

“Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

~ Remember Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday on Wednesday, January 15 ~



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Cold Weather Safety for Children

By The Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center



Joyful kid in winterwear looking at camera in natural environment in winter

Children are more vulnerable than adults to the effects of cold weather. The Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center developed these tips to help families and staff keep children safe, healthy, and warm in the winter.

Bundle up!

- Children are at greater risk for frostbite than adults. The best way to prevent frostbite is to make sure children dress warmly and don't spend too much time outside

in extreme weather.

- Dress children in layers of warm clothing. If the top layer gets wet, they will still have a dry layer underneath.

- Tuck scarves inside coats and jackets to prevent them from becoming strangulation hazards.

- Car seats and winter coats don't mix. Bulky coats can compress in a crash and create a loose car seat

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Crockett Statement on Anniversary of January 6 Insurrection

WASHINGTON, DC - On January 6, 2025, Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett released the following statement on the four-year anniversary of the violent insurrection at the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

"Four years ago today, our country faced the largest threat to our democracy and the peaceful transfer of power since the Civil War. This attack was premeditated and planned months in advance by violent militia members with close associations with then-President Donald Trump, and was launched by words from Donald Trump himself, speaking only a short distance away from the Capitol: "If you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore." And fight like hell they did - in a period of 5 hours, five people were killed, 174 law enforcement officers were assaulted, members of both parties and the Vice President were forced to flee for their lives, and the halls of the heart of American democracy were desecrated, resulting in \$30 million in

repair and security costs.

"Since that fateful day, a bipartisan select committee led by House Democrats has revealed the extent to which Donald Trump and his close advisors were involved in the violent insurrection on January 6, 2021. Federal law enforcement have arrested over 1,500 people in connection with the attempted coup, including Donald Trump himself. And yet, in 2025, a sort of collective amnesia has fallen on the Republican Party regarding the fear and fury they experienced on that day, running from Donald Trump's mob to save their skins. As now President-elect Donald Trump threatens to weaponize his Justice Department against the few brave Republicans who stood up to him to defend the principles of democracy, the majority of his fellow Republicans seem eager to treat this day as just another cold day in January.

"My fellow House Democrats and I will not go

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Vice President Harris Announces Final Rule to Remove Medical Debt from Credit Reports

By Stacy M. Brown



Photo Credit: NNPA Files

Vice President Kamala Harris has announced a new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) rule to eliminate medical debt from consumer credit reports. The White House explained in a release that the action would remove \$49 billion in unpaid medical bills, benefiting 15 million Americans by raising credit scores and improving access to home loans, cars, and small businesses.

Administration officials further noted that states and localities have already leveraged funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to eliminate over \$1

billion in medical debt for more than 700,000 Americans. These efforts are part of a broader push to reduce the financial strain caused by medical emergencies, with jurisdictions projected to eliminate roughly \$15 billion in medical debt for up to six million individuals.

"No one should be denied economic opportunity because they got sick or experienced a medical emergency. That is why we have worked to cancel more than \$1 billion in medical debt with support from the American Rescue Plan," Harris remarked during the

announcement. "This final rule ensures that medical debt will no longer be included in credit scores, transforming the financial futures of millions."

Medical debt remains the largest source of debt in collections, surpassing credit card, utility, and auto loan debt combined. The CFPB has reported that medical bills are often riddled with errors and inflated charges, making them a poor indicator of an individual's creditworthiness. Officials added that the rule would remove medical debt from credit reports, building on earlier changes by major

credit agencies that excluded specific categories of medical debt.

According to administration data, jurisdictions including Cook County, Illinois; Cleveland, Ohio; and New Jersey have relieved hundreds of millions in medical debt for residents. For example, Cook County eliminated \$382 million in debt for over 210,000 individuals. North Carolina recently launched an initiative to forgive up to \$4 billion in medical debt for nearly two million residents, ensuring hospitals

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Office of Homeless Solutions Maintaining Temporary Inclement Weather Shelter

DALLAS - The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) continues to operate the Temporary Inclement Weather Shelter (TIWS) this week as frigid conditions persist. In accordance with Chapter 45 of the City Code, the shelter will remain open until overnight temperatures are forecasted to be above freezing.

