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*Fear not for I bring you good tidings of great joy*

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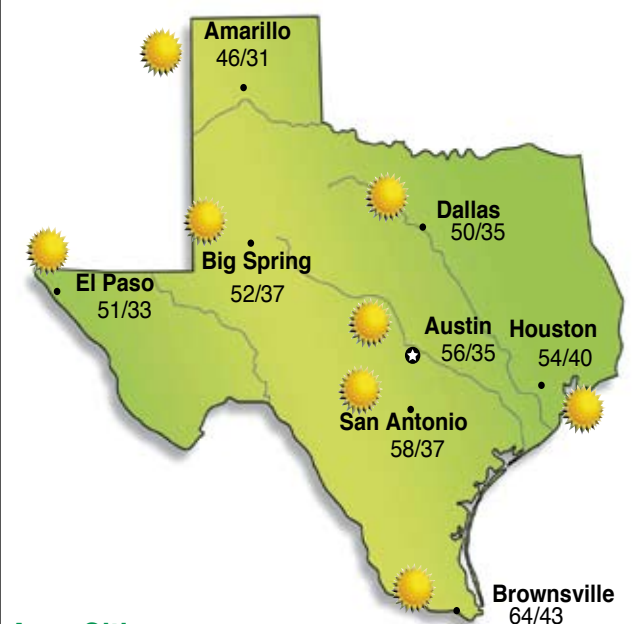
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 12/25	Fri 12/26	Sat 12/27	Sun 12/28	Mon 12/29
<b>52/37</b> Sunny skies. High 52F. Winds WNW at 10 to 15 mph.	<b>63/42</b> Mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>67/35</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>45/32</b> Cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>53/32</b> Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:49 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:49 PM

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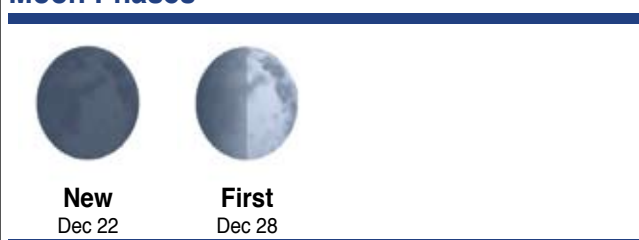
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	52	36	sunny	Kingsville	61	40	sunny
Amarillo	46	31	sunny	Livingston	51	35	mst sunny
Austin	56	35	sunny	Longview	49	34	pt sunny
Beaumont	52	35	mst sunny	Lubbock	49	31	sunny
Brownsville	64	43	sunny	Lufkin	53	35	mst sunny
Brownwood	52	33	sunny	Midland	52	36	sunny
Corpus Christi	59	43	sunny	Raymondville	63	41	sunny
Corsicana	50	34	sunny	Rosenberg	56	38	sunny
Dallas	50	35	sunny	San Antonio	58	37	sunny
Del Rio	58	35	sunny	San Marcos	57	36	sunny
El Paso	51	33	sunny	Sulphur Springs	48	34	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	52	37	sunny	Sweetwater	51	37	sunny
Gainesville	47	33	sunny	Tyler	50	35	mst sunny
Greenville	48	33	sunny	Weatherford	49	34	sunny
Houston	54	40	sunny	Wichita Falls	49	32	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	66	38	t-storm	Minneapolis	35	27	cloudy
Boston	52	52	rain	New York	55	54	rain
Chicago	37	31	mixed	Phoenix	62	42	mst sunny
Dallas	50	35	sunny	San Francisco	59	46	rain
Denver	49	29	mst sunny	Seattle	46	38	rain
Houston	54	40	sunny	St. Louis	40	32	mixed
Los Angeles	69	49	mst sunny	Washington, DC	62	51	rain
Miami	82	70	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 12/25	Fri 12/26	Sat 12/27	Sun 12/28	Mon 12/29
3	3	3	2	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Moderate

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Take Note

- Calling it “a child safety measure,” Scenic Mountain Medical Center will no longer publicize the first baby of the New Year. “Like many hospitals around the country, we’ve based this decision on guidance provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which has cautioned against these kinds of announcements because of the potential risk of abduction or identity theft.” said a SMMC spokesperson. “The birth of a baby is a joyous event and we know there is always interest in the first baby of the new year, but our first obligation is to the safety and privacy of our patients, which is why we have made this decision.”
- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting two public forums on re-enrollment to the Health Insurance Marketplace. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you might have and to set up appointments for enrollment. The first event will take place at the YMCA at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 and the second event will be at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. Both events are free to attend and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, call Amanda Duforat at 268-4699.
- Reservations are being taken for shirts and transportation for Howard County Day in Austin. The one-day event is meant to highlight the economic importance of Howard County to Texas law makers. Howard County Day in Austin is set for Feb. 10, 2015. Reservations are now being taken for a seat on a bus leaving from the Dorothy Garret Coliseum to attend the event. The charge is \$40 per person and the deadline to register for a seat is Feb. 2. Shirt order deadline for a Howard County shirt is Jan. 7. The cost is \$29. For more information, contact Teresa Darden at the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032.
- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.
- The Cross Roads Young Marines are taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.
- Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.
- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.
- 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.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you’re interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It’s a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

Support Groups

- FRIDAY  
• 7p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).
- MONDAY  
• 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. until 8 p.m.
- MONDAY  
• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- SteppingStone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY  
• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons 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.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY  
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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# JESUS

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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I

bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those



Photo by Bruce Schooler

things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these

things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned,

glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and

seen, as it was told unto them.

## ► Odds & Ends

### Salvation Army jewelry gifts spread beyond Boston

BOSTON (AP) — The Salvation Army says a holiday phenomenon in Boston — anonymous gifts of expensive jewelry — has spilled over to the suburbs.

The charity says unidentified donors dropped wedding and engagement rings into a red donation kettle in Weymouth, south of Boston. And a bracelet, diamond ring and diamond pendant were given in the central city of Fitchburg.

Both donors asked the items to be sold to help the poor and addicted.

The latest gifts come after a widow gave her wedding rings in memory of her husband, and another widow redeemed them with a gift of \$21,000. Then

an Australian woman who recently moved to Boston gave a diamond cross pendant.

Salvation Army Major David Davis said Wednesday the organization is "overwhelmed by all that has taken place."

### Small dog keeps mail carrier away in Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Spokane woman can't believe her small dog is so dangerous it's preventing Postal Service carriers from delivering her mail.

The 5-year-old Shih Tzu named Lucky is a little larger than a football. Owner Sun Moon tells KREM, "He's not a monster" and never bit anybody.

Moon received a notification letter earlier this month that said her dog was a danger. It said she won't get home deliveries unless she moved her mail box to the front of her fence.

Robbin Darst with the Postal Service in Spokane says the problem with the dog is not viciousness but being loose. Darst says all dogs have to be restrained from reaching the mail box.

Moon doesn't want to move her mailbox or rent a P.O. box.

## Woman reunited with car stolen nearly 30 years ago

SALINAS, Calif. (AP) — A California woman was reunited with her classic Ford Mustang nearly 30 years after it was stolen, when a man tried to register the muscle car at a Department of Motor Vehicles office.

Lynda Alsip said she couldn't ask for a better Christmas present than the return of her forest-green 1967 Mustang, the Monterey County

Herald reported Monday

"I never thought I would see it again," she told the Herald, standing in a Salinas tow yard next to her car. "It's like winning the lottery."

She bought the car for \$800 in 1985 when she was 17 years old. About a year later, it was stolen outside her Salinas apartment complex.

Police say the vehicle was found at the

Department of Motor Vehicles in Salinas in September when a man tried to register the car he had for 23 years. Authorities were investigating whether the man knew it was stolen.

"It had been out of the system for so long that it came back with no file," California Highway Patrol Officer Jaime Rios said. "The officer did some digging

and found out the car was stolen in 1986 from Salinas."

Alsip, who now lives in the central California valley town of Hollister, plans to have some work done on the car then show off her original personalized license plate, "LYNDA67."

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Thelma Banks Manuel Money, 93, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith.  
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# Opinion

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

—FIRST AMENDMENT

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## Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus

EDITOR'S NOTE: “Is there a Santa Claus?” is the question Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip F. O'Hanlon, put to the editor of the (New York) Sun in September, 1897. Her letter was received by Edward P. Mitchell, who turned it over to his associate, Francis Pharcelius Church, to answer.

With some reluctance Mr. Church undertook the assignment. The product of his fine nature, mellow wisdom and sound craftsmanship was the editorial article “Is there a Santa Claus?” — the most famous editorial article that has ever been written. It first appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 and has since been produced in every conceivable form, in every quarter of the globe.

