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Identity of suspect in Tuesday's shooting released

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The identity of the suspect who exchanged gunfire with law enforcement Tuesday afternoon has been released.

According to Department of Public Safety (DPS) officials, the suspect is Raul Ojinaga Reyes, 60, of Big Spring. After leading law enforcement on a high-speed chase which

ended at 10th and Owens behind Big Spring High School, Reyes allegedly exchanged gunfire with law enforcement and was injured in the exchange.

Sgt. Oscar Villarreal said in an e-mail to the Herald that Reyes is currently at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

His condition is unknown at this time.

"Two weapons were recovered at the scene including an assault rifle used to fire at officers," Villarreal stated in the e-mail. "The Texas Rangers are investigating and no additional information is available at this time."

The incident began when police were called to the vicinity of the AT&T store on Gregg Street Tuesday afternoon in response to a suspi-

cious person call.

"We were called ... in reference to a man with a gun acting suspicious," said Lt. Brian Gordon in a press conference shortly after the incident. "When officers got over there ... they attempted to do a traffic stop on him on Gregg Street, at which time he got out, and it's my understanding that several rounds were fired at the officers."

"(The suspect) then got back into his car and pursuit initiated, ending over here (10th and Owens)... where he got out of his vehicle again and fired another couple of rounds at officers, who returned fire," wounding the suspect, Gordon said.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 432-263-7331, ext 234.

On New Years Day, take a hike

By AMANDA ELSTON
 Managing Editor

Lake Colorado City State Park is getting ready to jump into 2017 on the right foot. Sunday, the state park will be holding a New Year's Day day hike for those with resolutions to get active.

To celebrate the start of a new year, the hike is geared toward families and those who have made resolutions to get fit or get outside more in 2017.

"First day hikes are a fantastic way to start off the new year," said Kyle O'Haver, park superintendent. "Make the commitment that this will be your year to get outside or to get more exercise. Join us at the park for a hike to start your commitment off on the right foot."

The nearly two-mile long hike will cover modest terrain and will be followed by a 20-30 minute session of low impact aerobics. O'Haver encourages those who will be in attendance to wear warm and comfortable clothes including gloves, ear muffs, and head covering. Like the campfire program, this event is free but requires participants to pay a daily entrance fee.

"Join us at the Rec Hall as we hike a little on the trails and then we will get in to some light aerobics to end it off back at the Rec Hall," said O'Haver.

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Festival of Lights ends Saturday



HERALD photo/Amanda Elston

Residents only have a few more days before the 20th annual Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights closes for the season. The entrance to the Festival of Lights is located across U.S. Highway 87 from Wal-Mart. The lighted display includes candy canes and candles, giant poinsettias, Big Spring landmarks such as the Hotel Settles, and historical and cultural elements such as oil derricks, covered wagons, cowboys, and cattle. Giant illuminated Christmas cards from local businesses, schools, churches, and other organizations are also part of the mix.

Food 2 Kids to hold sacking session Monday, Tuesday

Volunteers are being sought to help sack food to provide weekend meals for area children.

Food 2 Kids is a outreach program that has volunteers sack food for Big Spring elementary school students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends.

Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. The sacking normally takes a couple of hours. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2nd and Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St.

Shootings drive up number of police killed in line of duty

By LISA MARIE PANE
 Associated Press

Ambushes in Dallas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and other shootings around the country led to a sharp increase in the number of police killed in the line of duty this year.

From Jan. 1 through Wednesday, 135 officers lost their lives. Some died in traffic accidents, but nearly half were shot to death. That's a 56 percent increase in shooting deaths over the previous year.

Of the 64 who were fatally shot, 21 were killed in ambush attacks often fueled by anger over police use of force involving minorities.

"We've never seen a year in my memory when we've had an increase of this magnitude in officer shooting deaths," said Craig Floyd, president and chief executive of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. "These officers were killed simply because of the uniform they wear and the job they do. This is unacceptable to the humane society that we are."

In Dallas, a sniper on July 7 attacked at the end of what had been a peaceful rally against police brutality. He killed five law enforcement officers and wounded nine others — the largest death toll among law enforcement from a single event since the 9/11 attacks, which killed 72 officers. Months later, Dallas businesses and residents still display blue ribbons and banners declaring, "We support our Dallas police officers."

But even amid community support, the police department remains unsettled. Hundreds of officers have retired or left the force over the past six months as the city struggles to find a way to increase pay and save a failing police and fire pension system. Former Chief David Brown, who became a national figure in the aftermath, was among those who opted to retire. And interim Dallas Police Association president Frederick Frazier said that morale is "almost nonexistent."

"A lot of us are going through the motions at work. We're hoping things will get

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OK State rampages past Colorado

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Oklahoma State had already received a big boost for next season when Mason Rudolph and James Washington announced they would return for their senior years.

They followed it up with the kind of Alamo Bowl performance that should put the Cowboys among the favorites to win the Big 12 in 2017.

Rudolph passed for 314 yards and three touchdowns and Washington caught nine passes for 171 yards and a score as the No. 13 Cowboys routed No. 11 Colorado on Thursday night.

Thursday night, Oklahoma State (10-3) smothered a Buf-

faloos team that had played for the Pac-12 championship, holding them to 318 total yards and shutting them out for three quarters.

A Cowboys squad that lost a shot at the Big 12 title in the final game of the regular season will be ready to fight for another chance.

"We'll have all our weapons back. We look forward to coming back and ending with an even greater outcome," said Washington, who left the game in the third quarter with a hand injury.

Rudolph picked apart an experienced but injury-plagued Colorado secondary with precise throws into coverage,

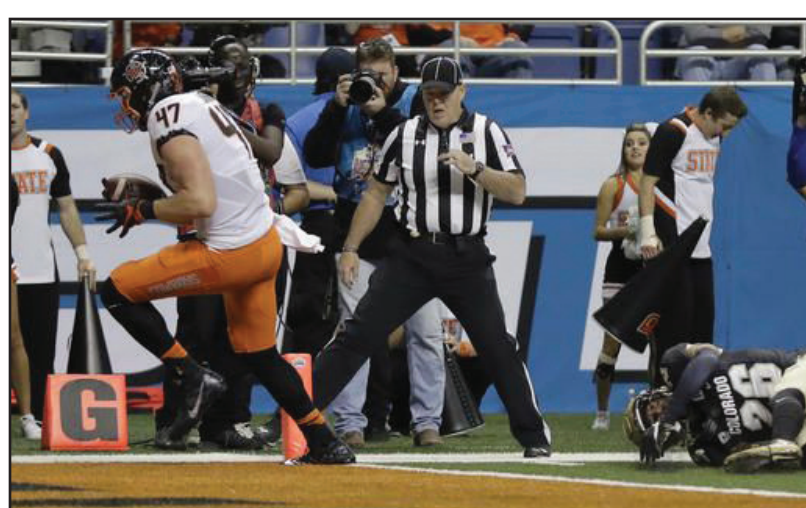
and Washington and other receivers made the big plays.

