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## Capital punishment waning in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas sent far fewer prisoners to death row in 2015, marking the lowest number of new condemned inmates since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the state's capital punishment statute nearly four decades ago, according to a Texas-based group opposed

to the death penalty. Three convicted killers were sentenced to death this year, the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty said. Last year, there were 11 new death sentences in Texas, in the nation's most active execution state. That was the most since a dozen in 2008.

The decline reflects lower murder rates and the effect of recent changes in sentencing laws that have given juries the life-without-parole option in capital cases. Legal scrutiny in death penalty cases also has intensified and DNA testing has become more prominent.

Nationally, the Death Penalty Information Center, a Washington-based group also opposed to capital punishment, said 49 death sentences were imposed, down from 73 last year and the lowest annual number since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume. It lists two

in Texas, because it is not counting a San Antonio case in which a judge hasn't formalized the jury's death sentence pending the outcome of a competency hearing.

The Texas group said in an annual summary that 2015

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## Museum to host Carpenter book signing event

Heritage Museum will host a book signing for Marj Carpenter's latest literary effort Saturday afternoon.

Carpenter, a former writer for the Herald and other newspapers, will sign copies of her newest book, "Ridin' Fence, Vol. I," from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the museum, located at 510 Scurry St.

"Ridin' Fence" is a compilation of the the columns of the same title Carpenter wrote during her years at the Herald, which spanned from 1972 to 1979.

Volume 2 is scheduled to be released in the near future.

Carpenter established herself as an award-winning reporter with the Pecos Enterprise in the early 1960s before joining the

Herald in 1972.

In addition to her daily column, she also covered a variety of news beats during her time at the Herald.

Her columns highlighted people and places in West Texas and were a highly popular article for the paper.

She left the Herald in 1979 to become director of the Presbyterian News Service, a position she held for 15 years.

She later served as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA from 1995-96.

— Steve Reagan



MARJ CARPENTER



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Employees of Alon Big Spring Refinery present a \$88,000 check to officials with the United Way of Howard County and Big Spring. The Big Spring Refinery upped their contribution this year by more than \$27,000. Funds raised through the United Way campaign goes toward supporting 15 non-profit area agencies.

## Alon donates \$88K to United Way

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

One can say Sandy Stewart, executive director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, was a little taken aback Monday afternoon.

Stewart was more like astonished when the Alon campaign manager handed her a check for \$88,000 and some

change for the 2015 campaign.

"This is overwhelming," said a stunned Stewart. "They are very generous and are trying to make the community better. ALON was already our biggest contributor, and they doubled their contributions in several years."

Alon's donation is around a \$27,000 increase from last year's and pushes the 2015

United Way campaign to more than \$300,000 collected for 15 area agencies that provide services to Big Spring and Howard County.

"We are just happy to support the local community," said Jeff Brorman, refinery manager. "By giving to the United Way, we are actually supporting many organiza-

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## Fact check: Republican debaters go astray

WASHINGTON (AP) — The vast complexities of a dangerous world were cast in too-simple terms in the latest Republican presidential debate.

In addition, Chris Christie pledged to make common cause with a Jordanian king who's actually dead and Rand Paul wrongly stated that all terrorist attacks in the U.S. since 2001 have come from the hands of legal immigrants.

Here's a look at some of the claims Tuesday night and how they compare with the facts:

**TED CRUZ:** "You would carpet bomb where ISIS is, not a city."

**THE FACTS:** The Texas senator's conviction that the Islamic State group can be routed with an air campaign of overwhelming force is hard to square with the reality on the ground. IS fighters are holed up in a variety of cities, amid civilians, raising questions about how he

could direct a carpet bombing that only singles out the enemy.

He was asked in the debate if he'd be willing to cause civilian casualties in Raqqa, a major Syrian city that has become de facto capital of the Islamic State group's so-called caliphate. The Islamic State group is also in control of the Iraqi cities of Mosul, Ramadi and Fallujah.

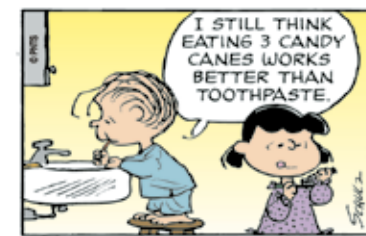
**DONALD TRUMP:** "Our country is out of control. People are pouring through the southern border."

**THE FACTS:** Arrest statistics are widely regarded as the best measure, if an imperfect one, of the flow of people crossing illegally into the U.S. And Trump's suggestion that illegal immigration is increasing at the border is not supported by arrest statistics discussed in recent months by Homeland Security Sec-

retary Jeh Johnson.

Johnson has said that during the 2015 budget year that ended in September, about 330,000 people were caught crossing the Mexican border illegally, a near-

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## Obituaries

## Ross Wayne Bonner



Long-time Big Spring resident and educator, Dr. Ross Wayne Bonner, passed from this earthly life that he so enjoyed Dec. 12, 2015. During his 92 years of life, he lovingly filled many roles — son, brother, husband, father, uncle, cousin, teacher, coach, mentor, dance partner — and is affectionately known in and around town by numerous titles — Coach, Doc, Bonner, friend.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, at 2 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home.

Wayne was born at home in the Texas farming community of Otto March 5, 1923, to Oscar Lee and Ida Mae Bonner, and lived in and around the Mart area until he entered North Texas State Teachers College in Denton. He credits several mentors with giving him a “hand up” to move from the farm to the halls of learning to continue his education. He went on to earn three degrees from what is now the University of North Texas.

Before he could complete his first degree, however, WWII intervened, and Wayne enlisted in the United States Army, seeing action throughout the European theatre from Rome to Norway. He earned the rank of 1st Sargent, having served in the 552nd Anti-Tank Regiment and 474th Infantry Regiment.

Upon his return, Wayne finished the first phase of his education at North Texas State Teachers College, earning the first of his three degrees. There, he met the love of his life, Lucy Dale Williams, and married her in Dallas in 1948. The newlyweds relocated to Big Spring, Texas, where “Coach” continued the teaching and coaching career he had begun the previous year in Runge, Texas. While in Big Spring, he was on the coaching staff that took the 1953 Big Spring Steers to the state football championship game.

After coaching in Anson and Seymour (1955-61), the family returned to Big Spring, with Wayne in the role of high school guidance counselor. He ac-

cepted the role of Director of Guidance Services at Howard College in 1965. He continued to work toward his doctorate, earning his Doctorate of Counseling Psychology from North Texas State University in 1970, and thus became known around town as “Dr. Bonner” or “Doc.” He served as one of the few licensed psychologists in the region and, upon his retirement from the education system in 1982 opened a private practice. He later worked as a psychologist in the federal prison system. With the urging of his bride of almost 60 years, he decided to retire completely in 2001. Wayne and Lucy had several more years together — traveling, square dancing, and serving the community — before her passing in 2008.

Dr. Bonner was a member of the Retired Teachers’ Association, the Downtown Lion’s Club, the Psychological Association of Great West Texas and First United Methodist Church and the Epworth Sunday School Class, as well as a supporter of the Denton Senior Center and its Friday night dances, where his challenge continued to be the waltz. In the past few years, he especially enjoyed attending the class reunions for the students he taught at Big Spring High School and chronicling his years of Army service.

He is predeceased by his wife, his parents, his brother, Norman Read, and his sister, Faye Coppedge.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter and son-in-law, Gwynn and Dennis Jump of Denton, Texas; a son, Greg Bonner, of California; four grandchildren, Meredith Jump, Hilary Jump, Sheena Bonner and Cody Bonner; and one great-granddaughter, Jayden Bonner; along with a beloved family of nieces, nephews and cousins and a myriad group of friends who knew him for the good and generous man that he was.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society’s Hope Lodge in Lubbock, 3511 10th Street, Lubbock, TX 79415 or Food2Kids c/o First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry Street, Big Spring, TX 79720

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be left at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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## Patricia Albers



Patricia Carol Albers, 57, of Mather, Calif. and formerly of Big Spring, passed on Dec. 15, 2015, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Loving Wife of Randall Albers. Cherished Mother of Joseph Thomas and Angela Thomas. 14 Grandchildren. Daughter of Tom (Carolyn) Mills and Lizzie Mike-sell. Sister of Cynthia Gillette and Kathryn Johnson.

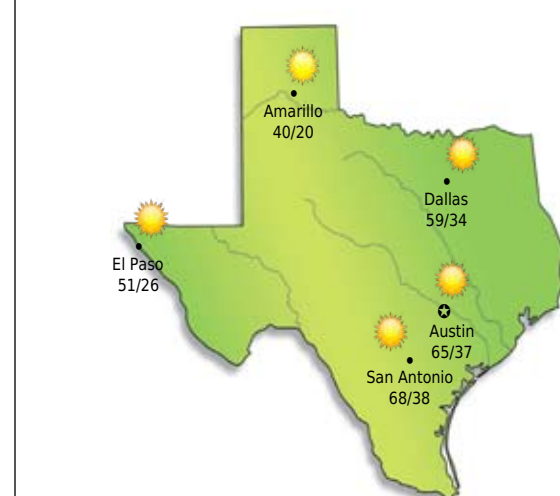
Friends are welcome for visitation Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, from 4-8 p.m. at Price Funeral Chapel (6335 Sunrise Blvd., Citrus Heights, Calif., 916-725-2109) and are invited to attend services Friday, Dec. 18, 2015, at 10 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mather Ward Chapel (9821 Old Placerville Rd., Sacramento, Calif.). Interment will be at Garden City, Kan.

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## Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 12/17	Fri 12/18	Sat 12/19	Sun 12/20	Mon 12/21
54/25 Sunny. Becoming windy late. High 54F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph.	56/31 Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	62/42 A few clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	69/38 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	68/43 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM

## Texas at a Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	54	31	Sunny	Kingsville	68	43	Cloudy
Amarillo	46	21	Sunny	Livingston	63	39	Cloudy
Austin	62	38	Cloudy	Longview	60	35	Cloudy
Beaumont	69	42	Iso T-Storms	Lubbock	50	27	Sunny
Brownsville	71	52	Cloudy	Lufkin	63	36	Cloudy
Brownwood	56	29	P Cloudy	Midland	56	30	Sunny
Corpus Christi	66	46	Cloudy	Raymondville	68	49	Cloudy
Corsicana	56	35	Cloudy	Rosenberg	65	43	Cloudy
Dallas	55	35	P Cloudy	San Antonio	66	40	Cloudy
Del Rio	66	36	Sunny	San Marcos	63	38	Cloudy
El Paso	49	27	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	56	35	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	55	32	Sunny	Sweetwater	53	32	Sunny
Gainesville	55	32	Sunny	Tyler	59	35	Cloudy
Greenville	54	34	Cloudy	Weatherford	56	34	Sunny
Houston	65	43	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	56	32	Sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	56	Sunny	Miami	82	74	P Cloudy
Boston	44	38	P Cloudy	Minneapolis	38	26	Showers
Chicago	52	33	Rain	New York	52	48	Sunny
Dallas	55	35	P Cloudy	Phoenix	56	35	Clear
Denver	34	12	Clear	San Francisco	57	46	Clear
Houston	50	26	P Cloudy	Seattle	44	39	Cloudy
Los Angeles	63	42	Clear	Saint Louis	57	30	M Cloudy

## Moon Phases

First Dec 18	Full Dec 25	Last Jan 2	New Jan 10
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## UV Index

Thu 12/17	Fri 12/18	Sat 12/19	Sun 12/20	Mon 12/21
3	3	3	3	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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## Bradley Ugstad



Bradley Ugstad, 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday, December 1, 2015, in Big Spring. Memorial service will be at 3:00 PM Saturday, December 19, 2015, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Bradley was born on April 6, 1953, to Olaf and LaVane (Heiden) Ugstad in Fergus Falls. He attended Lincoln and Madison Elementary schools and Fergus Falls Senior High School. He later went

on to study aviation mechanics.

