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TONY THE TIGER SUN BOWL

What you need to know about the 2019 Sun Bowl

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Arizona State and Florida State meet in the 86th Annual Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl on Tuesday in the Sun Bowl Stadium. The two teams are from the Pac-12 and Atlantic Coast Conferences. ■ Here is a look at some information for fans who are attending the game and for fans who can't make it to the game.

What time is the Sun Bowl and what channel is it on?

The game will begin at noon and for those who can't go to the game, it is televised nationally by CBS.

Where can I get my Sun Bowl tickets?

Customers and fans can call the Sun Bowl Association office, 915-533-4416, and are also invited to stop by the Sun Bowl Association office located at 4150 Pinnacle St., Suite 100 to purchase tickets. Tickets range from \$22-62.

What items are prohibited?

Here are items which are not allowed in the Sun Bowl for the game: Alcohol,

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Above: Senior wide receiver Frank Darby makes some dance moves as Arizona State opens practice at the Socorro Student Activities Center in El Paso on Friday. MARK LAMBIE/EL PASO TIMES

AT TOP: The Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl announcement Sunday, Dec. 8, at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino in El Paso. The Sun Bowl picked the brand name from the ACC, taking 6-6 Florida State to match up with Arizona State in the New Year's Eve game. BRIANA SANCHEZ/EL PASO TIMES



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Our photos of the year

El Paso Times photographers Briana Sanchez and Mark Lambie share top moments captured on camera. **1B, 2B**

No Parade magazine today

Parade magazine published a combined edition on Dec. 22. See next Sunday's paper for your next Parade magazine.

OUR VIEW

El Paso must lead after mass shooting

This is an editorial: An editorial, like news reporting, is based on objective facts, but shares an opinion. The conclusions and opinions here have been derived by our Editorial Board and are not associated with the news staff.

The El Paso shooting memorial in the Walmart parking lot offers a hint of the work that remains in our community's recovery.

A man stood there in silent prayer a day after Christmas. Two vases of red roses decorate the "Grand Candela" plaque. An elderly couple stood quietly along the silver railing. Three women waiting their turn to visit the site add-

ed to the solemn mood.

They treat the memorial, which is most beautiful at night, with dignity and respect.

The victims' names aren't on the memorial. When asked why, a Walmart employee named Jesus said: "We are waiting for permission from the families."

The memorial also doesn't provide an explanation of what happened on a beautiful El Paso morning when police say an alleged white supremacist traveled to our city to kill Mexicans with an AK-47 rifle.

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UTEP now down 1 guard

Hawkins enters transfer portal. He averaged 3.8 points per game. **1D**

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A man bows his head in prayer as he attends the dedication ceremony for the “Grand Candela,” which was dedicated to the residents of El Paso and the 22 people who were killed in the Walmart mass shooting on Aug. 3. PHOTOS BY MARK LAMBIE/EL PASO TIMES

Mass shooting

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After the shooting stopped, 22 people were dead, including eight Mexican nationals, guests in our country who came to shop for groceries.

It is our responsibility to make sure that the story doesn't end here. There is still plenty to do to make sure their lives, their families' loss and the community's suffering serves as redemption from this evil deed.

We must continue to demand that Texas leaders develop strategies to reduce mass shootings. The pace of progress on this work isn't what Gov. Greg Abbott promised in the days immediately following the El Paso massacre.