"We felt like their secondary really hadn't been challenged all year," Rudolph said.

Rudolph even set up Oklahoma State's first touchdown when he caught a throw-back pass for 24 yards. His 5-yard TD pass to Washington made it 17-0 in the second quarter, and Rudolph had scoring throws to Blake Jarwin and Jhajuan Seales in the third to make it 31-0.

Colorado's best season in more than a decade — dubbed "The Rise" — ended with a

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Oklahoma State tight end Blake Jarwin (47) runs past Colorado defensive back Isaiah Oliver (26) as he scores a touchdown during the second half of the Alamo Bowl Thursday in San Antonio.

Sports calendar

TODAY

Boys' basketball

Big Spring vs. Levelland at Cooper Christmas Classic, Lubbock, 11 a.m.

Coahoma at Mary Tatum Tournament, Big Lake, TBA
Forsan at Caprock Classic, Lubbock, TBA

Girls' basketball

Big Spring at Caprock Classic, Lubbock, TBA
Forsan at Cougar Classic, Klondike, TBA

SATURDAY

Boys' basketball

Forsan at Caprock Classic, Lubbock, TBA

Girls' basketball

Big Spring at Caprock Classic, Lubbock, TBA

To submit a calendar item, call 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or email reporter@bigspringherald.com

Mavs continue LA mastery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Victories have been elusive for the Dallas Mavericks of late, unless they happen to be playing the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Mavericks can beat the Lakers, as they showed again Thursday night with 101-89 victory.

The Mavs have won only 10 games this season, but two have come against the Lakers. That should come as no surprise, with Dallas now having beaten the Lakers 12 consecutive times.

"Wins here are difficult to come by," said Mavs coach Rick Carlisle. "We're a very humbled group, for obvious reasons."

Dallas pulled off Thursday's victory that devastated the Lakers, outscoring them 31-13. Wesley

Matthews scored 20 points to lead the Mavericks, including 16 points in the decisive third quarter.

"Matthews' big second half really keyed us," Carlisle said. "His shot making energized our defense even more and guys kept finding him."

The Lakers lost for the 14th time in 16 games.

"I really thought we had turned the corner a little bit," said Lakers coach Luke Walton. "It's disappointing to see we had the same type of result again in a similar game in what we've seen the last week or two."

"I'm still confident our group is going to get it. Unfortunately, it seems like we're going to have to take a lot of these lumps before it really kicks in."

The Lakers led 27-26 at the

end of the first quarter and 57-50 at the half. They were still up 65-60 in the third quarter when Matthews ignited a 21-5 Dallas run.

Harrison Barnes had 17 points and nine rebounds, and Dwight Powell and Devin Harris each scored 14 points off the bench for Dallas.

"One thing we've struggled a little bit with is playing with the lead," Matthews said. "We know what (the Lakers) are capable of and we know they've had some pretty good wins this season. We just were grinding."

The Mavs forced 15 turnovers, which equaled the amount of assists the Lakers managed. After the Lakers fell behind, they too frequently re-

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Victory on the ice



Dallas Stars goalie Antti Niemi (31) blocks a shot on goal during the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Colorado Avalanche in Dallas Thursday.

Stars down Avalanche for third win in a row

DALLAS (AP) — Tyler Seguin feels like the Dallas Stars have been getting better for some time. They finally have a streak that shows that.

Seguin had two goals and an assist and the Stars beat the lowly Colorado Avalanche 4-2 on Thursday night for their first three-game winning streak of the season.

"Definitely, it's something that we've been needing, and obviously not enough yet," Seguin said. "We're making strides. It's about playing all together. Got over the hump of two wins in a row. Got three, and want to keep going."

After being the top seed in the Western Conference playoffs last season, the Stars are

nearly halfway through this season — and moved up into eighth place with their latest win.

"Winning's a lot of fun, so we're going to try and keep this going," said Jamie Benn, their captain who had three assists.

Seguin's 12th goal of the season, a one-timer from the middle of the left circle on a pass from Benn, put the Stars up 2-0 in the first period. He added his 13th into an empty net in the closing seconds.

Seguin and Benn assisted on Jamie Oleksiak's wrist shot from the right circle for a 3-1 lead early in the second period, right after Benn had a shot ricochet off the crossbar.

The Stars are 4-0-1 their last

five games, and have won five of seven.

"We've played pretty sound hockey for a good period of time," coach Lindy Ruff said. "We're getting more and more guys on the scoreboard, getting our key guys, our big guys are scoring."

Colorado has won only three of its last 17 games, and has the NHL's worst record at 12-22-1.

"We just got to keep going, keep digging in and try to win some hockey games," coach Jared Bednar said.

Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen stopped 13 of 14 shots before coming out of the game with 15 minutes left because of NHL concussion protocol after being barreled over by

Jarome Iginla. Lehtonen was back on the bench before end of the game and Ruff said he was OK.

Antti Niemi took over in net, and about 2 1/2 minutes later gave up Mikhail Grigorenko's goal off a rebound that got the Avs within a goal.

Calvin Pickard started in goal for Colorado had 30 saves while Semyon Varlamov missed another game because of a groin injury.

Matt Duchene got his 400th career point late in the first period when he scored his 13th goal of the season. The net was open with Lehtonen out of position after another shot slipped under his

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Baylor women defeat K-State

WACO, Texas (AP) — Even without scoring, Kalani Brown set the tone for No. 3 Baylor on its first offensive possession of the game.

Brown pulled down two offensive rebounds on that trip, scored the next time down and dominated the rest of the night. She finished with 22 points and 12 rebounds as the Lady Bears cruised past Kansas State 87-57 on Thursday to open Big 12 Conference play.

"I was just going to the offensive boards and being aggressive on both ends of the floor," Brown said. "Coming off the (14-day) layoff, I wanted to show I wasn't out of shape."

The Lady Bears (12-1) out-rebounded Kansas State 56-28 and turned that into a 25-5 edge in second-chance points. Baylor also out-scored the Wildcats 31-10 off the bench.

