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Spreading joy (and gifts, too)

Hometown Christmas volunteers hit the road today to give Christmas cheer to needy families

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Santa Claus may be planning a Christmas Eve takeoff, but some of his helpers are getting a jump on the jolly ol' elf. Volunteers with Hometown Christmas, a

Wells Fargo Bank-sponsored Christmas gift drive, will fan out across Big Spring and Howard County today and Wednesday delivering holiday cheer to needy families in the area. Jeannie Knocke, who heads the drive for

Wells Fargo, said volunteers will deliver gifts to more than 100 children and 55 families in the next two days. Donations from the community — in both

cash and gifts — has been overwhelming, Knocke said. "Wal-Mart even donated 25 Christmas trees," she said. "So, if anybody needs a tree

this Christmas, just give us a call." This is the sixth year for the holiday gift

"Well Fargo (Bank) started it," Knocke said. 'We work on it all year. We start collecting gifts in January and we keep them in the (bank) storeroom until now."

The group obtains names of needy families through Big Spring Independent School Dis-



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Hometown Christmas volunteers, from left, Gilbert Garcia, T.J. Gonzales and Jeannie Knocke are shown with some of the gifts which will be distributed to needy children during the next two days.

Seliger lauds oil export decision

Staff and wire reports

The United States has ended restrictions on oil exports put in place in the mid-1970s. The lifting of the embargo was part of a spending deal that was pushed through the

House and Senate and signed by President Barack Obama last week.

"Lifting the decades-old ban on crude oil exports is a tremendous victory. American producers will once again have access to a global market, providing



an opportunity for growth in investments, GDP, and job creation," stated Texas Sen. Kel Seliger in a press release. "I am pleased to see that Congress can pass common sense legislation at a time when our nation needs it the most.

Senator Seliger (R-Amarillo) and Rep. Rafael Anchia (D-Dallas) joined together to applaud Congress for voting to lift the 40-year old ban on American crude oil exports,

the release said. Seliger and Anchia worked

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Prosecutor: No indictment on Hempstead jail death

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associtated Press

HEMPSTEAD — A grand jury decided that neither sheriff's officials nor jailers committed a crime in the treatment of a black woman who died in a Texas county jail last summer, but has not yet determined whether the state trooper who arrested her should face charges, a prosecutor said. Prosecutor Darrell Jordan said

Monday that the Waller County grand jury will return in January to consider whether to indict the trooper who arrested 28-year-old Sandra Bland in The Chicago-area woman was pulled

over July 10 for making an improper lane change. Dashcam video showed the traffic stop quickly became confrontational, with trooper Brian Encinia at one point holding a stun gun and yelling at Bland, "I will light you up!" after she refused to get out of her Department of Public Safety Direc-

tor Steve McCraw has said Encinia

— who in June completed a year-long

probationary stint as a new trooper and has been on administrative duty since Bland's death — violated internal policies of professionalism and courtesv. Bland was taken in handcuffs to

the county jail in nearby Hempstead, about 50 miles northwest of Houston, and remained there when she couldn't raise about \$500 for bail. She was discovered dead three days later. hanging from a cell partition with a plastic garbage bag used as a ligature around her neck. Her arrest and death came amid

heightened national scrutiny of police and their dealings with black suspects, especially those killed by officers or who died in police custody. Bland's relatives, along with sup-

porters fueled by social media postings, questioned a medical examiner's finding that Bland killed herself.

In the days after Bland died, county authorities released video from the jail to dispel rumors and conspiracy theories that she was dead before she arrived at the jail or was killed while

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Crimestoppers

Big Spring/Howard County Crimestoppers is asking for the public's help in locating a stolen car.

The 2009 Honda Venza was stolen on Sunday around 7 p.m. The Texas license plate number is FNZ1109.

"The vehicle does not have a front grill and the rear bumper has a crack in it and has tape holding it together," reads a Crimestoppers bulletin.

If you have any information on the stolen Honda, Crimestoppers asks you to call the TIPS line at 432-263-8477. Calls are always anonymous.



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Mary Federman



Mary Longan Federman, 86, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015, at St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

and married Robert Federman July 8, 1989, in Big Spring, Texas. Mary was a professor emeritus at Howard Col-

She was born June 19, 1929, in Amarillo, Texas

lege, where she taught American history and sociology. She was in charge of the humanities division. Mary was a wonderful wife in every way.

Obituaries

She loved spending time with family and friends, playing bridge, church and cats. Her spunky and fun personality would light up the room and bring a smile to anyone. She was loved by many and will

Survivors include her husband, Robert Federman; one daughter, Diane Vick and husband, Gregory; three grandchildren, Amanda Vick, Nathan Vick and Hilary Crowell; two great-grandchildren; three step-sons. Richard Federmann, Robert Federman Jr. and Mark Federman; and a step-daughter, Sherrie Coultrip.

The family suggests memorials to Heifer International, www.heifer.org, or 1 World Avenue, Little

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www. npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JACQUES LAMAR GREEN JR., 27, of 1400 Marijo Avenue was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/ invalid with previous convictions.
- TINA LOUISE HINOJOSA, 33, of 706 St. Ana, Stanton, was on a warrant from another agency.
- **JAMAL** • NATHANIEL **AUSBIE**, 32, of 107 E. 17th was arrested on a charge of no driver's license — when unlicensed. JOHN GERARD
- ESCOVEDO, 37, of 901 N. Goliad was arrested on charges of manufacturing delivery of a controlled substance, more than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams; and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- STEVE RODRIQUEZ, 34, of 624 State St. was arrested on warrants for failure to appear and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- **THEFT** was reported in the

Parkinsons

TUESDAY

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caregivers.

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Veterans

Center.

• Big Spring and

Support Group meeting

at the Big Spring Senior

Center at 10:30 a.m. the

second Tuesday of the

This is a group for all

Parkinson's disease

patients, spouses and

For more information

about the support group

or about Parkinson's

Disease, contact Jo

Bidwell at the Lubbock

APDA office at 806-785-

Anonymous support

group, 7:30-8:30 p.m.,

Anonymous, 615 Settles,

noon to 1 p.m.; newcom-

ers meeting 8 p.m. to 9

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles

for family members and

meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

RSD

VA Alcoholics

Healing

Alcoholics

1700 block of E. Third St, the 500 block of E 15th St., the 1600 block of E. FM 700, the 2600 block of S. Gregg and the 500 block of S. Bell

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of E. 16th St and the corner of 5th St.
- CRMINIAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2000 block of Alabama and in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Third and Birdwell.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg OMESTIC
- the 1700 block of E. Highway 350. The Howard County Sheriff's

DISTURBANCE was reported in

Office reported the following activity: Officials with the Note -

Howard County Jail reported having 56 inmates at the time of this report.

 NATHANIEL **JAMAL**

Support Groups

AUSBIE, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.

- JOHN **GERARD ESCOVEDO,** 37, was booked by the BSPD on charges of manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than or equal to 4 grams.
- JACQUES LAMAR GREEN JR., 27, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions.
- TINA LOUIS HINOJOSA, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- STEVE RODRIGUEZ, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for violate promise to appear and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- CLETEMATTHEWSTONE, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of property, more than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500, by check.

Hershel Johnson

Hershel Johnson, 97, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast								
Wed 12/23	Thu 12/24	Fri 12/25	Sat 12/26	Sun 12/27				
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69/42	66/41	69/51	65/30	40/26				
Sunny with gusty winds. High 69F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	Windy, slight chance of a t- storm. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Windy with ice to start, then snow. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.				
Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM				

Texas at a Glance

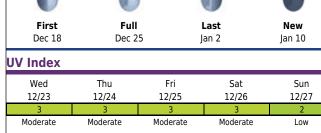


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Amarillo	65 40 M Sunny	Livingston	73 66 Foggy
Austin	78 64 Sunny	Longview	73 62 Sunny
Beaumont	76 64 Foggy	Lubbock	69 42 M Cloudy
Brownsville	80 70 Cloudy	Lufkin	75 63 Foggy
Brownwood	78 52 Sunny	Midland	72 51 Sunny
Corpus Christi	75 65 Cloudy	Raymondville	81 68 M Sunny
Corsicana	73 63 Cloudy	Rosenberg	78 68 Foggy
Dallas	72 62 M Sunny	San Antonio	81 63 Sunny
Del Rio	78 51 Sunny	San Marcos	79 63 Sunny
El Paso	63 46 P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	72 61 Sunny
Fort Stockton	73 51 Sunny	Sweetwater	75 52 Sunny
Gainesville	70 57 P Cloudy	Tyler	74 62 Sunny
Greenville	71 60 Sunny	Weatherford	75 57 Sunny
Houston	77 67 Foggy	Wichita Falls	76 54 Sunny
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National Cities

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hicago	46 42 Cloudy	New York	62 53 Showers					
allas	72 62 M Sunny	Phoenix	58 50 Cloudy					
enver	46 24 P Cloudy	San Francisco	59 47 Cloudy/Wind					
ouston	59 45 Cloudy	Seattle	45 39 Cloudy					
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MONDAY

Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 6:06 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ing the last Saturday of

each month at 8 p.m.