The publication of Virginia's question and Francis Pharcelius Church's response is an annual tradition at the Herald. We hope you enjoy it.

...  
We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

“Dear Editor:  
I am 8 years old.  
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.  
Papa says ‘if you see it in the Sun it's so.’  
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?  
Virginia O'Hanlon,  
115 West 95th Street”

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you every see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what make the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## DAILY PRAYER

Let us always remember, dear Lord, why we celebrate this very special day.

Amen

## Reflections on the Christmas story

Almost four decades ago, when I was in Mrs. Carmichael's Sunday School class, I memorized Luke Chapter 2, (the King James version of course). It took hours of practice and study, but the words still come when prompted by the line before.

Below is the King James Version with my comments for reflection.

“And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.”

The world revolves around government and money.  
“(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.”

Provides us with a place in time for the story.

“And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.”

No one escapes taxes or death.  
“And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the City of David which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David).”

It is important to know from whence we come.

“to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, who was great with child.”

Family stays together through thick and thin.

“And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.”

Babies come when they want.

“And she brought forth her

firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

You do the best you have with what you've got.

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.”

While some are sleeping, others are working.

“And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.”

We are often afraid when receiving a message or a messenger from God.

“And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.’”

Don't be afraid of God's messenger or God's message.

“For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

A Savior came for me and you.

“And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

Where you live is not who you are.

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,”

Messengers from God come with backup.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!”

Praise God, and love others.

“And it came to pass, when the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, ‘Let us now

go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.’”

We have to check out God's message.

“And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.”

Sometimes we have to see it to believe it.

“And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child.”

Once you believe, you must share with others.

“And all those who heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.”

Many will not believe you, but some will.

“But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

Keep God's message safe in your heart.

“And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.”

Praise God for the messengers and messages he sends.

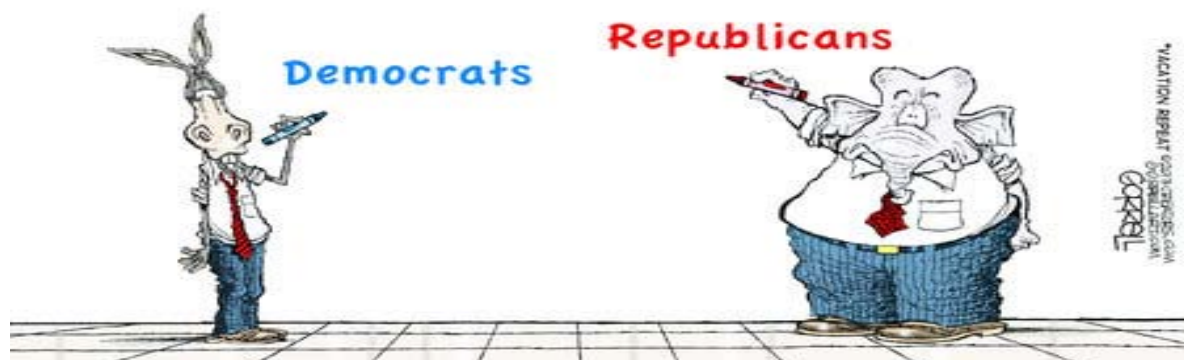
This Christmas season, stay keenly aware of God's messengers and messages, and acknowledge that you too may be God's messenger for someone else.

May you enjoy a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

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## PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD



## Jahi McMath's incredible journey

“Jahi McMath is ALIVE.”  
The very first column I filed in 2014 exposed the plight of a beautiful young girl, the same age as my daughter, whom medical experts declared “brain dead” after a routine tonsillectomy gone wrong. Are you ready for the rest of the story?

Doctors told Jahi's mom, Nailah Winkfield, that her child's organs would “shut down” and her brain would “liquefy” if kept on life support. Hostile hospital administrators in Oakland moved to pull the plug on Jahi. Medical officials callously referred to Jahi as “dead, dead, dead” and dismissed the child as a “body.” Smug critics mocked and hounded the family to give up and let go. Jahi's life, they concluded, was worthless.

But the experts and naysayers were wrong.  
As Winkfield recently described in an open letter to supporters, “Jahi is physically stable. All of her organs are fully functional [and] her skin is flawless.” After inspecting her latest medical records, two respected neurologists testified in sworn declarations that she is not brain dead. Video released by her family shows her moving her arm and foot on command. A recent MRI showed severe brain

damage, “but it also shows brain structure and blood flow,” Winkfield noted.

“I was told previously that it would be liquefied or have holes in it because it had been without blood flow and oxygen for 9 months,” she recounted. “That is not the case with my daughter. Every person is different and every person heals differently.”

One year after callous and overconfident members of the medical and media establishments wrote Jahi's life off, the now 14-year-old girl is surrounded by the love and care of her mom, dedicated medical professionals and vigilant advocates for life.

Lawyer Christopher Dolan continues to battle the state of California to reverse the “brain death” designation in court.

Volunteers maintain a Facebook page to share updates on Jahi's progress. And with the help of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, Life Legal Defense, Angela Clemente & Associates, The Wrongful Death & Injury Institute, New Beginnings and others who helped transfer her away from death-wish docs in California, Jahi will mark Christmas this year at a long-term care facility in New Jersey.

Bobby Schindler, head of Terri's Network, told me this week that Jahi's family “has been blessed with countless numbers of well-wishers, letting the family know they are constantly praying for Jahi.” The detractors and haters are still out there. But as Schindler

observes, “Unfortunately, this is nothing new — my family experienced the same with [sister] Terri. In fact, it's been almost 10 years since Terri's death, and we continue to receive similar types of mean-spirited comments.”

Thankfully for society's most vulnerable members who are medically dependent, disabled, incapacitated or potentially facing life-threatening situations, Bobby Schindler and Nailah Winkfield are keeping the faith. “Jahi's life is worth the fight,” her mom insists. And that noble fight deserves far more support from those who've been sloganeering recently about how Lives Matter.

“The Bible tells us of Mary's great joy at Christ's conception and birth,” Schindler reflects. “It also tells us of her great sadness at his unnatural suffering and death. This Christmas let us pray that God's will be done in 2015 for all his children — those in the womb and those judged not worthy of end of life care and protection.”

In an age where suicide advocate Brittany Maynard earned widespread praise and admiration for giving up on life, Terri and Jahi's families stand as powerful seasonal reminders about my true heroes: those who fight tirelessly for the sanctity of life, no matter how hard the journey.

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# Cat love is truly genuine

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Associated Press  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The felines are fighting back — on the bookshelf.

Cats outnumber dogs in the U.S., but in bookstores, dog titles reign, the American Pet Products Association says.

Fans insist felines are getting more popular as they ride the coattails of Internet sensations like Grumpy Cat, Lil Bub and Nora, the piano-playing cat.

For the cat lovers on your holiday list, several books challenge the notion that pooches get more play.



**“A Letter to My Cat”**  
Actress Rosanna Arquette, model Kathy Ireland and animal behaviorist Jackson Galaxy of “My Cat From Hell” are among the celebrities who pen love notes to their cats in this collection.

Dr. Betsy Kennon of Pittsburgh also contributes the story of Scooter, who was almost killed by a car but now brings joy to people also dealing with disabilities.

“The kitten was never going to walk,” Kennon said. “I can’t tell you why I didn’t put him to

sleep.”  
As the cat struggled to pull himself along, one of Kennon’s workers stuck a plastic bowl under his rump to help smooth the way. The cat became known as Scooter, and the bowl gave way to a kitty wheelchair.

In the six years since, Kennon and Scooter have visited thousands of patients at hospitals and nursing homes.

“For him, it’s not a handicap,” Kennon said. “This is the way life is and people take inspiration from him.”

**“The Grumpy Guide to Life”**

Leading the pack of popular cat books is one from down-in-the-dumps Grumpy Cat — “The Grumpy Guide to Life.”

The kitty celebrity, whose permanent downturned expression is caused by a medical condition, has another book, wrapped a TV movie called “Grumpy Cat’s Worst Christmas Ever” and has her sad mug plastered on magnets, T-shirts, calendars and a host of other products.

The latest book is full of Grumpy insight such as: “People are like balls of yarn. For the most part, they’re boring and useless, but I still get a lot of pleasure out of watching them unravel.”

**“67 Reasons Why Cats are Better than Dogs”**

With a few good reasons and dozens of wacky ones, this book supposedly explains why cats are better than dogs. For example, did you know cats are better companions, surfers and chess players?

Arguments are often deliberately outrageous or puzzling. Take surfing: Pictures show a dog on a longboard and a cat on a keyboard, showing both “surfing.”

Author Jack Shepherd of BuzzFeed also claims cats are faster, smarter and take the best self-portraits.