Brown had four blocks, Alexis Prince and Nina Davis both added 14 points and Lauren Cox scored 12 for Baylor.

Alexis Jones, the Lady Bears' leading scorer who missed the previous two games to rest, tied Kristy Wallace for the team lead in assists with eight.

"I thought our post players were dominant, all of them," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "I thought Jones and Kristy Wallace

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Obituaries

Bessie Pearl Halbrook King



Bessie Pearl Halbrook King, 86, of Odessa, passed away on Monday, Dec. 26, 2016, in Odessa.

Bessie was born Sept. 5, 1930, in Baird, Texas. Bessie was raised in a small home with her many siblings. Bessie and her family later resided in Big Spring, Texas, where they were raised during the Great Depression by her father, Robert Hood Halbrook, and her mother, Eathel Allred Halbrook.

Bessie attended and graduated from Big Spring High School. Bessie later met Al King from Edna, Texas, who was a Veteran of the United States Navy. Bessie and Al were married and moved to Midland, Texas. Al owned and operated Al and Joe's Meat Market in Midland for 26 years until his death in 1982. They had two children, Kamilla Ann and Al Kevin. Kamilla has one son, Brandon, who is a commercial airline pilot. Kevin lives in Midland with his wife Rhonda and their two sons, Bryce and Zane.

Bessie loved her grandsons more than anything. She enjoyed spending time with them and watching them grow up. She was a generous woman with

a huge heart. One of her biggest hobbies was collecting antiques.

Bessie is survived by her brother Dick, who resides in Kingsland, Texas. Bessie's other siblings included brothers Robert Halbrook of Dallas, Texas, and Randall Halbrook of Houston, Texas; and sisters Essie Barnard of Midland, Texas, and Bobbie Bolte of Big Spring, Texas.

The family will receive visitors at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral services for Bessie will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Crestview Baptist Church, located at 301 Loop 250 Frontage Road, Midland, Texas.

Bessie adored her pets; they were a part of her family. She rescued many animals throughout her lifetime and gave them a wonderful home. Because of the love she had for animals, the family is requesting, that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Midland Humane Coalition's Enhanced Adoption Center (located inside of PetSmart) in memory of Bessie.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DEVANTE BERNARD LLOYD**, 23, of 3623 Connally St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **KRISTI JO DAWDY**, 35, of 1429 E. Sixth St. Apt. #4 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **RICHARD GLEN THURMAN**, 56, of 704 S. Bell St. was arrested on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **JOAN MARIE TATUM**, 56, of 1409 S. Runnels St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CARSON MICHAEL WILLIAMS**, 19, of 2910 W. Eighth St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **PIERRE JEAN GORDON**, 26, of 2504 Joshua Dr. Unit A was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, and failure to appear.

- **DONISHA VANDERBILT MCGEE**, 21, of 2504 Joshua Dr. Unit A was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

- **JESSE RENE LOPEZ**, 29, of 605 Douglas was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia; and on outstanding

warrants.

- **BOBBY RAY NEWTON**, 30, of 801 Pine St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 700 block of East Second Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87 and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KRISTI JO DAWDY**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.

- **LADISLAO GARCIA**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).

- **PIERRE JEAN GORDON**, 26, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license, and

failure to appear.

- **DEVANTE BERNARD LLOYD**, 23, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief (\$50 to \$500).

- **JESSE RENE LOPEZ**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia; and on warrants for no driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia, and open container in a motor vehicle.

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Support Groups

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mon-

days at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Northwest 10th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Ann Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Sixth and Lancaster streets. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of South Runnels.

- **SMOKE/ODOR REMOVAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Merrily.

Take Note

- Coahoma Junior High School 8th graders will be hosting a Pizza Inn Dough-Raiser to help raise funds for their upcoming trip to Washington D.C. The fundraiser will be held from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday at Pizza Inn, 700 E. FM 700.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

- The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

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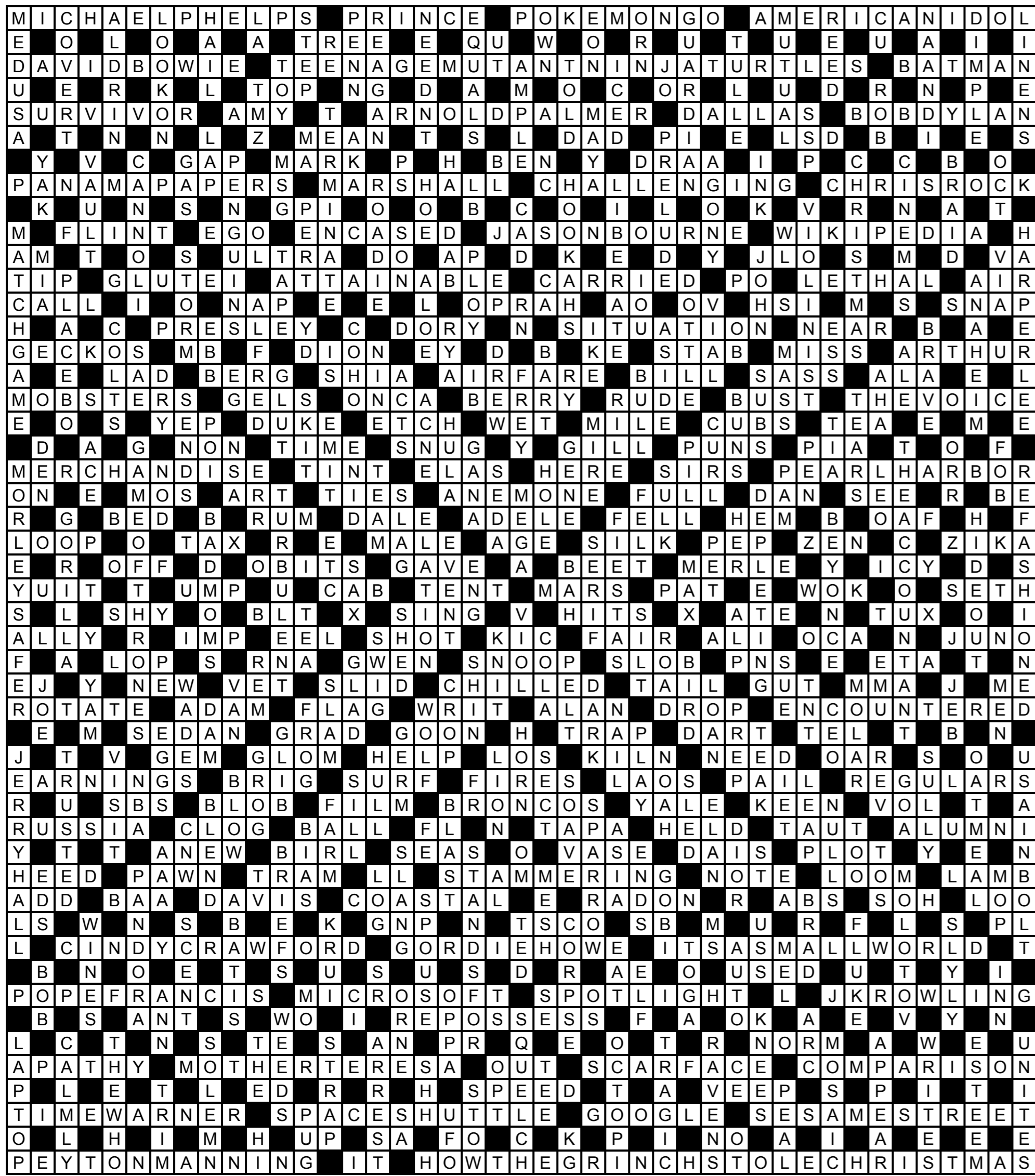
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Panel delays decision on whether to release Manson follower