Covered dish supper at

meeting from 11 a.m. to

noon at 615 Settles. Open

meeting 7 p.m. until 8

Alcoholics

closed

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- down by Bealls).

Stepping Stone

517-9207 for more information.

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

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.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faithbased support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Tabernacle Spring Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- friends of alcoholics Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. (Reflex Weigh-in is confidential Sympathetic Dystrophy) and you don't have to a chronic pain disease, talk if you don't want to. a support and informa-Flexible payment tive group, meets at 213 options. Circle. Call Lucy at (432)

Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls).

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls).
- Open meeting at 7
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9

SATURDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meet-

Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon,

Correction

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In a story titled "One dead following collision" which ran in Monday's edition of the The Big Spring Herald, the Herald incorrectly stated Violet McCaffity was traveling east on Fourth Street and collided with Jeffrey Haggard, who was traveling north, in a fatal accident Saturday night, McCaffity was traveling north and Haggard was traveling

Roll back election information meetings

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.

Food2Kids needs volunteers

Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and

dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Jan. 4 – 5. The sacking location has moved

to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation

Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently Food2Kids is distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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OIL

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jointly during the 2015 Legislature to pass Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, "Urging the U.S. Congress to end the ban on crude oil exports."

The measure was passed with support from both the Texas House and Senate. A bipartisan group of more than a hundred Texas legislators added their names as co-authors to the resolution.

"As the world's largest producer of oil and gas, America can now freely export these valuable resources to our allies Lifting the crude export ban makes our allies less dependent on hostile regimes like Russia and Venezuela. At the same time, it will also bolster our domestic economy and create Texas jobs," Anchia

Here are the reasons why the ban was in place, why it was lifted, and how consumers and businesses will be affected.

Gas lines

Of all the bad memories seared into the American consciousness from the 1970s, never-ending lines at the gas pump tops the list for many people. OPEC put into place an oil embargo after the U.S. sided with Israel in the Yom Kippur War and the price of oil spiked from \$3 a barrel to \$12. A ban on oil exports was put in place in December 1975, with some exceptions. Companies were allowed to export oil to some

countries with special approval, and exports to Canada have increased in recent years.

Production reduction

The country's oil supply problem was made more precarious when domestic production began a long decline in the 1970s as oil fields matured. Even with a temporary surge in production from Alaska in the 1980s, the United States was forced to rely more and more on imports. U.S. production, which had reached almost 10 million barrels per day in the early 1970s, was halved by

So what has changed?

Technology. U.S. energy companies have developed new techniques that have dramatically increased oil production from fields once thought to be virtually empty or unreachable. U.S. oil production rose from 5 million barrels a day in 2008 to more than 9 million barrels a day this year, increasing global supply faster than demand. Crude prices are near \$35 per barrel, down from more than \$100 per barrel in June of last year.

Winners and losers

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 fuel prices — there are a lot of U.S. industries for which

energy is a huge cost, from agriculture to airlines to manufacturing. Exports should also encourage investment in oil and gas production and transport, create jobs, make oil and gas supplies more stable and reduce the U.S. trade deficit.

Still, environmental groups worry that the rush by U.S. energy companies to supply the world with crude will lead to more local pollution and higher global emissions.

The price is right

Allowing U.S. oil to compete in overseas markets should help lower the price of international oil, as measured by the price of Brent crude. U.S. refiners still import a large amount of foreign oil to produce gasoline and other fuels, so the price that U.S. drivers pay at the pump is closely tied to the price of Brent. Right now, thanks to low oil prices, many U.S. consumers are paying around \$2 on average for a gallon of gas.

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 Republican proposals to impede Obama administration clean air regulations.

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.
- 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.
- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

GIFTS

DEATH

threats.

arrest.

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trict and other sources, determines what the children want for

in custody. County of-

ficials said they them-

selves received death

Cannon Lambert, an

attorney representing

Bland's family, said

Monday that the grand

jury's decision is con-

sistent with what the

family believes has so

far been an attempt by

authorities to cover up

the events after Bland's

"They continue to do

things we are disap-

Bland's mother, Ge-

neva Reed-Veal, told a

news conference held in

Chicago before Monday

night's announcement

that she wants to see all

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701 SCURRY

PH. 263-7344

pointed in," he said.

Christmas, then gets busy filling that wish list, Knocke said.

It's not just children who benefit from the group's efforts. Along with toys and clothes

the evidence and has

for the little ones, Hometown Christmas will also deliver turkeys and hams to their families, along with toiletry, household, and clothing items for needy adults..

Interested people can donate either items or money to the drive — a special account has been established at Wells Fargo to accept monetary gifts, and items can be

dropped off at the bank Knocke said commu-

nity response to the program has been heartwarming.

"We'vereceived many,

visiting criminal law

scholar at the Univer-

sity of Houston, said

Bland had no legal right

it or not, the Supreme

Court has made it clear

police are in charge at

a traffic stop, and they

can make anybody get

out of the car — driver

or passenger — for no

she said. "The idea for

that is to allow police

to control a potentially

dangerous situation."

reason

whatsoever,"

Hamilton,

many anonymous donations," Knocke said. "People have come through with money and toys and all kinds of items. We're very grateful for that." Wells Fargo accepts

Hometown Christmas donations year-round, Knocke said. For more information,

contact Knocke at the bank at 432-267-5513.

to remain in her car afand two jail employees. ter the trooper ordered **MYERS & SMITH** A judge last week set a her out. FUNERAL HOME "Whether you like

Melissa

& CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Chester Pulliam, 57, died Wednesday. The

family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers Smith Home. Funeral Funeral service will at 10:00 AMWednesday at Myers Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday Prairiehaven Cemetery in Hobbs,

Hershel Johnson, 97, diedTuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

New Mexico.

been frustrated by delays in the case. Continued from Page 1 Attorney Larry Rog-

ers acknowledged grand juries usually meet in secret, but that the process means lawyers for Bland's family haven't been able to examine the findings of a Texas Rangers investigation into her death because the report is grand jury evidence. Waller County Dis-

trict Attorney Elton Mathis, who appointed five special prosecutors to handle the Bland case. has said there is nothing in that investigation "that shows anything happened but she killed herself."

"After presenting all the evidence as it relates to the death of San-

dra Bland, the grand jury did not return an indictment," Jordan, one of the five appointed prosecutors, said after the grand jury met Monday for about 11 hours. "The grand jury also considered things that occurred at the iail and

did not return an indictment." Lambert said late Monday he believes prosecutors' decision to have the grand jury return in January is another attempt to delay releasing the Rangers' report. He

said he expects to ask a federal judge to compel Texas authorities to turn over the docu-

reached for comment on the grand jury's decision late Monday. She

Reed-Veal couldn't be

has filed a wrongful death lawsuit in federal court in Houston against the trooper, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Waller County January 2017 trial date in that case.

Blandfamilyattorneys contend Waller County jailers should have checked on her more frequently and that the county should have performed mental evaluations once she disclosed she had a history of attempting suicide.

County officials have said Bland was treated well while jailed and produced documents that show she gave iail workers inconsistent information about whether she was suicidal. Reed-Veal also con-

tends in her lawsuit that Encinia, the trooper who arrested her daughter, falsified the assault allegation to take Bland into custody.

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-First Amendment

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Falsehoods and false alarms

hy does Donald
Trump repeat talking points that he
knows are untrue?
During Tuesday night's debate,
The Donald asserted that before
9/11, terrorists put

their "friends, family, girlfriends" into planes, and "they were sent back — for the most part to Saudi Arabia. They knew what was going on. They went home.

what was going on. They went home, and they wanted to watch their boyfriends on television."

sion."