But Shepherd also keeps it real, telling readers to get a dog if they want slavish devotion.

Cat love is genuine, he says, because it’s 10 percent devotion and 90 percent frustration and

betrayal.  
“So what if they break your heart every now and then? That’s how love is supposed to feel,” Shepherd writes.

A few assertions might ring true to a cat lover, but the book hardly solves the age-old pet debate.

**“Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cat Did What?”**

The leader in heartwarming stories rounds up 101 anecdotes from cat owners.

Contributor Jan Bono writes that a veterinarian told her it’s normal for cats to eat plastic but most will quickly grow out of it.

After a year and a half, Bono is still waiting. Sandwich bags, plastic wrap, fake Easter grass, toothbrushes, combs — if any part of it is made of plastic, her cat Simon will munch on much of it.

The book was published in tandem with “The Dog Did What?” and highlights Chicken Soup for the Soul’s work with animals, including donating its brand of dog food to shelters and rescues, publisher and author Amy Newmark said.

## ‘12 Days of Christmas’ items cost more than \$116K

**SEAN CARLIN**  
Associated Press  
PHILADELPHIA — The cost of six geese-a-laying spiked considerably this year, while most of the items in the carol “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” saw little to no in-

crease, according to the 31st annual PNC Wealth Management Christmas Price Index.

A set of gifts in each verse of the song would set you back \$27,673 in stores, an increase of less than \$300 — or 1 percent — from last year. But shoppers turning to the Inter-

net would see a bigger bump of about 8 percent over last year’s online prices, bringing the set of gifts in each verse to \$42,959. Buyers looking to purchase all the items each time they were mentioned in the song — 364 that is — would spend \$116,273, a mod-

est 1.4 percent increase from a year ago.

PNC’s sources for the Christmas Price Index include retailers, the National Aviary in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia-based PHILADANCO and the Pennsylvania Ballet Company.

Here is a look at the full set of prices from PNC Wealth Management:

— Partridge, \$20; last year: \$15

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# Bad Santa? Five tips on returning Christmas gifts

(AP) — As anyone who's received a drug-store cologne gift set well knows, even Santa Claus gets it wrong sometimes.

Friends and relatives? Yes, them too.

Hence the throng of customers who flock to shopping malls soon after the holidays to exchange or return less-than-ideal presents. Retailers generally try to accommodate their wishes, or provide store credit. But it's not always easy.

A recent National Retail Federation survey of 60 merchant loss-prevention executives estimated that fraud related to returned items this holiday season will cost the industry \$3.8 billion. That's one reason many retailers are increasingly asking for identification and restricting how long a customer has to return an item, among other measures.

Likely to end up on the gift return queue in a few days? Here are five tips to consider before you head over to the mall or attempt to swap

out that unwanted item purchased online:

## 1. KEEP GIFTS IN GOOD CONDITION

Retailers will resist taking back a purchase that's not in good condition or in the original packaging.

Whether it's clothing or consumer electronics, make sure the item is free of wear, and that you have all of the parts.

"The biggest problem is when you don't have accessories like a remote control or a battery," said Mike Abt, co-president of Glenview, Illinois-based Abt Electronics, one of the largest independent retailers of electronics and appliances in the country.

But what if you lost part of an item and want to return it? Try offering to pay for the lost accessory. That'll make it more likely that the merchant will take the item back and issue you a refund or credit, Abt said.

And don't think a retailer won't open the box



and take an inventory of the parts. Abt notes he's had customers bring back a box that looks like a recent purchase, but the contents were different.

"One time we found a bottle of Windex and a tomato soup can," he said.

## 2. DON'T STRESS THE RECEIPT

Having a gift receipt

handy in case it's needed for a return is ideal. But don't worry if you've misplaced it. Odds are your ID will do. Nearly 71 percent of retailers now require customers who are returning an item without a receipt to show identification, according to the NRF.

Target requires a receipt for all returns and exchanges, but in most cases, within 90 days,

it can verify purchases made using credit, debit cards and other electronic payment methods.

If you're being met with resistance, ask to speak with a manager. Often pleading your case to a store manager in person will be enough.

"Most retailers will comply with wishes to return merchandise," Abt said.

## 3. HEED RETURN DEADLINES

Be aware of how much time you have. It's not uncommon for certain items, like cameras and other electronics, to have a limit of 15 days for refunds or exchanges.

That's partly because some consumers will buy some items, like a GoPro camera or a TV, for a one-time use. Then they will attempt to return it for a refund. The practice is known as "wardrobing," which alludes to a similar scenario: When someone buys clothing to wear for one night and then returns the item in exchange for a refund.

"Retailers can't afford to be too lenient with certain products," said Kathy Grannis, a spokeswoman for the National Retail Federation.

Check the store's policy online or the gift

receipt for details on when the return window closes.

## 4. SELL THAT UNWANTED GIFT CARD

Got a Starbucks gift card? Not a big coffee drinker?

Several websites will pay for your gift card in cash. There's a catch, though: You'll receive less than the face value of the card.

During a recent look at Giftcardexchangeday.com, a \$25 gift card for Starbucks brought up cash offers from companies such as GiftCards.com, Cardpool.com and eBay, among others. The offers ranged from \$17.25 to \$18. At best, that's a 28 percent fee to wring some of that coffee credit into cash.

## 5. ONLINE PURCHASE? GO TO THE STORE

If you received a gift that was purchased online, the return process typically means mailing back the item and waiting for a response, whether it's to give you a credit, cash or a replacement item.

For presents bought online, but through a merchant with a brick-and-mortar store nearby, skip the shipping and take the item to the store.

Most will accept items that were originally delivered by mail.

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— Three French hens, \$181; last year: \$165

— Four calling birds (canaries), \$600; last year: same

— Five gold rings, \$750; last year: same

— Six geese-a-laying, \$360; last year: \$210

— Seven swans a-swimming, \$7,000; last year: same

— Eight maids a-milking, \$58; last year: same

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# Spreading the Christmas spirit to hospice patients



Courtesy photo

The Coahoma National Honor Society spread Christmas cheer to Compass Hospice Patients by donating and delivering Christmas trees recently. Pictured on the front row are Kelli Schadel, Rylie Jacobs, Kaeli Yager, Erin Fontana, Alex Gibbs and Anna Harrison, back row, NHS Sponser Mrs. Brantley, Joseph Melendez, Richie Ewing, Braxton Iden, Christian Van Wey, Caleb Daniels, Cameron Crabtree, Chris Biddason, Omkar Sukhtankar, and Compass Hospice Volunteer Coordinator Kara Daniels. NHS members not pictured are Heather Goodger, Ashley Luce, Tara Robinson, and Faith Parum

# FHS band sends two on to Area Band tryouts

### Herald Staff Report

Forsan seniors Zachary Long, Travis Ballard and Ethan Rocha earn spots at Area West Band tryouts recently.

Area tryouts are Jan. 10, at Idalou High School which lead to membership in the A.T.S.S.B. Texas All-State band. The All-State Band performs at the annual T.M.E.A. Convention held in San Antonio in February.

The three Forsan students advance after strong performances



at high school region band tryouts for Region 6 which were held at Greenwood High School on Monday, Dec. 8.

Forsan band students earning a chair on the All-Region Band are:

Honor Band — Zachary Long, trumpet and Travis Ballard, trom-

bone.

Symphonic Band — Alysa Le, flute; Nina Ortiz, clarinet; Mackenzie Kennedy, alto clarinet; Elizabeth Long, trombone; Ash-

lea Hardin, trombone; Dalton Taylor, tuba; and Ethan Rocha, percussion.

Students participating for Forsan High School were: Alysa Le, Mackenzie Kennedy, Nina Ortiz, Zachary Long, Travis Ballard, Ashlea

Hardin, Elizabeth Long, Dalton Taylor, Ethan Rocha, Jacob Valdez, Hannah Thompson, Mila Wright, Dalton Vaughn, Nick Wilson, and Genesis Caldwell.

# BSJHS band nabs six first chair placing on All-Region Middle Band.

Fifty-three Big Spring Junior High Band members earned a chair at All-Region Middle Band auditions held recently in Lamesa, six of those students earned first place chairs. The band had 62 students participate.

Students are group by their instrument section.

Honor Band  
Flute: Kaycee Regan, 1st chair (1st over all); Gabriella Medina, 3rd chair; Alexis Mojica, 5th chair; Alison Flores, 8th chair; and Abigail Flores, 10th chair.

Clarinet: Kasondra Williams, 1st chair (1st over all); Jayden Torres, 2nd chair; Karleigh Moore, 3rd chair; Mariah Chavarria, 4th chair; Andrea Melendez, 5th chair; Brian Carroll, 6th chair; Mikayla Robertson, 7th chair; Katie Humphires, 14th chair.