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A two-member parole panel delayed making a decision Thursday on whether to release an accomplice of cult killer Charles Manson who is the longest-serving female inmate in California.

After a daylong hearing, the panel from the Board of Parole Hearings postponed a decision on whether to recommend freeing Patricia Krenwinkel "because they felt information discussed at the hearing was cause for an investigation," spokeswoman Vicky Waters said in an email.

The hearing will be continued once the investigation is concluded, she said.

Sharon Tate's sister, Debra Tate, said the parole officials told her the hearing was likely to be postponed about six months while they research to see if Krenwinkel meets the criteria for having battered women's syndrome.

Krenwinkel's attorney,

Keith Wattle, confirmed that account but did not comment on the postponement.

"She totally minimized her actions and blamed everything on other people the whole hearing," Tate said.

Tate said she didn't buy the concept that Krenwinkel was a victim because she was free to leave at any time and participated in murders two nights in a row.

"We all have to be accountable for our actions. I don't buy any of this stuff. She was there because she wanted to be there. Nobody held a gun to her head," Tate said.

Anthony DiMaria, the nephew of victim Thomas Jay Sebring, said a Los Angeles County prosecutor who attended the hearing told him that the parole officials want to research whether Krenwinkel was a victim of intimate partner battery.

"For this investigation to be initiated at this point is mind-boggling," said DiMaria, who

attended the hearing but left before a decision was postponed. "I don't understand where we go from a murder, the killing of eight people (including Tate's unborn child) to an intimate partner battery victim. It's absurd It seems like the world is turned upside down. How do you kill eight people and now you're the victim?"

Jean Guccione, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, said prosecutors would not comment until the parole panel makes its recommendation after the investigation.

The decision to delay by the panel came after the 69-year-old Krenwinkel was previously denied parole 13 times, most recently in 2011.

Krenwinkel acknowledged during her trial that she chased down and repeatedly stabbed Abigail Ann Folger, the 26-year-old heiress of a coffee fortune, at Tate's home and helped kill grocer Leno

LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, the following night.

Los Angeles County prosecutors say Krenwinkel carved the word "war" into Leno LaBianca's stomach then wrote "Helter Skelter" in blood on the couple's refrigerator.

Wattle successfully petitioned the state to hold the parole hearing a year early at the California Institution for Women, about 40 miles east of Los Angeles, where Krenwinkel is imprisoned.

Krenwinkel contended at her previous parole hearing in 2011 that she is a changed woman. She has a clean disciplinary record, earned a bachelor's degree behind bars, taught illiterate inmates to read and trained service dogs for disabled people.

Krenwinkel was a 19-year-old secretary when she met Manson at a party. She testified at her previous hearing that she left everything behind three days later to pur-

sue what she believed was a budding romance with him.

She wept and apologized, saying she became a "monster" after she met Manson.

"I committed myself fully to him. I committed myself to the act of murder," she said then. "I was willing to sacrifice others' lives for my own."

Prosecutors say the slayings were an attempt to ignite a race war after which Manson and his followers would rise from the rubble to rule the world.

Krenwinkel was initially sentenced to death, but the California Supreme Court invalidated the death penalty in 1972.

Gov. Jerry Brown has the power to block the release of inmates if parole is granted. He previously stopped the parole of Manson followers Leslie Van Houten, 67, and Bruce Davis, 74.

Krenwinkel became the state's longest-serving female inmate when fellow Manson follower Susan Atkins died of cancer in prison in 2009.

Pay to rise for millions as 19 states increase minimum wage

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — It will be a happy New Year indeed for millions of the lowest-paid U.S. workers. Nineteen states, including New York and California, will ring in the year with an increase in the minimum wage.

Massachusetts and Washington state will have the highest new minimum wages in the country, at \$11 per hour.

California will raise its wage to \$10.50 for businesses with 26 or more employees. New York state is taking a regional approach, with the wage rising to \$11 in New York City, to \$10.50 for small businesses in the city, \$10 in its downstate suburbs and \$9.70 elsewhere. Some specific businesses — fast-food restaurants and the smallest New York City businesses — will have slightly different wage requirements.

"This \$1.50 increase, I cannot even comprehend or tell you how important this will be," said Alvin Major, a New York City fast-food worker. The 51-year-old father of four helped lead the fight for the increase in his state, one of several successful efforts by fast-food workers and other low wage workers around the country. "The price of food has gone up. Rent has gone up. Everything has gone up. ... This will make a difference for so many people."

Voters in Arizona, Maine, Colorado and Washington approved increases in this year's election. Seven other states, Alaska, Florida, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio and South Dakota, are automatically raising the wage based on indexing. The

other states seeing increases are Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Michigan and Vermont.

Additional increases are slated for later in the year in Oregon, Washington, D.C., and Maryland.

In Arizona, the state Chamber of Commerce and Industry filed a lawsuit challenging the increase, which will raise the minimum wage from \$8.05 to \$10. On Thursday, the Arizona Supreme Court refused to temporarily block the raise.

Workers and labor advocates argue the increases will help low-wage workers now barely making ends meet and boost the economy by giving some consumers more money to spend. But many business owners opposed the higher wages, saying they would lead to higher prices and greater automation.

Some restaurant owners may consider reducing portion sizes or charging for side dishes that were once included in the price of a meal to absorb the increase, according to Melissa Fleischut, president of the New York State Restaurant Association.

