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Everyone welcome for SA Christmas dinner on Friday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Salvation Army is putting on a Christmas spread this Friday, and you're invited. The event is the annual Salvation Army Community Christmas

"Friday the 23rd we're going to be serving our Christmas dinner here at the Salvation Army at 811 West Fifth," said Salvation Army Corps Officer Lt. Josh McKain. "That's going to be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m."

The meal is not just for the needy, though they are certainly invited too, McKain said.

"Just anybody with a hungry stomach. We can all relate to that," he said.

if they're on the run, on the go, or just want to take it home. Or they can bring the family and come and dine in. It doesn't cost anything, it's free. It's just something that we want to provide to the people of Big Spring."

McKain said the meals will include ham, pinto beans, cornbread, casserole, and pie and is dine-in/carry-out only. Although the group's Thanksgiving meal featured delivery service, McKain said volunteers simply aren't available close to Christmas to make that a reality this

"Maybe sometime in the future. We'd like to be able to that for this meal as well," he said. "We know that that's a

Christmas cheer



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com) Big Spring High School cheerleaders donned their Christmas sweaters as they cheered on the Steers and Lady Steers during their basketball games at Steer Gym Monday night. See related story and photo, Page 6.



ALON employees Carmen Cisneros, Amy Butler, Eric Welch, Anna Walker, and Linda Gwin wrap presents during a recent workday at the hospital's Community Relations building. ALON employees visit the hospital campus every December to wrap presents, address holiday cards and organize the delivery of gifts for Christmas morning for the hospital's 200 patients. The Volunteer Services Council raises money throughout the year to purchase gifts for the patients.

Trump cruises to Electoral College victory despite protests

were many protesters but few faithless electors as Donald Trump won the Electoral College vote Monday - ensuring he will become America's 45th president.

An effort by anti-Trump forces to persuade Republican electors to abandon the president-elect came to practically nothing and the process unfolded largely according to its traditions. Trump's polarizing victory Nov. 8 and the fact Demo-

WASHINGTON (AP) — There crat Hillary Clinton had won the national popular vote had stirred an intense lobbying effort, but to

> "We did it!" Trump tweeted Monday evening. "Thank you to all of my great supporters, we just officially won the election (despite all of the distorted and inaccurate me-

> He later issued a statement saying: "With this historic step we can

> look forward to the bright future

our country and be the President of all Americans."

Even one of Trump's fiercest Republican rivals, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, said it was time to get behind the president-elect.

"We want unity, want love," Kasich said Ohio's electors vot-, |



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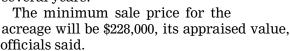
HC trustees vote to sell acreage in Martin County

By STEVE REAGAN

In the market to buy 240 acres of Martin County farmland? If so, Howard College has a deal for you.

During their final meeting of the year Monday, HC trustees voted to place a "for sale' sign on little-used college -owned acreage in Martin County.

The land was formerly used by the college's agriculture department, then later leased to private individuals, but has mostly lain fallow the past several years.



The college first purchased the tract through the Department of Education in 1977, but a variety of factors, including drought and its distance from Big Spring, have led to its current disuse, officials said.

"After the droughts (of a few years ago), there was really nothing we could do with the land," Terry Hanson told the board.

"I'm not one to just get rid of land, but it

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Obituaries

Johnny Carroll Justiss



Johnny Carroll Justiss, 77, of Roby, Texas, passed away Dec. 18,

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016, at the First Baptist Church of Roby, with burial following at Roby Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016, at Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Barbara (Mash) Justiss; brother, Gary Justiss and wife Linda; three sons and daughters-in-law, Shawn and Kay, Sam and Wendy, Patrick and Tess; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; cousin, Brian Justiss; and numerous other relatives.

Johnny was preceded in death by one granddaughter and his parents, Tennis and Naomi

Edgar Ray



Edgar Ray, 83, of San Antonio formerly of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio surrounded by his family. A Celebration of Life will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016 at Myers & Smith Chapel with Randy Cotton officiating.

He was born March 3, 1933 to Carmen Faye Cornish Ray and James Clyde Ray in Hunt County. Edgar

married the love of his life, Margaret Jo Bradshaw on Sept. 2, 1951 in Lamesa, Texas. He graduated from Ackerly High School and was a member of First Baptist Church of Big Spring. He worked40 at Big Spring Alon Refinery (Cosden Oil and Chemical/Fina) before retiring. Edgar was a devoted Christian man and husband, who followed his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in all the activities they were involved in. He had an out(Took) Justiss.

Johnny played football for the Roby Lions and graduated in 1957. He then attended Howard College in Big Spring from 1957 to 1959. He married Barbara Mash in 1963 in Roby, Texas. Johnny had a strong Christian faith as a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma, Texas, for 38 years. He served as mayor of Coahoma, and was a member of the Coahoma School Board as well as the Lions Club. Johnny was the sports announcer for Coahoma High football and vice president of Coahoma State Bank from 1963 to 1985.

In 2001 Johnny and Barbara moved to Muleshoe, Texas, to assume the role as zone manager for the Texas Boil Weevil Eradication Foundation. He became a member of the First Baptist Church.

In 2007 they moved back to retire in Roby, Texas and joined the First Baptist Church of Roby, Texas.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in his name to Hospice of the Big Country, Roby VFW, or the Roby Cemetery Association. Paid obituary

standing ability to never meet a stranger, he would talk to anyone. He loved pro bull riding and was involved with the County and District Clerk Association for the State of Texas.

Edgar is survived by his wife of 65 years: Margaret Ray; two daughters: Deborah Jo Ray of Celina and Michele Ray Pendley of San Antonio; three grandchildren: Joey Ray and wife Jodi of Celina, Jenny Mills and husband Kyle of Celina and Austin Pendley of San Antonio; seven great-grandchildren: Mason, Hannah, Mitchell, Gigi, Merritt, Brae and Keigan; two sisters: Pauline Ormsby and husband Pat of Ponca City, Oklahoma and Shirley Pechatsko and husband Joe of Leonardstown, Maryland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: James Clyde Ray Jr. and

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Jazzy Perez



Migdalia Jazmeen Perez, also known as Jazzy or "Jasper", 14, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, December 13, 2016 in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Rev. Kevin Knudson officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends

from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rose-

wood Chapel.