Bass Clarinet: Madison Compean, 2nd chair; and Madison Kuykendall, 3rd chair.

Alto Saxophone: Emily Hendricks, 2nd chair.

Tenor Saxophone: Armando Martinez 1st chair (1st over all).

Baritone Saxophone: Ethan Yarbrough 1st chair (1st over all).

Cornet: Mason Kirby, 3rd chair; Francisco Zermeno, 6th chair; Gabby Lopez, 7th chair and Chris Grisham, 9th chair.

French Horn: Anisa Cervantes; 1st chair (1st over all); Zachary Whitehead, 2nd chair; Mateo Rodriguez, 3rd chair; and Kenra Thibeault, 4th chair.

Trombone: Robert Sotelo, 2nd chair; Casey Shubert, 3rd chair; Tomas Tino, 5th chair; and DJ Molina, 8th chair.

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# Farewell, love Forsan ISD



Courtesy photo/Forsan ISD  
Mrs. Donna Cunningham is retiring after 19 and a half years of teaching. She taught Reading and Technology at Forsan Jr/Sr High for 12 1/2 of those years. At left, Mrs. Cunningham holding her retirement cake. Pictured with her is her

granddaughter, Rhian Cunningham, and grandson, Cade Cunningham. Above, Mrs. Cunningham is pictured receiving a plaque from FHS Principal Terry McDonald as she was recently recognized for her service. She is surrounded by some of her students.

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Baritone: Rocky Ramirez, 3rd chair; Mark Sanchez, 4th chair.

Tuba: Jeremy Gonzales, 1st chair (1st over all); Christian Roberts, 2nd chair.

Percussion: Cory Cotton, 3rd chair; Amber Martinez, 4th chair; and Theran Sealy.

Concert Band

Flute: Keila Yanez, 1st chair.

Clarinet: Marisa Salazar, 1st chair

Cornet: Gabe Gomez, 2nd chair; Presley Giles, 4th chair; Kayleigh Rodriguez, 6th chair; Ed Urias, 8th chair; and Corey Rogers, 9th chair.

Trombone: Adolfo Salazar, 3rd chair; Nancy Pope, 4th chair; and Chance Carroll, 7th chair.

Tuba: Chris Castillo, 1st chair; and Evan Adlesperger, 3rd chair.

Percussion: Augustin Hernandez, 1st chair; Dadrion Moore, 2nd chair; Carlos Garcia, 3rd chair; McKenna Alsobrooks, 6th chair; and Ryan Fite, 8th chair.

## It's kinda pretty...



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Seven-year-old Marcus Rios, 5-year-old Don Diego Rios, and 5-year-old Kalie'MaNay Banks (all pictured center) won the Heritage Museum's ugly sweater held in December. The sweaters were created by the children. Also pictured are Gale Pittman giving the \$100 prize to the children and museum curator Tammy Schreengost.

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# Keenum, Texans remain in NFL playoff hunt

HOUSTON (AP) — Just a year after going 2-14, the Houston Texans are still in the playoff hunt entering the final week of the regular season.

Houston (8-7) has to beat Jacksonville and have Baltimore lose to the Browns and the Chiefs beat the Chargers to secure the third postseason berth in franchise history.

"I said at the beginning of the year, I thought we could contend for the playoffs and that's what we're doing," team owner Bob McNair said. "But very few other people felt that way, so yeah it's a big change."

After the struggles of last

season left the Texans with the NFL's worst record after they made the playoffs the previous two seasons, this success is especially sweet.

"It's incredible, especially coming from last year, losing 14 straight and knowing that you're out of it," safety D.J. Swearinger said. "Just taking care of business one game at a time and knowing that you may get in there is good."

Coach Bill O'Brien, who is in his first season in Houston and first as a head coach in the NFL, is excited for his team's opportunity to be in this position where the game means something," O'Brien said. "I

think the guys will be focused even though it is Christmas (week). This is a very meaningful game."

They beat the Ravens 25-13 with fourth-string quarterback Case Keenum and a defense led by J.J. Watt which forced three turnovers.

Keenum, whom the Texans released in training camp, was signed from the St. Louis practice squad on Monday when Ryan Fitzpatrick and rookie Tom Savage were both injured a day before with Ryan Mallett already on injured reserve.

Houston players and coaches were impressed with Keenum's performance with

less than a week to prepare for the start.

"It is crazy," left tackle Duane Brown said. "You don't see that. Especially with an offense as complex as the one we run. It asks a lot from the quarterback position. He was here for a while and got to learn a lot of it. His recall was great. He came in and didn't skip a beat."

O'Brien said Keenum will benefit from having a little more time to prepare this week, but that the extra time won't help that much since preparing for Jacksonville is completely different than getting ready for the Ravens.

He's also focused on making

sure his team doesn't take the Jaguars lightly despite their 3-12 record.

"The most important thing about this week is the Jacksonville Jaguars and that we are very, very focused on them," O'Brien said. "Our guys should really not look at their record at all. It's a very tough football team in all three phases."

Quarterback isn't the only place where Houston has dealt with injuries. Top overall pick Jadeveon Clowney, expected to boost Houston's pass game, missed of the season because of a knee injury, top cornerback Kareem

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# Alabama has seen its share of tight spots

By JOHN ZENOR

AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama hasn't steamrolled opponents with quite the same relentless regularity as some of its recent national championship teams.

Instead, the top-ranked Crimson Tide has survived fourth-quarter threats against the likes of Mississippi State and Auburn, beaten LSU in overtime and eked out a one-point victory over Arkansas.

It's a different, more treacherous path into contention than Alabama took in winning three of the last five national titles. That kind of experience in nail biters could come in handy on New Year's Day against No. 4 Ohio State in the College Football Playoffs, or in the championship game if the Tide makes it that far.

"We've just been saying we're not going to leave that field not getting what we want, we'll not be denied," Alabama quarterback Blake Sims said. "We're going to convert on third down. An offensive player goes to every defensive player and says get the ball back for us and if you do, we're going to get a touchdown and I think our defense believes in that."

Alabama is 6-1 in games decided by 14 points or less this season, with the lone loss coming 23-17 against No. 9 Mississippi on Oct. 4.

Last year's team, which fell short of the BCS championship game, went 2-2 in such close games. The 2012 title team only had three games come that close, going 2-1.

In 2009, Alabama won all four close calls.

The 2011 team didn't sweat out any of its victories, winning 12 games by an average of 29.2 points. The only tight game was a 9-6 overtime loss to LSU, and Alabama avenged that with a 21-0 win in the national championship game rematch.

Tide safety Landon Collins feels a loss to, say, LSU or Arkansas could have "broke our season right there." But winning those games made for an interesting ride.

"This has been totally fun," Collins

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# Sands tournament to tip off on Dec. 29

Crossroads area basketball fans won't miss out on the holiday basketball happenings next week. The Sands Invitational Basketball Tournament will make sure of that.

The tournament will get under way on Dec. 29 with teams from throughout the area competing. Among the local teams set to play in the two-day event are Sands boys and girls and the Forsan Lady Buffaloes.

In other action, the Coahoma boys' and girls' teams will be traveling to Big Lake for the Reagan County tournament on Dec. 29-31.

# WAR STANDS STILL



British and German troops involved in trench warfare in World War I fighting called a Christmas truce on Dec. 24, 1914 to play a soccer game in Ploegsteert, Belgium. For a day, the two soldiers competed in a soccer match. The Fritzes defeated the Tommies, 3-2.

# A century later, mythic thud of game that halted WWI still heard

By RAF CASERT

AP Sports Writer

**P**LOEGSTEERT, Belgium (AP) — On the side of a wind-swept field covered with scorpion weed, a simple wooden cross marks a unique event in football history.

At its base, amid wreaths of poppies, lie a smattering of balls and various club pennants, all in remembrance of the Christmas Truce of 1914.

A century ago on Christmas Day, German and British enemies left their World War I trenches and headed into no man's land in a few scattered locations on the Western Front for an unofficial truce among soldiers. Some eyewitness accounts say they were highlighted by something as remarkable as a few football kick-about.

"Suddenly a Tommy with a football," wrote Lt. Johannes Niemann of Germany, referring to a British soldier. "Teams were quickly established for a match on the frozen mud, and the Fritzes beat the Tommies 3-2."

If not fully-fledged matches, other soldier's diaries and various reports also spoke of balls being kicked about in friendship.

"A huge crowd was between the trenches. Someone produced a little rubber ball so of course a football match started," Lt. Charles Brockbank of Britain's Cheshire Regiment wrote in his diary, which is part of "The Greater Game" exhibit at the National Football Museum in Manchester.