Over the years, Bradley worked in the off-shore oil derricks in Texas, as an airplane mechanic in Washington State and most recently, he was working as a gardener in the Big Spring area.

He enjoyed motorcycles, fixing vehicles, fishing and travelling. He loved to help people and made friends easily. He was a happy guy and liked to keep busy. He was always a happy and loving son, and will be sadly missed.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ALICIA KREISLER-WAGNER, 22**, of 245 Creek Dr., Slippery Rock, Penn., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **VICTORIA ROCHELLE WINTERS, 23**, of 309 NW 9th St. was arrested on warrants for other agencies.

• **SEVERIANO LAWRENCE CORDOVA, 32**, of 2904 Cherokee St. was arrested on warrants for failed to control speed, failed to appear (two counts), driving while license invalid, and failed to maintain financial.

• **BRADWAYNE DUGAN JR., 32**, of 4614 Aspen Street was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **PAUL JUSTIN KUHN, 47**, of 600 Linda Lane was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct exposing genitalia in public.

• **BETHANY KAY BURKE, 40**, of 600 Linda Lane was cited for public intoxication.

• **CARLOS MARTINEZ, 33**, of 2438 Grafton Drive, was arrested on charges of failed to yield right of way, changing lanes; and no driver's license, when unlicensed.

• **THEFT** was reported in the

11000 block of north County Road 17, the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 and in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

• **BETHANY K. BURKE, 40**, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SEVERIANO LAWRENCE CORDOVA, 32**, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid, violate promise to appear and failed to control speed.

• **MACIE KAY DANIELS, 17**, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, less than or equal to \$300,000.

• **BRADWAYNE DUGAN JR., 32**, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of unlawfully carry-

ing a weapon.

• **RICHARD LEE GREGORY, 37**, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for theft of property by check.

• **RONALD HASLEBY, 65**, was booked on a warrant for criminal trespass.

• **ALICIA SHAE KREISLER-WAGNER, 22**, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PAUL KUHN, 47**, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct.

• **CAROLS MARTINEZ, 33**, was booked by the HCSO on charges of failure to yield right of way and no driver's license, when unlicensed.

• **RUDY RIVERA, 62**, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failed to yield right of way at stop intersection.

• **RENE ANGEL VALDEZ JR., 54**, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication with three prior convictions.

• **VICTORIA ROCHELLE WINTERS, 21**, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of DL/community DL/ID certificate and theft of property, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

finding and continuing 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The to walk down the path classes take place at God has for each of us. Spring Tabernacle Meetings are at 11 a.m. Ministries, located at until noon and again at 1209 Wright St.



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**THURSDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help



# Take note

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

• Howard College will be hosting several "update meetings" throughout Howard County for interested citizens to gather more facts and information about Howard College as they prepare for the tax rate rollback election to be held in January 2016. Those dates are: Tuesday, Jan. 5, 12:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, (sign language interpretation provided); and Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• A pig showmanship camp sponsored by the Howard County Livestock Association will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 12 at Howard College. The cost is \$10 and is open to the first 50 exhibitors. Lunch is included in the cost. Topics covered is basics of showmanship, feed and nutrition and daily management. To registrar, e-mail HCJLA01@gmail.com.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• 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.

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# FACTS

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40-year low in border arrests. During the 2014 budget year, roughly 486,000 people were arrested.

In recent months there has been a spike in the arrests at the border, but primarily of children traveling alone and families, mostly from Central America.

JEB BUSH: "We need to embed our forces, our troops, inside the Iraqi military."

THE FACTS: The U.S. is already doing that.

U.S. special forces are working side by side with Iraqi forces in the fight against Islamic State militants and American military advisers and trainers are working with Iraqi troops in various locations. To be sure, Bush has called for an intensification of the military effort in a variety of ways, but debate viewers would not know from his comment that U.S. troops are already operating with Iraqi and Kurdish forces.

His comment fits a pattern in the Republican race as a number of candidates criticize President Barack Obama's course against IS while proposing largely the same steps that are already underway.

PAUL: "Every terrorist attack we've had since 9/11 has been legal immigration."

THE FACTS: Not so.

One of the San Bernardino, California, attackers was 28-year-old Syed Farook, who was born in Illinois. Nidal Hasan, who perpetrated the 2009 Fort Hood shootings that killed 13 people, was not only an American but an Army major.

CHRISTIE: "When I stand across from King Hussein of Jordan and I say to him, 'You have a friend again sir, who will stand with you to fight this fight,' he'll change his mind."

THE FACTS: He won't, because he died in 1999. Jordan's king now is Abdullah II.

CRUZ: "And even worse, President Obama and Hillary Clinton are proposing bringing tens of thousands of Syrian refugees to this country when the head of the FBI has told Congress they cannot vet those refugees."

THE FACTS: Cruz repeated inflated estimates of how many Syrian refugees the Obama administration plans to admit to the United States. Obama has announced plans to resettle about 10,000 refugees in the next year.

The vetting process for refugees takes, on average, about two years and is routinely longer for refugees from Syria and Iraq. The administration has said refugees being considered for resettlement in the United States are subject to additional scrutiny. The administration has declined to describe what the scrutiny involves, saying it is classified.

CARLY FIORINA, speaking of security threats to the U.S.: "We need the private sector's help because the government is not innovating, technology is running ahead by leaps and bounds... They must be engaged and they must be asked. I will ask them."

THE FACTS: They've been asked.

The Obama administration has been in discussions with technology companies, especially in Silicon Valley, over the last year about the use of encrypted com-

munications and how the government can penetrate them for national security purposes. After the attack in San Bernardino, California, Obama again said he would urge high-tech and law enforcement leaders to make it harder for terrorists to use technology to escape justice.

That's not to say the effort has been effective. But as in the case of candidates talking about the campaign against IS, Fiorina pitches something that is in motion.

CRUZ: "We didn't monitor the Facebook page of the San Bernardino terrorist because DHS thought it would be inappropriate."

THE FACTS: The Department of Homeland Security has authority to look at social media such as Facebook when evaluating visa applications, and the agency says it does so in some cases. But some experts say that scrutinizing social media accounts of every visa applicant would dramatically slow the approval process, including for tourist visas.

It's also unclear whether looking at the Facebook pages of the shooters in the California attacks would have prevented the attacks.

The male attacker, Syed Farook, was a U.S. citizen, born in Illinois, and never needed a visa. His wife, attacker Tashfeen Malik, 29, did enter the country on a fiancée visa and had used social media to speak of martyrdom and jihad.

But Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., has said such posts weren't public. After the attacks, Facebook did find a profile under an alias linked to Malik with a post pledging her allegiance to the Islamic State.

# DEATH

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also is the first year since 1976 that jurors in the three most populous counties — Harris, Dallas and Tarrant — sent no new inmates to death row.

In Dallas and adjacent Tarrant County, prosecutors this year did not seek the death penalty in any capital murder case. A Harris County jury chose life without parole as punishment

in one case where prosecutors had sought the death penalty. It was one of four cases in Texas this year where jurors decided on life without parole rather than death for a capital murder defendant they convicted.

"Over the last 15 years, use of the death penalty has dropped significantly in Texas, mirroring national trends," said Kristin Houle, the Austin-based coalition's executive director. "Texas has gone from a peak of

48 new death sentences in 1999 to the fewest sentences on record."

Since 1993, when 315 inmates were sent to death rows around the country, seven states also have abolished capital punishment, leaving 31 with the death penalty.

Statistics cited by the Texas group show nearly 60 percent of all new death row inmates in Texas over the last five years were black. But of the three new prisoners condemned in 2015,

none was black — the first year since capital punishment was upheld that no black person was sent to death row in Texas.

Harris County jurors did return one convicted murderer to death row in a retrial after his 1991 death sentence was vacated by the Supreme Court.

Some states have been forced to hold off on executions because of difficulties finding suppliers of the drugs for lethal injections. Texas

is not among them, executing 13 prisoners, up two from 2014, and accounting for nearly half of the 28 executions nationally in six states. Missouri was next with six executions.

At least six Texas inmates have execution dates scheduled for the early months of 2016, including two in January. Over 10 years beginning in 2000, when a record 40 executions were carried out, Texas averaged nearly 25 lethal injections per year. Over

the past 10 years, that average has declined to almost 18 per year.

# ALON

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tions."

Donations are still being taken to help the organization come close to its \$330,000 goal for this year, Steward said. For more information on how to donate, call

Steward at 267-5201.

The 15 agencies supported by the United Way are: the American Red Cross, Permian Basin chapter; Big Spring Family YMCA; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Emergency Services Chap-

lain Corps; Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Isaiah 58; Mobile Meals; Northside Community Center; Rape Crisis Services of Big Spring; Spring of Siloam, Christian Women's Job Corps; The Salvation Army; The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club; and the Westside Community Day Care

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Jose H. "Joe" Olivares, 54, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at the Light House Restoration Center with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mary Bradberry, 69, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bradley Ugstad, 62, died Tuesday. Memorial service will be at 3:00 PM Saturday, December 19, 2015, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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## I column as I see 'em: Is it ever ethical to be unethical?

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I was living 30 miles from Cincinnati in the mid-seventies and was privileged to watch Pete Rose play ball in Riverfront Stadium on several occasions. In fact, the first professional baseball game I ever attended was there, a double header between the "Big Red Machine" and my Houston Astros. He was a very extraordinary athlete but Rose has been banned from baseball since 1986, when it was discovered he bet on baseball as a manager for the Reds. For years, Rose claimed he never bet on the game and never bet on the Reds, but he admitted as much in a 2004 autobiography.

Rose is a three-time World Series champion, 17-time All-Star, and the all-time hits leader with 4,256. However, his appeal for ex-emption was again denied this week, which means Rose will never have a shot at being a Hall of Famer. That's a severe judgment to have to live with after having such a stellar career, but it's right because he cheated, big time. He willfully and blatantly defied the rules and broke the cardinal rule of baseball. Superstar or not, no one should get away with, and certainly not be rewarded for, being a liar and a cheater.

There's often a very slight perceivable difference between right and wrong. Of course, some argue that the whole idea of what is right and wrong is subjective and that it's up to each of us to determine our own personal boundaries.

Even religious people will quote (or misquote) that famous passage in Philippians 2:12 that tells us to "work out your own salvation".

This is potentially an awkward theological passage, as the verse may initially appear to promote the idea that human beings can accomplish their own salvation by their actions. The "working out" that the Philippians are asked to do, however, is not to use their own innate abilities to accomplish their salvation, but to let God act in and through them, as is evident in the very

next verse.

There is potential for doing wrong all around us, every day, in a variety of scenarios. What do we do when faced with an opportunity, or in some cases an apparent obligation, to do something questionable at best and unethical or illegal at worst?

Recently, a question was posed to readers of a national insurance publication, "Is it ever ethical to be unethical?" The question, which also requested examples, is based on law that occasionally allows an individual the "right to do the wrong thing" under certain circumstances. Some refer to this as a "privilege" based on the legal concept of malum prohibitum, or "crime for the greater good."