Jazzy was born Nov. 15, 2002 in Daytona Beach,

Edgar Ray
Jesse Lockett, 30, of Big Spring died December 2, 2016 at his residence. A memorial service was held Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born July 28, 1986 to Dianna Moses Lockett and Peter Lockett in Clearwater, Florida. Jesse was a service engineer in the family business, ATS

Florida.

She was a student at the Big Spring Junior High

Jazzy is survived by her parents, Alex and Amy Perez; three sisters, Alex Vasquez and husband, Mark, Angel Moreno and husband, Hector, and Samantha Perez; her little brother, Dominik Alexis Perez II, all of Big Spring; grandparents, Francisco and Migdalia Perez of Miami, Florida; aunts and uncles; and nieces and nephews.

The family asks for attendees to wear solid bright shirts of every color.

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

Jesse is survived by his parents: Pete and Dianna Lockett of Dunedin, Florida; one brother: Dylan Todd and wife Emily of Las Vegas, Nevada; one sister: Corine Lockett of Clearwater, Florida; grandparents: Gene and Dianne Moses of Big Spring; grandmother: Shirley Lockett of Clearwater, Florida; an aunt; and an aunt and uncle.

Arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at mile marker 173 off 87 and the I-20 Reliever Route. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at mile marker 173 off I-20. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at mile marker 184 off I-20.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block
- of Algerita. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block
- of Richie Rd. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block
- of Parkway.
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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block
- of Highland. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block
- of S. Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at mile marker 184 off of I-20. One person was transported
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2500 block of Larry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Steakley. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



Lionso Lee Jimenez

Lionso Lee Jimenez, Jr., 57, died Sunday. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police & Sheriff

following activity: • **DESMOND R DELOACH**, 25, of 4238 Eubank Blvd was arrested on charges of interfering with

The Big Spring Police Department reported the

- emergency request for assistance, and burglary • DELILAH AGUIRRE LOPEZ, 45, of 1106 Penn-
- sylvania was arrested on warrants for disregarding a stop sign and warrants from other agencies. JOHN SCOTT ORBISON, 36, of 502 Washing-
- ton Boulevard was arrested on a warrant for theft (greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500). KENNETH RAY COX, 19, of 1503 Tucson was
- arrested on a warrant from another agency. DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1300 block
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the
- 1500 block of Lincoln. • MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of S Main.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail re-

ported having 84 inmates at the time of this report. • DANTA MACKENZIE CHAVERA, 19, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for unlawfully

carrying a weapon. • **KENNETH RAY COX**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for assault, causing bodily in-

DESMOND RAY DELOACH, 25, was booked by

- the BSPD on charges of interring with emergency request for assistance and burglary of a habitation. RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III, 22, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest deten-
- tion. MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 31, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for failure to yield at a stop intersection, speeding (10 percent or more above posted limit), and driving with invalid li-
- DELILAH AGUIRRE LOPEZ, 45, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for parenting contributing to non-attendance and running a stop sign.
- JUAN RENE MARTINEZ, 34, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for driving with invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and violation of promise to appear.
- JOHN SCOTT ORBISON, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500).
- TRACY LEE PETERSON, 54, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.
- CHRISTOPHER ROLLEN RIOS, 19, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft of firearm (count 2)
- ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 28, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for speeding (61 mph in a 45 mph zone) and no driver's license.

Support Groups

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• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 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. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
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does beg the question of how effective we're using it," College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "We just don't have the resources to properly use it. We used to employ a farmhand to take care of the land, but we had to eliminate that position some years ago."

In other business, Sparks told trustees the college was waiting to see how a recent judicial decision will effect the college's need to comply with Fair Labor Standards Act regulations.

The relevant portion of the FLSA, at least to the college's reckoning, is the requirement that, as of Dec. 1, "exempt" employees — certain administrators and department heads — not making at least \$47,000 wold be entitled to overtime.

ready to comply with that requirement, but a recent injunction granted by a federal judge has put that requirement on hold, leaving officials unsure how to proceed.

"Right now, we're just in wait-and-see mode," Sparks

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or email reporter@bigspringherald.com



Sparks said the college was ALON employees Jeff Phernetton, left, and Ernie Morgan address holiday cards to Big Spring State Hospital employees during a recent workday at the hospital's Community Relations building. ALON employees visit the hospital campus every December to wrap presents, address holiday cards and organize the delivery of gifts for Christmas morning for the hospital's 200 patients.

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need, but we can't do that without the volunteers. They make all the difference on something like that. Like on Thanksgiving, it was incredible to see all the volunteers come in and deliver 425 meals within an hour and a half. That was pretty incredible."

McKain said Porter's grocery store has graciously funded the meal.

"The majority of this meal, we're going to be able to purchase at Porter's grocery store with gift cards they have given us, which is awesome," he said. "Just a big thank you to everybody that's supported our meals, who's supported our Christmas efforts, our kettles, the angels and

those who have adopted them; just everybody who's stepped in and come aboard and supported the Salvation Army's Christmas efforts to make sure that these families and the Big Spring community is taken care of. Just a big thank you."

Community members can volunteer to help out with the meal by calling the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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Kasich refused to endorse or even vote for Trump in the election.

With all states voting, Trump finished with 304 votes and Clinton had 227. It takes 270 Electoral College votes to win the presidency. Texas put Trump over the top, despite two Republican electors casting protest

Befitting an election filled with acrimony, thousands of protesters converged on state capitols across the country Monday, urging Republican electors to abandon their party's winning candidate.