The proponents of the sport have cherished that day as historic proof that there is little that can better bridge man's differences than football.

This Christmas, the British supermarket chain Sainsbury's has taken the idea and turned it into a blockbuster ad, showing opposing soldiers in the truce amid a football match at the center of the

heart-tugging, some say sanitized, view of that Great War day.

It is that unique mood of brotherhood that Michel Platini, the president of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), plans to underscore on Thursday. He plans to unveil a Christmas truce monument on the former battlegrounds known as Flanders Fields in western Belgium, scene of some of the most horrendous

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Michel Platini  
UEFA President

killing.

"Together, they performed simple acts of reconciliation, culminating in the discovery of a shared language: football," Platini wrote to European Union leaders early this year.

For those involved, it was most of all a yearning for a sense of normalcy, however momentarily, that pushed them over the edge of their trenches, unarmed.

The war had started on Aug. 4 when the German invasion of Belgium kicked off a series of events which quickly pitted the German and Austro-Hungarian empires against Britain, France, Russia and several allies.

Germany swept into most of Belgium and northern France and even threatened Paris before the frontlines was settled. Armies entrenched themselves for most of the next four years. At the time, though, the prevailing expectation on both sides had been to be home for Christmas.

When that didn't happen, an early sense of euphoria quickly made way for unrelenting gloom. It set the stage for the Christmas truce and those magic kick-about.

Football players themselves had been involved in the fighting from the early days. Of the 5,000 professional players at the time, about 2,000 joined the armed forces. Sometimes whole lineups signed up at the same time to create what became known as the Footballers' Battalions. London club Clapton Orient, now known as Leyton Orient, alone had about 40 players and staff joining the war effort, all following the steps of their team captain.

Scotland's top team at the time, Edinburgh club Hearts, had its whole team join the British army one month ahead of that Christmas, a move which inspired others to join, said Peter Francis of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Seven members of that team were killed in the war.

One of the first footballers killed in the war was Larrett Roebuck, a Huddersfield defender. After playing for his team in a 1-0 victory at Leicester Fosse early in the 1914-15 season, he left for the Western Front and was killed in action on the eve of the first Battle for Ypres, a few kilometers from that patch of land in Ploegsteert.

"The story is that he set off running across the field with the machine guns going," said Roebuck's grandson, Frank Wood. "His friend saw him go down but he couldn't stop to help him. With the fight like that, you couldn't stop."



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By Steve Becker

**The Feline Philosophy**

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♠ A K J  
♥ 7 2  
♦ A Q J 8  
♣ K J 8 2

**WEST**  
♠ 10 7 6 5 2  
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**EAST**  
♠ 8 3  
♥ Q J 10 9 8 4  
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♠ Q 9 4  
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The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♦ 1♥ 1NT  
Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — five of hearts.

"There's more than one way to skin a cat" can be applied to many situations that arise at the bridge table (even though few cats actually play the game). South would have done much better had he applied this well-known adage to the play of today's hand.

He took the opening heart lead with the ace and then had to decide whether to take a diamond finesse, hoping West had the king, or a club finesse, hoping West had the queen.

Eventually, declarer decided that the straightforward diamond finesse offered as good a chance as any to succeed. But when the finesse lost to the king and South's remaining heart stopper was dislodged, the contract was doomed, since East was sure to regain the lead with the club ace before South could score nine tricks.

Among other things, declarer failed to take into account that East was very likely to have both the king of diamonds and ace of clubs for his vulnerable overall. More importantly, though, South failed to appreciate that if he had chosen the club finesse instead of the diamond finesse and lost the ten to the queen, he would still have the diamond finesse to fall back on.

Trying the club finesse at trick two thus gives South two chances to succeed instead of just one. If West does have the queen, repeated finesses will produce three club tricks, rendering the diamond finesse unnecessary.

It is true that East might have the club queen as well as the club ace and diamond king, but in that case the contract cannot be made. It is also true that if East held the A-Q of clubs without the king of diamonds, he could lead declarer astray by taking the first club with the ace — but that's another story.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Merry Christmas

The excitement of the season is upon us. Astrologically, we are coming off of a new moon in Capricorn and a reversal of Uranus. The Aquarius moon leads us into the spirit of giving. For all who find themselves in a fortunate position, there are so many others who don't. Look around. It shouldn't be difficult to see on whom you'll bestow gestures of kindness.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Be loose and flexible - they won't take advantage. In fact, you will feel more respected and valued than before. Your optimism is eternally strong, which makes for a brilliant overall mood.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The world is your oyster as long as you choose to see it that way. You still may have to fight for what you want, but at least you can readily see the opportunity so you can assess what is worth fighting for.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). One minute you can't wait to open the next door, and the next minute you dread what might be on the other side. This mix of anticipation and apprehension makes for a strange experience.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your health will be robust, and your confidence will be high. What more is there to want? Giving to others will be the chief mission. What is your best gift?

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your best solutions will come when you're not actively trying for them. While thinking of something else -- or more likely thinking of nothing in particular -- the perfect fix will pop to mind.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Because what you have is so desirable, it needs to be protected. This takes time and energy. Is it worth it? The same assets that put you in a sticky situation will get you out of it, too.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will be at your best today. You'll present yourself in a way that's unexpected. You'll turn heads and make people smile, laugh and think. The world is more exciting because you're in it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your dreams may be big, but they don't need downsizing. Make a commitment to yourself to grow, no matter what others are doing. A mentor (Pisces is ideal!) helps you develop a winning strategy.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Big spenders are a much more common personality type than big savers. You are both, depending on the day. Right now your saving techniques will help you when you hit your spending spree later this month.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know the right people. Name-dropping is therefore hard to avoid. You can't be blamed. You must first impress people in order to influence them and get them to follow you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). All you need to do is be yourself. Relax and maintain your sense

of humor through this afternoon's mishaps. Later these so-called "mistakes" will make you richer.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a discrepancy between the way you see yourself and the way the rest of the world sees you. Close the gap by being objective, realistic and unconcerned about what people think.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 25). Whatever seems complicated doesn't have to be. All that's necessary is a little distance from the problem so you can see the simple truth. Friendship and love follow a simple rule: You get what you put into it. Your ideas are sound. Sagittarius and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 11, 14, 29 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "What is a mandala? I have been drawing symmetrical geometric pictures obsessively lately, and my sister told me that what I'm really doing is drawing mandalas, which are very closely associated with magic. Is this true, and why would I be drawing these things? Have I slipped off the deep end? I find it very relaxing. I am a Pisces."

Mandala is the word for "circle" in Sanskrit, a language that has origins in both Hindu and Buddhism, two religious traditions that consider mandalas to be sacred. Various versions of mandalas are found in the symbols of other religions, as well, such as the Celtic cross of Christianity or the stone bora rings used in the ceremonies of some native Australians. The beautiful symmetry in a mandala leads the eye and focuses the mind in such a way that this art is commonly used in meditative practice. Carl Jung, the founder of analytical psychology, believed that mandalas are a representation of our unconscious landscape. Whether or not the shapes you are drawing have magical powers largely depends on you and the significance you give your art. Intent is 9/10ths of the law in such matters.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest is a media king and an exemplary Capricorn. Born in the sign of hard work, Seacrest is a traditionalist who will stick to the program. Capricorn individuals love an elegant system and will stick to what they learn.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Readers:** Merry Christmas. We hope you are fortunate enough to be with family and friends today.



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Those who can volunteer their time in nursing homes, hospitals or soup kitchens, please do so. For the past few years, we have printed the annual PNC Christmas Price Index, which we find interesting and amusing. Enjoy:

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree (cost: \$207.68, an increase of 3.8 percent over last year).

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me, two turtledoves (\$125, the same price since 2012) and a partridge in a pear tree (another \$207.68).