Trump made similar claims — but that the 9/11 terrorists sent back their wives — earlier this month. Washington Post fact-checker Glenn Kessler shredded the claim. Only two of the terrorists were married, Kessler reported, and neither wife had been in the United States. The German girlfriend of one terrorist visited America, but she flew home months before the attack,

It speaks volumes about Trump's character (or lack thereof) that rather than drop the bogus 9/11 claim, he edits it in a way that corrects one error — from wives to girlfriends — but remains totally false and utterly scurrilous. What does

of which she was unaware.

he get out of saying things that are patently untrue? It makes you wonder whether his goal is to lower the bar so that the next time he belches out a whopper, his groupies will just shrug and say it's Trump being Trump. As if that's a good thing.

What he gets: If Trump backs out of his pledge not to run as a third-party candidate, then he'll have cover because he can claim that only a chump would believe he meant what he said.

Now Joseph Chris Christ.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie stuck to a false narrative with introductory remarks on the one-day closing of Los Angeles schools.

"Think about the effect that that's going to have on those children when they go back to school tomorrow, wondering, filled with anxiety about whether they're really going to be safe," quoth Christie. "Think about the mothers who will take those children tomorrow morning to the bus stop wondering whether their children will arrive back on that bus safe and sound."

He knew it was false; by the time the Las Vegas prime-time TV debate began, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti had disclosed that the threat made on the schools was a hoax. It was a hoax that disabled Los Angeles but did not gull cooler heads in New York.

I like Christie. I see his appeal as a governor during scary times and as a former federal prosecutor who put away terrorists plotting on American soil. Still, it bothers me that the Jersey guy doesn't know when not to play the terrorism card. He should have known better than to address the Los Angeles scare as anything but a prank. He was giving too much credence to a false alarm. It's counterproductive.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush was the only candidate to get under Trump's skin. Bush asked the billionaire how he expected to handle Vladimir Putin if he couldn't keep his cool about his CNN coverage. Trump — inaccurately, of course — threw back his poll numbers at Bush. "I'm at 42 (percent), and you're at 3,' Trump sputtered. For the record, the RealClearPolitics average shows Trump at 33 percent and Bush at 4 percent. If Trump had not ruled out a third-party run if he is not the GOP candidate, that little outburst would have led debate news.

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Daily Prayer

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

Amen la

An apology to Bernie Sanders

ardly a week goes by without some demand for an apology populating my inbox. I have never apologized for two reasons: The usual one is that I'm not sorry. The

I'm not sorry. The other is that calls for an apology have become an irritating tactic in American political discourse, a kind of bullying.

That doesn't mean I haven't regretted things I've said or the tone used. I have. So here's a compromise: I will issue one apology a year.

one apology a year. And the winner for 2015 is ... Bernie Sanders.

FROMA

HARROP

Why Bernie? Some liberal friends complain that I've been overly dismissive of the senator from Vermont's candidacy. They have cause.

I was especially rough in pointing out the cracks in Bernie's self-portrait of a national force for civil rights. Perhaps I overdid it.

But the fact remains that he

fled the troubled New York of the '60s for the whitest state in the nation. It baffles that he shares his campaign stage with Cornel West, a black academic who condemns Barack Obama in nasty racial terms.

On advancing civil rights,

On advancing civil rights, Bernie's been totally on board. Still, one can see why ordinary African-Americans seem to relate better to Hillary Clinton. most concerns: Reining in Wall Street's power. Expanding Medi-

care to all Americans.
You also rise over conventional liberal stances, opposing gun control measures that come off as more anti-gun than pro-control. You've clearly been talking to hunters in your rural state.

Your views on immigration are well-nuanced. You support a path to citizenship for otherwise law-abiding undocumented people. But you oppose calls for massive temporary-worker programs that would replace American workers — and not just farmworkers — with lowercost substitutes.

The Democratic debates have shown you at your best.

On Saturday, you graciously offered ... an apology ... over your campaign's breach of Clinton's proprietary data. (Hillary responded in kind, saying it was time to move on.) That was quite noble of you in light of the Democratic National Committee's decision to temporarily cut your campaign's access to its voter database. The DNC has not treated you fairly.

You've been taking the high road in this campaign, sticking to issues and even occasionally praising Hillary. Your dismissal of the right wing's obsessive harping over Clinton's use of private email while secretary of state will not be forgotten.

Barnia, the poll numbers show

Bernie, the poll numbers show you slipping further behind Hillary among Democratic voters. That alone is not reason enough to downplay your quest for the presidency. Candidates have

performance over the years has

not been flawless.

But there's a big question
besides "can you win?" That
is, What would happen if you
did? For all your solid thinking,
you've never been able to work
with others in Washington, and
we're not just talking about
Republicans. You often can't get

along with liberal Democrats.
Your "holier than thou" attitude, as former Rep. Barney
Frank put it, has kept you from actively participating in the formation of laws. That bill you negotiated with conservatives to improve veterans' health care doesn't count. Helping veterans is not a hard sell.

But let's end the criticism here. I'm glad you're running. Without you, hardly any attention would have been paid to the Democratic side. The other remaining challenger, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, simply isn't original enough. (Sorry, Martin. This year's apology has just been used up.)

Finally, I never tire of hearing you describe your smart liberal ideas with force and conviction. I still don't think you're going to be IT. But if I ever came off as not respecting you, Bernie, I apologize.

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What Rhymes with...

List 10 words that rhyme with "shine."

Some answers: dine, fine, line, mine, pine, sine, spine, stein, tine, vine

O Christmas Tree

Each year, volunteers decorate the White House from top to bottom for Christmas. The centerpiece is the official White House tree. Since 1929, the First Lady has been in charge of decorating the tree.

The tree is much too large for the First Lady to decorate all by herself. A lot of volunteers help her. Some make ornaments to go with the

theme she has chosen. Others hang the ornaments on the tree. When First Lady Pat Nixon decided to have an American Flower Tree in 1969, a group of disabled workers in Florida made the state flower ornaments.

It takes hundreds of volunteers to turn the White House into a holiday showcase. Every year, they give it their all, as the First Lady looks on with pride.



NAME THAT FIRST LADY

Many First Ladies have overseen the holiday decorating of the White House. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

1) MI___ELLE OB___A

2) N __ N C __ R __ G A N

3) PA__ NI__O__

4) ROSALY___ CA__TE__

5) BE___Y FO__D

6) LAU__A BU___

7) HI___ARY C__INTON

5) Betty Ford, 5) Laura Bush, 7) Hillary Clinton Answers: 1) Michelle Obama, 2) Nancy Reagan, 3) Pat Nixon, 4) Rosalynn Carter,

Jokes and Riddles

Question:

Why are Christmas trees such bad knitters?

They are always dropping their needles. :J9WSUA

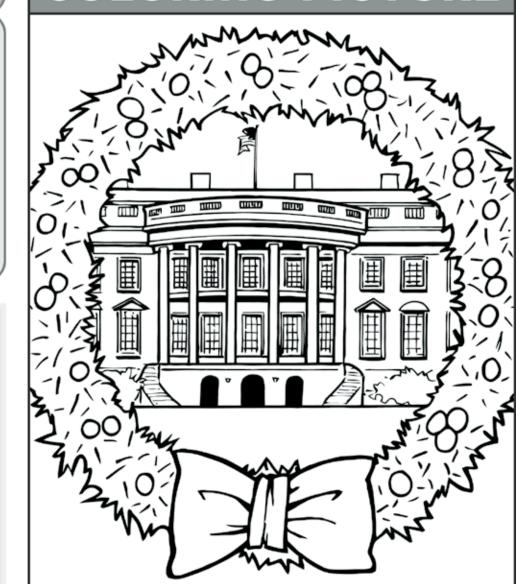
Question:

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

> Nothing. It was on the house! :TOWRIA



ORING PICTURE



Fact or Fiction?