The following locations for TIWS sites are:

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- **Fair Park Grand Place**, 3701 Grand Ave., Dallas, TX, 75210
- **Austin Street II**, 2929 Hickory St., Dallas, TX, 75226

- **Intake hours will be: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.**
- **Fair Park Tower Building**, located at 3809 Grand Ave., Dallas TX, 75210 will open on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

- **Intake hours will begin at 3:30 p.m. and run through 10 p.m.**

- **Austin Street Center** will operate the sites as the City's external partner in executing TIWS activities, providing enhanced services during TIWS.

TIWS was activated on Sunday, January 5 and is predicted to continue through the remainder of the week. Should further activation be necessitated, an activation notification will be sent out daily

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EDITORIAL PAGE

A Terrorist Attack Hit the City of New Orleans on New Year's Day

By James B Ewers Jr. Ed.D



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Each day, we wake up hopeful, thinking that good things will happen. We don't think that something bad will occur. That is simply not our mindset.

Now more than ever before, our world is under attack and siege. Regions of the world are being victimized by unhinged people and groups. They gain access to devices that cause injuries and death. Families are torn apart physically and emotionally by them.

Improvements have been made to protect our citizens from mass destruction. We have enhanced technology, and our surveillance systems have improved. Intelligence with people on the ground has also deterred weapons of mass destruction and people using them.

The city of New Orleans believed it was safe; however, on New Year's Day, that changed. The Crescent City was the scene of a deadly terrorist attack. The attacker, Shamsud-Din Jabbar drove a pick-up truck around a police barricade in the French Quarter. This part of New Orleans is a main attraction and was packed with visitors because of the New Year celebrations.

The perpetrator was killed after being in a shootout with the New Orleans Police Department. It is obvious that he did not fear death. Reports say that he was a lone wolf and acted alone.

The FBI has confirmed the lone wolf report. "We do not assess at this point that anyone else is involved in this attack", said FBI Deputy Assistant Director Christopher Raia. He made this statement at a news conference on Thursday.

Immediately after this crime was committed the French Quarter was on lockdown. Law enforcement at all levels started a sweep of the Quarter and the surrounding area. Authorities found two additional de-

vices which they destroyed. Both residents and the hundreds of visitors were in a state of shock and sadness in New Orleans. How could this atrocity happen on New Year's Day?

There are 14 people who lost their lives due to this senseless tragedy. A night of celebration turned into an early morning loss of lives. Those families affected could never have imagined this deadly scene.

Those victims left their homes feeling happy not knowing their lives would end so violently. There aren't any ways to understand what entered the killer's mind. He plotted and planned this intentional annihilation of human life.

Now the FBI, which is leading the investigation, is trying to piece together a possible motive for this horrific attack. Reports say that Shamsud-Din Jabbar joined ISIS last summer. They have received over 400 tips since the bombing.

Jabbar had an agenda to kill and to destroy. Nothing was going to stop him. His target was Bourbon Street, one of the most famous streets in the world.

Living here, I have been

on Bourbon Street countless times never fearing for my safety. The atmosphere is friendly and is symbolic of the kindness you find in the Big Easy.

Reports say that Jabbar visited New Orleans earlier to record video of the Bourbon Street area. He was cold and calculating in his moves to create mayhem.

President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden will visit the city in the coming days and will meet with the families of the victims. During their time here, they will also be meeting with law enforcement officials.

On Saturday night, there was a vigil held in honor of the victims. Hundreds of people gathered at the entrance to Bourbon Street as prayers were said and flowers were placed at the memorial site. A musical tribute was also performed by local musicians.

The eyes of the nation have been on the city of New Orleans for all the wrong reasons. New Orleans is a resilient city and will come back from this terrorist attack. We will not bow down or turnaround to those who try to harm our city.

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President Carter was a Great Humanitarian

By M. Basheer Ahmed, M.D.



Former U. T Southwestern Medical School professor Dr. Basheer Ahmed and President Jimmy Carter became friends in 1979 at a White House meeting regarding the Iranian hostage crisis.
Photo Credit: Personal Album

The very first time that I visited former President Jimmy Carter was during a meeting in the White House on December 5th, 1979, as president of the Islamic Medical Association of North America. At the time, American hostages were being held in Iran, and people of the Muslim faith in the United States were highly concerned about violence directed towards them.

President Carter, the first U.S. president to meet and build lasting relationships with leaders of Mus-

lim grassroots organizations, assured me and other Muslim leaders from North America that he was focused on resolving the hostage crisis peacefully and building bridges with those who practiced Islam in America and throughout the world.