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me, three French hens (\$181.50, up 10 percent over last year), two turtledoves (\$125) and a partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, four calling birds (\$599.96, the same as last year), three French hens (\$181.50), two turtledoves (\$125) and a partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, five gold rings (\$750, the same price two years in a row), four calling birds (\$599.96), three French hens (\$181.50), two turtledoves (\$125) and a

partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, six geese-a-laying (\$360, a whopping increase of 71.4 percent), five gold rings (\$750), four calling birds (\$599.96), three French hens (\$181.50), two turtledoves (\$125) and a partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me, seven swans-a-swimming (\$7,000, still pricey, but no more than before, unless you order them online, in which case, they went up 30 percent), six geese-a-laying (\$360), five gold rings (\$750), four calling birds (\$599.96), three French hens (\$181.50), two turtledoves (\$125) and a partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, eight maids-a-milking (\$58, still at minimum wage, the same price for the past three years), seven swans-a-swimming (\$7,000), six geese-a-laying (\$360), five gold rings (\$750), four calling birds (\$599.96), three French hens (\$181.50), two turtledoves (\$125) and a partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, nine ladies dancing (\$7,552.84, same as last year), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$7,000), six geese-a-laying (\$360), five gold rings (\$750), four calling birds (\$599.96), three French hens (\$181.50), two turtledoves (\$125) and a partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

On the 10th day of Christmas my true love gave to me, 10 lords-a-leaping (\$5,348.24, a 2 percent salary hike), nine ladies dancing (\$7,552.84), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$7,000), six geese-a-laying (\$360), five gold rings (\$750), four calling birds (\$599.96), three French hens (\$181.50), two turtledoves (\$125) and a partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

On the 11th day of Christmas my true love gave to me, 11 pipers piping (\$2,635.20, same as before), 10 lords-a-leaping (\$5,348.24), nine ladies dancing (\$7,552.84), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$7,000), six geese-a-laying (\$360), five gold rings (\$750), four calling birds (\$599.96), three French hens (\$181.50), two turtledoves (\$125) and a partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me, 12 drummers drumming (\$2,854.50, no increase), 11 pipers piping (\$2,635.20), 10 lords-a-leaping (\$5,348.24), nine ladies dancing (\$7,552.84), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$7,000), six geese-a-laying (\$360), five gold rings (\$750), four calling birds (\$599.96), three French hens (\$181.50), two turtledoves (\$125) and a partridge in a pear tree (\$207.68).

The total cost of these gifts would be \$116,273.06, plus shipping. Have a happy holiday. Don't buy your swans online.

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Sudoku Answer On Page 10

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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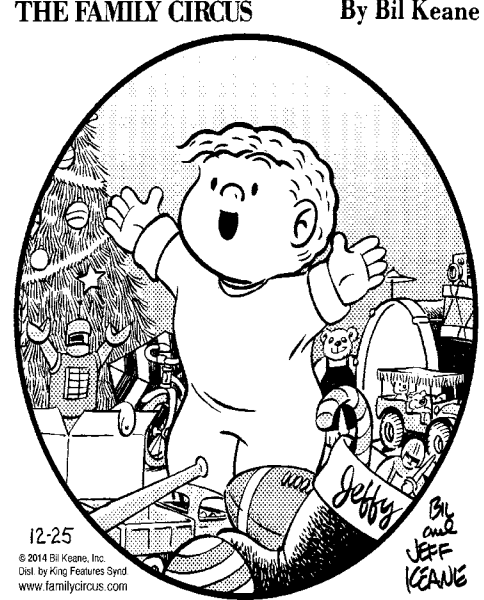
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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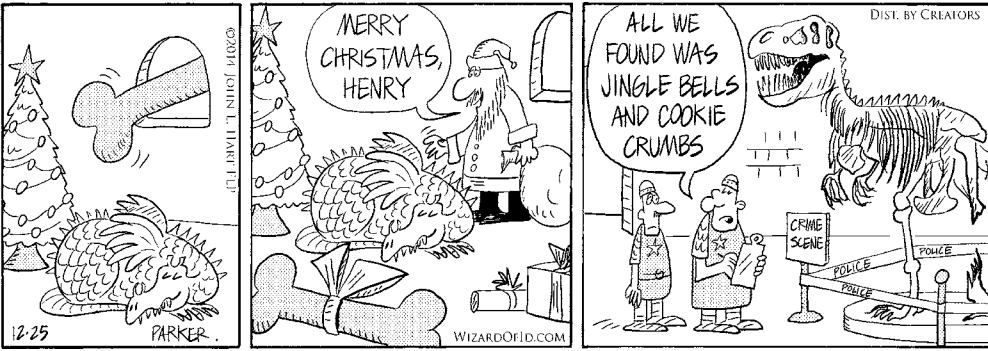
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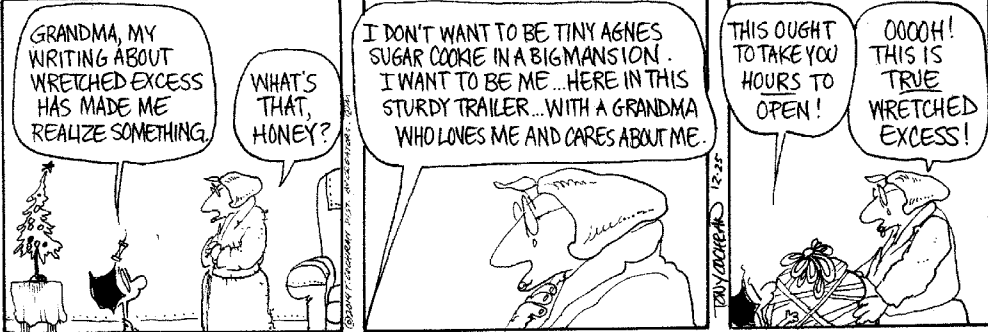
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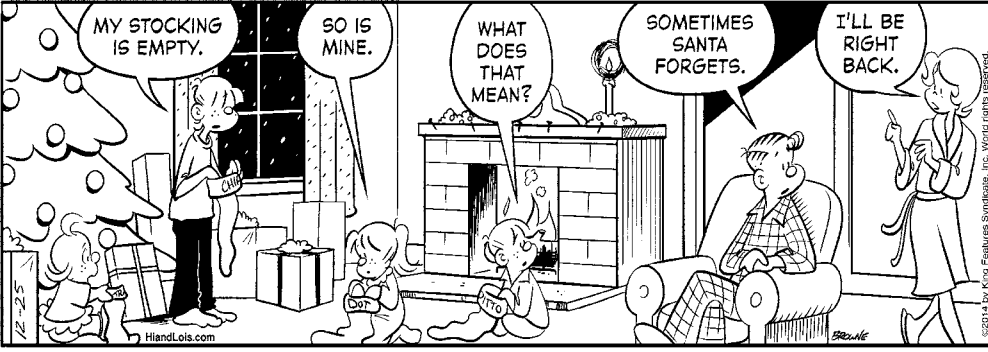
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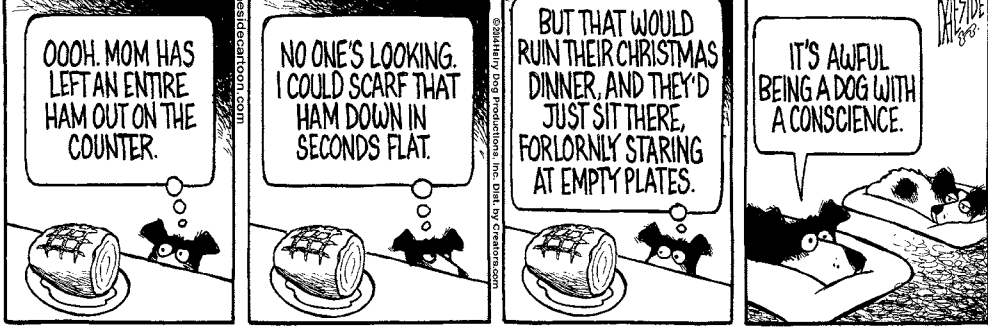
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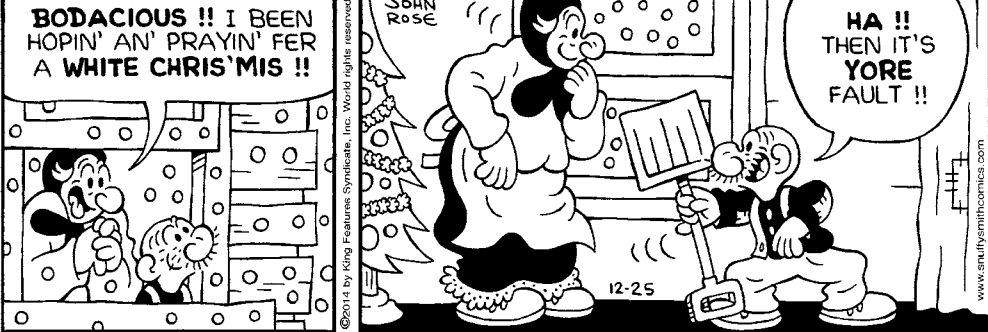
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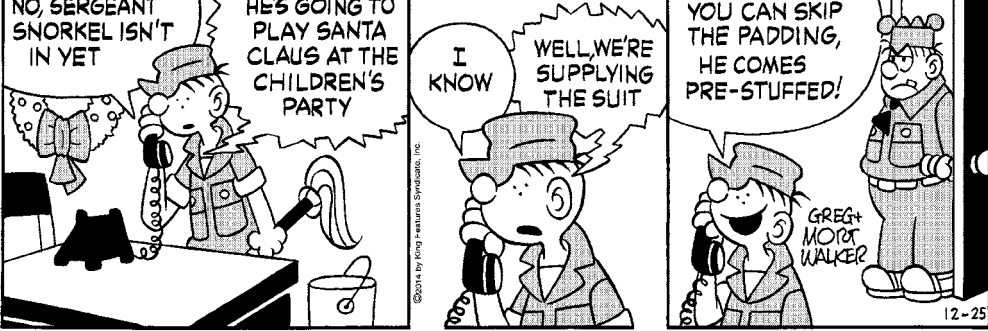
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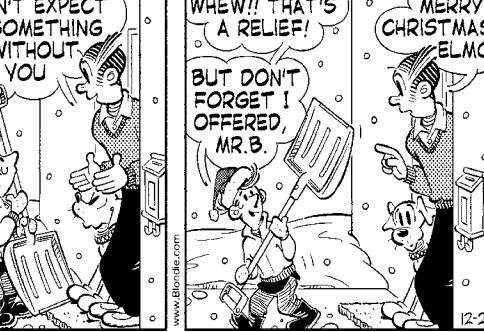
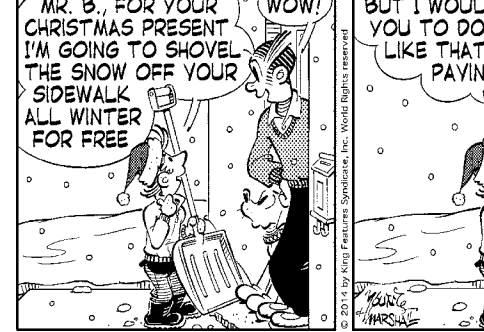
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 2014. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day. Today's Highlight in History: In A.D. 336, the first known commemoration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in Rome. On this date: In 1066, William the Conqueror was crowned king of England. In 1776, Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against