Gingerbread House Challenge

Each year pastry chefs at the White House make a gingerbread house for the holiday season. Here are some questions about the gingerbread house. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Plans for the gingerbread house begin in the summer. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) The First Lady must approve the plans. Fact or Fiction?
- 3) Pastry chefs take about a week to make the gingerbread house. Fact or Fiction?
- 4) The gingerbread house is always white. Fact or Fiction?
- 5) The gingerbread house is big, often weighing over a hundred pounds. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) Sometimes the gingerbread house has pets that look like the First Family's pets. Fact or Fiction?
- 7) No one in the First Family is supposed to see the gingerbread house until it is finished. Fact or Fiction?
- 8) When it is finished, the gingerbread house is placed in the state
- dining room. Fact or Fiction? 9) No one ever nibbles on the gingerbread house. Fact or Fiction?
- 10) The 2012 gingerbread house was made to look like the White House before 1798 when it had not yet been painted white. Fact or Fiction?

on the gingerbread house, 10) Fact before it was done, 8) Fact, 9) Fiction, some of the Presidents' kids have admitted to nibbling 2) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, although some families have tried to sneak a peek of the house gingerbread house, 4) Fiction, the gingerbread house has been brown, white and off-white, Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, it takes pastry chefs several weeks to make the

Life, love & chaos: A love for the ages

know this couple that has one of the most amazing marriages. They are true marriage partners in that they support one another, respect one another, and approach everything as a unified team.

When Connie and Jeff were about 10 years old, their families lived on farms next to one another. Jeff was best friends with Connie's older brother Mike and spent a lot of time hanging out with the kids next door.

Jeff ended up moving away his senior year

Former Houston-

and wrote a letter to his friend Mike. Unfortunately, Mike

had joined the Army and deployed, so Connie wrote him back to explain. One thing led to another and soon, she and

Jeff are

writing



letters back and forth. Connie was quiet, shy, obedient, and very artistic. Jeff was

always on the go, made good grades, and worked hard. The two grew close and were married the December after they graduated from high school.

Over the years, they had kids, Jeff graduated from college, and they had more kids. They built a good life together full of love and respect. They raised their kids

with hard work, love, patience, discipline, tears, and God. There were many trials and tribulations that they faced as a team and managed to overcome.

This December will mark the 51st anniversary of Jeff and Connie Rumbaugh, the people I have been blessed to call Mom and Dad all of these years.

They are strong role models.

My mom constantly attempted to make me a lady with her manners and etiquette lessons. My dad worked hard to make me tough and strong to face the outside world and take care of myself. They both taught me the love of God's grace and mercy.

I am the youngest of

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set of impoundments.

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Killer whale dies

at SeaWorld San

SAN ANTONIO (AP)

A killer whale at Sea-

World San Antonio has

died after suffering from

The San Antonio Ex-

press-News (http://bit.

ly/1Phpge0) reports

the park said it would

a fungal infection.

1960s.

the river.

Antonio

four so I also had the added benefit of learning from my older brothers and sister, especially from their mistakes.

Throughout my marriage, being a mom, and life in general, I have looked up to my parents.

I think back to the countless lessons they taught me over the years, I try to make decisions similar to what they would choose and I still call them for advice and guidance.

Most people grow up wanting to give their

the killer whale named

According to a news

release, the 18-year-

old whale contracted a

strain of fungus called

Candida and was under

the care of the park's

veterinary team in re-

Unna is the third

whale to die at the park

in the past six months.

The park canceled all

whale

whale shows have been

a source of controversy

since the critical "Black-

shows

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SeaWorld's

Unna.

kids a better life than they had growing up. I just hope to give my kids as good of a life as I had growing up.

Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad, and Merry Christmas to all of you!

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fish" documentary was released in 2013. The announced

Texas and Southwest

area teacher gets 8 years in child porn case HOUSTON(AP) - Aformer Houston-area high school arts teacher

must serve eight years in federal prison for receipt of child pornography. Scott Burns of Alvin

was sentenced Monday in Houston. The 46-yearold Burns in May pleaded guilty in the child porn case in 2012 and Prosecutors say the Al-

vin High School teacher received and possessed child pornography. Burns was arrested last December. He was suspended and lost his job after being accused of using adult former students as the subjects of sexually suggestive photos and paintings.

The investigation began when an abandoned briefcase turned over to the Brazoria County Office Sheriff's was found to contain child pornography. Computer-related items in the case yielded about 600 images and videos of child porn.

3 killed, 7 hurt in multi-vehicle crashes in SW Arkansas

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — Three people were killed and at least seven others injured in separate chain-reaction collisions involving more than a dozen vehicles on an interstate in southwest Arkansas, authorities said.

Arkansas State Police said the first wreck happened at about 11:45 p.m. Monday on Interstate 49 near the town of Fouke. A tractor-trailer driving south slowed down and was rear-ended, causing a chain-reaction crash involving 10 vehicles, state police said.

At about the same time, three tractor-trailers collided in the northbound lanes — which are separated from the southbound lanes by a median. State police said one of those trucks was carrying a large amount of glue that has spilled onto the highway.

Seven people were injured and taken to hospitals in Texarkana. Several others who suffered minor injuries declined hospital care, authorities said. State police said troopers are investigating whether fog may have contributed to the crashes.

The interstate mained closed Tuesday morning and traffic has been detoured onto U.S. 71 as the investigation and cleanup continues.

Fouke is about 160 miles southwest of Little Rock and lies close to the Texas and Louisiana state lines.

Man falls, dies trying to jump to **Dallas 7th-floor** balcony

DALLAS (AP) — Dal- Superfund site las police say a man accidentally fell to his death while apparently trying to jump from a parking garage to a seventh-floor

apartment balcony. Police identified the man as 27-year-old James Gabriel Shandorf. Authorities do not suspect foul play in the death before dawn Mon-

Police believe Shandorf was on a parking garage ledge when he attempted to jump to an apartment balcony.

Texas man charged with killing his mother, arrested in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — U.S. Marshals say a multi-agency task force

arrested a 31-year-old Texas fugitive found in Las Vegas after he was charged with killing his mother. The joint agency said

Garth A. Claytor was arrested and booked at the Clark County Detention Center on Friday as he awaits extradition to Texas for trial.

The agency says a warrant issued for Claytor includes a homicide charge in connection with the death of his mother in Collinsville, Texas.

Clark County Detention Center's online site shows Claytor has a hearing scheduled Tuesday but court records immediately weren't available.

It isn't clear if Claytor is represented by an attorney and attempts to locate his legal representation were unsuccessful. A request to interview Claytor in jail was unanswered.

EPA: Stone cover at **Southeast Texas**

damaged CHANNELVIEW, Texas (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency says divers have discovered damage to the stone cover of the protective cap for a structure at a Southeast Texas Superfund site that contains toxic waste

from a paper mill. EPA spokesman David Gray says it's not known if the cap itself is damaged at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site in Harris County. He says the potentially responsible parties submitted a repair plan Monday that

the EPA is reviewing. The EPA has said the plan must include sampling to assure the agency that no materials have been released from the site.

last month that it was conduct a necropsy to phasing out orca shows determine the cause of at its San Diego park. the Monday death of St. Paul

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LOGAN **TERRAZAS**

14 years old 5"9" Post Freshman



Freshman post player Logan Terrazas, who was recently called up to the varsity squad, is not new to the

bigger stage. Terrazas was also called up to varsity during volleyball season. Though she wasn't a major piece of the varsity team, she quickly found a role as an outside hitter for head coach Lynn Osborne. She recorded six kills in her first varsity game. As a 5" 9' freshman, Terrazas is still getting used to playing as one of the taller players on the court. Terrazas has been playing basketball since the 5th grade. Her favorite basketball

player is Jessica Wash who played at the University of North Carolina. Her favorite team is the red-hot Golden State Warriors. Terrazas is always

working to get better, living life by the quote, "The day you are satisfied is the day you stop playing." Terrazas says she

plays because not only is it fun to play basketball, but playing with this group of girls is always fun, win or lose.

Fans, coaches, and teammates are excited to see if she can have a similar impact on girls varsity basketball team as she had on girls varsity volleyball team, where she meshed quickly with fellow teammates.

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Lady Buffs take second district game

By TAYLOR ELLIS

Sports Editor

FORSAN The Forsan varsity girls basketball squad won their second district game in as many contests with a convincing 50-20 victory over McCamey.

The Lady Buffs came out strong on both ends of the court, winning the first quarter 14-1.

"It's always a good night when all 10 players on the team score," head coach Lindsey Schmidt said.

Sophomore Chasidy Grantham led the team in scoring with 11 points. Kaylee Kemper added nine points.

The two district wins are more impressive

than usual due to the pressure added finals.

"This is always a hard week to start district and remain focused on our job when everyone is looking forward to the holiday break. I was very proud of the focus that the girls brought to this game," Schmidt

The Lady Buffs next game will be held at the Sands Tournament on Dec. 28 and 29.