When I first glanced into his eyes, I knew that President Carter, raised on a cotton and peanut farm in southwest Georgia, was an unusually special human being. It was not surprising to me that he called for an end to racial discrimination

soon after being elected governor of his home state. I knew that he was someone who would heal the hearts of people suffering, whether they lived in Karachi, Kansas City, Cologne, or Cape Town.

No matter our party affiliations, all of us have lost a distinguished humanitarian, a courageous leader, and a man of integrity. He is one of the few U.S. presidents remembered for his post-presidential contributions to global health, world peace, and democracy. In this century, he stands out as one of the most intelligent, hardworking, and decent individuals to ever lead the American nation.

Unlike some who called for U.S. military invention during the hostage crisis, President Carter insisted on allowing diplomacy to take its course, even though he knew that his stance might well harm his chance of reelection. He was unwavering in his commitment to resolving war and stood his ground.

That was President Carter. I came to know him in that first White House

meeting and during our subsequent meetings over the years in the Carter Center in Atlanta, where he and his wife, Roselyn, established.

A pursuer of justice and fairness, President Carter's personal history was grounded in equality. While a state senator in Georgia, he insisted to his fellow church members that African Americans be allowed to join their church, a position that the membership overwhelmingly opposed.

I recall vividly the very last time that I met my dear friend. It was ten years ago at the Carter Center in Atlanta. I distinctly recall his saying that human beings had an ethical obligation to prevent human suffering wherever it existed. He spoke with me about his book, *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*, and the elections in Gaza.

In 1978, President Carter played a crucial role in negotiating the Camp David Peace Accords between Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and

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RELIGIOUS/NEWS

The Danger of Unbelief, (Part I)

Hebrews 3:7-11



Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

The theme of the book of Hebrews is the Superiority of Jesus Christ. In fact, the author, who is anonymous, proves unmistakably that Jesus Christ is superior to anything that Judaism has to offer. The book begins by presenting that Jesus Christ is superior to the Prophets, because the Prophets' revelation was partial and fragmentary; whereas, Christ is God's final revelation to mankind (Hebrews 1:1-3). As God's final revelation to mankind, Christ is the only way to salvation, for Christ said in St. John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Through faith in Christ, mankind can obtain eternal life, for St. John 10:28-30 says: "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." Not only

did the author prove that Jesus Christ is superior to the Prophets, but he proves that Jesus Christ is superior to Angels (1:5-2:18) because Angels were servants (messengers) of God, but Christ is the Son of God. The Angels were held in high esteem among the Jews, but no Angel was ever addressed as the Son!

In Chapter 3:1-6, the author takes up an argument stating that Jesus Christ is superior to Moses by proving Christ's faithfulness (Hebrews 3:1-2) and the fact that Jesus Christ is superior to Moses as the Builder of the House (Hebrews 3:3-6). Having proven that Jesus Christ is superior to the Prophets, Angels, and Moses, the author now begins the second great warning of Hebrews. The first warning had to do with disregarding the salvation of God, in that Hebrews 2:1-4 says: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if

the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense or reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?"

The second warning that the author presents has to do with disbelieving the sufficiency of God. The author develops this discussion by drawing attention to the experience of Israel in the wilderness. The warning comes directly from the Holy Spirit that says: "Wherefore as the Holy Spirit (Ghost) saith, Today if ye wilt hear His voice." Verses 7-11 is a quotation of Psalm 95:7-11. In quoting this Psalm, the author reminds his readers how Israel had provoked God in the wilder-

ness. He says, "Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, like as in the day of the trial (temptation) in the wilderness, where your fathers tried me by proving me, and saw my works forty years" (3:8-9).

The unbelief and complaints of Israel in the wilderness were truly astonishing. They had seen God pour out His plagues upon the land of Egypt, separating as the judgments proceeded, between the land of Goshen, where the Israelites dwelt, and the rest of Egypt. They witnessed the crowning judgment: the slaying of the first born in every Egyptian home. The emancipated people had experienced a miraculous deliverance at the Red Sea and had seen the Egyptian army overthrown. After deliverance through the Red Sea, God graciously provided for them in the wilderness as He led them by a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day; moreover, God fed them with manna in the morning and quail at

supper time, even providing water from a rock for their physical refreshment! But before long they began to criticize and complain, and as fresh problems erupted, they rebelled against Moses desiring to go back to Egypt.