More than 200 demonstrators braved freezing temperatures at Pennsylvania's capitol, chanting, "No Trump, no KKK, no fascist USA!" and "No treason, no Trump!"

In Madison, Wisconsin, protesters shouted, cried and sang "Silent Night." In Augusta, Maine, they banged on drums and held signs that said, "Don't let Putin Pick Our President," referring to Russian President Vladimir Pu-

Despite the noise outside state Capitols, inside, the voting went pretty much as planned. In Nashville, Tennes-

see, one audience member tried to read out some Scripture before the ballots were cast, but was told he could not speak.

"We certainly appreciate the Scripture," State Election Coordinator Mark Goins said from the podium. "The answer is no."

With all Republican states reporting, Trump lost only the two electors in Texas. One voted for Kasich, the Ohio governor; the other voted for former Texas Rep. Ron Paul.

Clinton lost four electors in Washington state — three voted for former Secretary of Buckels, the state GOP State Colin Powell and one voted for Native American tribal leader Faith Spotted Eagle. She also lost an elector in Hawaii to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Clinton beat Sanders in the Democratic primaries.

Several Democratic electors in other states tried to vote for protest candidates but they either changed their votes to Clinton or were replaced.

The Electoral College has 538 members, with the number allocated to each state based on how many representatives it has in the House plus

one for each senator. The District of Columbia gets three, despite the fact that the home to

Congress has no vote in

Republican electors deluged with emails, phone calls and letters urging them not to support Trump. Many of the emails are

part of coordinated campaigns.

Congress.

In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, elector Charlie Buckels reached out to Trump's opponents after the New York businessman got all of the state's eight votes.

"For those of you who wished it had gone another way, I thank you for being here," said finance chairman. "I thank you for your passion for our country."

There is no constitutional provision or federal law that requires electors to vote for the candidate who won their state — though some states require their electors to vote for the winning candidate.

Those laws, however, are rarely tested. More than 99 percent of electors through U.S. history have voted for the candidate who won their state. Of those who refused, none has ever been prosecuted, according to the National Archives.

Some Democrats have argued that the Electoral College is undemocratic because it gives more weight to less populated states. That is how Clinton, who got more than 2.8 million more votes nationwide, lost the election to Trump.

Some have also tried to dissuade Trump voters by arguing that he is unsuited to the job. Others cite the CIA's assessment that Russia engaged in computer hacking to sway the election in favor of the Republican.

"When the founders of our country created (the Electoral College) 200-plus years ago, they didn't have confidence | Any Entree \$9.00 or above | in the average white man who had property, because that's who got

Terris, a Democratic elector from Ventura, California. "It just seems so undemocratic to me that people other than the voters get to choose who leads the

gress is scheduled for Jan. 6 to certify the results of the Electoral College vote, with Vice President Joe Biden presiding as president

of the Senate. Once the

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to vote," said Shawn result is certified, the winner — almost certainly Trump — will be sworn in on Jan. 20.

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Man, 22, accused of killing his mother sobs in Houston court

HOUSTON (AP) — A 22-year-old Houston man charged with fatally stabbing his mother has spent much of a brief court appearance sobbing and wailing after seeing relatives in the courtroom.

Blake Jefferson is charged with murder for the slaying last week of his 48-year-old mother, Dedre Jefferson, at their home. She was vice president of the Alief Independent School District board and an ex-teacher.

Authorities said the woman was talking to her own mother on the telephone early Friday, then screamed that her son was stabbing her. Blake Jefferson was caught at a nearby residence.

As he was led handcuffed Monday into a courtroom, he sobbed and doubled over, then put his hand over his heart and cried more as signed a court document, then wailed while being escorted from the courtroom.

North Texas airport seeks funds for fence to stop coyotes

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Officials with a North Texas airport are seeking \$1.2 million in federal funds to build a chain-link fence to help keep coyotes from roaming onto its runway.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (http://bit.

ly/2hjQZ2s) reports coyotes are raising concerns at Arlington Municipal Airport, which opened in 1962 in what used to be an undeveloped area.

Manager Karen VanWinkle says the airport has about 250 takeoffs and landings daily.

VanWinkle says the coyotes scamper in mostly from Fish Creek, which winds through trees and brush on the south end of the 500-acre airport. She says airport crews currently use trucks to honk at and chase the coyotes away.

The federal grant would cover about 90 percent of the cost to fence the creek area and replace an older barrier on the airport perimeter.

USDA designates drought disaster areas in 4 states

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated 29 Louisiana parishes and 10 counties in Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas, as drought disaster areas.

That makes farmers and ranchers eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency, if they can prove sufficient losses to drought.

Thirteen Louisiana parishes are primary disaster areas; the other 16 parishes and 10 counties are adjacent to them.

Two other Mississippi counties are eligible for disaster aid because they're adjacent to some of the dozens of Tennessee counties also declared disaster areas Friday.

The parishes declared primary disaster areas are Concordia, East Carroll, Grant, LaSalle, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, West Carroll and Winn.

Adjacent Louisiana parishes are Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Caldwell, Catahoula, De Soto, Evangeline, Lincoln, Madison, Pointe Coupee, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Feliciana.

Mississippi counties affected by Louisiana's declaration are Adams, Issaquena, Warren and Wilkinson.

Those adjacent to Tennessee drought disaster counties are Alcorn and Tishomingo.

The declaration in Louisiana also affects Ashley,

Chicot and Union counties in Arkansas and Newton, Sabine and Shelby counties in Texas.

Corpus Christi lifts water ban after tests find no corrosive



AP photo

Unidentified men check pipes where Corpus Christi's city-owned water main connects with an asphalt plant where a suspected chemical leak led to a city-wide ban on tapwater use, Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, in Corpus Christi, Texas. The ban was been gradually eased and city officials expect the results of EPA tests on Sunday to determine it can be fully lifted. (AP Photo/Frank Bajak)

By JUAN LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A nearly four-day ban on drinking the water in Corpus Christi, Texas, was lifted on Sunday after test results showed no contamination due to a chemical leak, the city's mayor announced.