Hessian forces at Trenton, New Jersey. In 1818, "Silent Night (Stille Nacht)" was publicly performed for the first time during the Christmas Midnight Mass at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria. In 1868, President Andrew Johnson granted an unconditional pardon to all persons involved in the Southern rebellion that resulted in the Civil War. In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan, succeeding his father, Emperor Yoshihito. In 1931, New York's Metropolitan Opera broadcast an entire live opera over radio for the first time: "Hansel and

Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck. In 1941, during World War II, Japan announced the surrender of the British-Canadian garrison at Hong Kong. In 1961, Pope John XXIII formally announced the upcoming convocation of the Second Vatican Council, which opened in Oct. 1962.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Artist friend of Degas, 6 Irish dramatist, 10 Ponder, with "on", 14 Kitchen enticement, 15 Carpet surface, 16 In fine fettle, 17 Shogun's domain, 18 Get the pot going, 19 Verdi heroine, 20 Disagreed, 23 Caustic alkali, 24 Creeps up on, 25 Chem-class expense, 29 Superman's foster parents, 32 Was in the red, 33 Bookstore category, 34 Droid download, 37 Took needless risks, 41 Street often near Maple and Oak, 42 Naughts, 43 Barbecue side dish, 44 Write-ins, for example, 45 Fussing at a mirror, 47 Dam on the Nile, 50 Slapstick projectile, 51 Observed furtively, 58 Sponge opening, 59 Schnitzel meat, 60 Splendid formation, 62 Young male zebra

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- 11 City north of Tel Aviv, 12 Church dignitary, 13 Becomes tiresome, 21 Needle feature, 22 Opening remarks, 25 Earring support, 26 Delinquent GI, 27 Road shoulder, 28 Portrait on a dime, 29 Acclaim, 30 First responders: Abbr., 31 Likewise not, 33 In this very place, 34 Fit for duty, 35 Think ahead, 36 Seats that hold hymnals, 38 Greenhouse gas, 39 Showery, 40 Play for a sap, 44 Paid parkers, 45 Membership symbol, 46 Postgame summaries, 47 Org, with online Pets of the Week, 48 Tolerated, 49 Pulitzer's New York paper, 50 Blanched, 52 Revlon rival, 53 DNA segment, 54 Irish export, 55 Lake that feeds Niagara Falls, 56 House painter's calculation, 57 Savoir-faire, 61 Shout of approval

Newsday crossword grid with numbers 1-67.



# Chiefs' Houston setting sights on NFL sacks record

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Quarterbacks would be faring a whole lot better against Justin Houston this season if they avoided him as deftly as the Chiefs' star linebacker dodges reporters. It doesn't matter that Houston is the NFL's sack leader heading into the final week of the regular season.

Nor does it matter that he's just two sacks shy of 20, which would match Hall of Famer Derrick Thomas for the single-season franchise record. He'd rather let others vouch for him than speak in front of a camera. "It starts physically, a guy that's extremely

physically talented," Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith said, "but the thing about Justin is how smart he is. He knows situations, sees tendencies, splits, things like that. He has a good understanding of the game."

Smith is speaking from experience having faced Houston in training camp, when coach Andy Reid unleashes the first-teen defense against the No. 1 offense.

But even then, Smith usually has on the yellow jersey that is supposed to keep defenders from laying a lick on them.

Philip Rivers, Tom Brady and Ben Roethlisberger have no such luxury.

"He's just relentless," Smith added. "Plays such good football in all situations. That's the thing I see. Those guys only get noticed for sacks and deservedly some of that, but certainly how he plays on first and second down, plays the run — an all-down player."

When he was coming out of Georgia, Houston had a reputation for being far better at getting to the quarterback than dropping into coverage or stopping the run.

These days, he's just as adept at bringing down a ball carrier or batting down a pass as he is pummeling a quarterback.

## ALABAMA

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said. "We've been through a lot of adversity and it just made us closer. I mean, you get closeness like that, you can just talk about anything and be familiar with each other. It definitely made us closer and we had tremendous times."

Alabama found different ways to prevail in the close contests.

A blocked extra point and late interception helped the Tide preserve a 14-13 win over Arkansas, overcoming four

special teams fumbles and a season-low 227 total yards.

Adam Griffith's 27-yard field goal with three seconds left in the fourth quarter against No. 22 LSU forced overtime after a swift drive downfield. A short game-winning touchdown pass from Sims to DeAndrew White in overtime finished off a 20-13 win.

Against then-No. 1 Mississippi State, the Tide picked off Dak Prescott three times and summoned a decisive fourth-quarter touchdown drive with several big third-down plays. The result: A

25-20 win.

Alabama won a 55-44 shootout over No. 19 Auburn in the regular-season finale with 28 points over the final 18 minutes. The Tide had trailed by as many as 12 points, its largest deficit of the year.

Alabama did make a costly last-minute mistake that haunted them in a 23-17 loss to No. 8 Mississippi. Sims was intercepted in the end zone.

That was the only really big misstep in all those tight games. The high number of such games by Alabama standards is a mixed bag for coach Nick Saban.

## NFL

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Jackson missed three games with a sprained knee and linebacker Brian Cushing sat out two games because of a knee problem.

"We just keep it going," safety Kendrick Lewis said. "No matter who is out, it's the next man's turn. We've been doing a great job all season of the next man stepping up and not skipping a beat."

Houston's defense has played its best two games of the season in

the past two weeks and allowed a season-low 33 yards rushing on Sunday. Watt said he thinks the group is starting to excel now that it has had time to adjust to defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel's new system.

"When you have a new staff in place it takes a little bit of time to get everybody on the same page and get an understanding of what you want to accomplish," Watt said.

"Obviously we want to go out there again next week and do a good job and play another game like (Sunday)."

The unit has been helped by forcing a franchise-record 34 takeaways this season, which are the most in the NFL. Those takeaways have resulted in 123 points, which are also the most in team history.

## Scoreboard

FOOTBALL					
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American Conference					
East					
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y-New Eng.	12	3	0	.800	459 296
Miami	8	7	0	.533	364 336
Buffalo	8	7	0	.533	326 280
N.Y. Jets	3	12	0	.200	246 377
South					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	431 359
Houston	8	7	0	.533	349 290
Jacksonville	3	12	0	.200	232 389
Tennessee	2	13	0	.133	244 411
North					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Cincinnati	10	4	1	.700	348 317
x-Pittsburgh	10	5	0	.667	409 351
Baltimore	9	6	0	.600	389 292
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	289 317

West					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	11	4	0	.733	435 340
San Diego	9	6	0	.600	341 329
Kansas City	8	7	0	.533	334 274
Oakland	3	12	0	.200	239 405

National Conference					
East					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	423 334
Philadelphia	9	6	0	.600	400 341
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	354 366
Washington	4	11	0	.267	284 394
South					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	6	8	1	.433	305 371
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	378 383
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	378 404
Tampa Bay	2	13	0	.133	257 387
North					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Detroit	11	4	0	.733	301 252
x-Green Bay	11	4	0	.733	456 328
Minnesota	6	9	0	.400	312 334
Chicago	5	10	0	.333	310 429
West					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Seattle	11	4	0	.733	374 248
x-Arizona	11	4	0	.733	293 279
San Francisco	7	8	0	.467	286 323
St. Louis	6	9	0	.400	318 334
x-clinched playoff spot					
x-clinched division					

Sunday, Dec. 28					
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.					
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.					
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.					
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.					
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.					
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.					
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.					
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.					
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.					
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.					
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.					
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.					
Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.					
Detroit at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.					
Carolina at Atlanta, 4:25 p.m.					
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.					