"I'm sure prices will go up where they can, but restaurants want to avoid sticker shock," she said. "They're going to have to get creative."

The adjustments in New York, California and several other states are part of a series of gradual increases to a \$12 or \$15 hourly wage.

The minimum wage will also go up this weekend in 22 cities and counties, including San Diego, San Jose and Seattle.

The high number of states and localities raising the wage this year reflects the successful work of fast-food workers and organized labor, according to Tseyede Gebreselassie, senior staff attorney at the National Employment Law Project, as well as fed-

eral inaction on the wage. The national minimum was last raised, to \$7.25, in 2009.

Magnitude 6.2 earthquake hits region in eastern Indonesia

TOLOTANGGA, Indonesia (AP) — A magnitude 6.2 earthquake on Friday hit a region in the eastern part of Indonesia, the U.S. Geological Survey reported.

The earthquake hit about 6:30 a.m. in the Sumbawa region, the agency said. The epicenter was about 33 kilometers south of the village of Tolotangga, which is 1,350 kilometers east of the nation's capital, Jakarta.

The earthquake was about 72 kilometers deep, the agency said.

In a statement, Indonesia's National Disaster Mitigation Agency said the earthquake was also felt in the neighboring province of East Nusa Tenggara and the tourist island of Bali.

The earthquake caused many residents in the areas hit to pour out from their houses, the agency said. But it added that there were no immediate reports of damages or casualties.

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Doris Atkinson Hitch, 70, died Saturday. She will be in-state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Helen (MeMaw) Eggleston, 83, died Monday. Family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Friday with the funeral service at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Franklin Morton, 67, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruthie Elsberry, 90, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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better with our struggle," he said. Frazier added that the attack was a "game changer. It changed the perception of law enforcement. It reversed the role after Ferguson. We were the pursuer and now, we're being pursued."

Less than two weeks after the Dallas attack, a lone gunman in Baton Rouge shot and killed three officers and wounded three others outside a convenience store in the weeks after a black man, 37-year-old Alton Sterling, was shot and killed by police during a struggle.

Baton Rouge Police Cpl. Lester Mitchell was partners with Matthew Gerald, one of the three slain officers, and was among the officers who raced to the scene of

the shooting that also killed sheriff's deputy Brad Garafola and officer Montrell Jackson. Mitchell has daily reminders of the deadly shootout, driving past the scene on his way to police headquarters.

"Just passing there, you can't help but replay it over and over again," he said.

Mitchell said the shooting has made him more alert and aware of potential dangers on patrol, sometimes in situations that wouldn't have alarmed him before, like a hand in a pocket. "You learn to cope with it, because if you don't, you can drive yourself crazy," he said.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Floyd said the impact of this year has been profound on law enforcement. Agencies are struggling to recruit officers to their ranks

and those who continue to serve "talk about how their head is now on a swivel."

"They're always looking over their shoulder, always worrying about the next attack that could come at any time from any direction," Floyd said.

That was underscored by the slaying in November of a San Antonio detective who was fatally shot and killed outside police headquarters as he was writing a traffic ticket. The man accused of shooting him said he was angry about a child-custody battle and simply "lashed out at somebody who didn't deserve it."

Pane reported from Atlanta. Associated Press writers Claudia Lauer in Dallas and Mike Kunzelman in Baton Rouge contributed to this report.

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The First Day Hike will be held on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The hike will take off from the Recreational Hall. For additional information about either event, call the state park office at 325-728-3931.

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Texas teenager opts for pushups after being caught with pot

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A North Texas police officer recently gave a teenager the option of being cited for marijuana possession or doing 200 pushups after the boy was caught smoking pot outside a movie theater. The teen opted for the pushups Monday after Arlington officer Eric Ball smelled the odor of marijuana. Police Lt. Christopher Cook says Ball was working an off-duty detail at the theater when he encountered the teen. He found the boy's mother inside and the woman hugged and thanked the officer. Cook says the boy was respectful and realized he'd made a mistake. He says Ball played football under coaches who used pushups to ensure discipline.

A video showing the teen struggling to complete the pushups was posted on Facebook and has been viewed more than 100,000 times.

Judge: Texas must give number of heat-related prison deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has ordered the state to disclose the number of heat-related deaths that have occurred in Texas prisons since 1990.

U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison at a hearing Wednesday in Houston gave the state 30 days to comply.

The order comes as part of a federal civil rights lawsuit filed in 2013 that contends at least 13 inmates have died of heat-related deaths since 2007, including 11 in 2011 when a heat wave brought some of the hottest temperatures on record.

The Houston Chronicle reports the lawsuit argues more than 1,400 prison inmates, most of them elderly and disabled, are suffering "cruel and unusual punishment" by enduring extreme summer heat without air-conditioning.

There are 109 state prison facilities in Texas, with 30 that are air-conditioned in all housing areas.

2 killed in military helicopter crash in Galveston Bay

LA PORTE, Texas (AP) — Texas Army National Guard officials say two crew members aboard an Apache helicopter on a routine training mission have died when their aircraft crashed in Galveston Bay just off the shoreline about 25 miles southeast of Houston.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Glen Webb says names of the victims are being withheld until their relatives are notified. The helicopter was based at nearby Ellington Field. Witnesses said the aircraft broke apart in the air late Wednesday afternoon. Debris and a small oil slick were on the bay. A piece of the chopper's blade was found on land near the crash site. Divers were working into the night to retrieve the victims. The wheels of the helicopter poked above the water's surface about 25 yards from shore near a vacant cruise ship terminal.

Texas man with life sentence for wife's slaying free on bond

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area man whose life prison sentence for the 1999 killing of his pregnant wife was vacated by Texas' highest criminal court has been freed on bond.

David Mark Temple walked out of the Harris County Jail late Wednesday afternoon after nine years in a Texas prison.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last month ruled the outcome of Temple's trial would have been different if a Harris County prosecutor hadn't withheld evidence from his attorneys and had disclosed other evidence to them sooner.

Prosecutors accused Temple of staging a burglary at his suburban Houston home and fatally shooting his wife, Belinda, because he was having an affair. She was seven months' pregnant. He wasn't charged until five years later. Temple is due in court next week for a hearing.