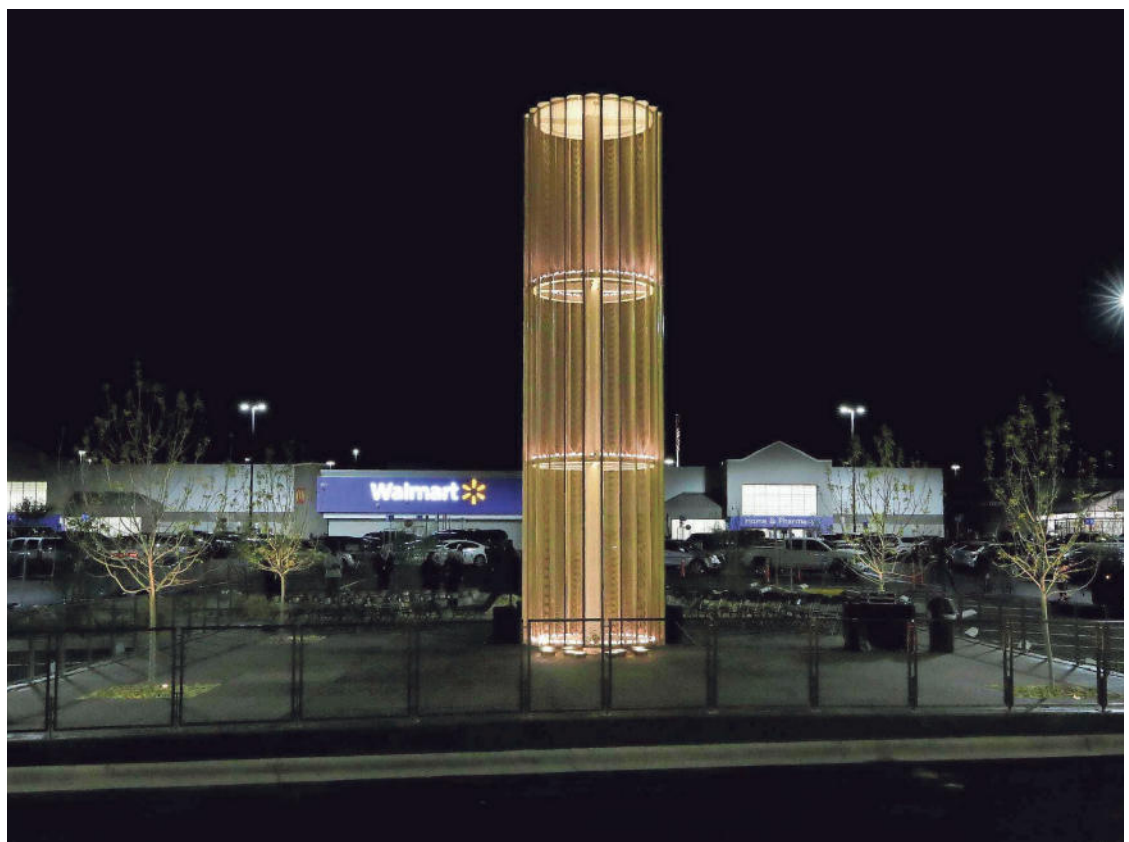
As a community, El Pasoans have worked hard on recovery. We proved our strength by accepting the reopening of the Walmart store, we have shown our gratitude for the heroes who saved lives under gunfire, we have raised millions to help the families of the dead and wounded and we have started the process to bring the mass shooter to justice.

Mayor Dee Margo says it could be three years before El Paso fully recovers from the mass shooting. He says he is tired of funerals.

We all share that fatigue. But we have much to do. The first order of business is to reclaim El Paso's identity as a safe, open, diverse and bi-national community. We have long welcomed immigrants and strangers. We need to mend those relationships and restore our feeling of security. Our instinct now is to act with caution when we see a stranger. We are trying to accustom ourselves to the sight of armed guards at the grocery store. We don't want to look at one another differently.

We urge Abbott to release more recovery money to help our community heal. These traumatic attacks don't get better on their own. As the trip to the Walmart memorial showed, people are still coping with loss.

We must continue to comfort the wounded victims like Octavio Ramiro Lizarde, who set a personal goal of trying to walk again by Christmas. His foot was badly damaged by a bullet, but the loss of his nephew at his side in the store remains painful. We don't want this young man to suffer his grief alone. We support him and all the others.



The “Grand Candela” memorial at the Walmart was lit on Nov. 22 before the dedication.

El Paso shooting victims

This act of domestic terrorism, fueled by an ideology of racism, made El Paso a key participant in an important national discussion. We need to continue to show leadership to help our state and country protect us from those driven to violence by bigotry and hatred.