Mayor Dan McQueen said residents could resume using the city's water supply for drinking, bathing and cooking.

"It is all full use but we are going to continue to monitor as we go on," McQueen said.

None of the 28 drinking water samples the Environmental Protection Agency reviewed tested positive for Indulin AA-86, an asphalt-emulsifying agent that's corrosive, the federal agency said Sunday in a statement. Indulin can burn the eyes, skin and respiratory tract if a person comes into contact with concentrated amounts.

The water ban had been issued late Wednesday out of concern that a chemical leak at an asphalt plant leased to Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions by oil refiner Valero could have contaminated the city's water supply.

The EPA said there have been seven "unconfirmed" reports of symptoms possibly related to prohibited water use. The federal agency, along with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, will continue collecting and testing water samples over the next few days.

McQueen said officials will continue investigating the leak at the asphalt plant and seek possible damages from those responsible.

EPA spokesman Da-

vid Gray said Saturday night the federal agency would begin an in-depth investigation of the leak "and take appropriate action" as soon as it finished with the water testing.

On Saturday, city officials had said that there had been three reports of dirty water before the ban had been issued.

There has been some confusion over when city

officials were notified of the serious water problems at the plant site that ultimately led to the water ban.

There had been two reports earlier this month

of dirty water at the plant site that resulted in city workers flushing out pipes. City officials have said such dirty-water reports are common.

Valero said in a statement Saturday that it then

notified the city of "milky, sudsy water" at the plant on Dec. 7, a week before the water use ban was announced. Ergon had said in a statement that it uses a soap solution comprised of about 98 percent water and 2 percent Indulin and hydrochloric acid in its asphalt operations.

Assistant City Manager Mark Van Vleck had

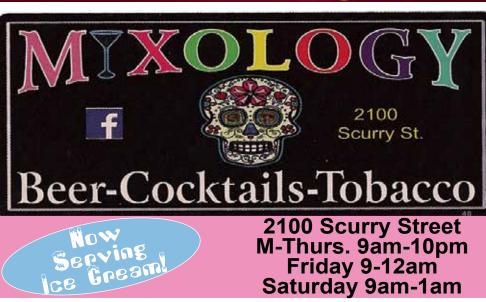
told The Associated Press on Saturday that city technicians responding to dirty water complaints at the plant were not alerted to white, sudsy water until Dec. 12.

But on Sunday, Van Vleck said he believes Valero's version of events is probably accurate.

"When I read it I said, 'That's a little different from what I've been told," said Van Vleck, who added that he was going on what people in the public works department had told him.

Ergon has acknowledged the "soap solution" had backflowed into a pipe through which it receives water at the plant. It said that pipe isn't directly connected to the city water main but rather is interconnected.







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Police: Truck attack that killed 12 in Berlin 'intentional'

into a crowded Christmas market in the heart of the German capital, killing at least 12 people and injuring nearly 50, did so intentionally, police said Tuesday. Chancellor Angela Merkel said authorities believe it was a terror attack. The truck smashed into the popular Christmas

BERLIN (AP) — The driver who rammed a truck

The truck smashed into the popular Christmas market filled with tourists and locals outside the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church near Berlin's Zoo station late Monday.

"Our investigators are working on the assumption that the truck was intentionally driven into the crowd at the Christmas market on Breitscheidplatz," Berlin police said on Twitter.

Merkel said she was "shocked, shaken and deeply saddened."

"There is still a lot that we don't know about this act with sufficient certainty," she told reporters. "But we must, as things stand, assume it was a terrorist attack."

Turkey, Russia vow cooperation after ambassador's killing

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Russian investigators worked Tuesday to determine whether the assassination of their ambassador to Turkey was the work of a lone gunman or part of a wider conspiracy as the two countries, which have backed opposing sides in the Syrian war, said they would not let the killing disrupt efforts to repair their relationship.

In a separate attack, a man with a shotgun was detained after he fired into the air outside the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, the Turkish capital. No one was hurt.

Ambassador Andrei Karlov was shot dead Mon-

day by a Turkish policeman who shouted slogans about Aleppo, a Syrian city where Russian bombardments have targeted rebel factions. Authorities identified him as a 22-year-old member of Ankara's riot police squad, but did not disclose any motive for the attack.

On Tuesday, the foreign ministers of Russia and Turkey attended a previously scheduled meeting in Moscow, where they said they were committed to advancing peace efforts in Syria.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Turkey and Russia would work together to determine who was behind the "heinous terror attack" against Karlov, who was killed in front of a stunned audience while making remarks at a photo exhibition in Ankara.

Trump blames terrorists for killings in Turkey, Berlin

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Without backing up his claim, President-elect Donald Trump is blaming Islamic terrorism for deadly violence in Turkey and Germany and vowing anew to eradicate their regional and global networks.

Authorities in both countries were still investigating Monday when Trump issued a pair of statements condemning the incidents. The White House had already described the episode in central Berlin, in which a truck rammed into shoppers at a Christmas market, as an apparent terrorist attack.

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Trump called the brazen shooting of Russia's ambassador to Turkey as he attended a photo exhibit "a violation of all rules of civilized order." He added that a "radical Islamic terrorist" had assassinated the diplomat, Andrei Karlov.

Turkish authorities identified the gunman as Mevlut Mert Altintas, a member of Ankara's riot police squad, and said he was later killed in a shootout with police. Altintas shouted in Turkish about the Syrian city of Aleppo and also yelled "Allahu akbar," the Arabic phrase for "God is great."

In Berlin, where at least 12 people were killed, Trump said the Islamic State group "and other Islamist terrorists continually slaughter Christians in their communities and places of worship as part of their global jihad."

North Carolina's 'bathroom bill' set on fast path to repeal

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina law-makers appear poised to repeal a controversial law widely derided as the "bathroom bill" because it requires transgender people to use restrooms corresponding with the sex on their birth certificate in many public buildings.