It took God one night to get them out of Egypt; however, it takes a lifetime to get the Egypt out of us! Because they provoked God by continually putting Him to the test, God had no recourse but to punish Israel (3:10-11). They refused to accept the reality of all that He had done and was doing for them! God, in turn, refused to allow them to enter into Canaan to rest. God said: "They do always err in their heart: but they did not know my ways" (3:10). Because of Israel's unbelief in not trusting the Lord's sufficiency, they did not enter into the rest of dwelling in Canaan and they died in the wilderness.

In closing, let us not be like Israel in doubting the sufficiency of God as we

encounter various trials in life; however, let us continue to trust in the Lord's sufficiency: His power, protection and provision. So instead of complaining when fresh problems erupt in your life, let us continue to trust in the Lord – listen to the hymn writer:

I will trust in the Lord.
I will trust in the Lord.
I will trust in the Lord until I die
I will trust in the Lord.
I will trust in the Lord.
I will trust in the Lord until I die.

I'm goin' to watch, fight and pray.
I'm goin' to watch, fight and pray.
I'm goin' to watch, fight and pray until I die
I'm goin' to watch, fight and pray.
I'm goin' to watch, fight and pray.
I'm goin' to watch, fight and pray until I die.

May God Bless!

LIFE IS LIKE A CAMERA, JUST FOCUS ON WHAT'S IMPORTANT!

- SNOW DAY -

(Solution to January 2, Puzzle - see page 5)

ACROSS

- 1. Larger-than-life
- 5. Capone's family
- 8. Wild swine
- 12. "You're not allowed," to a baby
- 13. Deal with it
- 14. Cunningly
- 15. Shower with affection
- 16. Allege
- 17. City in Belgium
- 18. *Snow Day exercise?
- 20. Poet Pound
- 21. Ovine sign of the zodiac
- 22. Tasseled hat
- 23. All together (2 words)
- 26. Military College of South Carolina, with The
- 30. For every
- 31. a.k.a. association football
- 34. *All-day Snow Day garb?
- 35. Delete
- 37. Crude fuel
- 38. Read-only disc
- 39. Good's counterpart
- 40. Popular flowering shrub
- 42. Female ancestor
- 43. Two heads are better than one, e.g.
- 45. Bering Strait state
- 47. Rudolph's Clarice, e.g.
- 48. Like thick smoke
- 50. Fountain option
- 52. *No two are alike, sing.
- 56. Surround (2 words)
- 57. Tangerine plus grapefruit
- 58. *Like a river, with over
- 59. #51 Down, pl.
- 60. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
- 61. Olufsen's partner
- 62. Sound of a bell
- 63. Not him
- 64. Surfer's stop

DOWN

- 1. Odds' partners
- 2. Tubby little cubby
- 3. "He's Just Not That ___ You"
- 4. Of the same period
- 5. *Popular Snow Day pastime
- 6. Some tournaments
- 7. Zugspitze, e.g.
- 8. *Severe weather
- 9. Deed hearing
- 10. Algae, sing.
- 11. Marble bread
- 13. ___ Jack, English pirate
- 14. *As opposed to rain
- 19. Irregular
- 22. Type of conifer
- 23. Musketeers' swords
- 24. High-strung
- 25. Cerebellum location
- 26. Unit of life
- 27. Students' dwellings
- 28. *Snow Day reading choice
- 29. Helping theorem
- 32. *Like soft pj's
- 33. Intelligence org.
- 36. *Slope fun
- 38. Shorter than California
- 40. Number of years
- 41. No, it doesn't crawl in one's ear
- 44. Horse of certain color, pl.
- 46. Spontaneous additions
- 48. Obtuse one
- 49. Tom Cruise's "The ___ of Money"
- 50. Highway hauler
- 51. Bad sign
- 52. Of a particular kind
- 53. Smoothie berry
- 54. Superman's last name
- 55. Part of a seat
- 56. *Like chocolate on a Snow Day

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adopt policies that reduce the risk of future debt while improving financial assistance systems.

The Biden-Harris Administration has also implemented broader reforms to address the root causes of medical debt, including enforcing requirements for tax-exempt hospitals to provide financial assistance, simplifying debt forgiveness processes for veterans, and protecting consumers from surprise medical bills.