Suspect in fatal stabbing in Rhode Island arrested in Texas

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A suspect in a fatal stabbing in Rhode Island has been arrested in Texas. East Providence Police say 29-year-old James Stevens, of Providence, was arrested Wednesday afternoon in El Paso, Texas. Stevens is accused of stabbing 24-year-old Jasper Williams on Dec. 10 in East Providence. Williams later died of his injuries at Rhode Island Hospital. East Providence Police say a U.S. Marshals task force captured Stevens and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office is holding him as a fugitive.

Video appears to show Texas police shooting man walking away

By DAVID WARREN

DALLAS (AP) — A police dashcam video released five months after a Texas officer shot a black man appears to show the man walking away as the officer fired, and the man's lawyer says he was not a threat.

David Collie was shot in the back, leaving him paralyzed, lawyer Nate Washington said Wednesday. Police said at the time of the July encounter that a Fort Worth officer fired twice, striking Collie "once in the lower torso."

The officer and a Tarrant County sheriff's deputy with him were off-duty at the time and working a security detail at an apartment complex, Washington said.

Police were searching for two shirtless black men who they believed had committed a robbery near a gas station, Washington said. Authorities said in a news release they issued at the time that Collie pulled a box cutter from his pocket and pointed it at the officers.

Collie was charged with aggravated assault on a public servant but a grand jury declined to indict him.

Fort Worth police on Wednesday defended the actions of the officers, who they have not named. Sgt. Marc Povero said in a statement that Collie failed to comply with commands to stop and that he appeared to point a silver object at the deputy, consistent with earlier reports by

the robbery victim that a suspect flashed a silver handgun. Washington said Collie was not involved in the robbery. A box cutter found nearby didn't belong to Collie, Washington said.

The shooting occurred late at night and darkness obscures Collie's actions, but the video seems to show him pointing in another direction as he walks away and it is not clear if there is anything in his hand.

Povero said a department review of the incident had been completed but declined to discuss the outcome. The officer who shot Washington has since returned to duty, he said. Povero declined to comment on the race of the officer.

Samantha Jordan, a spokeswoman for the Tarrant County District Attorney's office, said all police-involved shootings are submitted directly and without recommendation to the grand jury, where Collie's case is currently pending.

"We've reviewed the evidence," Jordan said. "Since it is pending, we can't comment."

The 33-year-old Collie was walking from work to a friend's apartment when the officers approached him in their patrol vehicle, Washington said. The video appears to show the Fort Worth officer firing his weapon about 10 seconds after exiting the vehicle and as Collie walked away.

The video was obtained about three weeks ago from the Tar-

rant County district attorney's office through an open-records request, Washington said. The attorney said he released the video Tuesday at a news conference at Collie's insistence because Collie was tired of comments made to his mother by people assuming he must have done something wrong.

Washington said Collie wanted to make clear he "didn't do anything to threaten an officer."

The two officers argued over the decision to fire on Collie, Washington said, and the deputy prayed with him as he was on the ground.

"I don't believe most people are racist but there are indeed racial biases that persist, and they don't go away when you go to the police academy," Washington said. "Having racial biases doesn't necessarily make you a bad person but we need to find a way to remove them when it comes to police work."

The release of the video came just days after the Fort Worth police were in the spotlight over another incident. A cell-phone video captured a white Fort Worth officer last week wrestling a black woman to the ground and then arresting her and her two daughters. The officer appeared to be argumentative and escalate the encounter with the woman, who had called police following an encounter between her son and a neighbor. The video has been viewed millions of times.

Speculation mounts on race between top two Texas Republicans



AP photo

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, right, delivers his State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate in Austin, Texas. Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick is at left. The top two Republican leaders in Texas continue to downplay a possible intraparty battle for governor in 2018, despite Lt. Gov. Patrick's repeated efforts to move to Gov. Abbott's right on key conservative issues. (Eric Gay, File/Associated Press)

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick brushed aside speculation of a 2018 gubernatorial run at the end of Texas' last legislative session, insisting he'd never challenge his "close friend" and fellow Republican Greg Abbott.

But more than 18 months after that declaration to reporters — which came without anyone actually asking about a potential intraparty clash —

Patrick has meticulously moved to the governor's right on many issues that GOP primary voters hold dear.

Patrick fully embraced Donald Trump before

the election, while Abbott kept his distance. The lieutenant governor also has become Texas' leading social conservative voice, promising to impose strict state transgender bathroom rules, promoting school vouchers and blaming Black Lives Matter for encouraging anti-police sentiment.

Patrick is a tea party-backed, fiery former conservative talk radio host, while the governor is a lawyerly, ex-Texas Supreme Court justice who appeals more broadly to traditional Republicans. Both are downplaying possible intraparty gubernatorial fight that could send shockwaves through America's second-largest state, while also giving no indication they won't simply seek re-election to their perspective posts in two years.

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verted to going 1-on-1.

"Tonight we did for sure," Walton said. "When we are at our best, that's not the case. We kept trying to get it all back in one play."

Julius Randle scored 18 points and Nick Young had 17 for the Lakers.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Forward Dirk Nowitzki missed the game with a fever. ... Guard Jose Juan Barea was out with a left leg muscle strain. ... Barnes continues to emerge for the Mavs, having led them in scoring in 17 of their first 31 games.

Lakers: Journeyman forward Thomas Robinson, signed as a free agent in September, continues his recent roll of valuable minutes. He scored a season-high 10 points Tuesday and in his last four games has shot 72.2 percent (13 of 18). ... Assistant coach Mark Madson remains out following his appendectomy Tuesday.

YOUNG ENOUGH

Young hit his first six shots, including his first five 3-pointers, before missing his final two shots. He did not score in the fourth quarter.

"We just got outside ourselves," Young said. "We weren't looking to pass the ball. A lot of 1-on-1 in the second half. That's weak basketball."

POWELL IMPACT

The third-year forward out of Stanford made 7-of-9 field goals, and added six rebounds to go with his 14 points in 14 minutes.

"Dwight was terrific," Carlisle said. "He was making a huge impact with rolls to the basket."

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Head to Oakland to meet the Golden State Warriors, owners of the NBA's best record, on Friday.

Lakers: Will host the Toronto Raptors on Sunday in the fourth of five consecutive home games. The Raptors blew out the Lakers 113-80 last month in Toronto.

Aggies drop SEC opener to Tennessee

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Rick Barnes invited his former standout guard at Texas, T.J. Ford, to give a pre-game speech to Barnes' Tennessee squad at Texas A&M on Thursday night.

"He told us just play hard, and everything else will take care of itself," Volunteers guard Detrick Mostella said. "And that there's nothing like beating Texas A&M."