As part of the deal, the Charlotte City Council

voted Monday to repeal the local nondiscrimination ordinance that first prompted legislators the pass the state law.

Opposition to the state law, called HB2, cost the

state hundreds of jobs, several high-profile sports events and perhaps Gov. Pat McCrory a second term.

The repeal would be a remarkable sign of coop-

eration for Democratic Gov.-elect Roy Cooper and the GOP-controlled legislature. Just last week, law-makers called a special session and stripped Cooper of some of his authority when he takes office next month.

The council's move is contingent on North Carolina fully repealing HB2 by Dec. 31.

China returns US underwater drone seized in South China Sea BEIJING (AP) — China on Tuesday handed back

to the United States an underwater drone whose seizure raised tensions in a relationship that has been tested by President-elect Donald Trump's signals of a tougher policy toward Beijing.

Last week's seizure near the Philippines prompted a new volley of criticism by Trump, who has riled the Chinese leadership by saying he might reconsider policy toward Taiwan, the self-ruled island the mainland claims as its territory.

The Chinese navy vessel that seized the drone re-

turned it near where it had been taken, and it was received by the USS Mustin about 80 kilometers (50 miles) northwest of Subic Bay in the Philippines, Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said in a statement.

After 2 years, experts say MH370 likely north of search area SYDNEY (AP) — For two years, a handful of shir

SYDNEY (AP) — For two years, a handful of ships have diligently combed a

remote patch of the Indian Ocean west of Austra-





lia in a \$160 million bid to find Malaysia Airlines Flight 370. On Tuesday, investigators made what was surely a painful admission: They have probably been looking in the wrong place. The latest analysis by a team of international in-

vestigators concluded the vanished Boeing 777 is

highly unlikely to be in the current search zone and may instead be in a region farther north. But though crews are expected to finish their deep-sea sonar hunt of the current search area next month, the possibility of extending the search to the north appeared doubtful, with Australia's transport minister suggesting the analysis wasn't specific enough to justify continuing the hunt.

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The latest twist in the search for Flight 370 highlights the extraordinary difficulty officials have faced in their attempts to find the aircraft based on the faintest scraps of data. All along, officials have said they are not simply looking for a needle in a haystack — they are looking for the haystack.

On Tuesday, the haystack was poised to shift again, with the release of a report by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, which is leading the search for the plane. The report is the result of a November meeting of international and Australian experts who re-examined all the data used to define the search area for the aircraft, which vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014, with 239 people on board.

Sri Lankans rush to build towering Christmas tree on time

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The goal has been to erect the world's tallest artificial Christmas tree, but Sri Lankan organizers now say they'll be lucky to get the tree up in time for the holiday.

Hundreds of port workers and volunteers were scrambling Tuesday to build the enormous tree on a popular beachside promenade in Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital. Once assembled, the steel-and-wire frame should stand 98 meters (320 feet) high — more than 40 meters (131 feet) taller than the current record-holder.

Organizers said they wanted the tree to help promote ethnic and religious harmony in the Buddhist-majority South Asian island nation.

"This is just to show the world that we can live as one country, one nation," said the former cricket player Arjuna Ranatunga, now Sri Lanka's minister of ports and shipping. Sri Lanka has "issues regarding religion, caste and race," he said.

In recent years, Sri Lanka's reputation as an inclusive multicultural country has suffered amid complaints by minority Christian and Muslim communities of state-sponsored discrimination, as well as allegations of widespread abuses against minority ethnic Tamils.





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Big Spring's Logan Terrazas attempts a shot during the Lady Steers' 46-41 victory over Andrews Monday night in Steer Gym.

Lady Steers win, boys lose Monday

By STEVE REAGAN

Young basketball teams can cause a coach's hair to turn prematurely gray — if they haven't pulled it out already. But sometimes, those same youngsters can accomplish things that make coaches and fans almost giddy.

Both extremes were on display at Steer Gym Monday night.

The Big Spring Lady Steers, with only four upperclassmen on their 12-girl roster, played like seasoned veterans down the stretch to take a 46-41 victory over Andrews in the first game of the night. In the nightcap, however, the BSHS boys were steamrolled by Wall, 70-31.

The BSHS girls improved to 4-9 for the season, while the Steers fell to 1-12 with the loss.

Girls game

One victory does not a season make, but it can do wonders for one's disposition. Such was the case with BSHS coach Lacy Parker after watching her team come from behind to defeat Andrews.

"We really executed offensively and defensively the last two minutes of the game, and that's something you're going to have to do if you're going to win basketball games," Parker said. "I was really proud of our girls, especially on offense. With (leading scorer) Kayleigh Penny out (with an injury), I wasn't sure how the girls were going to respond, but they did a fantastic job."

Penny is out at least two or three weeks after suffering a fractured elbow in the Lady Steers' loss to Ira last Friday. In her absence, Big Spring used a committee approach to picking up the scoring load, with both Amber Martinez and Logan Terrazas scoring 10 points to lead the way.

"Amber and Logan did things tonight that we know they can do," Parker said. "And I think this game was great because ... I hope they proved that to themselves.'

But more important than offense on this night was defense — Big

Spring trailed most of the night, but the Lady Steers kept Andrews within striking distance by not allowing the Lady Mustangs to extend their lead beyond five points at any stretch of the game.

Another factor was the second-half play of post player Aissa Cervantes, who sat much of the first half with foul trouble but played a big part in gumming up Andrews' attack in the second half.

"When Aissa came back in the second half, she played some incredible defense," Parker said. "When she got out and got into the passing lanes like we know she can do, I think that was the turning point for our team."

Defense allowed the Lady Steers to play stalking tiger, but it was offense that allowed them to finally strike in the waning moments of Monday's game.

Trailing by four points with five minutes to go, Big Spring grabbed the lead on a lay-in from Cervantes and a three-

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Prescott skips kettle jump, gets Boys back on track

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott had no interest in joining fellow rookie Ezekiel Elliott for the Salvation Army kettle jump.