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harness. Instead, lay the jacket or a blanket over the children once you've safely strapped them into their car seat.

Keeping Healthy Outdoors

- There's no set amount of time for children to play outside safely when the weather is cold. Use your best judgment. When the cold becomes unpleasant, it's time to go inside.
- If you are unsure if weather conditions are safe for outdoor play, check the Child Care Weather Watch Chart.
- Have children come indoors periodically to prevent hypothermia or frostbite. A temperature of 0 degrees Fahrenheit and a wind speed of 15 mph creates a wind chill temperature of -19 F. Under these conditions, frostbite can occur in just 30 minutes.
- Frostnip is an early warning sign of frostbite. The skin may feel numb or tingly or appear red (on lighter skin).

- To prevent frostbite, check that mittens and socks are dry and warm. Frostbite occurs mostly on fingers, toes, ears, noses, and cheeks. The affected area becomes very cold, firm, and, depending on the color of the skin, turns white, yellowish-gray, or gray.
- Even though it's cold outside, it's important to use sunscreen and stay hydrated. Children are more likely than adults to become dehydrated.

Staying Safe Indoors and in Vehicles

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, including furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves, and portable space heaters.
- Set up a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Vent all fuel-burning equipment to the outside to

- avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.
- Install and maintain CO alarms. Keep alarms at least 15 feet away from fuel-burning appliances.
- If you need to warm up your vehicle, remove it from the garage as soon as you start it to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. Don't leave a vehicle running inside a garage.
- If vehicles are parked outside, check to make sure the tailpipe is not blocked with snow, which can also cause problems with CO.

Sleeping Safely in Any Season

- Keep babies' cribs free of stuffed animals and blankets. A firm mattress covered with a tight-fitting crib sheet is all that an infant needs to sleep safely.
- If you are worried about keeping babies warm, dress them in a wearable blanket, also known as a sleep sack.

Infection Control

- Cold weather does not cause colds or flu. Ho-

along with the GOP's attempts to rewrite history. January 6, 2021 was not a peaceful demonstration or a "normal tourist visit," in the words of my colleague, Rep. Andrew Clyde. It was a deadly attempt to disrupt and destroy our democratic process, violate the will of the voters, and steal the presidency.

"Today, we recognize the brave service and sacrifice of our Capitol Police, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the certification of the 2024 election can proceed safely and peacefully. But no matter who is in the White House, we will not allow the American people - and our own colleagues - to forget what our country experienced four years ago, or deny the threat that Donald Trump and his far-right militia allies pose to our democracy."

wever, viruses that cause a cold and the flu are more common in the winter when children spend more time indoors.

- Keeping everyone's hands clean is one of the most important ways to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash hands with soap and clean running water and rub them together for at least 20 seconds.
- Teach children to cough or sneeze into their upper sleeve or elbow, not their hands. Adults should model this behavior.
- Review program policies on handwashing; cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting; and excluding children and caregivers who are sick.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that all children 6 months and older receive the seasonal flu vaccine every year. All early care and education program staff should also get vaccinated for the flu.

Quinn Minute

Rodent health

By Rix Quinn

Say, do you have rats at home? I'm talking about critters with fuzzy ears and whiskers who slither around the house after dark, pick up crumbs, and eat from the dog's bowl.

If they live with you, this information can provide them with a higher quality of life.

See, rat researchers discovered that if you put older ones on a low-calorie diet for four weeks, it may keep them from aging.

Therefore, if you want mice to live longer, re-

duce their intake.

Please follow these steps to ensure elderly mouse health:

- 1 First, summon the rats. Simply yell out, "Dang, I just spilled my cornflakes...and I can't see a thing since we blew that fuse."
- 2 Next, determine if your mice are pubescent, middle-aged, or old. Show them a standard trap. The old and middle-aged will flee. Younger ones will laugh at the

dated technology.

3 OK, so now you've found the grown-ups. Which ones are older? Darn it, you just can't tell! Here's why.

4 Mice -- and their larger cousins, rats -- live on the lowest rungs of the food chain.

5 Hawks, crows, dogs, and cats dip them in hot sauce. So.

6 Hardly any of them reach old age.



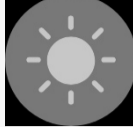
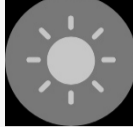



Therefore, any mice you find -- and switch to a low-fat diet -- should be able to infest your groceries for months to come.