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Clemson's Swinney wins AP coach of year after perfect season a great team sport and national championship AP in an interview last 1981 national title. He

Clemson's Dabo Swinney is The Associated Press college football coach of the year after leading the Tigers to an unbeaten regular season and the longest run as the No. 1 team in the country in school his-

Swinney received 35 of 60 votes from the AP Top 25 media panel. Iowa's Kirk Ferentz was second with 10. Michigan State's Mark Dantonio and Houston's Tom Herman each received five votes. Oklahoma's Bob Stoops received three votes and Notre Dame's Brian Kelly and Florida's Jim McElwain each had one.

"I am very honored to receive the AP National Coach of the Year award," Swinney said in a statement to the AP on Monday. "Football is any individual honor is a result of having a great group of players and staff. I am blessed to have student-athletes and coaches that believe in what we do. This award is a reflection of their hard work and commitment."

Swinney is the first Clemson coach to win the award, which was first handed out in 1998, and the first ACC coach since Jim Grobe from Wake Forest in 2006. Last year's winner was TCU's Gary Patterson.

Behind Swinney, the Tigers (13-0) won the Atlantic Coast Conference and enter the College Football Playoff as the top seed. Clemson will face fourth-seeded Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl semifinal on Dec. 31 for a spot in the game. Clemson's last and only national title was 1981.

The Tigers were No. 1 in the AP Top 25 for the final five weeks of the regular season and in each of the six playoff rankings. Clemson had never been No. 1 in the regular season.

The 46-year-old Swinney is in his seventh full season leading Clemson after being promoted from wide receivers coach in 2008. Since going 6-7 in his second full season with the Tigers, Swinney has won at least 10 games each year, building one of the most consistently successful programs in the

"After seven years of beating the drum, our foundation has taken root," Swinney told the

BASEBALL

American League CLEVELAND INDIĀNS

Agreed to terms with LHP

Tom Gorzelanny and LHP

Joe Thatcher on minor league

contracts.

– Named Tyrus Bowman,

Amanda Hopkins, Jackson

Laumann, Taylor Terrasas,

Stephen Tromblee and Ross

Vecchio area scouts. Promot-

ed area scouts Ben Collman,

Chris Pelekoudas and Mike

Moriarty to regional supervi-

sory scouting positions.

Agreed to terms with RHP

A.J. Griffin on a minor league

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month. "I have to continue to protect that culture. And you do that through every decision that you make. Staying true to who you are.

"You do that through the people that you hire. You do that through discipline. You do that through recruiting. More importantly you do that through walking it every day. I've had 120 seniors and 114 graduates. That's uncommon. That's not the norm. That's my scorecard. I'm more proud of that than anything."

A willing and enthusiastic postgame dancer and always good for a memorable sound bite "Bring your own guts!" — Swinney has become a star during Clemson's best season since the Tigers won the hosted a pizza party for thousands of Clemson fans at Memorial Stadium after the Tigers won the ACC title game and rented out an amusement park for his players last Saturday.

"He's very inspiring. Very positive. Very confident, but incredibly humble," defensive coordinator Brent Venables said. "He's got a very unique spirit in him. Love for people. Love for life."

This season started with high hopes for Clemson, but some caution. The Tigers had to replace most of the starters from last season's top-ranked defense, along with offensive coordinator Chad Morris, who left after last season to become SMU's

Under Venables, who was hired away from Oklahoma after the 2011 season, the defense is tied for ninth in the country, allowing 4.68 yards per play.

The offense under cocoordinators Jeff Scott and Tony Elliott, who were promoted from within by Swinney, is 22nd in yards per play (6.43) and set a school record with nine straight games of at least 500 to-

Swinney's ability to

different deal."

Scoreboard

NBA Sunday's Games Miami 116, Portland 109 Minnesota 100, Brooklyn 8 p.m. Detroit at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

Cleveland 108, Philadelphia 86 Milwaukee 101, Phoenix 95

Sacramento 104, Toronto 94 Atlanta 103, Orlando 100 New Orleans 130, Denver 125

Monday's Games Washington Sacramento 99

Boston 113, Minnesota 99 Orlando 107, New York 99 Brooklyn 105, Chicago 102 Houston 102, Charlotte 95 Atlanta 106, Portland 97 San Antonio 106, Indiana

92 Utah 110, Phoenix 89 Oklahoma City 100, L.A. Clippers 99

Tuesday's Games Memphis_at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Dallas at Toronto, 7:30

L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.

p.m. Sacramento at Indiana, 7

p.m. Boston at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Dallas at Brooklyn, 7:30

p.m. San Antonio at Minnesota,

8 p.m.

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p.m.

p.m. Toronto at Arizona, 9 p.m. 10:30 p.m. 8 p.m. Portland at New Orleans,

Philadelphia at Milwaukee,

Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Utah at Golden State, 10:30

p.m. Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. NHL

Sunday's Games Florida 5, Vancouver 4, SO Boston 2, New Jersey 1, SO

Tampa Bay 5, Ottawa 2 Detroit 4, Calgary 2 Washington 7, N.Y. Rangers

Chicago 4, San Jose 3, OT Monday's Games N.Y. Islanders 5, Anaheim

Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3 Pittsburgh 5, Columbus 2 Washington 2, Carolina 1 Nashville 5, Montreal 1 Dallas 6, Minnesota 3 Toronto 7, Colorado 4 Edmonton 3, Winnipeg 1

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7:30 p.m. Ottawa at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Montreal at Minnesota, 8

Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Winnipeg at Calgary, 9

San Jose at Los Angeles, Wednesday's Games No games scheduled

TRANSACTIONS

contract. **National League** COLORADO ROCKIES Agreed to terms with RHP Adam Ottavino on a threeyear contract.

LOS ÁNGELES DODGERS - Named Bill Haselman manager of Oklahoma City (PCL), Ryan Garko manager of Tulsa (Texas), Drew Saylor manager of Rancho Cucamonga (Cal), Gil Velazquez of Great Lakes (MWL), Shaun Larkin manager of Ogden (Pioneer) and John Shoemaker manager of the Arizona League Dodgers. PITTSBURGH PIRATES -Acquired LHP Kyle Lobstein

from Detroit for cash considerations. SAN DIEGO PADRES Agreed to terms with LHP

year contract. Designated C Josmil Pinto for assignment. **Frontier League** FLORENCE FREEDOM

Buddy Baumann on a one-

Signed RHP Cody Gray, OF Josh Henderson, LHP Pat McGrath and LHP Zach Wendorf to contract extensions. Signed 1B William Beckwith, RHP Kaddidy Gaines, 1B Eric Kalbfleisch, 1B Zach Mathieu

and catcher Matt Rubino. LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS Signed RHP Fernando Gallegos and OF Connor Oliver. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MIN-ERS - Sold the contract of RHP Adam Lopez to San Diego (NL). FŎOTBÁLL

National Football League NFL — Suspended New York Giants WR Odell Beckham Jr. one game for his conduct during a Dec. 28 game

against Carolina. ATLANTA FALCONS Reached an injury settlement with G Jon Asamoah.

GREEN BAY PACKERS Activated TE Andrew Quarless from injured reserve-return. Placed WR Ty Montgomery
on injured reserve.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
— Placed WR Griff Whalen

and DT Billy Winn on injured reserve. Waived RB Zurlon Tipton. Signed DE Earl Okine and DT Kelcy Quarles from the practice squad and RB Trey Williams from Miami's practice squad.

OAKLAND RAIDERS -Charles Woodson announced end of this season.

his retirement, effective at the WASHINGTON REDSKINS Placed WR Andre Roberts on injured reserve. Signed WR

Colin Lockett to the practice

squad. Placed TE Ray Ham-

ilton on the practice squad injured list.

HOCKEY **National Hockey League** NHL — Suspended Boston F Max Talbot two games for

interference against New Jersey F Jiri Tlusty during a Dec. 20 game. CAROLINA HURRICANES - Recalled D Michal Jordan

MINNESOTA WILD Signed D Jared Spurgeon to a four-year contract extension. **American Hockey League**

from Charlotte (AHL).

AHL — Suspended Binghamton D Mark Fraser two games for his actions during an altercation in a Dec. 18 game at Syracuse and Rockford C Marko Dano one game for slew-footing in a Dec. 19

game at Chicago. CHARLOTTE CHECKERS - Released F Drayson Bowman from his professional tryout contract. SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE

 Signed F Nick Drazenovic to a professional tryout contract.