The Volunteers found out firsthand in Reed Arena, as Lamonte Turner scored 14 points and Mostella added 13 in Tennessee's 73-63 victory in the teams' Southeastern Conference opener.

The Volunteers (8-5) overwhelmed the Aggies (8-4) in points off turnovers (19-6), while creating 16 A&M turnovers to 10 of their own.

"This was a great win for us, and a great effort by a lot of different guys," Barnes said. "Texas A&M does so many things that are hard to defend, so we had to be as scrappy as we could be defensively."

ALAMO

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thud: consecutive losses in the Pac-12 title game and the program's first bowl appearance since 2007.

Senior quarterback Sefo Liufau passed for 195 yards and ran for a touchdown for the Buffaloes (10-4), but was sidelined for part of the second and third quarters after limping off following a sack.

"We did something special. We didn't finish with an exclamation point ... but I wouldn't trade this season for anything," Liufau said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Colorado: Thrust into the defensive play-calling role for the bowl game, Colorado safeties coach Joe Tumpkin had a tall order in trying to keep up with Oklahoma State head coach and offensive guru Mike Gundy. The Buffaloes were solid in the first half but had no answer for

A&M's D.J. Hogg led all scorers with 21 points, and the Aggies' Tonny Trochamores grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds. A&M center Tyler Davis only made three of his nine field-goal attempts, as Tennessee provided plenty of backside help in slowing the Aggies' top player.

The teams were tied 29-all at halftime. Hogg scored 13 points over the first 20 minutes, making all three of his 3-point attempts in that span. But he cooled off in the second half right along with his teammates.

"Tennessee came in here aggressive, and really tried to attack us," A&M coach Billy Kennedy said. "They out-physicaled us, and did a much better job of bothering us than anybody we've played."

Vols point guard Jordan Bone returned to action after missing the last nine games because of a stress fracture in his foot. He played eight minutes and missed all three of his field-goal attempts.

The Vols snapped a four-game losing streak to A&M, with all of those games as SEC foes, and eased ahead in the all-time series 6-5.

"This is a big win, and last season we really didn't have the power to come on the road and get a big win," Mostella said of last year's 15-19 team.

Barnes, who coached at Texas from 1998-2015, hadn't coached in Reed Arena since 2012, prior to the Aggies exiting the Big 12 for the SEC.

"I love the state of Texas, and always have," said Barnes, in his second season at Tennessee. "And I've always had so much respect for (Texas A&M) and the people here."

BIG PICTURE

Tennessee: The Volunteers are sitting pretty following a surprising road victory to start SEC play, considering the Aggies were picked by the media in a preseason poll to finish third in the league and the Vols 13th.

Texas A&M: The Aggies are in danger of starting league

play in a deep hole following a home loss against a team they expected to beat. A&M's next two games are at No. 8 Kentucky and at South Carolina, two of the league's top teams to start the season.

STAT OF THE NIGHT

Tennessee proved to have a much deeper bench than A&M, with the Volunteers reserves outscoring their Aggies counterparts 30-8. Billy Kennedy said the Volunteers 10-player rotation wore down A&M in the second half.

HEAD TURNER

The Aggies entered the game as one of the league's best shot blockers, but Tennessee's Grant Williams turned A&M on its ear with six of the Volunteers' nine blocks. The Aggies collected a season-low two blocks.

HE SAID IT

"It really does feel different, coming in here with a team that says, 'Tennessee,' on it."

Rick Barnes, who spent 17 seasons coaching Texas against archrival A&M, when both were Big 12 members.

Washington. The receiver easily beat all-Pac-12 cornerback Chidobe Awuzie, who was struggling with a turf toe injury, on several catches. The defense eventually gave out in the second as the Cowboys piled on the points.

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys delivered one of the best defensive performances from a Big 12 team all season. The Cowboys beat up the Buffaloes quarterbacks and gave up a few big plays but didn't break near the goal line.

"We played with a savage mentality. We didn't want to let any points on the board," Oklahoma State safety Jordan Sterns said.

INJURED LIUFU

Colorado's record-setting senior quarterback has been hampered by injuries during his career and couldn't make it to halftime of his last game unscathed.

He limped off the field after taking consecutive sacks in the second quarter that ag-

gravated a high ankle sprain that knocked him out of several games this season. Colorado's only two regular-season losses came when he was out.

"I don't know how much the guy weighs but when he lands on it, it's not comfortable," Liufau said.

Steven Montez, who was 1-2 as a starter this season, replaced Liufau for several series but had his second throw intercepted near the Oklahoma State goal line when he badly underthrew a flea-flicker. By the time Liufau returned, Colorado was trailing 24-0.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Colorado: The Buffaloes won't finish where they'd hoped but will still likely finish in the Top 25 to cap their season-long turnaround. Even with two losses, they've built momentum for the future under coach Mike McIntyre.

"(The seniors) truly rose

this program from the ashes," MacIntyre said. "It was a burnt house when these seniors got here."

Oklahoma State: A dominant win behind their most dynamic players and an impressive defense could push the Cowboys into a Top 10 finish. And oh, what might have been if not for the botched officiating at the end of a loss to Central Michigan in the second game of the season.

UP NEXT

Colorado: The Buffaloes won't be a surprise team in 2017 and will have to follow their big season without Liufau and eight senior starters on defense. Colorado opens 2017 against Colorado State in Denver on Sept. 2.

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys expect to be a big factor in the Big 12 in 2017 with Rudolph and Washington leading as many as 13 returning starters. Their season opener is Sept. 2 at home against Tulsa.

STARS

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pads. But Duchene was then shoved from behind by Radek Faksa and fell backward on the ice after his face hit the crossbar.

Duchene, the third overall pick in the 2009 draft by Colorado, became only the second member of that draft class to reach 400 NHL points. The other is New York Islanders captain John Tavares, who was the first overall pick that year and reached

400 points late in the 2014-15 season.

"I didn't really think about it much. It's obviously nice to get there and get that out of the way," Duchene said. "It's something that maybe I'll enjoy later on in the year or after the season's over, but it's never really anytime to celebrate when you lose a game."

NOTES: Dallas was 0-for-6 on the power play; Colorado 0-for-4. ... Stars C Cody Eakin was back after serving a four-game suspension for charging New York

Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist on Dec. 15. ... Tyson Barrie assisted on both Colorado goals. ... Stars RW Patrick Eaves got his 100th career assist in the first period on Devin Shore's sixth goal of the season.

UP NEXT:

Avalanche: Hosts the New York Rangers on New Year's Eve. Colorado has lost nine straight home games since Nov. 15.