The Dallas quarterback is a little more low-key, happy to let his Cowboys quarterback do the talking coming off his worst game as a

And now Prescott puts his focus on an NFC East title and the top seed in the conference after once again quieting talk about backup Tony Romo.

"I think he's shown

that he can do what you hope that a quarterback can do, and that's come back from when he didn't play as well as he wanted to play," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said after Sunday's 26-20 win over the Tampa Bay Bucca-

"And I think that See 'BOYS, Page 12

ought to show you that he's sure not worried about anything that's being said about him. He's going to go to work and go to town, and we can quit worrying about that kind of stuff.'

Not that he was wormost accurate game as ried, but Elliott won't get fined by the NFL for jumping into one of the red kettles beyond the end zone after a short touchdown run.

The league's leading rusher, who was expecting a fine, said on Twitter that he still planned to give money to the Salvation Army, which had a 61 percent increase in donations in the hours after Elliott's creative celebration.

The made-for-TV moovershadowed Prescott's 32-of-36 showing, and his 11th game without an interception against a defense that a week earlier picked



AP file photo

Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott (4) rebounded from a poor performance last week to lead the Cowboys to a 26-20 win over Tampa Bay Sunday night.

Mustangs roll over Stanford

DALLAS (AP) - SMU coach Tim Jankovich watched the Mustangs run out to a 32-point lead in the first half against Stanford and couldn't help but take stock of his team in his first year replacing Hall of Famer Larry Brown.

Sterling Brown scored 16 points and SMU rolled to a 72-49 win over the Cardinal on Monday night for a 22nd consecutive non-conference home victory. More notably from Jankovich's perspective, it was the fifth straight win — and most impressive — since dropping a pair on the road at Southern California and Boise State.

"We're certainly far more toward the team that I want us to be than we were three weeks ago or so," Jankovich said. "What I'm picturing and what I feel like we're capable, I think we've got a lot of growth potential left. And I am very excit-

ed about that."

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Jokic triple-double leads Nuggets past Mavs DENVER (AP) — Foul five fouls each game. It different players and Harplaying that well you want him to get it," teammate ris was a big contributor

trouble kept Nikola Jokic from playing more minutes the past two games. He showed what he can do when he stays on the floor.

Jokic had 27 points and 15 rebounds, Gary Harris scored a career-high 24 points and the Denver Nuggets beat the Dallas Mavericks 117-107 on Monday night.

Jokic finished an assist shy of his first career triple-double and tied his career high in points to help the Nuggets win their third straight game. Emmanuel Mudiay scored 18 points.

Jokic averaged only 20 minutes in the first two games of the home-

stand after committing

derailed potential big nights, but he had just one foul against the Mavericks and dominated.

"Mike told me he was going to beat me if I made more stupid fouls," Jokic said of coach Michael Malone. "I listened."

Deron Williams led Dallas with 23 points and eight assists.

Denver's recent offensive surge started after its 20-point loss in Dallas on Dec. 12. Malone shook up his starting lineup and the Nuggets have responded by scoring 30 or more points in eight of the last 12 quarters and are averaging 125.3 points since the change.

They've gotten it done

with contributions from

cit to lead by two at the break. The lead grew to 12 in the third but Dallas

for his ninth assist.

made a run to get within six late in the fourth. Jokic hit a 3-pointer, a short jumper and fed Wilson Chandler for a layup

Monday. The third-year

guard out of Michigan

State is averaging 19.3

points since returning

"He has three games

back and I don't think

it's a coincidence that we

have won three games in

Harris got the Nuggets

started early, scoring 16

in the first half as Denver

overcame a 16-point defi-

a row," Malone said.

from a foot injury.

day afternoon. "They wore us down as the game went on," Williams said. "They came out and hit a lot of 3s in

ter," he said. "The game is more important than your name." The Mavericks ran out of gas after playing Sun-

Jameer Nelson said of

the triple-double. "That's

a heck of an accomplish-

ment for an individual.

It means he's playing the

Jokic had a chance for

his 10th assist but Mudiay

missed his only 3-pointer

off a pass. Jokic wasn't

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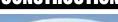
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Solstice Prep Time

There are many who can't help but get sadder around the winter solstice. Stock up on compassion and empathy: You'll need a hefty supply to meet the demand. And while it will buoy the spirits to have good friends around, remember that there are times when, in order to be a good friend to yourself, you need to be alone with your thoughts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). "Why?" is a question for rookies. You know better. You're a pro. Pros don't ask why; they just go in and fix it. You'll spend most of the day in this mode: Go in. Fix it. Repeat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've

Endangered

Gratitude

writing about common

courtesy. Does it exist

I have a large

family, with grown

grandchildren, and

I still work part time,

although I am close

to 80. I would like to

complain about the

younger generation

reader -- books,

lack of respect that the

I am a constant

magazines, newspa-

per, etc. When I come

across an article, story

anvmore?

Dear Annie: I am

danced around it, they have, too, but the bottom line is that you need someone, and this person needs you. Realizing the situation and talking it out will be the best (and bravest) thing you both do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Much will center on the idea of time wasting. What's a waste, and what isn't? Your decision about this will shape your days and your character, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some people just like being angry. Too bad for them, though, because your calm communication and diplomacy will allow you to work most problems out before anyone even has a chance to get too frustrated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's said that you shouldn't give a party if you're the most interesting person there. Of course that is totally absurd. You're such an interesting person that, if you followed that rule, you'd never have a

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your best intentions, well, that