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ARIZONA — Announced cornerbacks coach David Lockwood will not return next season. Promoted football analyst Jahmile Addae to cor-

nerbacks coach. AUSTIN PEAY - Named Will Healy football coach. DENVER - Announced the resignation of director of

intercollegiate athletics and recreation services Eric Ziady, effective Dec. 31. FLORIDA — Announced RB Kelvin Taylor, WR Demarcus

Robinson and DE Alex McCalister will enter the NFL draft. GEORGIA — Suspended LB Tim Kimbrough for the Tax-

Slayer Bowl. MICHIGAN - Named Don Brown defensive coordinator. SOUTH FLORIDA

Signed football coach Willie Taggart to a three-year extension through 2020. TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE

 Announced the retirement of men's and women's golf coach Louie Bledsoe. SOUTHERN CAL — Named

Tee Martin offensive coordinator, in addition to his duties as wide receivers coach. TEXAS TECH — Suspend-

ed WR Devin Lauderdale. Announced DL Mike Mitchell and **DBs Jalen Barnes and Derrick** Dixon will transfer. WINTHROP - Promoted men's associate head soccer

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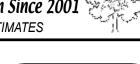
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's easy for you to admit when you're wrong. What's hard, however, is being right and simultaneously too classy and/or compassionate to gloat about it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're in the mood to take a financial risk. The others will protest this investment. Maybe they want to be able to say, "I told you so" if it fails. Don't let that stop you. Act on your

hunch.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a time for thinking, wondering, obsessing -- this isn't it. It's know-and-go time. (Also, if you don't know, don't go.) The plan is simple, and if you refuse to complicate it, you'll win.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You get to decide who you are. Don't let your circumstances impose an idea that you're not comfortable with. Take control of the scene, even if it means you have to bring your own scenery.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you don't know the answer, silence will help you. It takes confidence and wisdom to be quiet, but the truth is that you don't owe anyone an explanation or a solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Give your loved one a responsibility and let that person know that you believe wholeheartedly that he or she can deliver on it. This will help you and simultaneously lift up

Tomorrow's Horoscope your loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Promises are best made in a somber mood or not at all. Happiness tends to override reason, giving way to bloated promises that later you won't want to keep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even the best of relationships benefit from occasional absences. You'll give space and time and breathing room what you'll get back is affection, fondness and appreciation.

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

SAGITTARIUS

You have the best intentions and a clever plan to match. The moment may bring a different reality than expected. There's brilliance in the clash between what you expect and what you get.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whatever the outcome of today's interaction, there's something good in it. Maybe that good won't be so obvious, but it really is there. Mentally dig around

until you find it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The most brilliant ideas will come to you while you're driving, showering, walking, doing dishes or participating in a similarly (relatively) mindless task.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You probably won't be able to keep yourself from hearing untrue rumors, but at least you won't spread them. Ignore negativity and something worthwhile will drop in to earn the best of vour attention. **TODAY'S BIRTH-**

DAY (Dec. 22). In some part of your life you've been in a position to make due. That's about to change with a stroke of luck and a pro-active mindset. Next month brings a symbol of the new you that you can hold. February opens a professional chapter, starting with a challenge. Your family will expand in June. Virgo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 7, 19, 2 and 28.

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er and it's as though the challenges of the season are custom-made opportunities for them to become stronger. That's not to say that Capricorn is immune to the stressors of the season -- in fact, many Capricorns feel them more acutely. But the sign of the mountain goat believes that giving in to the weaker parts of their natures and avoiding challenges is tantamount to failure. For Capricorn, the key to handling stress is facing it

head-on. Momentum is the best stress-buster for the Capricorn. Just as a goat might back up in order to get a running start up the hill, Capricorn breaks through mental barriers by assessing the pitch of the challenge

ahead, throwing it into reverse, gathering up the gusto for a moment and then gunning it up the mountain with a quick, bright burst of energy. The running start is key. Once in motion it's harder to stop than it is to make it all the way

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Please help us with an upcoming dilemma. Our son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren all live in another state. We spend Christmas with them every other year.

In October, our daughter-in-law told our son she was leaving him, but would wait until after Christmas to tell the children so as not to upset them during the holidays. She has decided that she would rather run around with her single girlfriends from work, but right now, she still remains in the home they own. She has already said she does not want to take the kids and is leaving them with our son. She did the same thing five years

Our daughter-inlaw knows that we are aware of their situation. How can we possibly give the same very generous Christmas gift to someone we know is walking out the door on Jan. 1? -- Stuck in the Middle

ago, but then decided

to return and our son

let her back into their

lives.

Dear Stuck: You do not have to give your daughter-in-law the same gift you have in the past. You don't, in fact, have to be generous to anyone, and can decide only to give pres-

ents to the children.

However, since Ms. Flighty has left before and returned, there is a good possibility she will do the same thing again. If so, will your stingier gift create a problem at that time?

We suggest you talk to your son about this. Ask him how he would like you to handle the situation, and then follow accordingly. Your daughter-in-law sounds immature and selfish. Be grateful that she prefers to leave the children with their more stable father.

Dear Annie: Two months ago, I became a grandmother for the first time. But I'm not allowed to see my grandchild nor is anyone in my family. Yet my son's father, who has not been in his life for more than 20 years, is apparently welcome to visit the baby any time.

This is causing a lot of fighting in my family. My other children are worried that I did something to upset my son and his wife. But believe me, I have done nothing to cause either of them to act this way. I am incredibly hurt and don't know what to do. -- Looking for Answers in Pennsyl-

vania Dear Pennsylvania: These sad circumstances are only too common. We wish we had a magic

potion to make family

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relationships smoother, more loving and more rational, but we don't. There could be old hurts that you are unaware of. Your son may be looking to include his father now that he is a father himself. Your ex-husband could be poisoning your son's mind with tales about you, or he could demand that you be excluded. Your daughter-in-law may simply not like you or someone else in the family. Unless you can speak to your son, you will not know. Please try to contact him, without judging or being angry, and ask what you can do to fix this. You might also enlist the help of any friend

or family member still

in their good graces

to get to the bottom

of it.

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By Steve Becker

Good, Better, Best

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Opening lead — ten of hearts. Bridge players go through several stages as they attempt to improve their game. Where they are at any given moment can sometimes be defined by how they play a particular hand. An interested observer might be able to measure just how far an aspiring player has come by watching the play of a deal such as today's. South is in six diamonds, and West leads a heart. If South is more

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the contract. He'd plan to finesse the queen of clubs at some point, and if

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thus guaranteeing the slam. The flaw in this method of play is that East might play a club higher than the seven to thwart the endplay. The final stage of improvement comes when declarer, after winning

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have the king of spades and play it on the queen, the slam might still be made by falling back on one of the aforementioned lines of play. The point is that it costs declarer nothing to try this approach first to give himthere is exactly an even chance for self the best chance for the slam.

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Tomorrow: A crucial defensive play.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I came over to help you find your marbles. DAD SAYS YOU DON'T HAVE 'EM ALL."

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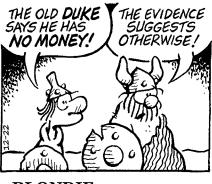
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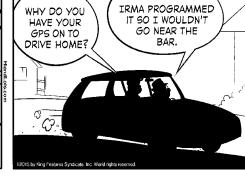
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 22,

the 356th day of 2015. There are nine days left in the year. This is the first full day of winter. Highlight Today's History:

On Dec. 22, 1965, "Doctor Zhivago," David Lean's epic film adaptation of the Boris Pasternak novel starring Omar Sharif and Julie Christie, had its world premiere in New York.

On this date: In 1775, Esek Hopkins was appointed the commander-inchief of the Continental Navy.

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.) In 1910, a fire lasting more

than 26 hours broke out at the Chicago Union Stock Yards; 21 firefighters were killed in the collapse of a burning building. In 1937, the first, center tube f the Lincoln Tunnel connect-

ing New York City and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River was opened to traffic. (The second tube opened in 1945, the third in 1957.)

In 1940, author Nathanael

West, 37, and his wife, Eileen McKenney, 27, were killed in a car crash in El Centro, California, while en route to the funeral of F. Scott Fitzgerald, who had died the day before.

In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected a German demand for surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply. In 1968, Julie Nixon married

David Eisenhower in a private

ceremony in New York. In 1977, three dozen people were killed when a 250-foothigh grain elevator at the Continental Grain Company plant in Westwego, Louisiana,

In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu (chow-SHES'-koo), the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising. Playwright Samuel Beckett died in Paris at age 83.

exploded.