The example cited in the question was speeding, which is clearly "wrong."

However, if a person is speeding to take a severely injured person to the emergency room, the illegal speeding may be legal under those circumstances. Commenting on the issue, an insurance attorney was very clear: "In the insurance business it is never ethical to be unethical. Never say never, but I cannot think of any examples to the contrary."

He added that "conducting any part of the insurance business is a privilege, not a right or entitlement. Most clients expect ethical behavior and we should, too. We should reject doing business with unethical clients, and while that may be costly, maintaining ethical stability should be paramount. There is only ethics, and one cannot separate personal lives from professional lives. Unethical behavior follows the person, not the job."

Being completely honest in today's world can be challenging at times, especially if you think more of yourself than you should. There are plenty in the public spotlight whose actions proclaim them to be bigger than the law, the rules, or even basic decency.

They are deceived in thinking their personal desires are more important than anyone else's and they live a lifestyle that projects that erroneous opinion. Politicians, celebrities, and even us regular people can be tempted to compromise our integrity if it seems to be beneficial to our

situation or circumstance. But, it is never right to do wrong.

People's lack of trust concerning business executives, politicians, celebrities, and society in general has been in a serious freefall for a long time and it isn't showing any signs of recovering anytime soon. The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion recently conducted two surveys of Americans and top level business executives to understand their opinions and reactions to the events which have shaken confidence in businesses.

A strong majority of Americans and executives believe that one can be successful without compromising their ethics, but less than half of Americans and business leaders believe people use the same set of ethical standards in business as they do in their personal lives. That's a sad commentary on our society.

"Today, America faces a serious problem with a financial crisis caused in no small part by greed — the public lacks confidence in our financial system, and in much of 'corporate America,'" commented Carl Anderson of the Knights of Columbus, which commissioned the survey.

One thing that has been evident for a long time in America is that far too many people fail to take responsibility for their own actions. It's always someone else's fault, or people feel the end justifies the means. It's easy to pass the buck when it comes to facing failure or criticism, but everyone is ultimately responsible for their own choices. Just ask Mr. Rose.

Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

If America is going to be the great nation she has been in the past, this is a key area where change needs to take place. I agree with Zig Ziglar who said, "With integrity, you have nothing to fear, since you have nothing to hide. With integrity, you will do the right thing, so you will have no guilt".

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen



EDDY PRINCE

## Cruz: The maple leaf candidate?

During the most recent presidential election, non-candidate Donald Trump crowned himself king of the "birther" movement, with his constant questions about whether President Barack Obama was born in Kenya or the United States. Now (it pains me to say) Trump is the GOP front-runner, and his closest challenger in the polls is Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, who was not born in the United States. Cruz was born in Canada in 1970. His mother was born in Delaware. His father was born in Cuba. His family moved to Texas when he was 4. Cruz had dual Canadian-American citizenship until he renounced his Canadian citizenship two years ago.

So is Cruz a "natural born Citizen," a requisite for presidential candidates under Article 2 of the U.S. Constitution? PolitiFact looked into that question and determined that Cruz probably is eligible because his mother was a U.S. citizen: "Most legal experts contend (natural born Citizen) means someone is a citizen from birth and doesn't have to go through a naturalization process to become a citizen." But it noted that the issue is not "100 percent settled," as there is no

official definition.

This month, GOP political consultant-turned-analyst Tony Quinn wrote a piece for the website Fox&Hounds headlined "Ted Cruz Cannot Be President: Take Him Off The Ballot."

Quinn acknowledged the conventional view that Cruz is "natural born" but argued that the Framers added "natural born" to the citizen requirement to prevent the election of a candidate with foreign entanglements.

Quinn laid out four reasons he thinks Cruz does not make the cut.

1) His father was born in Cuba; Cruz himself was born in Canada.

2) Every past presidential nominee was born within the United States or a possession. Calgary never was a U.S. possession.

3) While his father was serving in the Navy, 2008 Republican presidential candidate John McCain was born in the Panama Canal Zone, a U.S. possession. Even still, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution conferring "natural born" citizenship on McCain just to settle the issue. The Senate has done no such thing for Cruz.

4) Cruz was a "natural born" citizen of Canada.

I sent Quinn's piece to John Yoo, the former George W. Bush White House counsel who teaches law at the University of California, Berkeley. "This

case is much stronger than people give it credit," Yoo wrote. "The Constitution requires the president to be a 'natural-born citizen.' But no one is sure what it means. It's never been the subject of a definitive judicial ruling." Yoo thinks the term applies to citizens "born in the territory of the United States." That's a credible position that takes into account the Constitution's likely original intent.

Do I believe the men who drafted the Constitution wanted to keep foreigners out of the Oval Office? Of course I do. Does Ted Cruz care about the Framers' original intent? Usually, he does. I asked Team Cruz to respond specifically to the argument that "natural born" means born in the USA or a U.S. territory. No reply.

This truly is an issue that voters will have to sort out. Heidi Cruz, the candidate's wife, told a group in Missouri she expects Trump to play the birther card. She may be right. But will it stick to a candidate born in Canada?

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# Ports-to-Plains: Rural areas connect urban populations

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the third in a series of articles highlighting the Ports-to-Plains project.

Urban areas across the country struggle with congestion and freight movement choke-points. Ports-to Plains Alliance understands that reality and the need to address those issues. The Alliance does, however, continue to point out that rural corridors like Ports-to-Plains provide a significant alternative to existing congested corridors. Specifically, the Corridor Development and Management Plan projected a 12 percent increase in corridor use would take place with the expansion of the corridor to four-lane divided.

This increase provides relief to both Interstate 35 and Interstate 25.

The recently released DRAFT Texas Freight Mobility Plan hit the target when it stated "The state must focus not only on improving existing facilities, but also on developing future freight corridors to move products to markets and exports."

Ports-to-Plains recognizes the need to invest in

improvements to the Primary Freight Network, but are strongly supportive of the call to develop alternative corridors as defined by the Secondary and Emerging Freight Network in the Texas Freight Mobility Plan. Each state along the corridor needs to have the foresight shown by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Too often transportation planning is based only on historical numbers looking at population growth, traffic counts and accident histories. When planning is limited to historical data, the areas of congestion and accidents are doomed to continue. Several years ago one of our partners pointed out that based on historical counts no bridge would ever have been built over any river because there were no traffic counts to justify the bridge.

It takes only a quick look at a map to recognize that the miles between urban areas require a safe, efficient system of moving goods through rural areas. Movement of freight and people is about connections. Urban areas rely upon rural corridors to connect to markets and resources necessary to grow their economies. Not only do rural corridors make those connections to markets but they are also sources of the resources needed to drive those economies.

As the primary corridor



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serving the agriculture and energy heartland, the Ports-to-Plains Corridor provides the food, fuel and fiber

needed in urban population areas.

Highway expansion through rural areas is significantly more cost effective than expansion of already congested highways serving the urban areas. The costs for right of way and utility relocation combined with the costs of urban drainage, noise barriers, other environmental and even social needs make urban expansion more expensive than rural expansion projects per mile.

Ports-to-Plains is a grass

roots alliance of over 275 communities and businesses, including alliance partners Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Coalition, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada. Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at [www.portsto-plains.com](http://www.portsto-plains.com).

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# Supermarkets selling shrimp peeled by slaves

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** More than 2,000 trapped fishermen have been freed this year as a result of an ongoing Associated Press investigative series into slavery in the Thai seafood industry. The reports also have led to a dozen arrests, millions of dollars' worth of seizures and proposals for new federal laws.

**SAMUT SAKHON, Thailand (AP)** — Every morning at 2 a.m., they heard a kick on the door and a threat: Get up or get beaten. For the next 16 hours, No. 31 and his wife stood in the factory that owned them with their aching hands in ice water. They ripped the guts, heads, tails and shells off shrimp bound for overseas markets, including grocery stores and all-you-can-eat buffets across the United States.

After being sold to the Gig Peeling Factory, they were at the mercy of their Thai bosses, trapped with nearly 100 other Burmese migrants. Children worked alongside them, including a girl so tiny she had to stand on a stool to reach the peeling table. Some had been there for months, even years, getting little or no pay. Always, someone was watching.

No names were ever used, only numbers given by their boss — Tin Nyo Win was No. 31.

Pervasive human trafficking has helped turn Thailand into one of the world's biggest shrimp providers. Despite repeated promises by businesses and government to clean up the country's \$7 billion seafood export industry, an Associated Press investigation has found shrimp peeled by modern-day slaves is reaching the U.S., Europe and Asia.

The problem is fueled by corruption and complicity among police and authorities. Arrests and prosecutions are rare. Raids can end up sending migrants without proper paperwork to jail, while owners go unpunished.

Hundreds of shrimp peeling sheds are hidden in plain sight on residential streets or behind walls with no signs in Samut Sakhon,

a port town an hour outside Bangkok. The AP found one factory that was enslaving dozens of workers, and runaway migrants led rights groups to the Gig shed and a third facility. All three sheds held 50 to 100 people each, many locked inside.

As Tin Nyo Win soon found out for himself, there's no easy escape. One woman had been working at Gig for eight years. Another man ended up peeling shrimp there after breaking free from an equally brutal factory.

"I was shocked after working there a while, and I realized there was no way out," said Tin Nyo Win, 22, who has a baby face and teeth stained red from chewing betel nut.

"I told my wife, 'We're in real trouble. If something ends up going wrong, we're going to die.'"

Last month, AP journalists followed and filmed trucks loaded with freshly peeled shrimp from the Gig shed to major Thai exporting companies and then, using U.S. customs records and Thai industry reports, tracked it globally. They also traced similar connections from another factory raided six months earlier, and interviewed more than two dozen workers from both sites.

U.S. customs records show the shrimp made its way into the supply chains of major U.S. food stores and retailers such as Wal-Mart, Kroger, Whole Foods, Dollar General and Petco, along with restaurants such as Red Lobster and Olive Garden.

It also entered the supply chains of some of America's best-known seafood brands and pet foods, including Chicken of the Sea and Fancy Feast, which are sold in grocery stores from Safeway and Schnucks to Piggly Wiggly and Albertsons. AP reporters went to supermarkets in all 50 states and found shrimp products from supply chains tainted with forced labor.

European and Asian import and export records are confidential, but the Thai compa-



nies receiving shrimp tracked by the AP all say they ship to Europe and Asia as well.

The businesses that responded condemned the practices that lead to these conditions. Many said they were launching investigations when told their supply chains were linked to people held against their will in sheds like the Gig factory, which sat behind a gate off a busy street, between railroad tracks and a river.

Inside the large warehouse, toilets overflowed with feces, and the putrid smell of raw sewage wafted from an open gutter just outside the work area. Young children ran barefoot through suffocating dorm rooms. Entire families labored side-by-side at rows of stainless steel counters.

Tin Nyo Win and his wife, Mi San, were cursed for not peeling fast enough and called "cows" and "buffalos." They were allowed to go outside for food only if one of them stayed behind as insurance against running away.

But escaping was all they could think about.

Shrimp is the most-loved seafood in the U.S., with Americans downing 1.3 billion pounds every year, or about 4 pounds per person. Once a luxury reserved for special occasions, it became cheap enough for stir-fries and scampis when Asian farmers started growing it in ponds three decades ago. Thailand quickly dominated the market and now sends nearly half of its supply to the U.S.

The Southeast Asian country is one of the worst human trafficking hubs on earth. It has been blacklisted for the past two years by the U.S. State Department, which cited complicity by Thai officials. The European Union issued a warning earlier this year that tripled seafood import tariffs, and is expected to decide next month whether to impose an outright ban.