Tomorrow's Horoscope

counts for something even when intentions aren't enough to get the outcome you were hoping for. However it works out for you today, it can still lead somewhere good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be putting your life to a good soundtrack, and that will make everything about it a little bit better. Choosing the songs that make you happy will be a very specific kind of process.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're ready to know more. You'll ask the good questions. "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing; drink deep or taste not the Castalian spring." --Alexander Pope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is no need for friction. The world is big. There will be plenty of room for everyone to do what he or she needs to do. Spread out. Claim an independent space.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You won't be able to totally please them, so you may as well totally please someone: How

about you? It's as fair as anyone else you could choose today. You can always try compromising again tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** Your instinct will be to entertain. Sometimes it's done by making things up -- fanciful stories, exaggerated ideas -- but none of that is necessary now. The small plain truth is the most engaging entertainment there is. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Ex-

perience has taught you what to do, and you could automatically slip into the next step. Hit the pause. This way will work, but another way will work better. Call on your higher powers of reason.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Dec. 20). Your commitment to a goal will be steadfast, and by March you'll have it in your hot hand. You and a love will be bonded in victory in January. Relationships take a lot more work in February but it's worth the effort. A big sale will happen May. Work takes a new trajectory with training you

get over the summer. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 44, 28, 32 and 11. **ASTROLOGI-**

CAL TOPICS: MARS

IN PISCES: Mars marched into Pisces yesterday. Already the warrior planet has spotted the enemy and felt the emotional echo as confirmation: "The enemy is me." This journey though the spiritual realms will turn up the multidimensional nature of your personal fight in this world. Between the new territory Mars is covering and the reflective nature of Mercury's retrograde it will be easier to hear internal chatter. The voices we might normally ignore become more pronounced. It is important to remember that thoughts can be liars and that thinking something often doesn't make it any truer. Take your thoughts to inquiry. Shake them around; poke at them. Examine them in different lights. You may suddenly hear what you've been unconsciously telling your-

the first time the utter ridiculousness of it. Expect that meaningful internal arguments will occur. Debates with the self could go on for weeks at a time They are as tiring as any external struggle could be, if not more so. But resolution is possible, likely, even, in these last days of the year. So when you take yourself on, be

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From "The Wolf of Wall Street" to "How To Train Your Dragon," Sagittarius superstar Jonah Hill proves he has something for all ages. With four major luminaries in Sagittarius, Hill excels in roles that bring him to completely alien worlds, a talent he's tapped into in most of the roles he takes on these days. The versatile star was born when the moon was in ever-changing Cancer.

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or email that relates to the profession, interests or community of anyone in my family, I may cut it out and send it to the person. I may also forward an email if it is pertinent, but I seldom do that.

For example, one of my grandsons, even though he is 6 feet 4 inches tall, wants to build a tiny house. I discovered a related article, which I sent to him.

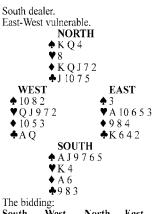
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By Steve Becker

The rationale of good defense



West South East 1 **♠** 2 **♠** Pass Opening lead — queen of hearts.

The opportunity to defeat a contract often knocks only once. If the

defenders fail to open the door at that precise moment, the chance might be gone forever. Consider this deal where a normal bidding sequence led North-South to contract. All Fast-West had to do was

to collect their four high-card tricks at the start, and South would go But that proved to be easier said

than done. East took the heart lead with the ace and shifted to the deuce

of clubs. West won with the queen, continued with the ace and exited with a diamond to South's ace. Declarer then drew trumps and scored the rest of the tricks, discarding his remaining club on one of

dummy's high diamonds. It can be seen that if West had won the club return at trick two with the ace and returned the queen, East could have overtaken the queen with the king and given West a club ruff to set the contract.

This sequence of plays is not nearly as difficult as it might seem. West knows that if declarer has both the king of clubs and ace of diamonds, the contract cannot be beaten, so he must assume that East has one of these cards East's return of the club deuce at

trick two suggests that he has an honor in the suit. Since the J-10 are in dummy, that honor card could only be the king. (If East did not have an honor card, he would have made a "top of nothing" return to denote lack of strength in the suit.) Had West taken the ace at trick

two and then returned the queen, East would have had no difficulty working out what to do. The ace followed by the queen would make no sense unless West had a doubleton, so overtaking the queen with the king been clearly indicated.

Tomorrow: The theory of probabilities.

that she was thinking of me and she wanted to pass along some information that might prove useful. I am never trying to I do believe that you

influence anyone, but learn something every day, and one piece of information may open a door. However, it has

created a problem. I recently sent an article that pertained to my son's profession. I thought it might be interesting to him. Although I knew that he might not agree with all of the content, he rejected the article in its entirety and chastised me profusely for sending it to him, saying that it "offended" him. I reread it after the fact and could find nothing that was offensive to anyone; it was just giving another point of view. He

probably thought that I was trying to convince him of something, but that has never been my intention. I am now very hesitant to send him anything or even to discuss it.

Additionally, though it's not a great deed, there is a little effort involved in sending the items to them; however, I have never received any form of acknowledgment from any of my children or grandchildren. I never receive a Christmas card or a birthday card from any of my 10 grandchildren, and they do not thank me for their Christmas gifts.

Is it wrong to expect some form of an acknowledgment when I give something to them, or is that a thing of the past? Do I stop sending articles and birthday cards to

them? Do I stop giving? Do I stop caring? -- Disheartened in Florida

self and notice for

Dear Disheartened: It's good to take a step back, before you send any kind of message, and think of any possible ways the person on the receiving end might misinterpret it. The article you sent to your son made him feel defensive, either because there's a contentious history between you two about the topic or because he's a hypersensitive person.

In any case, let him know that you were not coming from a judgmental place. If he knows he has your support, he should be less touchy in the

Now, as for the lack of gratitude for gifts you've sent, it's unkind, and you

should feel free to tell your children how that has hurt you. But don't let their rudeness keep you from shining your light into the world. As inspirational speaker Kent Keith said, "people are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway. ... Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have

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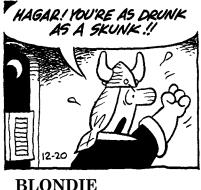
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Today is Tuesday, Dec. 20,

In History

This Date

the 355th day of 2016. There are 11 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 20, 1946, the Frank Capra film "It's A Wonderful Life," starring James Stewart and Donna Reed, had a preview showing for charity at New York's Globe Theatre, a day before its official world premiere.