In 1990, 21 sailors returning from shore leave to the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga drowned off Haifa when the Israeli ferry they were traveling on capsized. Lech Walesa (lek vah-WEN'-sah) took the oath of office as Poland's first popularly elected president. In 1995, actress Butterfly

McQueen, who'd played the scatterbrained slave Prissy in

"Gone with the Wind," died in Augusta, Georgia, at age 84.

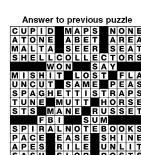
In 2001, Richard C. Reid, a passenger on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami, tried to ignite explosives in his shoes, but was subdued by flight attendants and fellow passengers. (Reid is serving a life sentence in federal prison.)

Ten years ago: Congress completed work on a one-month extension of the Patriot Act and sent it to President George W. Bush. New York transit workers ended their three-day strike without a new contract. Astronomers announced the discovery of two more rings encircling the planet Uranus.

Thought for Today: "Winter is not a season, it's an occupation."

> Sinclair Lewis, American author (1885-1951)

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Spurs win sixth in a row, down Pacers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A physical matchup on both ends of the court brought out the best in the San Antonio Spurs, especially Kawhi Leonard.

Leonard had 24 points, six rebounds and five assists and helped hold Paul George to a season-low seven points, and San Antonio surged past Indiana for a 106-92 victory Monday night to remain undefeated at home.

"They imposed their will in

the second half, like they do here," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "We just couldn't get over that hump. We kept hanging around, hanging around. (There was a) loose ball play that went their way or they make a 3 or just something that prevented us from getting over the hump."

San Antonio (24-5) has won six straight and is off to the second best start in franchise history, including 16-0 at home.

The Spurs won their 21st game by double figures, turning a closely contested game into a rout in the second half.

Tony Parker had 15 points, including nine in the final quarter, for San Antonio. Boris Diaw added 14 points and

LaMarcus Aldridge and Patty Mills had 10 each.

David West had seven points and five rebounds in his first game against the Pacers since leaving in the offseason to sign with the Spurs. George Hill and Jordan Hill

each had 15 points for Indiana (16-11).

Two of the league's top

defenses fought early. The Spurs lead the league in opponent scoring at 88.9 points and the Pacers are seventh at 92.7.

San Antonio had just six

points in the first six minutes of the game, two fewer than Indiana. Leonard and George had

their own heated battle, with each trying to get the best of the other on both ends of the court. "It's fun matchup and I

look at it like a game within a game," George said.

George was held to 1-for-14 shooting. It was his worst ca-

reer performance with that many shot attempts. His previous low was seven points on 12 field goal attempts.

"Lot of it was me," George

said. "I had a lot of good looks, lot of open looks, lot of shots I've made all season

long. Just wasn't my night, couldn't get it to fall."

With George bumping and hand checking him at the top of the key, Leonard drove to the lane and banked in an over-the-shoulder left-handed layup in traffic. George attempted to respond, but Tim Duncan blocked his driving layup on the ensuing possession.

"We played better defense in the second half," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "And we had a better pace offensively. I thought we moved the ball a little bit better and it worked out."

The back-to-back plays

electrified the crowd and the Spurs, who scored nine of the next 11 points for a 70-62 lead. Leonard had five points, a rebound and a steal in the run. "The second half was a lot

better," Parker said. "Felt like the first half was a little bit low energy. A little bit of a hangover from the last game, but in the second half we played a lot better. Offensively, the ball movement was great and defensively we created a lot of stuff after that."

Parker was 4 for 6 in taking over in the fourth quarter, including a spin and two

upfakes in the lane to evade George Hill and scoop in a layup. TIP-INS

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Pacers: George Hill, who was with the Spurs from 2008-11, received a loud ovation during pregame introduction. Hill was traded to the Pacers for the rights to Leonard. ... George had two steals, giving him 512 for his career to tie Derrick McKey for eighth in franchise history. ... Indiana was shooting 38.6 percent from 3-point range, which is second best in the league. ... Rodney Stuckey has scored in double figures in seven straight games after posting 16 against the Spurs. Spurs: San Antonio is off to

the second-best start in franchise history, trailing only the 25-4 record in 2011. ... Texas men's basketball coach Shaka Smart was in attendance, seated next to Spurs general manager R.C. Buford. ... Aldridge was a rebound shy of his 10th double-double of the season, which would have tied him with Duncan for most on the team this season.

WHO IS THAT
The Spurs had some good-

natured fun at the expense

of former teammate George Hill.

Hill bleached his hair blonde, which took his friends in San Antonio by surprise.

"I was watching the Pacers and we were in the locker room and I said, 'Who's No. 3'," Spurs coach Manu Ginobili said. "That's Georgie. What?! I was shocked, but now I'm getting used to it." Parker mentored Hill when

he played with San Antonio, but he refused to take the blame for his pupil's choice in hairstyles. "I love George, he's my lit-

tle brother, but I don't know about that haircut," Parker said. Hill did have one surprising

admirer, Popovich.

The Spurs coach shouted "Georgie" in the fourth quarter and began stroking his own hair while giving Hill a starry gaze and saying, "Nice." The white-haired Popovich said he wished he could pull off the same style.

"I love it," Popovich said.
"I wish I had the guts he has.
That could really turn some heads."

UP NEXT

Pacers: host Sacramento on Wednesday night.

Harden leads Rockets to win over Charlotte HOUSTON (AP) — When James Harden draws

a lot of fouls, it's usually bad news for whoever the Houston Rockets are playing.

That was the case on Monday night when 16 of

his 36 points came off free throws in a 102-95 win over the Charlotte Hornets. "Obviously spending time here, I know how

great he is at drawing fouls," Jeremy Lin said. "He played well tonight and he got a lot of calls. ... You've got your hands full and you have to try to make it as difficult as you can when you're defending a player of that caliber."

The Rockets squandered a double-digit lead in

the fourth quarter before Harden helped them come back to get their third straight victory.

The game was tied before he drove into the lane

and was fouled as he made a layup. He hit the free throw to put Houston up 94-91 with 31.6 seconds left. "We put the ball in his hands. He's the closer,"

interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. "So in those situations he's just got to make the right play."

Cody Zeller attempted a dunk contested by Ter-

rence Jones and it bounced off the rim and back to the Rockets a few seconds after that. The Hornets fouled Patrick Beverley and he made two free throws to extend the lead to 96-91. Lin made two free throws after that but missed a

pair after Beverley made one for the Rockets. Harden attempted 19 free throws and secured

the win by making two with 13.9 seconds remaining.

Kemba Walker led the Hornets with 14 points.

"We fought hard," Charlotte coach Steve Clifford said. "I thought their defense was really good. We struggled to consistently get good shots."

A 3-pointer by Beverley extended Houston's

lead to 79-66 with about 9 minutes left before Charlotte scored the next 13 points to tie it up about 9 minutes later. Frank Kaminsky got things going in that span with a three-point play and Lin and Spencer Hawes both made 3-pointers to power the run.

The Rockets got back on track after that with a

SMU's Brown to return from suspension DALLAS (AP) — Upon first NCAA Tournament As for the motivation and Texas Tech transfer

his return from a ninegame suspension, Larry Brown mostly just wanted his SMU players to know how proud he was of them for going undefeated without him even though they have no chance to play in the postseason because of NCAA penalties. "And then I told them

them up," Brown said Monday, a day before the Hall of Fame coach returns to the bench against Kent State at the Las Vegas Classic. The coach-in-wait-

I didn't want to screw

ing plan the Mustangs openly acknowledged when they hired Brown in 2012 got a little test run, and associate head coach Tim Jankovich has a

spiffy stat line if the day comes when he replaces one of his mentors at the campus a few minutes north of downtown Dallas.
Meantime, the 75-year-

Meantime, the 75-year-old Brown is back — and was so ready for his return he visited the locker room minutes after watching the final game of his exile in his office with his son and daughter, both SMU students. "I didn't realize 33

days went so slowly," said Brown, who led the Mustangs to their

since 1993 last season.
"But it's over."

Brown was suspended and SMU banned from postseason play after a September report when the NCAA ruled that a former men's basketball administrative assistant completed online course work for a student.

Under Jankovich, the

Mustangs rose to No. 18 — where they were ranked for the second straight week Monday — with a schedule of mostly overmatched opponents.

Brown said he took advantage of the rare

advantage of the rare in-season chance to spend time with family, including his grandchildren, and was "all over the place" when finding somewhere to watch the Mustangs. He watched other games as well.