Consumers enjoy the convenience of dumping shrimp straight from freezer to skillet, the result of labor-intensive peeling and cleaning. Unable to keep up with demand, exporters get their supply from peeling sheds that are sometimes nothing more than crude garages adjacent to the boss's house. Supply chains are so complicated that, on any given day, buyers may not know exactly where the shrimp comes from.

The Thai Frozen Foods Association lists about 50 registered shrimp sheds in the country. However,

hundreds more operate in Samut Sakhon, the country's main shrimp processing region. Here the humid air hangs thick with the smell of dead fish. Refrigerated trucks with seafood logos barrel down streets straddled by huge processing plants. Just as ubiquitous are the small pickups loaded with migrant workers from neighboring Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar being taken to gut, fillet, de-vein and peel the seafood that fuels this town's economy.

Abuse is common in Samut Sakhon. An International Labor Organization report estimated 10,000 migrant children aged 13 to 15 work in the city. Another U.N. agency study found nearly 60 percent of Burmese laborers toiling in its seafood processing industry were victims of forced labor.

Tin Nyo Win and his wife were taken to the Gig Peeling Factory in July when they made the long drive from Myanmar across the border, crammed so

tightly into a truck with other workers that they could barely breathe. Like many migrants, they were lured from home by a broker with promises of good-paying jobs, and came without visas or work permits.

After being sold to the Gig shed, the couple learned they would have to work off what was considered their combined worth — \$833. It was an insurmountable debt.

Because they were illegal workers, the owners constantly threatened to call police to keep them in line. Even documented migrants were vulnerable because the boss held onto identification papers so they could not leave.

Under the U.S. government's definition, forced labor and debt bondage are considered slavery.

In the Gig shed, employees' salaries were pegged to how fast their fingers could move. Tin Nyo Win and his wife peeled about 175 pounds of shrimp for just \$4 a day, less than half of what they were promised. A female Thai manager, who slapped and cursed workers, often cut their wages without explanation. After they bought gloves and rubber boots, and paid monthly "cleaning fees" inside the trash-strewn shed, almost nothing was left.

Employees said they had to work even when they were ill. Seventeen children peeled alongside adults, sometimes crying, at stations where paint chipped off the walls and slick floors were eaten away by briny water.

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## Paris. Jerusalem.

**Recent terror sprees in Paris and Jerusalem were both wrought by radical Islamists—part of a global jihad seeking to conquer the world and kill infidels.**

ISIS terror acts in France are motivated by the same Islamist obsession that inspired the 9/11 bombings in the U.S., as well as deadly knife, gun and car attacks in Jerusalem and throughout Israel—a fanatical conviction that Christians, Jews and moderate Muslims must be driven out of "Muslim lands."

### What are the facts?

ISIS, the latest, most brutal and militarily successful Islamist terror group, grew as an offshoot of al Qaeda, responsible for 9/11 and recent terror attacks in Mali. This year, ISIS has murdered more than a thousand innocent people in France, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya and Turkey, in addition to thousands of Christians, Yazidis and Shiite Muslims killed in its conquest of broad swaths of Syria and Iraq. ISIS's avowed goal is to create an Islamic caliphate—empire—consisting of land it perceives to belong to Islam, including most of the Middle East, North Africa and Spain. ISIS's bloody conquest has been virtually unimpeded by Syrian and Iraqi armies and, until recently, almost ignored by Western nations, despite the group's downing of a Russian airliner and warnings to the U.S. that "we will drown you in blood." Indeed, U.S. intelligence affirms that ISIS's long-term goal is to attack America.

Likewise, Hamas and other Palestinian jihadists have killed hundreds of innocent Jews in Israel in suicide bombings and missile attacks with a similar objective—to conquer Palestine and expel non-Muslims. Indeed, since Hamas violently seized control of Gaza in 2007, it has ruled with an iron Islamist hand, imposing strict sharia religious law and driving Christian Arabs out by the thousands. Hamas's charter states its goal is to conquer the entire Holy Land and kill all its Jews. The Palestinians' latest "knife intifada," which has already killed 20 innocent people and injured more than 350, underscores this commitment. No surprise that recent polls confirm an overwhelming majority of Palestinians—over 80%—agree that all of Palestine belongs to them and there can be no Jewish state.

### How Should the World Respond?

While no Western nation seeks another war in the Middle East or Africa, the pattern and frequency of recent terror attacks compel us finally to unite in a concerted campaign to defeat this barbarity. In order to end the escalating slaughter of innocents, we must adopt a three-pronged strategy:

1) **Identify the enemy.** If we deny that these acts of

imperial, terrorist aggression are perpetrated by self-avowed Muslims—as some notable politicians still do—we will surely fail to understand or defeat them. French President Francois Hollande took the first step when, just following the Paris massacres, he said, "We are at war with jihadi terrorism." While this is correct, France has conspicuously not stepped forward to condemn identical attacks against innocent civilians in Israel. This misunderstands the global jihad that plagues us, and it misses the opportunity to form solidarity with the world's nations most effective at fighting radical Islam, of which Israel is preeminent.

2) **Take the battle to the enemy.** Likewise, the United States, the world's most powerful military force, has been a reluctant player

in fighting ISIS. For example, the U.S. currently flies on average just seven sorties a day against the Syria-based terror group, compared with the 1,100 daily sorties we flew against Saddam Hussein in the first Iraq war. The U.S. and other nations have proven equally passive in condemning a steady drumbeat of Hamas terror missiles and other Palestinian terror attacks mounted against Israelis. In fact, if we are to defeat Islamist terrorism, we must vigorously oppose all forms of it. In fact, military experts agree that enemies like ISIS and Hamas must be engaged forcefully not just by air—but on the ground—in order to defeat them.

3) **Enjoin moderate Muslims to fight the enemy.** Finally, while Western diplomats speak eloquently of "moderate Islam," the world has seen precious little assistance—either symbolic or material—from Muslim leaders who oppose radical Islam. While there are Christian and Jewish organizations dedicated to opposing Islamic extremism, for example, Muslim leaders are nearly always silent in the face of Muslim terror attacks on Israel and elsewhere. While several French Muslim community leaders condemned the Paris assaults, U.S. Muslim groups are generally inert, as are leaders of major Muslim countries like Indonesia and Pakistan. In order to defeat extremism among any group, the leaders of that group must not only disapprove, but they must actively fight it in word and deed.

It's time for countries endangered by the global Islamist jihad to join in solidarity to defeat this cruel and bloody scourge. We must condemn Islamist terror in all its forms, we must confront this enemy on the ground, and we must challenge Muslim leaders to help us in this battle. Only in this way can we prevent horrors such as those we suffered in Paris and Jerusalem.

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# Why U.S. will once again export oil

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S., seemingly awash in crude oil after an energy boom sent thousands of workers scurrying to the plains of Texas and North Dakota, will begin exporting oil for the first time since the 1973 oil embargo. The lifting of the embargo is part of a spending deal expected to be pushed through the House and Senate by the end of the week. Here's a brief look at why the ban was in place, and the reasons why that ban is now being lifted after four decades.

## DEEP HURTING

Lines. Of all the bad memories seared into the American consciousness from the early 1970s, never-ending lines at the gas pump has to be near the top of the list. The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries put into place an oil embargo after the U.S. sided with Israel in the Yom Kippur War and the price of oil spiked. The economic effects were so dire some of the resulting policies, including a ban on oil exports, remain in place to this day.

## PRODUCTION REDUCTION

The country's energy crisis grew more precarious because domestic production began a long decline in the 1970s as oil fields matured. That decline lasted for almost 40 years and the U.S. increas-



ingly relied on oil imports. U.S. production, which had reached almost 10 million barrels per day in the early 1970s, was halved by 2008.

## SO WHAT'S CHANGED?

Technology. U.S. energy companies have developed new techniques that not only free oil and gas from fields once thought unreachable, they are returning to oil fields that, using older technology, were thought to be long drained of all fossil fuels. That created a tectonic shift in the global energy landscape. This week, crude prices fell to below \$35 per barrel, down from more than \$100 per barrel just last year. It's the first time oil has been that cheap since

a global recession erased energy demand.

## WHO WILL BENEFIT IF THE BAN IS LIFTED?

Major oil companies. Companies including Exxon Mobil and ConocoPhillips, along with the American Petroleum Institute, an oil and gas lobbying group, have been the biggest proponents of ending the ban. But the economic benefits could be very broad. Economists say exports could help the economy by reducing gasoline prices, encouraging investment in oil and gas production and transport, creating jobs, making oil and gas supplies more stable and reducing the U.S. trade deficit.

## EVERY ROSE HAS ITS THORNS

Among the biggest beneficiaries of the U.S. energy revolution: you. Those against lifting the ban say that as domestic crude leaves U.S. shores in tankers, oil will be less plentiful at home. There are a lot of U.S. industries for which energy is a huge cost, from agriculture, to airlines, to manufacturing. Many economists, however, say that U.S. oil exports would have little or no effect on prices, largely because the U.S. already exports record amounts of gasoline and diesel. Still, environmental groups worry that the rush by big U.S. energy companies to

supply the world with crude will have devastating effects on the climate.

## BATTLE LINES

The end to the four-decade ban on U.S. crude exports was the big prize in the budget battle for Republicans, who saw it as an arcane policy given the nation's exploding production of oil and natural gas. In return, they agreed to the demand from Democrats for a five-year extension of credits for wind and solar energy producers and a renewal of a land and water conservation fund. Democrats also blocked a push by Republicans to GOP proposals to impede Obama administration clean air and water regulations.

## News in brief

### Analysis: Bush strong in GOP debate but it may not matter

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jeb Bush finally delivered a powerful debate performance. But it may not matter.

The former Florida governor repeatedly took the fight to front-runner Donald Trump in Las Vegas Tuesday night as the Republican Party's 2016 class met on the debate stage for the last time this year.

Bush called the billionaire businessman "the chaos candidate," insisted Trump couldn't "insult his way to the presidency," and dismissed Trump's proposal to block all Muslims from entering the country as dangerous and "not serious."

Yet with little more than six weeks before voting begins, Bush is struggling for relevancy in a presidential election that has begun to leave him behind.

Trump, meanwhile, beat back repeated attacks from his Republican rivals in the primetime faceoff to ensure a central role in the 2016 contest, fueled by deep anti-establishment frustration among the GOP's angry electorate.

Trump seized on Bush's dismal standing in recent polls and largely shrugged off the criticism.

### Emailed threats to NY, LA highlight the worries schools face

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When it comes to assessing threats, New York City and Los Angeles schools likely have more experience than most other districts in the country.

But their reactions were dramatically different Tuesday to the same threat of a large-scale jihadi attack with guns and bombs — LA dismissed all its classes while New York dismissed the warning as a hoax.

The divergent responses from the nation's two biggest K-12 public school systems reflected what many in school security know: That deciding whether or not a threat is credible is hardly a mathematical process and the stakes in staying open or closing are high.

It is one that school district officials around the country have weighed heavily in the wake of school shootings and threats.

Across the nation, small and large districts regularly encounter the age-old challenge of deciphering threats, complicated today by more sophisticated technology that can make them harder to trace.

Even when a threat is determined to be a hoax, the consequences can be a severe, with the safety of thousands of children, millions of school funding, and the message each decision sends on the line.