7 As you know, rat research led to discoveries that helped humankind. You save a mouse today, and it may save you tomorrow! But on the other hand.

8 Do you really want mice living with you? I don't... but my dog might enjoy them.

SPORTS/NEWS PAGE

7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Jan. 9	Friday, Jan. 10	Saturday, Jan. 11	Sunday, Jan. 12	Monday, Jan. 13	Tuesday, Jan. 14	Wednesday, Jan. 15
 H -38° L -35°	 H -44° L -36°	 H -51° L -36°	 H -51° L -34°	 H -51° L -33°	 H -51° L -36°	 H -48° L -35°

Mavericks' three-point barrage stops Lakers, losing streak

By Eddie Sefko



Photo Credit: Dallas Mavericks

It had been a while, but the Mavericks sharpened up their three-point shooting eyes on Tuesday night, pouring in an impressive 18-of-38 tries from beyond the arc as they snapped their five-game losing streak with a 118-97 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers at American Airlines Center.

It was the first time in nine games that they had shot better than 40 percent from three-point land. And the 18 triples were their most since they made 21 on Dec. 15 at Golden State.

It started an important four-game home stand on a positive note.

"We shot the ball

straight tonight," coach Jason Kidd said. "A lot of people touched the ball and we didn't settle. So I thought the offense was really, really good."

"But the defense was even better being able to limit those guys to one tough shot. It's not easy to do. That's a really good team playing well right now."

The Mavericks did a lot of things well, like rebound (44-33 advantage) and giving up only five offensive rebounds to the Lakers. The Mavericks led in second-chance points 15-7.

But it was the shooting that everybody will re-

member. Quentin Grimes made 6-of-11 three-pointers and led the Mavericks with 23 points while P.J. Washington had 22 points and made all three of his tries from long range.

The Mavericks have been trying to hold themselves together with duct tape as they've been without Luka Dončić (left calf strain) for seven consecutive games. They were missing Kyrie Irving for the third consecutive game with a back strain. Daniel Gafford was out with a sprained ankle suffered Monday night in Memphis.

It was not a good time to see LeBron James and the Lakers – or any other team, really.

But on this night, the Mavericks looked like they had found something that works.

"Luka's going to be out for a little while, Kai's going to be out for a little while, so just holding it down as a team (is the goal)," Grimes said. "Having two superstars out it definitely gives me more opportunity to be more aggressive with my shot and just making plays. It's just more opportunities for everybody."

The Mavericks were up by 16 points late in the third quarter and still owned a 100-90 lead with under seven minutes left

in the fourth.

They had hit half of their 28 three-pointers to that point in going up 89-73. And while the basket usually shrinks a bit during crunch time, the Mavericks blended a nice mix of scoring in the paint with their long-ball prowess.

James was keeping the Lakers close as he closed in on a triple-double, but when Washington drained a corner three with 5:35 to go, the Mavericks were up 106-94.

They held on from there to stop their skid and push their record to 21-16. The Lakers fell to 20-16 and went oh-for-Texas after losing in Houston on Sunday on this two-game trip.

"Obviously, it doesn't feel good losing five games, but to win tonight felt good," Washington said. "Obviously we need to build on it. We played together, moved the ball well and created for each other. Obviously, our offense was flowing so the defensive end was a lot easier."

So how did the offense get rolling?

"We were downhill, we put guys in the pick and roll that we wanted to put in the pick and roll," Washington said. "And we got good shots. Everybody played together, we got in the paint and good things happened."

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Free, family-oriented festival to feature dragon and lion dances, musical and martial arts demos, art making and calligraphy, specialty booths, wellness activities, giveaways, entertainment and cultural performances, and more

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Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, resulting in the first peace treaty between Israel and an Arab nation.

He was also unafraid to challenge Israel when necessary, urging the suspension of settlement expansion in the West Bank and advocating Palestinian self-rule. His efforts to bring peace to the Middle East were rooted in fairness and a deep commitment to justice, even when it made him a target of unfair criticism. He was a more than worthy recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace.

After leaving the White House, President Carter became the first former president to devote his life to addressing global issues. Through decades of philanthropic work, he and Mrs. Carter fought

disease, negotiated peace, monitored elections, and built homes

for the underprivileged.