BASKETBALL					
NBA Development League					
East Conference					
Central Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Fort Wayne	8	7	.533	—	
Grand Rapids	6	6	.500	1/2	
Sioux Falls	6	7	.462	1	
Iowa	5	7	.417	1 1/2	
Atlantic Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Maine	11	2	.846	—	
Canton	9	6	.600	3	
Erie	6	8	.429	5 1/2	

West Conference					
Southwestern Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Austin	10	3	.769	—	
Texas	8	5	.615	2	
Rio Grande Valley	6	9	.400	5	
Oklahoma City	5	8	.385	5	
West Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Santa Cruz	9	4	.692	—	
Bakersfield	9	6	.600	1	
Reno	5	6	.455	3	
Los Angeles	5	10	.333	5	
Idaho	3	10	.231	6	

Wednesday's Games					
No games scheduled					
Thursday's Games					
Reno at Idaho, late					
Rio Grande Valley at Sioux Falls, late					

BOXING					
Fight Schedule					
Dec. 30					
At Tokyo, Omar Narvaez vs. Naoya Inoue, 12, for Narvaez's WBO super flyweight title; Akira Yaegashi vs. Pedro Guevara, 12, for the vacant WBC World junior flyweight title; Jorge Linares vs. Javier Prieto, 12, for the vacant WBC World light heavyweight title.					
Dec. 31					
At Ota City General Gym, Tokyo, Israel Perez, vs. Takashi Uchiyama, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA super featherweight title; Kohei Kono vs. Norberto Jimenez, 12, for Kono's WBA junior bantamweight title; Alberto Rossel vs. Ryoichi Taguchi, 12, for Rossel's WBA junior flyweight title.					

Jan. 9, 2015					
At Chumash Casino Resort, Santa Ynez, Calif. (ESPN2), Darleys Perez vs. Jonathan Maicelo, 12, for Perez's interim WBA lightweight title; Francisco Santana vs. Sebastian Lujan, 10, welterweights.					
Jan. 16					
At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y. (ESPN2), Petr Petrov vs. Juan Carlos Burgos, 10, lightweights.					
Jan. 17					
At the MGM Grand, Las Vegas (SHO), Bernane Stiverne vs. Deontay Wilder, 12, for Stiverne's WBC World heavyweight title.					
Jan. 23					
At Manchester, England, Richar Abril vs. Anthony Crolla, 12, for Abril's WBA lightweight title.					
Feb. 21					
At Monte Carlo, Monaco, Gennady Golovkin vs. Martin Murray, 12, for Golovkin's WBA Super World-WBC World-IBO middleweight titles; Lee Haskins vs. Omar Lamiri, 12, for the vacant EBU bantamweight title.					
March 14					
At the Bell Centre, Montreal, Sergey Kovalev vs. Jean Pascal, 12, for Kovalev's WBO-IBF-WBA light heavyweight titles.					

BASEBALL					
Remaining Free Agents					
NEW YORK (AP) — The 89 remaining free agents (q-did not accept \$15.3 million qualifying offer from former team):					

AMERICAN LEAGUE					
BALTIMORE (6) — Alexi Casilla, inf; Nick Hundley, c; Kelly Johnson, 2b; Johan Santana, lhp; Joe Saunders, lhp; Delmon Young, of.					
BOSTON (3) — Burke Badenhop, rhp; Craig Breslow, lhp; Ryan Dempster, rhp.					
CHICAGO (3) — Paul Konerko, 1b; Matt Lindstrom, rhp; Felipe Paulino, rhp.					
CLEVELAND (1) — Jason Giambi, 1b.					
DETROIT (4) — Joba Chamberlain, rhp; Phil Coke, lhp; Joel Hanrahan, rhp; q-Max Scherzer, rhp.					
HOUSTON (3) — Matt Albers, rhp; Jesse Crain, rhp; Jose Veras, rhp.					
KANSAS CITY (4) — Nori Aoki, of; Raul Ibanez, of; q-James Shields, rhp; Josh Willingham, of.					
LOS ANGELES (4) — Sean Burnett, lhp; Jason Grilli, rhp; John M. Donald, ss; Joe Thatcher, lhp.					
MINNESOTA (1) — Jared Burton, rhp.					
NEW YORK (5) — Stephen Drew, ss; Rich Hill, lhp; Derek Jeter, ss; Hiroki Kuroda, rhp; Ichiro Suzuki, of.					
OAKLAND (3) — Jonny Gomes, of; Hiroyuki Nakajima, ss; Geovany Soto, c.					
SEATTLE (6) — Joe Beimel, lhp; Endy Chavez, of; Chris Denorfia, of; Franklin Gutierrez, of; Humberto Quintero, c; Chris Young, rhp.					
TEXAS (2) — Scott Baker, rhp; Neal Cotts, lhp.					
TORONTO (4) — Casey Janssen, rhp; Munenori Kawasaki, inf; Dustin McGowan, rhp; Colby Rasmus, of.					

NATIONAL LEAGUE					
ATLANTA (4) — Emilio Bonifacio, 2b; Ryan Doumit, c; Aaron Harang, rhp; Gerald Laird, c.					
CHICAGO (1) — Carlos Villanueva, rhp.					
CINCINNATI (3) — Jack Hannahan, 3b; Ryan Ludwick, of; Ramon Santiago, ss.					
COLORADO (4) — Brett Anderson, lhp; Matt Belisle, rhp; Nick Masset, rhp; Franklin Morales, lhp.					
LOS ANGELES (7) — Josh Beckett, rhp; Chad Billingsley, rhp; Kevin Correia, rhp; Roberto Hernandez, rhp; Paul Maholm, lhp; Chris Perez, rhp; Jamey Wright, rhp.					
MIAMI (4) — Rafael Furcal, ss; Kevin Gregg, rhp; Reed Johnson, of; Brad Penny, rhp.					
MILWAUKEE (4) — Tom Gorzelanny, lhp; Lyle Overbay, 1b; Francisco Rodriguez, rhp; Rickie Weeks, 2b.					
NEW YORK (1) — Bobby Abreu, of.					
PHILADELPHIA (3) — Mike Adams, rhp; Kyle Kendrick, rhp; Wil Nieves, c.					
PITTSBURGH (1) — Edinson Volquez, rhp.					
ST. LOUIS (2) — Mark Ellis, 2b; A.J. Pierzynski, c.					
SAN DIEGO (1) — Josh Johnson, rhp.					
SAN FRANCISCO (1) — Ryan Vogelsong, rhp.					
WASHINGTON (4) — Asdrubal Cabrera, ss; Scott Hairston, of; Nate Schierholtz, of; Rafael Soriano, rhp.					

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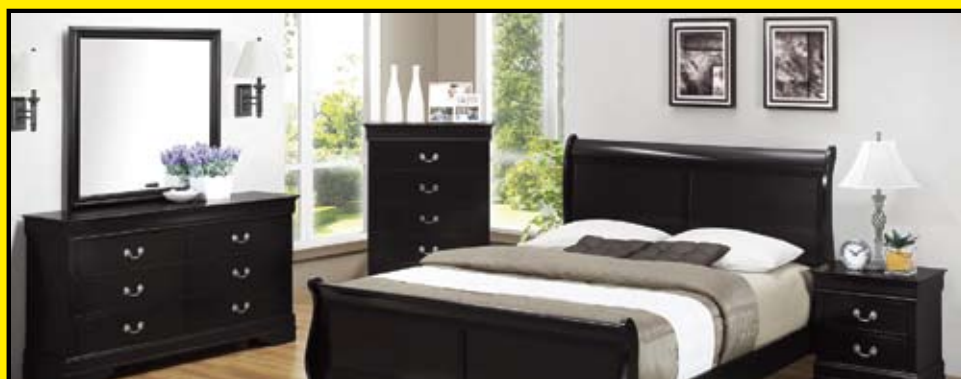
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