### Congress set for year-end push on tax, spending compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders are girded to push a Christmas compromise on tax cuts and spending through the House and Senate by week's end after Republicans and Democrats reached agreement on a legislative package extending dozens of tax breaks for businesses and families and financing 2016 government operations.

A series of votes set for Thursday, culminating the process, would be Congress' coda to a tumultuous 2015.

Despite dissenters in both parties, passage was likely and President Barack Obama's signature seemed assured for an accord bearing victories for

everyone from oil companies and working-class families to 9/11 emergency workers and biomedical researchers.

"This is divided government," Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., said of the measures, which together totaled over 2,200 pages.

In an unspoken reference to a year that saw GOP lawmakers force the departure of former Speaker John Boehner and battle frequently among themselves, Kline added,

"Let's put 2015 behind us and move on to 2016," an election year when Republicans hope to showcase initiatives revamping the tax code and Obama's health care overhaul.

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# Abbott extends guard's mission at border

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott ordered Texas National Guard troops on Tuesday to remain at the Mexico border, extending again a mission that began in 2014 when unaccompanied children started pouring into the country and that will continue amid another wave of arrivals.

As many as 1,000 armed troops patrolled the Rio Grande Valley at the height of what the White House once called a "humanitarian crisis" of children showing up at the Texas border. Military officials who previously refused to publicly state an end date on the deployment said after Abbott's announcement that December was supposed to have been the end of a nearly 18-month mission.

Neither Abbott nor the Tex-

as National Guard would say when troops would now go home. Lt. Col. Travis Walters also would not disclose how many troops would remain, but said no new troops would be deployed.

Abbott issued the order in response to U.S. Border Patrol figures showing that more than 10,000 unaccompanied children crossed into the U.S. in October and November, double the number of crossings in the same two months of last year. The increase has already prompted federal officials to open two shelters in Texas and one in California.

"Texas will not sit idle in the face of this challenge," Abbott said. "We will not be victimized as a state by a federal government's apathetic response to border security."

The criticism is similar to

what then-Texas Gov. Rick Perry said last year when he first announced the deployment. Perry said at the time that he was sending National Guard troops — whose stated role on the border is provide extra sets of eyes but not make arrests — because Border Patrol agents were getting too overwhelmed. In recent months, only a few hundred National Guard troops have remained as the mission has wound down.

Across the border, the Mexican foreign ministry released a statement that criticized Abbott's decision and called for dealing with immigration from "an effective and humane perspective." It went on to say that the Mexican government will monitor to make sure security measures don't impinge on its citizens'

rights.

During a trip to the Texas border on Tuesday, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske declined to directly comment on Abbott's order but said the Border Patrol works well with all the agencies in the area, including the Guard.

"They are all in the same areas, and they all work together," he said.

Kerlikowske described the surge of Central American children and families, who normally turn themselves over to Border Patrol agents, as a "border management issue" and not a "security issue."

The Obama administration has defended the amount of federal resources put toward border security in the last two

decades as more than at any point in history. But a letter obtained by The Associated Press this week revealed Sylvia Burwell, the secretary of Health and Human Services, renewing concerns to Congress that too little money will be available to house the latest influx of children.

Federal officials hope to avoid a repeat of the crisis it saw in the summer of 2014, when tens of thousands of children and families came over the border. Border Patrol holding areas became overcrowded, with children sleeping on concrete floors.

Abbott, who took office in January, approved a record \$800 million in state border security spending earlier this year. He also ordered the Texas Department of Public Safety to increase patrols.

## News in brief

### 2 ex-UPS workers in Texas among 3 to get prison in drug case

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former UPS Inc. worker in South Texas, his daughter and another ex-employee are going to prison for using the company to smuggle drugs.

Prosecutors say 46-year-old Mario Enrique Patlan and 24-year-old Cristina Patlan were sentenced Tuesday to four-year prison terms. A federal judge in Brownsville sentenced Reymundo Abel Brown Jr. to two years in the drug case from 2007 to 2012.

Mario Patlan and Brown pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana and cocaine. Cristina Patlan pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. All three are from Brownsville.

UPS fired both men amid the investigation.

Investigators say drugs were shipped to Minnesota, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Florida, Ohio, Michigan and New York. Parcels were smuggled via ground and airports in Harlingen and McAllen.

### Lawsuit reveals unreported, in-custody death of Austin man

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A lawsuit against the city of Austin has revealed the death of a man that had previously been unreported and resulted from police action.

The Austin American-Statesman reports (<http://atxne.ws/1NSGj79>) the family of 62-year-old James Fred Sizer filed a wrongful death suit in federal court Friday seeking an unspecified amount of damages for Sizer's death.

Sizer's autopsy confirms he died March 14 from complications of a blunt force injury. His head hit on pavement when an Austin police officer shocked him with a stun gun March 6.

Police are investigating the situation as an in-custody death. The case will also be presented to a Travis County grand jury.

The family's lawyer declined to comment to the newspaper because it could anger federal judges. The city also didn't comment due to its policy on pending litigation.

### 6 finalists named for Corpus Christi police chief job

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Six finalists have been named to lead the Corpus Christi Police Department and replace Chief Floyd Simpson who died in a May motorcycle wreck.

Corpus Christi city officials Tuesday announced the candidates include interim Chief Mike Markle.

The list includes one law enforcement officer from California. Robert Lehner is chief of the Elk Grove Police Department.

The other four finalists are with Texas departments.

Malik Aziz is deputy chief of the Dallas Police Department. Abdul Pridgen is assistant chief of the Fort Worth Police Department.

Jeff Spivey is assistant chief of the Irving Police Department. Mark Schauer is assistant chief of the Corpus Christi Police Department.

Members of the public are invited to meet the candidates Friday at the American Bank Center. The candidates face addition city-related interviews on Saturday.

### Plane landing in Nashville rolls off runway, injuring 8

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Officials say a plane has rolled off a runway at Nashville International Airport, injuring eight people.

Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Emily Samuels said in an email Tuesday night that Flight 31

from Houston Hobby Airport to Nashville went off the taxiway around 5:20 p.m. as it approached the arrival gate.

She said the 133 passengers and five crew members evacuated the plane safely and were bused to the airport, where employees were helping them.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said the Boeing 737 rolled into grass and got stuck while taxiing to the gate. She said the FAA is investigating.

News media outlets quote fire department spokesman Brian Haas as saying eight people were transported to a hospital, most with minor injuries and one with chest pain.

No information about what caused the aircraft to leave the runway was immediately available.

### Explosion at Houston-area plastic pipe plant injures 4

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Four workers were injured, two critically, when a pressure release at a suburban Houston plastic pipe plant blew melted plastic onto their faces and upper bodies.

The accident happened at Moore Rod and Pipe in Humble about 1 p.m. Tuesday. Humble police spokeswoman Melinda Bradshaw says a machine that melts plastic pellets to make pipes became clogged. When the four workers tried to fix the machine, the pressure blew the plastic onto the workers.

Police say the plastic likely would have been about 550 degrees. Besides the two workers listed in critical condition at Memorial Hermann Hospital, one was in good condition and a fourth was treated at the scene and released.

### Temple officer resigns after arrest in hotel gun incident

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas police officer accused of firing a gun into a hotel wall during a law enforcement event in El Paso has resigned from the police force.

A Temple police statement said Cpl. Kenneth Lee Sheka (SHEE'kuh) resigned Tuesday, three months after he was placed on paid leave.

Sheka, who had been an officer since 2009, was indicted by an El Paso County grand jury Thursday on a deadly

conduct count and two counts of aggravated assault. He remains free on \$2,500 bond.

Sheka was in El Paso for the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas convention on Sept. 8. Police say a worker complained that Sheka made inappropriate sexual comments, touched her and she said stop. Sheka then allegedly fired a round into a wall.

### Texas nonprofit replaces police dog killed in Paris attacks

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas nonprofit that trains dogs for police duty has donated a trained dog to the French National Police to replace one killed in last month's attacks in Paris.

Houston-based K9s4COPs presented the dog to the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. The Belgian Malinois is to be named Liberte. He is to replace Diesel, a 7-year-old Belgian shepherd killed in a Nov. 18 raid in the Parisian suburb Saint-Denis (san-deh-NEE'). The raid, in which three people were killed, targeted the alleged mastermind of the Paris attacks that left 130 people dead.

Earlier this month, Russian police donated a German shepherd puppy named Dobrynya to the French ambassador in Moscow to replace Diesel. Dobrynya is named for a Russian fairy-tale knight.

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# Lady Steers stumble against Greenwood, 66-39

By TAYLOR ELLIS  
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers varsity basketball team lost to the Rangerettes of Midland Greenwood High School 66-39 at Steer Gym.

The game started off slow and sloppy as Greenwood took a 9-4 lead into the second quarter. After the first quarter, Greenwood's press defense ramped up and began to run away with the lead.

Greenwood implemented a full-court press which to many in the stands, looked like a foul-happy defense. While Big Spring did reach the double bonus first, there were many fouls the refs did not call.

"We prepare for tough full-court presses in practice," head coach Stacy Smalley said. "I let them press and don't call fouls to create a similar look, but it's hard to properly pre-

pare for how tough a press these girls run."

What made the press so difficult was the size and length of the Rangerettes, who had five girls standing at 5'10" and above.

The Rangerettes had 18 second quarter points to Big Spring's 10 as the Lady Steers fought for offensive possessions. Big Spring trailed 27-14 going into the half.

The Lady Steers were able to get some offense in the second half, but the Greenwood press did not let up. Greenwood scored another 18 points in the third quarter mostly from transition baskets.

In the fourth quarter, coach Smalley experimented with an all-freshman lineup consisting of Alexis Star, Kayleigh Penny, KaSondra Williams, Logan Terrazes, and Kamri Kemper. The lineup had some strug-

gles, but also showed energy and did not back down from the Greenwood press.

Smalley switched out the freshman lineup for a senior Alexander, Diamonique Mayes, Kiowa Lesser, Myckala Edwards, and Tiffani Ruiz. Neither lineup was in for longer than two minutes in the fourth quarter providing fresh legs to beat the press. The seniors did put together a quick 8-0 run that prompted Greenwood to bring back their starters late in the fourth quarter.

Kiana Ramsey was not able to be a part of the wholesale substitutions as she exited the game in the second quarter with a right leg injury.

The loss drops Big Spring's record down to 8-9 on the season.

The Lady Steers may look to intermingle the two distinct lineups in

two weeks as they return to action on Dec. 28 in the Weatherford Tournament.

### SCORING LEADERS

AUGUST  
Alexander-10  
Kayleigh Penny-8  
Diamonique Mayes-6  
Kamri Kemper-4  
Kiowa Lesser-3  
Myckala Edwards-3  
Tiffani Ruiz-3  
KaSondra Williams-2

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Photo by Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Freshman Kayleigh Penny goes up for the putback layup against Midland Greenwood Tuesday night at Steer Gym.

# Forsan girls win district opener

By TAYLOR ELLIS  
Sports Editor

IRAAN —The Forsan Lady Buffs varsity basketball team traveled two hours to Iraan Tuesday, winning their first district ball game of the year 42-31.

"This was a game where all 10 players saw valuable minutes," head coach Lindsey Schmidt said. "We haven't had many games like that this year, and it was nice to have one that didn't come right down

to the final seconds."

Sophomore Chasidy Grantham led the team in scoring with 13 points. Junior Kendall Phillips and senior Kaylee Kemper each poured in 10 points.

The Lady Buffs have had a knack for the dramatic this year, but took care of business without a stressful final few minutes.