His commitment to humanitarian work was exemplified by his fight to eradicate Guinea worm disease, which affected millions in Africa and Asia. Under his leadership, the Carter Center has helped reduce cases from millions to just 13 globally in 2023.

Sadly, in 2015, President Carter disclosed that he had been diagnosed with cancer. He faced the crisis with remarkable composure and faith, serenely accepting the outcome.

In February of 2023, my dear friend courageously decided to decline further life-extending medical treatment, opting for hospice care instead, becoming the first president known to do so.

His decision brought widespread awareness of the importance of hos-

pice care in providing comfort and dignity in the final stages of life. President Carter's life is a testament to the power of service, compassion, and moral leadership. His contributions to humankind will shape our world for centuries to come. It was indeed a blessing to know him and to be his friend.

Dr. Basheer Ahmed is a nationally-known psychiatrist, author and philanthropist. A former professor of psychiatry at U.T. Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, he is also the founder and chairperson emeritus of the Muslim Community Center for Human Services in Richland Hills, Texas

Dr. Ahmed is also the president of American Muslims for Human Rights, an organization that promotes equality and justice for all people.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

(Solution to January 2 Puzzle - SYNONYMS)

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Applications for specialty schools and programs now open

By The Hub



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Families who are interested in sending their student to one of Dallas ISD's specialty programs and schools for the 2025-2026 school year are encouraged to apply online now.

The application process is open from November 2024 through January 2025. Dallas ISD offers more unique opportunities and programs than any school district in the area. Click here for more information and browse over 100 unique educational opportunities.

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THE UNFINISHED AGENDA OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WHERE DO WE GO NOW?

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JANUARY 10-18, 2025

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Schedule of Events

<p>Candle Lighting Ceremony Friday, Jan. 10 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Join the Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center in kicking off 2025 MLK Week by commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. King.</p>	<p>Job Fair Wednesday, Jan. 15 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>An in-person job fair held at the Briscoe Center at Fair Park in partnership with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas featuring on-site interviews and job offers from 75 employers.</p>
<p>MLK Fest Saturday, Jan. 11 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p>A community clean-up and mural painting inspired by civil rights advocate Juanita Craft, followed by a resource fair and celebration at the MLK Center with live music, food, and guest speakers in partnership with the Walls Project, Epiphany, New Era, and the city of Dallas.</p>	<p>Multicultural Showcase Thursday, Jan. 16 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p>Join the Youth Commission in the Dallas City Hall lobby celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures, ethnicities, and traditions of Dallasites while honoring and celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>
<p>MLK Scholarship & Awards Gala Saturday, Jan. 11 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Join us for our annual Gala featuring keynote speaker Reverend Nontombi Naomi Tutu, as we come together to celebrate unity, equality, and justice. This black-tie, in-person, event promises to be an incredible experience, highlighting scholarship winners, award presentations, performances, and more!</p>	<p>Equity Indicators Symposium Friday, Jan. 17 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>Join the city of Dallas Offices' of Equity & Inclusion, Environmental Sustainability, and Community Care for the Sixth Annual Equity Indicators Symposium centered around the update of the 2023 Equity Indicators Report which incorporates a sixth theme: Environmental Justice.</p>
<p>Day of Reflection, Prayer, & Dedication Tuesday, Jan. 14 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p>The city of Dallas unites in sending prayers for the safety and well-being of our city, facilitated by faith leaders. Additionally, we commemorate the life of Dr. King by laying wreaths, symbolizing our unwavering dedication to his cause of a more just society.</p>	<p>MLK Day Parade Saturday, Jan. 18 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p>H.E.L.P and the city of Dallas invites you to participate in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade.</p> <p>For more information, please click: 2025 MLK Day Parade!</p>

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by noon and may be tracked via the OHS website here. In addition to the above-mentioned TIWS sites, individuals experiencing homelessness are encouraged to seek shelter at any of the City's existing overnight

shelter provider locations. "We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of those experiencing homelessness in our city," said Christine Crossley, Director of the City of Dallas Office of Homeless Solutions. "While our shelters provide vital warmth and protection, we understand some individuals may choose

to stay outside. We want to ensure they have the resources they need to survive these harsh conditions." To help improve their chance of survival, cold weather packs will be available at recreational centers across the City and in bulk from OHS via OhsVolunteer@dallas.gov.