROAD WARRIORS

Minnesota had won four in a row on the road and was 7-2 away from Target Center entering Wednesday. The Wolves will need more road magic with this contest starting a stretch of eight road games in 11 days, all against Western Conference teams.

"We've got to find consistency playing for 48 (minutes)," Towns said.

POWELL BRUISED

Powell finished just two short of a career high in points when he had to leave the game with 4:47 left in the fourth when he injured his left arm in a collision with Wiggins and his own teammate Kristaps Porzingis. He was diagnosed with an arm contusion and X-rays were negative.

"It was just a really awkward play," Powell said. "I felt like my arm got stuck in a revolving door. It didn't feel good but thankfully it's not broken."

UP NEXT

Timberwolves: At Oklahoma City on Friday night.

Mavericks: Host New Orleans on Saturday afternoon.

Prescott: No time for talk, Cowboys need to beat Bears

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

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LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Dak Prescott saw no need for strong words or fiery speeches.

The Dallas Cowboys have lost six of nine since a 3-0 start, and all their star quarterback cares about is finding a way to win consistently again.

They will try to get headed back in the right direction when they visit the Chicago Bears on Thursday night in a matchup between disappointing 6-6 teams that made the playoffs last season.

"Talk is cheap right? We've talked a lot," Prescott said. "We've talked a bunch and got ourselves right to where we are. In a moment like this I say hell with the talking and I'm going to do more. I'm going to work harder and if you're a young guy looking for somebody to figure it out, how to do it, yeah, look at me and some of these other guys because that's exactly what we're doing — putting our head down focusing and doubling down on ourselves."

The Cowboys came into the season with high expectations after winning the NFC East, and they looked like they were ready to deliver in the early going. Dallas averaged 32 points and 481 yards in its first 3-0 start since 2008, winning each of those games by at least 10 points. But in recent weeks, the team with the NFL's leading passer and No. 1 offense is having trouble scoring.

The Cowboys were kept out of the end zone in a 13-9 loss at New England two weeks ago, then managed two touchdowns in falling 26-15 to Buffalo on Thanksgiving. Despite all that, they still hold a one-game lead over Philadelphia in the division. But they will be facing a top 10 defense for the third straight week when they meet Khalil Mack and the Bears.

Chicago has won three of four after losing four in a row, though two of those victories were against the Lions and the other was over the Giants. Detroit and New York are a combined 5-18-1, and the Lions started backup quarterbacks Jeff Driskel and David Blough with Matthew Stafford injured.

"It speaks to the direction of where we could've went in that four-game slide," Bears coach Matt Nagy said. "I thought it revealed a lot of who we were as a team and who we are as people. No one not one time started pointing fingers. ... That's a credit to our players for battling through that. It makes you proud to be their coach."

COOPER'S ROAD WOES

Amari Cooper's strong production since joining the Cowboys in a midseason trade last year hasn't translated on the road in his first full season with Dal-

las. The receiver has 47 catches, 758 yards and five touchdowns in six home games, and 17 catches for 213 yards and two scores on the road.

For Cooper, the more important numbers are 60 and 32. That's the difference in targets between home and road games. Cooper isn't one to complain, and isn't doing so by pointing out those numbers.

"It's just like basketball," said Cooper, who is still fifth in the league in yards receiving (971) and tied for fifth in TD catches (seven). "You shoot the ball more, you're going to have more points. If you only have two shots, then you only score four points."

TRUBISKY'S TURNAROUND

Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky is on a bit of a roll the past four games after struggling for most of the season. He was 29 of 38 for a season-high 338 yards with three touchdowns — one in the closing minutes — to lead the Bears to a 24-20 win at Detroit on Thanksgiving. Trubisky is 94 of 145 for 979 yards, eight touchdowns, four interceptions and a 91.1 rating in the past four games. The three wins came against last-place teams, and he will be going against a top 10 defense this week.

FADING MAHER

The Cowboys finally brought in kickers for tryouts after Brett Maher had two big misses in the loss to Buffalo, pushing his NFL-leading total to nine misses. Dallas decided against signing a replacement, for now.

Maher has been one of the most interesting riddles in a season full of them for the Cowboys. He's the only kicker in NFL history with three kicks of at least 60 yards — all three from at least 62. But he has the second-lowest success rate from 30-49 yards at 55% (6 of 11).

CATCHING ON

Bears receiver Anthony Miller looks as if he is starting to emerge.

The second-year pro set career highs with nine catches and 140 yards against Detroit last week. He has 21 receptions for 271 yards past three games, compared to 17 for 218 in first nine.

The Memphis product had 423 yards last season.

PENALTY PROBLEM

Silly penalties continue to be an issue for the Bears.

They had 10 for 89 yards last week and seemed in disarray at times, with not enough players on the field at one point and an illegal formation at another. At important times, Roquan Smith got called for unnecessary roughness and Leonard Floyd was flagged for roughing the passer.

Big 12 champion could now have more feasible shot at playoff

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

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No. 6 Oklahoma's biggest comeback ever didn't have a lingering effect on No. 8 Baylor.

Now they get to play again, this time for the Big 12 championship and possibly a spot in the College Football Playoff, which seems much more feasible after a couple of significant losses in other leagues.

After the Sooners overcame a 25-point deficit to win 34-31 at Baylor in mid-November, the Bears rebounded with convincing wins over longtime nemesis Texas and Kansas to guarantee the much-anticipated rematch.

"To play the way we did I thought showed tremendous focus by our players and a dedication and commitment to the process," Baylor coach Matt Rhule said Monday, relaying part of the message he shared with his team.

The Sooners and Bears — both 11-1 overall, 8-1 in the Big 12 — play the Big 12 championship game Saturday at the home stadium of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas.

"It's a new game," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "Different venue, different time, teams have evolved even though it wasn't that long ago. It's still different, it's still going to start 0-0, and so the team that plays the best will win."

Oklahoma is going for its fifth consecutive Big 12 title and record 13th overall. The Sooners, who followed the win at Baylor by beating TCU and rival Oklahoma State, are also trying to get into the playoff for the fourth time in five years. Oklahoma is No. 7 in the CFP rankings, Baylor is ninth.

Baylor has won two Big 12 titles, the last in

2014 shared with TCU during a stretch when the league wasn't playing a championship game. That was also when the Bears and Horned Frogs were the first two teams left out of the initial four-team playoff.

Losses by Alabama in the SEC and Minnesota in the Big Ten on Saturday opened a clearer path into the playoff for a one-loss Big 12 champion.

"Certainly quality wins at the end of the year are always important. We've had a lot of quality wins this year," Riley said. "So we get an opportunity for a quality win. So does Baylor. I think it sets up well for our league either way."

The Sooners made the playoff as an 11-1 team in 2015 before the Big 12 reinstated its championship game. Oklahoma has won both Big 12 title games since, advancing to the playoff with that extra win — at 12-1 both times.

Rhule was asked if he thinks his team, with no previous playoff experience or longstanding tradition of a program like Oklahoma, would get proper consideration from the playoff selection committee if the Bears win the Big 12 championship.

"I trust the people on the committee to do their job. It doesn't seem like a very easy job," Rhule said. "It's not only really about Baylor. It's about

the Big 12. If any team wins the Big 12, and doesn't get proper consideration, then to me they're not recognizing what the league is all about."

But that's not even a topic of conversation for Rhule with his players this week.

"I don't even talk about it. In fact, I won't even want to talk about the last game (against Oklahoma). I won't even talk about the championship," he said. "To me, it's a chance to go try to win a game, let's just go play. We're a team that's way better when we have that mindset. Anytime I've ever talked about potential things, we've never been very good."

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