"It's tough to win on the road in this district after traveling two hours almost everywhere we go," Schmidt

said. The road win should prove to be a big difference for Forsan at the end of the year, barring they can take care of business at home.

The Lady Buffs next game is at home against McCamey this Friday at 6:30.

The junior varsity squad crushed Iraan 50-13 Tuesday night.

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# Coahoma Bulldogs win nail-biter, 59-55

By TAYLOR ELLIS  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA —The Coahoma Bulldog varsity basketball squad won a hard-fought game over Hermleigh 59-55 at home Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs lost the lead late in the third quarter, but kept their composure and made some key free throws down the stretch to take

home the victory. Mason Moore led all players in scoring with 25 points, a season-high for any Bulldog this year.

Cade Ramsey poured in 12 points. Adam Clark and Jon Bermea each had eight points.

Coahoma will take on Hord County foe Forsan at home this Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The junior varsity squad cruised past Hermleigh's JV squad 32-8.

Coahoma: 19-12-13-15: 59  
Hermleigh: 18-7-13-17: 55

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## Scoreboard

**NBA**  
**Monday's Games**  
Indiana 106, Toronto 90  
Orlando 105, Brooklyn 82  
L.A. Clippers 105, Detroit 103, OT  
Chicago 115, Philadelphia 96  
Memphis 112, Washington 95  
Miami 100, Atlanta 88  
San Antonio 118, Utah 81  
Dallas 104, Phoenix 94  
Denver 114, Houston 108  
Portland 105, New Orleans 101

**Tuesday's Games**  
Cleveland 89, Boston 77  
Denver 112, Minnesota 100  
Sacramento 107, Houston 97  
L.A. Lakers 113, Milwaukee 95

**Wednesday's Games**  
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
Miami at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Memphis at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Portland at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 8 p.m.  
Washington at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Toronto at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

**NHL**  
**Monday's Games**  
Edmonton 3, Boston 2, OT  
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1  
Tampa Bay 2, Columbus 1  
Ottawa 5, Los Angeles 3  
Buffalo 2, Detroit 1  
**Tuesday's Games**  
New Jersey 2, Buffalo 0  
Florida 5, N.Y. Islanders 1  
N.Y. Rangers 4, Edmonton 2  
Philadelphia 4, Carolina 3, OT  
Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 4, OT

San Jose 3, Montreal 1  
Calgary 2, Nashville 1, OT  
Minnesota 6, Vancouver 2  
St. Louis 4, Winnipeg 3  
Colorado 3, Chicago 0  
Dallas 5, Columbus 1

**Wednesday's Games**  
Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Anaheim at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

San Jose at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Edmonton at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Columbus at Arizona, 9 p.m.

**Friday's Games**  
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.

Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
San Jose at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

**TRANSACCIONS BASEBALL**  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended free agent 2B Rafael Toribio 25 games for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

**American League**  
SEATTLE MARINERS — Designated LHP Rob Rasmussen for assignment.  
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Tony Barnette on a two-year contract and RHP Chad Smith and C Bobby Wilson on minor league contracts.

**National League**  
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with OF Jason Heyward on an eight-year contract.

**NEW YORK METS** — Agreed to terms with LHP Jerry Blevins on a one-year

contract.  
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Named Dave Phillips pitching coach of Lehigh Valley (IL), Steve Schrenk pitching coach of Reading (EL), Aaron Fultz pitching coach of Clearwater (FSL), Brian Sweeney pitching coach of Lakewood (SAL), Hector Berrios pitching coach and John Mizerock coach of Williamsport (NYP) and Hector Mercado pitching coach and Eddie Dennis coach of the GCL Phillies.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Named Joey Cora manager of Altoona (EL), Keoni De Renne hitting coach and Jeff Johnson pitching coach of Bradenton (FSL), Ryan Long hitting coach and Matt Ford pitching coach of West Virginia (SAL), Mark DiFelice pitching coach of West Virginia (NYP), Tom Filer pitching coach of Bristol (Appalachian), Mendy Lopez manager and Dan Urbina pitching coach of the DSL Pirates, Tom Prince minor league field coordinator, Andy Barkett assistant minor league hitting coordinator and Scott Elarton special assistant for baseball operations.

**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Named Chris Speier bench coach, Mike Maddux pitching coach, Davey Lopes first base coach, Jacques Jones assistant hitting coach and Dan Firova bullpen coach.

**American Association**  
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed INF Sergio Leon.  
ST. PAULSAINTS — Signed RHP Robert Coe.

**WICHITA WINGNUTS** — Sold the contract of RHP Paul Smyth to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
HOUSTON ROCKETS — Recalled F Montrezl Harrell from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
ATLANTA FALCONS — Placed S William Moore on injured reserve. Waived-injured WR Leonard Hankerson. Released WR Devon Wylie from the practice squad. Signed G Ben Garland from the practice squad and WRs R.J. Harris and Jordan Leslie, DE Dontay

Moch and LB Curtis Grant to the practice squad.  
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Placed DE Chris Canty on injured reserve. Waived RB/KR Raheem Mostert and QB Bryn Renner. Signed QB Ryan Mallett. Signed RB Terrence Magee and CB Jumal Rolle from the practice squad.

**BUFFALO BILLS** — Signed TE Blake Annen to the practice squad.  
**CAROLINA PANTHERS** — Placed Bene Benwikere on injured reserve. Signed CB Robert McClain.

**CHICAGO BEARS** — Waived DL Ziggy Hood. Signed LB John Timu from the practice squad and DL Toby Johnson and WR/TE Marcus Lucas to the practice squad.

**CINCINNATI BENGALS** — Waived LB Chris Carter.  
**CLEVELAND BROWNS** — Placed WR Brian Hartline on injured reserve. Signed RB Daryl Richardson.

**DALLAS COWBOYS** — Waived CB Tyler Patmon. Released LB Darius Eubanks from the practice squad.  
**DETROIT LIONS** — Placed TE Brandon Pettigrew on injured reserve. Released OT LaAdrian Waddle. Released CB Stanley Jean-Baptiste from the practice squad. Claimed C Gabe Ikaroff from Cleveland. Signed TE Bear Pascoe. Signed DB Kendall James to the practice squad.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** — Waived G Todd Herrmans and LB Amarlo Herrera. Placed RB Josh Robinson on practice squad injured reserve. Re-signed LB Andy Stuebaker.

**MIAMI DOLPHINS** — Waived OL Jacques McClendon. Claimed DE Damontre Moore off waivers from the N.Y. Giants.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** — Injured DL Dominique Easley on practice squad. Released WR Austin Hill and DL Kelcy Quarles from the practice squad. Signed RB Montee Ball and WR Deandre Carter to the practice squad.

**OAKLAND RAIDERS** — Placed LS Jon Condo on injured reserve. Signed LS Thomas Gafford. Signed WR Larry Pinkard to the practice squad.

**SAN DIEGO CHARGERS** — Released S Jimmy Wilson.  
**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** — Released WR B.J. Daniels, S Akeem Davis and RB DuJuan Harris. Signed TE Chase Coffman. Activated LB Brock Coyle from IR/designated to return. Released WR Antwan Goodley, DT Justin Hamilton and LB Alex Singleton from the practice squad. Placed RB Thomas Rawls on injured reserve. Signed RB Bryce Brown.

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** — Waived DE Josh Shirley. Signed DL Da'Quan Bowers.

**WASHINGTON REDSKINS** — Placed TE Derek Carrier on injured reserve. Waived-injured S Trenton Robinson. Released RB Christine Michael from the practice squad. Signed TE Alex Smith.

**Arena Football League**  
ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with WR Brandon Thompkins.  
**Canadian Football League**  
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Kevin Fogg.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
ARIZONA COYOTES — Agreed to terms with F Craig Cunningham to Springfield (AHL). Traded F Lucas Lessio to Montreal for F Christian Thomas.  
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled D Gabriel Beaupre from Fort Wayne (ECHL) to San Antonio (AHL).  
MINNESOTA WILD — Claimed C Jarret Stoll off waivers from N.Y. Rangers.  
NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled D Brady Skjei from Hartford (AHL).  
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Recalled D Harrison Ruopp from Wheeling (ECHL) to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).  
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled F Zach Bochio from Quad City (ECHL) to Chicago (AHL).  
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Recalled F Ryan Rupert from Orlando (ECHL) to Toronto (AHL).

**American Hockey League**  
AHL — Suspended Grand Rapids LW Eric Tangradi three games and Providence LW Anthony Camara one game.

**PROVIDENCE BRUINS** — Reassigned F Garry Nunn to Atlanta (ECHL). Recalled F Eric Neiley from Atlanta.  
**SPRINGFIELD FALCONS** — Released F Mike Hoeffel from his professional tryout agreement.

**TORONTO MARLIES** — Assigned Fs Eric Faille and Brett Findlay to Toronto (AHL).

**ECHL**  
ALASKA ACES — Released F Tyler Maxwell.  
EVANSVILLE ICEMEN — Released G Keegan Asmundson.

**MANCHESTER MONARCHS** — Loaned F Zac Laraza to Milwaukee (AHL).  
**NORFOLK ADMIRALS** — Announced the retirement of D Joe Marciano.

**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
FC DALLAS — Traded G Dan Kennedy to the LA Galaxy for 2017 second- and third-round draft picks.

**PORTLAND TIMBERS** — Named Larry Tiberland youth technical director.  
**SEATTLE SOUNDERS** — Traded the rights to Marco Pappa to Colorado for general allocation money.

**National Women's Soccer League**  
SKY BLUE FC — Named Herm Sorcher vice president of business development.

**North American Soccer League**  
JACKSONVILLE ARMADA — Signed M Richie Ryan.  
**United Soccer League**  
LOUISVILLE CITY FC — Exercised options on Ms Ka-deem Dacres, Juan Guzman and Niall McCabe.

**COLLEGE**  
FURMAN — Named Sean Matthews director of women's basketball operations.  
IOWA STATE — Promoted Tom Manning to offensive coordinator.

**PRESBYTERIAN** — Named Jonathan Potter men's soccer coach.  
NEVADA — Announced F AJ West has left the men's basketball team.

UCONN — Announced women's basketball F De'Janae Boykin will transfer.  
WISCONSIN — Announced the resignation of Bo Ryan men's basketball coach.