As the election season starts in earnest, we need to ask candidates how they plan to battle white supremacy and reduce mass shootings in Texas and America.

“We must respond quickly,” Abbott said during a visit to our city within a week of the shooting, “so the people of El Paso know we as leaders are going to step up and do something to solve what happened here.”

We couldn't agree more with those words. But were they an empty promise? He still hasn't responded to our specific request to tell us what Texas must do to curb these horrific acts. Five mass shootings during his admini-

stration have turned his office into the state's chief consoler.

He has issued executive orders on gun violence and called for the formation of interim legislative committees. But it is not enough. Indeed, it has the distinct feel of politicians trying to look like they're doing something while purposely doing nothing.

During its last meeting of the year on Dec. 4, the state Senate Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety quizzed experts on mental health, social media and the video game industry.

We learned that anger and racism are not mental illnesses. What we really learned from this hearing was what we know already — that our state's leaders are afraid to address access to guns.

An El Paso Strong banner hangs near the entrance to the Walmart.

It's up to us to prove the banner true as a tribute to those 22 innocent souls.

Affidavit: Woman asked crash witness to hide beer

She has 4 convictions for drunk driving, files show

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A woman, previously convicted four times for drunk driving, allegedly tried to get a witness to hide alcohol after crashing into a home and severely injuring an elderly lady.

Margaret Cantu, 41, is accused of driving a 2000 Ford Expedition at a high rate of speeding about 1:15 a.m. Monday in the 10300 block of Kenworthy Street when she jumped a curb and started driving onto Arlington Park in Northeast El Paso, according to a complaint affidavit.

Cantu continued driving in the park toward Junction Drive and then crossed the street where she crashed into a rock wall fence and a home in the 4700 block of Junction Drive, the affidavit states.

An 87-year-old woman was sleeping at the home at the time of the crash. The woman suffered fractures to her left leg, right wrist, lower back and upper jaw.

A witness heard a loud crash and exited her home, then approached the vehicle and met with Cantu.

Cantu allegedly handed the witness a Bud Light Chelada Clamato tall-boy and told her to get rid of it, but the witness refused, the affidavit states.

She then asked Cantu if she was “(expletive) up?” Cantu allegedly responded, “yeah.”

Cantu was then asked if she had come from 3 Pints Pub to which she replied, “Yeah, I just came from there,” the affidavit states.

The witness told El Paso Police Department officers that she smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from Cantu, the affidavit states.

Cantu's speech was allegedly sluggish and slurring. She also appeared to be leaning up against her SUV for bal-

ance.

Officers noticed that Cantu smelled like alcohol and had red, bloodshot eyes, the affidavit states.

Cantu allegedly told the officers that she had three Budweiser beers at a friend's house.

She then admitted to driving the vehicle back home from her friend's house, but didn't remember what happened, the affidavit states.

Cantu refused to voluntarily have a blood sample drawn from her, so a warrant was obtained to take a sample, officials said.

Another witness told officers that he saw Cantu's vehicle driving about 50 to 60 miles per hour in the 10300 block of Kenworthy Street, the affidavit states. The speed limit in that area is 25 miles per hour.

Further investigation revealed that Cantu had previously been arrested four

other times for driving while intoxicated.

According to the affidavit, Cantu has been convicted of driving while intoxicated twice in 2009, and one time each in 2011 and 2017.

Court records show that Cantu pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated for a third time or more in 2017.

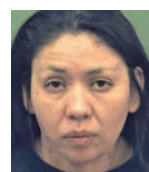
She was sentenced to six years in prison but then released after credit for time served.

Cantu was arrested Monday on suspicion of intoxicated assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury.

She was booked into the El Paso County Jail on a \$250,000 bond. Cantu has yet to post bail.

A bond hearing was held Friday in El Paso County Jail Magistrate court. The request to have her bond reduced was denied, records show.

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Cantu