Now last season's

American Athletic Conference champions are closing in on league play with no chance to defend their league tournament title, although they are eligible to win another regular-season crown.

SMU also won't get

to erase the memory of losing its first NCAA Tournament game in 22 years on a hotly debated goaltending call in the final seconds.

of playing for a perfect season, Brown says forget it. "When I read that,

that kind of made me a little bit uneasy," Brown said. "We've got Kent State and that's the only thing we've got to focus on. I think Tim did a great job of making the kids realize we've got to go game by game and be prepared."

And if the Mustangs lose a game, Brown believes his players won't lose their drive.

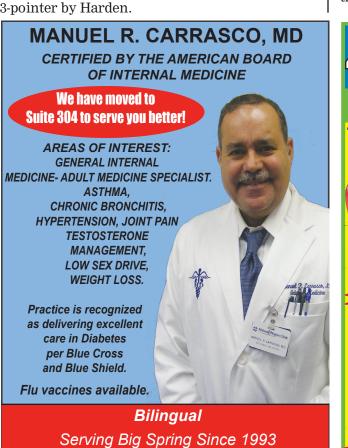
"Whether we win or lose, I've never focused on that," Brown said. "I don't think our kids will be distracted by that. The disappointment is over, because we wouldn't be playing at the level we're playing. And we've all accepted that. We're just trying to move on."

Point guard Nic Moore leads SMU in scoring at 14.3 points per game Jordan Tolbert is averaging 13.8 points and 11 rebounds.

The Mustangs also should get a boost from the return of Keith Frazier, who was involved in the NCAA case, from a knee injury. Forward Markus Kennedy could miss a few more games with an ankle injury.

"I can't imagine them handling it any better," athletic director Rick Hart said. "I think what you see on the court is kind of what we're experiencing off the court, which is a lot of energy, a lot of teamwork."

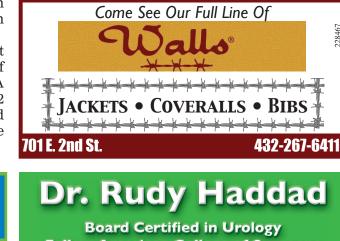
And Hart got to work more closely with Jank-ovich after he inherited the arrangement and was admittedly skeptical before seeing how it would work. Hart was hired about three months after Brown took the job and brought the former Illinois State coach with him.



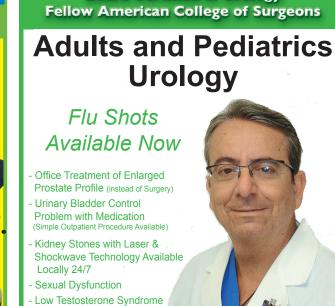
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Niemi comes off bench to lead Stars past Wild 6-3

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) Down by a couple of goals midway through the game, the Dallas Stars didn't panic. And by the time it was over, they had picked up two crucial points against a division foe.

Antti Niemi stopped 30 shots in relief and Dallas scored four straight goals to beat the Minnesota Wild 6-3 on Monday night.

Vernon Fiddler scored twice for the first-place Stars, who have won five of seven and are 8-2-2 in their last 12 games. Jordie Benn, Tyler Seguin, Antoine Roussel and Cody Eakin also had goals.

"It's important to

rack up wins wherever you're at, but we're in the Central Division now, it's our next test," Dallas coach Lindy Ruff said. "Five of six, starting tonight, are against the Central Division and we'll see where we're at."

The Stars improved to 4-2-0 against division

Last season, Dallas had the worst record within the division (8-14-7) and missed the playoffs. The Stars' next three games are home Tuesday against Chicago and a home-and-home set with St. Louis immediately after Christmas.

Dallas has an eight-



Dallas Stars goalie Antti Niemi (31), from Finland, blocks a shot by Minnesota Wild left wing Jason Zucker (16) as Stars defenseman Jason Demers (4) reaches for the puck, in the third period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, in St. Paul, Minn. The Stars won 6-3.

point lead over the Blackhawks and Blues.

"It's such a strong division that they're all going to be great games," Fiddler said. "Minnesota's a great team, Chicago, St. Louis, you could go right down the line."

Jared Spurgeon, Charlie Coyle and Nino Niederreiter scored for Minnesota, which lost its second in a row after getting points in nine straight. Minnesota is 7-5-4 against the other six division teams.

that we're one of the top teams in the league. It was a good opportunity to do that tonight," coach Mike Yeo said.

Trailing 2-0, and with Niemi having replaced Kari Lehtonen in the period, Dallas scored three times in 4 1/2 minutes late in the second to take the lead.

"They want to be physical and we know we're a fast, skilled team. We respond well. We weren't ready right away but we got back "We want to prove in the game and took over," Seguin said.

Less than a minute after a Jumbotron comparison of Yukon Cornelius from "Rudolph the Red-Nosed

Reindeer" to the thick, bushy-bearded Benn elicited laughs from the sellout crowd,

the Dallas defenseman silenced those in attendance — and snapped a 33-game goal drought — when his wrist shot from the blue line beat

the stick side with 5 minutes to play in the period. Fiddler added a

power-play goal off a double deflection to tie it 2-all with 90 seconds left in the period, and Seguin con-Spurgeon's verted defensive-zone turnover into a goal a minute later, taking a pass from Patrick Sharp and beating Dubnyk between the

Roussel added an insurance goal early in the third, swatting in a rebound of a shot by Johnny Oduya to make it 4-2.

It was needed because Niederreiter poked home a rebound of his own shotmidway through the final period for his first goal in 16 games to get Minnesota within Eakin added an emp-

ty-net goal with 1:53 to play and Fiddler added "We weren't ready right

away but we got back in the game and took over," Seguin said.

> another in the final 15 seconds as Dallas improved to 12-3-2 on the

Spurgeon, who signed

Devan Dubnyk on a four-year, \$20.75 million contract extension earlier in the day, gave the Wild a 1-0 lead nearly 5 minutes into the game when his wrist shot from the right circle snuck in between Lehtonen's left shoulder and the top corner of the

> er, Coyle's shot from the left circle beat Lehtonen on the glove side to make it 2-0. Lehtonen, who en-

Barely 3 minutes lat-

tered with a 7-0-0 record and 2.00 goals-against average in road starts, was replaced by Niemi after stopping just two of four shots.

"I think our sense of urgency kind of dropped and we stopped going as hard for pucks, and winning those loosepuck battles and what we were doing before to make us successful," Coyle said.

NOTES: Dallas won the two previous meetings in overtime this season. ... Wild C Mikko Koivu was chosen the NHL's No. 3 star for the week that ended Minnesota's Sunday. captain had three goals and five assists in three games. ... Despite playing at home, Minnesota wore its white road sweaters and Dallas wore its home green.

Moore set to be 4th starting QB for Cowboys IRVING, Texas (AP) lar-season appearance down.

– Kellen Moore will be the fourth starting quarterback for Dallas this season at Buffalo on Sunday.

As for whether he will

back up Tony Romo next vear, coach Jason Garrett isn't interested in talking about auditions even though the Cowboys (4-10) are eliminated from the playoffs with two games to go, as are the Bills (6-8).

"A lot of people will start pointing that way that this is a great opportunity to evaluate players in regular-season games," Garrett said Monday. "That's not really the way we think. We have one objective going to Buffalo, and that's winning a ballgame."

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late in his fourth year in the NFL, Moore sparked the offense after replac-Cassel in the second quarter of a 19-16 loss to the New York Jets on Saturday.

Romo missed seven games with a broken left collarbone and was lost for the season after breaking it again in his second game back. Cassel was 1-6 filling in for Romo after Brandon Weeden went 0-3 following the first injury.

Although he threw an interception on his second career pass and three for the game, Moore beat a blitz with a quick toss to Dez Brvant in the flat, letting the receiver get around cornerback Darrelle Re-Making his first regu- vis for the 10-yard touch-

Moore also led a drive to a tying field goal in the final two minutes ing an ineffective Matt before the Jets drove the other way for the winning points.

> "Obviously I took this opportunity for what it was," Moore said after going 15 of 25 for 158 yards. "We'll grow from it and learn from it and see what happens."

> An undrafted free agent out of Boise State, Moore signed with Detroit in 2012 and spent two seasons there with Cowboys offensive coordinator Scott Linehan.

> Moore joined the Dallas practice squad in September, before Romo got hurt, and was moved to the active roster after the injury.



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