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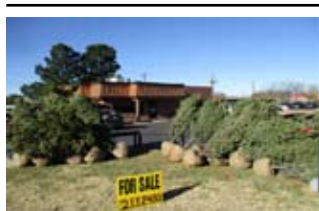


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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Simple Lunar Shift

As the moon shifts from intel-lectual Aquarius to emotional Pisces, resist the urge to over-complicate things. If you impose too many rules on the universe, the uni-verse, which doesn't respond well to being bossed around, will impose too many rules on you. Simplify your life and it will be simpler to manifest what you desire.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You will be learning the ropes in some way. This is no time for making up your own rules. You can do that later when you're the leader. Right now, focus on duplicating the instruction to the best of your ability.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Some flashes of insight feel brand new, while other insights feel like ancient knowledge resurfacing. Both kinds of thinking will come to you on this intellectually charged

day.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). There's still a space you're holding open for the return of the one who left long ago. Occasionally, you'll get a haunting -- a surprise pop-in visit, a dream or a wonderfully vivid memory. This will happen today.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). For you, being creative isn't just something to do. It's an actual survival impulse. It's also what will motivate today's best work, a combination of acute inspiration and the driving need to make something.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Injustice can be subtle, but usually, even if you don't notice it right away, you leave the scene with a sense that something wasn't quite right. Work it out until you realize what's off. You can make a difference.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're a problem-solving machine. You'll speak your mind, ask for the truth, hear when it's not, get to the bottom of it and have everything handled by the

end of the day.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The opposite of confidence is self-consciousness. At this point, wondering how you're doing will only diminish your performance. Commit wholly. You might be wrong, but at least you'll be strong and wrong.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The same challenge that used to worry you to the point of insomnia is now so easy for you that you could win it in your sleep. The only problem is now you long for a worthy opponent.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Activities that you could do alone, such as reading, listening to music or watching television, will be made sweeter and more interesting when you do them with a friend.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll motivate yourself by envisioning either the outcome you're most afraid of or the outcome you most desire. Try both. The first will be intensely effective, the second pleasantly so.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not that you're trying to be emotionally unavailable toward a certain person; it's just that your emotions are all tied up in another situation. You have to sort it out before you can invest yourself in any other direction.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). People who need constant attention and validation take a lot of energy to be around, which is why you make the effort to be self-sufficient in this regard. Self-appreciation and care is one of your gifts to the world.  
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 16). Birthday Challenge: Come up with a "power pose" you can strike at any moment to help you feel like the extreme winner you know you can be. Physicality plays into your success this year. You'll improve your diet, fitness level and general manner of moving. February brings romance; March brings financial freedom. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky num-

bers are: 6, 20, 14, 19 and 38.  
**HOLIDAY STRESS RELIEVERS:** So many feel spent and blue in December. What can you do to counteract holiday stress?  
**VIRGO:** Those born under the sign known for cleanliness and order usually develop methods of self-care early on that are both extensive and exact. Virgo quickly figures out just the right procedures for optimal hygiene and is usually expedient about getting a desired result. That's why Virgos sometimes forget about the joy of luxuriating unhurriedly in a bath. Baths aren't just for getting clean. The ritual of water immersion has been used for spiritual and physical uplift since the beginning of civilization. Rituals involving natural hot springs and public bathing are found in every culture and are still a popular form of relaxation in many places. Some baths are more creative than others. One Japanese resort features baths

filled with red wine or coffee while other spas offer baths filled with fish to eat off the dead skin on legs and feet. Such things are the opposite of relaxing to many Virgos, and yet a good old-fashioned long, hot bath can do wonders for releasing the tensions of the day, if not the whole season.  
**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Theo James is juggling multiple movie franchises. He has kept busy with the "Divergent" series, "Underworld: Next Generation" and more projects that are in the works. True to his Sagittarius nature, James is especially drawn to work that explores worlds very different from our home-base reality. His natal chart features planets in each element, suggesting many talents. A Libra moon signifies romantic idealism.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My wife's niece has a 3-year-old child whom we love dearly. We help take care of this child and pay for a great deal of the baby's care.  
The problem is, my wife frequently offers advice to her niece. The niece cusses her out, and my wife ends up in tears. But my wife insists she has to keep doing this in order to help the baby. I disagree with her logic. I told her she is simply repeating the same pattern over and over, setting herself up for misery. This niece is not a nice person. She treats her own mother (my wife's sister) poorly.  
Her crying is disturbing to me. My wife is a social worker and says that she helps strangers, so why can't she help her own family? -- Stop Already

from women who are concerned that their husbands of many years look at porn, go to strip clubs or have affairs. That sounds awful. But guess what can happen after 25 years of marriage? Husbands look forward to the last 25 years of their lives with their loving wives, and all of a sudden, the wives act as though they don't like their husbands anymore. All affection stops and some wives even announce that there will be no more sex ever.  
We men wonder what is going on and then realize that this is menopause. So now, the last 25 years are not going to be nearly as good as we had anticipated.  
More than half of my male friends got divorced when their wives were in their late 50s, and sometimes the wife initiated the divorce. I have not had sex with my wife in years. Please don't advise counseling or hormones. The women don't believe

anything is wrong, and they are justifiably reluctant to take drugs that have serious side effects.  
So, ladies, decide which is better: Men viewing porn and masturbating (which the medical community agrees is healthy for men who aren't having sex with their partners) or getting a divorce because the husbands

are starved for affection and sex. There are two sides to every story. -- S.  
**Dear S.:** You have made a valid point that a lot of women will not like. But women who have lost their libido often don't understand why their husbands aren't equally uninterested, and sometimes, they don't care enough to make any

effort to maintain this part of their relationship. This risks the marriage. Most men need the affection and comfort that intimacy provides and are not only bewildered by this turn of events, but also hurt and sometimes resentful. Those who turn to masturbation via porn are excoriated. This should not be a zero-sum game. Both husbands and wives need to be educated about these changes and understand how to best handle them within their

own marriages.  
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By Steve Becker

From the Mailbox

North dealer.  
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♠ K J 7 3  
♥ Q 10 9 6 4  
♦ 5  
♣ A K 7  
**WEST**  
♠ A 9 6  
♥ J 7 5 2  
♦ 8 6 2  
♣ Q 4 3  
**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 8 5 4 2  
♥ A K 3  
♦ 4  
♣ 10 8 6  
**SOUTH**  
♠ —  
♥ 8  
♦ A K Q J 10 9 7 3  
♣ J 9 5 2

The bidding:  
North 1♥ East 1♠ South 6♦ West Pass  
Pass Dble  
Opening lead — two of hearts.

**I would have made the slam easily had West led the ace of spades. But he decided that East had a heart Lightner double, so he led a heart, the suit dummy had bid.**  
**After I played low from dummy,** East took the king and shifted to a trump. I then played six rounds of trumps, producing this position:

**North**  
♠ K  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ A K  
**West**  
♠ A  
♥ J 7  
♦ Q 4 3  
**East**  
♠ Q  
♥ A 3  
♦ 10 8 6  
**South**  
♦ 7 3  
♣ J 9 5 2

**When I led the diamond seven,** West found himself in dire straits. He could not afford to discard the ace of spades, so he had to choose between discarding a heart or a club. After some thought, he elected to discard a heart.  
**I thereupon discarded dummy's spade,** led a club to the king and played the queen of hearts, pinning East's ace and West's jack. As a result, I made the doubled slam. It just goes to show that the pin is mightier than the sword! Cordially yours, Constant Reader.

Tomorrow: Defensive strategy.  
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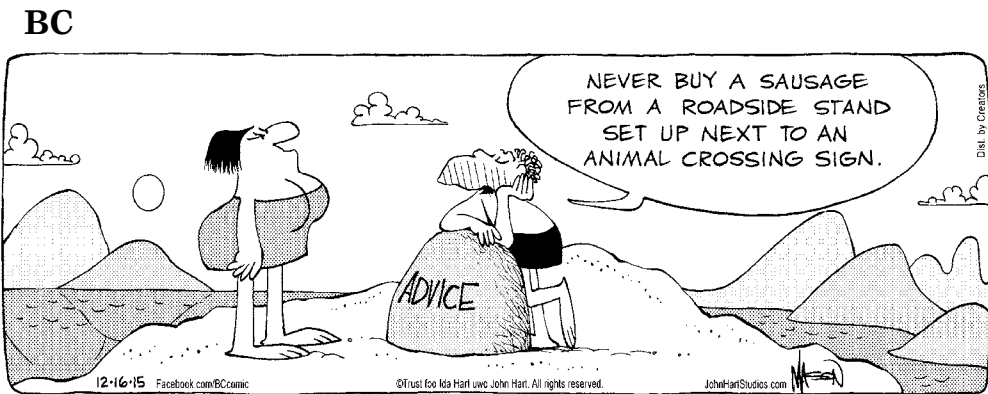
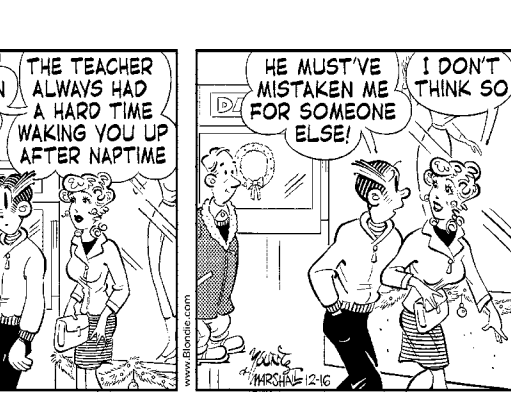
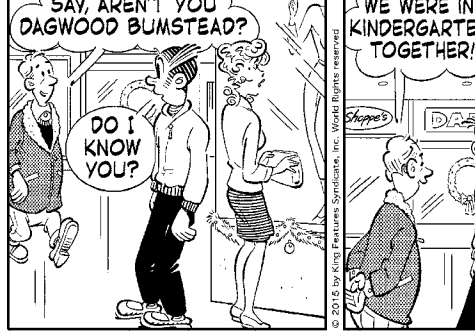


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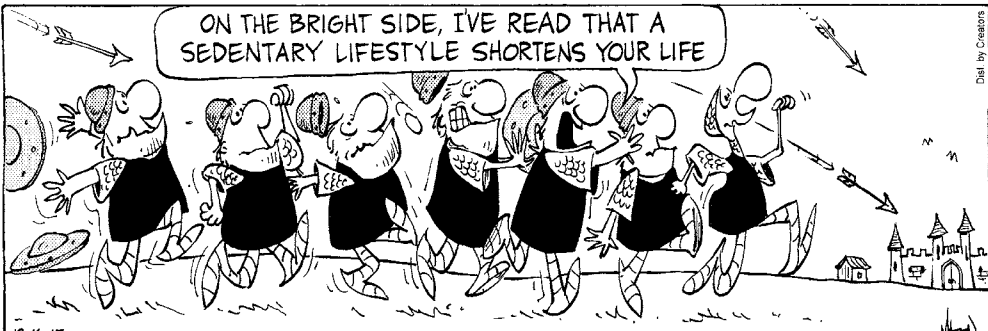
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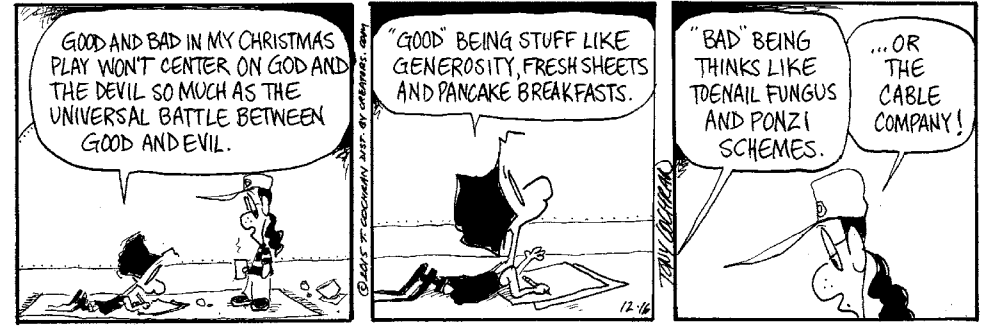
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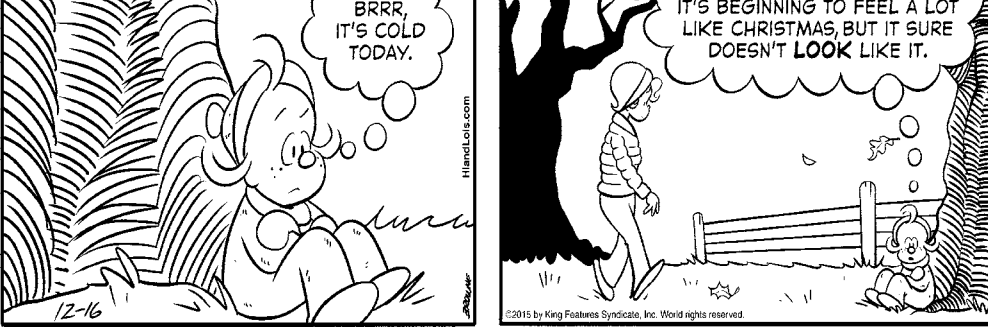
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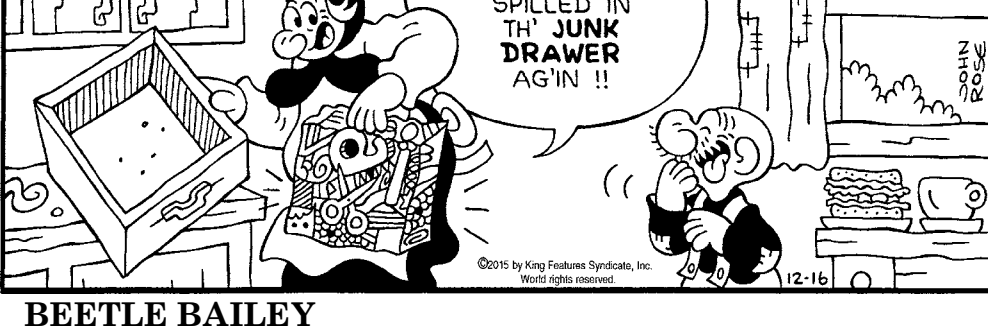
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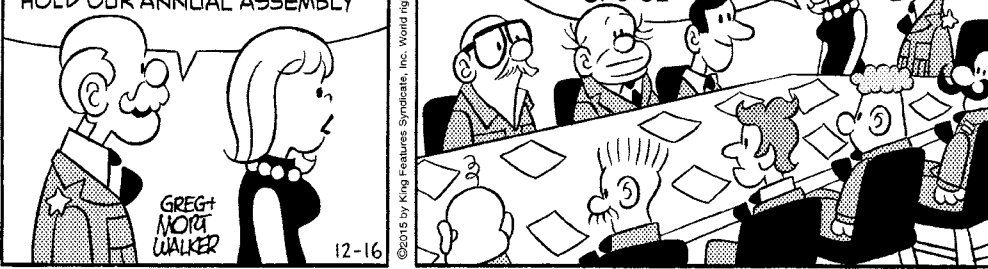
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2015. There are 15 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest tea taxes.