On this date:

In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, Rhode Island. In 1803, the Louisiana

Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States. In 1812, German authors Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm

published the first volume of the first edition of their collection of folk stories, "Children's and Household Tales." In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede.

from the Union as all 169 dele-

gates to a special convention in

Charleston voted in favor of

separation. In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Georgia, as Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman nearly completed his "March to the Sea.' In 1924, Adolf Hitler was

released from prison after serving nine months for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch; during his time behind bars, he'd written his autobiographical screed, "Mein Kampf." In 1945, the Office of Price

Administration announced the end of tire rationing, effective Jan. 1, 1946. In 1963, the Berlin Wall was

opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays. In 1976, Richard J. Daley, the

mayor of Chicago since 1955, died in office at age 74. In 1987, more than 4,300 peo-

ple were killed when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro island. In 1989, the United States

launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega. In 1995, an American

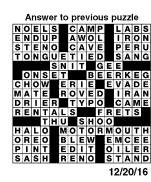
Airlines Boeing 757 en route to Cali, Colombia, slammed into a mountain, killing all but four of the 163 people aboard. In Bosnia-Herzegovina, NATO began its peacekeeping mission, taking over from the United Nations.

Ten vears ago: Acknowledging deepening

George W. Bush told a news conference he was considering an increase in American forces and warned that the next year would bring more painful U.S. losses. Recently sworn-in **Defense Secretary Robert Gates** made an unannounced visit to

Five years ago: Lori Berenson, an American paroled after 15 years behind bars in Peru for aiding leftist guerrillas, arrived at Newark Liberty International Airport for her first visit home since her arrest in 1995. (After a 17-day visit, Berenson returned to Peru to serve out the rest of her parole; she was expelled from Peru on Dec. 2, 2015 and returned to the U.S.) LSU's Les Miles was selected The Associated Press college football coach of the vear.

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pointer from Alexis Starr.

Andrews battled back and tied the game at 41-all on a pair of free throws from Macee Mack with 1:38 remaining, but those were the last points Andrews scored.

BSHS regained the lead for good on a jumper from Terrazas, then free throws from her and Kamri Kemper down the stretch sealed the win.

The Lady Steers return to action Dec. 29 when they play in the Caprock Classic.

Boys game

One good quarter a game isn't going to cut it for the Big Spring Steers.

As they did against Seminole last Friday, the Steers rallied from a big first-quarter deficit to make their game with Wall competitive going into halftime. Unfortunately for the Steers, they also repeated their second half performance from last Friday in which they were unable to carry over their momentum from the first 16 minutes of the game.

Monday night, Wall jumped out to a 15-5 lead after one quarter, but the Steers rallied in the second to cut their deficit to five points heading into intermission.

That was Big Spring's final hurrah, however, as the Steers were figuratively buried under a Wall scoring avalanche in the third quarter. The Hawks' Ryan Walling scored 10 straight points to open the quarter, part of a 27 point scoring blitz that ended with Wall holding a comfortable 50-25 lead.

Jeremiah Rushin had 8 points and C.J. Harris and Abel Clark 6 points apiece to lead Big Spring.

After the game, BSHS Coach Nick Tyerman made no excuses for his



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Big Spring's KaSondra Williams pulls down a rebound during the Lady Steers' game vs. Andrews in Steer Gym Monday night.

team's play.

"(Wall) executed and we didn't," Tyerman said. "They just wanted it more. We didn't have any heart that whole

game.

"Right now, our youth and immaturity is an issue," he added. "When we make shots, we get confident, but when our energy level and we drop everything way too quickly."

The Steers return to action Dec. 28 in the

we miss shots, we drop Lubbock Cooper tournament.

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Duke transfer Semi Ojeleye had 13 points and seven rebounds for the Mustangs (9-3), who shot 59 percent to 21 percent in the first half for the Cardinal while taking leads of 12-0, 30-7 and 44-12.

Reid Travis, the leading scorer for Stanford (7-4), didn't get a shot in the first half, when Cardinal starters scored one point. He scored all 10 of his points in the second half, while Marcus Sheffield led Stanford with 13 points.

"It's hard to get the ball inside when the other team doesn't want it to be there," Stanford coach Jerod Haase said. "We took the easy route and weren't able to get him touches and that's why he didn't get any shots."

Shake Milton had 11 points and a career-high nine assists, four on alley-oop dunks.

Three were to Jarrey Foster, and the other Ben Moore, who had four of SMU's seven blocks, one off its season high. Foster's second alleyoop made it 44-12 with 5:15 left in the

"We were knocking down shots here and there and just moving the ball, playing unselfishly," Foster said. "I would say that was probably one of the best halves we've played, a lot of energy."

The Mustangs, who are 40-3 at home since the start of the 2014-15 season, had a sluggish second half, especially compared to the first, shooting 42 percent and getting outscored 30-24.

"In the second half, it's not like they were playing the same way either," Haase said. "It's really hard to gauge."

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off New Orleans' Drew Brees three times.

"I don't really pay attention to the noise," said Prescott, who had 279 yards passing. "I couldn't tell you much that was said all week. That's the only thing in my mind, to respond to last week's performance. 'He said, she said,' doesn't affect me." Elliott also overshadowed a Dallas defense

that held Tampa Bay to one first down in five possessions in the fourth quarter, when Dallas rallied with three

field goals.

Giants ended their 11- record. game winning streak.

in the regular season, the Cowboys (12-2) are a Philadelphia.

of Dan Bailey's four win or a New York loss or tie from their second The Cowboys kept a division title in three two-game cushion over years and their first No. New York in the divi- 1 seed since 2007, when sion a week after the Romo led them to a 13-3

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