Newsday Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25. Ten years ago: In a stinging defeat for President George W. Bush, Senate Democrats blocked passage of a new Patriot Act to combat terrorism at home.

Thought for Today: "It's discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit."

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with the words CLOD, CRAMS, BRED, HOHO, HIREE, LUAV, AFAR, ALIEN, ELSE, RARE, STEAKS, SETS, STEMS, LEIS, INFAMY, BYTES, PSA, ONE, GEORGE, FOREIGN, LANGUAGE, CLEATS, EPA, PSS, SOARS, PITTED, TYPE, LEDGE, ASTO, ODDNUMBERS, CLUE, ADIOS, ALAS, TATA, CLOSE, TAPE, SPUR, HERES, EYES.



# Steers earn first home win of the year, 51-41

By TAYLOR ELLIS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers varsity basketball team won their first home game of the 2015-16 season Tuesday night in their 51-41 victory over the Rangers of Midland Greenwood.

"This was the first game we've had where we played three good quarters, that's what really made the difference," head coach Nicholas Tyerman said.

Big Spring dominated the first quarter limiting Greenwood to one made basket. The Steers entered halftime leading 25-16.

The Steers did have one bad quarter in the third, in which Greenwood had a game-high

15 points. Greenwood tied the game at 31-31 with 1:28 to go in the third. Big Spring responded quickly with a 7-0 run to finish off the quarter.

The Steers held off the Greenwood attack in the final frame, thanks in part to stellar defense by sophomore John Ibanez. Ibanez came off the bench and played almost the entirety of the fourth quarter guarding Greenwood's fastest and best offensive perimeter player all 80 feet.

"I knew from practice that he could execute defensively and he played really hard. He gave me everything he had on the court," Tyerman said.

Ibanez was dripping sweat when he was

taken out of the game late in the fourth quarter with a stomach cramp.

Senior Kolton Knudson gave another well-rounded performance Tuesday night on both ends of the court. He finished with 10 points, five rebounds, five steals, and three assists.

"He's the heart and soul. He executes to the T and works as hard as he can," Tyerman said.

Knudson has seemed to overcome his early-season struggles and nestled into his role.

"I hustle and try to be a leader on defense first. Offensively, I just try to take smart shots," Knudson said.

Knudson and the rest of the senior class did a great job leading

with both their actions and their words all game.

"We are sitting at 3-10, and the seniors could just start to say 'forget it'. These kids have stayed on the course and haven't wavered at all. The team is bought in and are seeing that we are getting better each week," Tyerman said.

### SCORING LEADERS

- Kameron Cooper-14
- Israel O'guin-13
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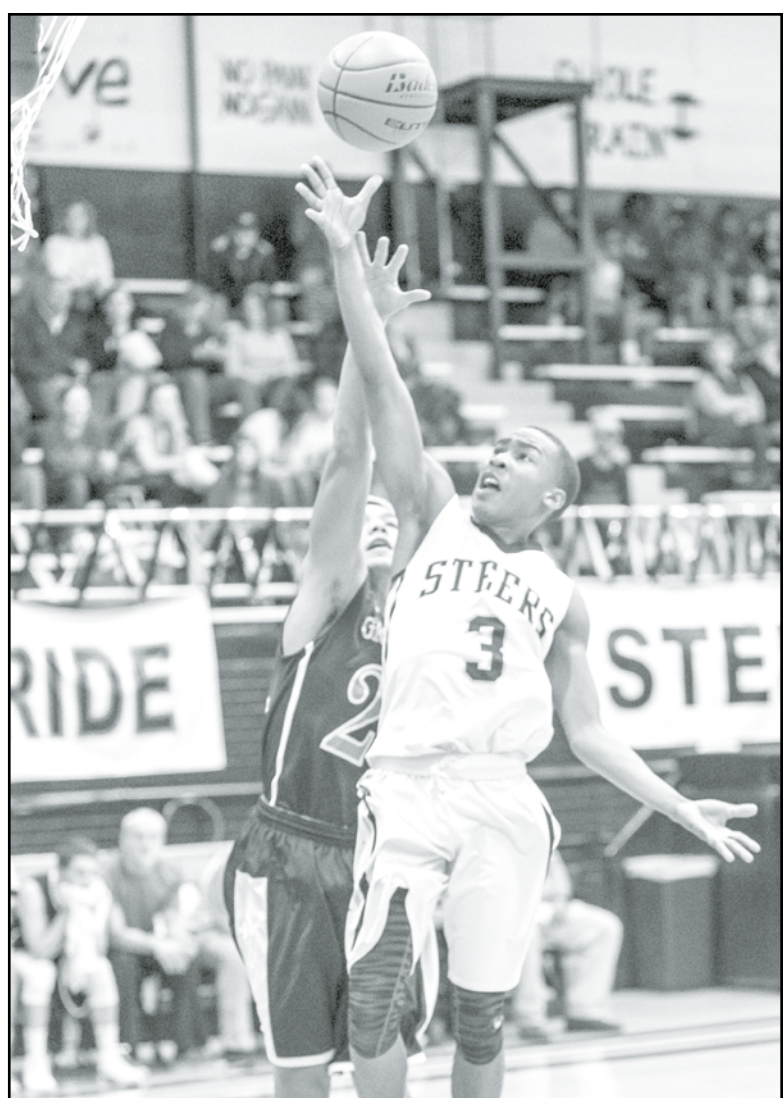


Photo by Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Senior Kameron Cooper lays in the finger roll in transition against Greenwood Tuesday night at Steer Gym.

# Tyler Seguin scores twice, Stars beat Blue Jackets 5-1

DALLAS (AP) — Kari Lehtonen kept the Dallas Stars in the game until Tyler Seguin took over.

Seguin broke it open with two second-period goals 30 seconds apart, and Dallas beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 5-1 on Tuesday night.

Lehtonen improved to 11-1-0 by making 34 saves. Sixteen came in the first period and another on a short-handed breakaway in the second. He also notched his third assist of the season on Seguin's first goal.

"(Lehtonen) was fabulous," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said. "He was dominant tonight for us. In the first period alone he made four or five. It was a great bounce-back game for him."

A week earlier, Lehtonen allowed Carolina to come back from a 5-1 deficit with four third-period goals.

"It was kind of a similar situation," Lehtonen said. "It was nice that we just kept playing and we didn't give them many chances."

Dallas took 1-0 and 2-1 leads on goals by defen-

semen Johnny Oduya and Alex Goligoski before Seguin scored his 16th and 17th at 16:26 and 16:56 of the second period.

"Tyler decided that he was going to dominate the game," Ruff said. "And those couple shifts were the difference. But let's start the game like that."

Seguin's first goal began with Lehtonen's short pass to John Klingberg, who sent the puck down to Seguin at the Columbus blue line for a breakaway. He skated in on Joonas Korpisalo, hesitated and then slid the puck under the rookie goalie.

"My glove side was all taken away, so I just tried to make a quick move, and I'm happy it went in," Seguin said.

Then he passed along a compliment.

"With everyone else sleeping, (Lehtonen) had to be sharp, and he was beyond sharp. He might have been the only player in here that played a full 60-minute effort," Seguin said.

Dallas (23-6-2) has the NHL's best record and

hasn't lost two in a row all season. The poor start, however, made Ruff run out of compliments beyond Lehtonen and Seguin.

"I know we won 5-1, but we'll lose games if we play like that. We're kind of the team that's being hunted, and there's teams that are going to be ready to knock us off," Ruff said.

Meanwhile, the Blue Jackets fell to 1-5-3 in their last nine games and held a players-only meeting afterward.

"It's really none of my business," coach John Tortorella said. "I'm not sure what went on in there and I won't ask any questions. That room has to sustain itself a little bit through some of these things."

It can't be me going in there all the time."

The Blue Jackets went unrewarded after dominating the first period. They outshot the Stars 16-8, which included 14-0 during a span of 10:36. They finally scored when Scott Hartnell redirected a pass into the net on the power play at 4:32 of the second period.

Korpisalo had 23 saves before Curtis McElhinney replaced him for the third period. McElhinney stopped six shots but gave up a goal to rookie Mattias Janmark.

NOTES: The 21-year-old Korpisalo was making his second NHL start — the second in two nights. He earned it by making 27 saves in

a 2-1 loss to Tampa Bay on Monday. Korpisalo was recalled from Lake Erie of the AHL because of a groin injury to No. 1 goalie Sergei Bobrovsky, who has missed three games. ... Stars captain Jamie Benn got his 400th career point with an assist on Seguin's second goal. ... Dallas has an NHL-leading 48 points. Columbus has an NHL-low 25 in a league-high

33 games. ... The Stars have won seven of their last eight at home. ... The Blue Jackets had won four straight in Dallas, dating to Oct. 15, 2011. ... Two fights broke out in the final 7 minutes, resulting in 19 minutes in penalties for each team, including misconducts to Columbus' Dalton Prout and Dallas' Jason Demers.

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