Stars: Home for their annual New Year's Eve game. They host Florida on Saturday night.

BAYLOR

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were very unselfish and just got the ball to them. I was concerned with the layoff, being slow and lethargic. And we certainly weren't at our best, but we have enough depth to get them, get them out."

Kindred Wesemann led Kansas State (10-3, 0-1) with 16 points. Breanna Lewis had 14 points and a team-high seven rebounds. Karyla Middlebrook scored 13 before fouling out in the

fourth quarter.

No other Wildcats player scored more than three points, and Kansas State shot 29.8 percent for the game.

"(Baylor's) physicality, the size, is a problem for most people," Kansas State coach Jeff Mittie said. "Tonight for our big (Lewis), who I think is pretty good, it was a problem for her. She got anxious early against Brown. She had some travels early, but she played better in the second half. I think their depth is the best I've seen it certainly in

the last four years."

Baylor broke open a close game with a 13-2 run over the final 4:20 of the first quarter.

BIG PICTURE

Kansas State: It was a tough assignment to start conference play for Kansas State. Baylor has won 49 straight at the Ferrell Center and 175 in a row against unranked opponents at home. The Wildcats have some size inside in the 6-foot-5 Lewis, but they couldn't find anybody who could move the 6-7 Brown off the block.

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach us please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven’t been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: “Morning Meditation Thoughts”. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran hour.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Waltherhouse and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church encourage you to gather with them in worship of The Living Hope, Jesus Christ, Sunday at 10:50 am or 2:00 pm. Select the time that is best for you, and join BHDC in a blessed time of praising God and learning from His Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to connect with us and here are a number of ways you can do so:

Sunday, January 1st- Join us at our 10:30 a.m. worship service as we celebrate the New Year with worship, fellowship and an amazing word. Don’t forget to bring your joy, enthusiasm and excitement.

Sunday, January 8th- Sunday school classes: The first class, which is currently underway is entitled The Indestructible Marriage. A guide for achieving a lasting and thriving relationship by Jimmy Evans. (Married couples only course) from 9am-10am held in the Chapel/ARC academic resource center. If you are interested in attending, see below for contact information.

Monday, January 9th-Far Above Rubies Women’s Ministry. Women we will be gathering in the youth area at 6PM. for food, fun and fellowship. Each lady is asked to bring a favorite dish to share. For more information contact Debbie Rieger 432-935-1257

Tuesday, January 10th-Fifty and over small group will be gathering at 7pm for potluck and game night at Steve & Faye Flowers residence located at 2405 East 25th Street. For more information please contact Faye Flowers at 432-213-3883.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church that cultivates an atmosphere of faith so lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 10:30am and Wednesday at 7pm for worship

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other question about the ministry

contact our Administrative Office at 432.264.0015 or email us Info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigspring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigspring); or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Baptist Church

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has gone, the new has come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17 First Baptist Church family extends a heartfelt invitation to begin 2017 by worshipping with them Sunday morning at 10:50. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message titled “It’s a New Day”. Drawn from Philippians 3:13-14, this passage encourages listeners to stretch forward into the new year and trust God for His perfect guidance. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of hymns and songs which will include: “Another Year is Dawning”; “Crown Him With Many Crowns”; “Love the Lord”, and “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”. Alan will also honor God by bringing a special music offering.

Due to the New Year holiday, there will be no Sunday School or evening service.

Church offices will be closed Monday January 2. All regularly scheduled activities resume January 3.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. The congregation of First Baptist Church wishes everyone a blessed 2017.

First Presbyterian Church

The weekly Lectionary Bible study and Chancel Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 4, at 5 and 6 p.m. respectively.

Take Ten will be provided by Paula Farquhar. Lector for January is Marj Carpenter, except for January 29, when the Youth will fill the position. Ushers for the month are John Yater, Jenn Patterson, Paula Farquhar, and Jim Little. Communion servers are the new Session members: Buddy Cochrane, Cici Halleford, Laura Holleman, and Danny Kennemur.

This Sunday, the Second Sunday in Christmastide, Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and officiate at Communion.

Please note: Sunday worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. to allow for parish concerns and prayer requests before the radio broadcast on KBST 1490, which begins at 11:00.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just

Did you ever wonder? God’s land

Centuries earlier God promised He would rid the land of the Canaanite peoples because they were terribly wicked and worshipped other gods... idols. God swore to Abraham and again to Jacob that this was His land, and He would give it to His people, the Israelites.

God placed His seal on the rock on Mt. Mariah. That is likely the rock upon which God stood when He wrestled with Jacob. It is probably the location of the altar where God asked if Abraham would give his son to God.

That huge rock later became the threshing floor of Araunah. God directed David to pay for the threshing floor, not to accept it as a gift from a Canaanite.

Later Solomon built the Temple upon the rock. And that rock became the resting place for the Ark of the Covenant... God’s earthly throne when he dwelt among His people.

Joshua served Moses many years. Likely he was the scribe who wrote all that Moses spoke.

Joshua served God with his whole heart. When it was time for Moses to die, God placed some of Moses blessing on Joshua and made him leader of the Israelites.

God instructed Joshua how to attack Jericho. The Israelites obeyed God and miraculously conquered the city of Jericho. In their enthusiasm, the Israelites hurried to battle against Ai without seeking God’s counsel. Achan had sinned against God so God was not with them.

Joshua prayed to God asking forgiveness. God forgave them and told Joshua His plan; then the Israelites conquered Ai.

Five of the nearby Amorite city-kings banded together against the Israelites. God told Joshua not to be afraid, for the Lord would fight for His people.

Joshua and the army marched all night and attacked them at

daylight. While the Amorites fled, God rained down huge hailstones on them, killing more than were killed by the sword.

Joshua raised his hands and praised God; “Stand still, O sun, at Gibeon, O moon, in the Valley of Aijalon!” And the sun stood still and the moon halted, while the nation wreaked judgment on its foes—as is written in the Book of Jashar. (Josh 10:12-13) The Book of Jashar is believed to be a collection of war songs.

God inhabits His praise! And He honored Joshua’s request. “There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a man,” Josh 10:18. Other places mention “the one long day.”

Joshua praised God and followed all that He said. In all God led them to conquer 31 Canaanite city-states.

Now that the fighting was over, God was ready for each tribe to receive their portion of the land. Joshua was growing old and God ordered him to settle the tribes on the inheritance Moses had already assigned to them.

Caleb petitioned for the hill country around Hebron because this is the area that he explored when he was one of the twelve spies. Caleb and Joshua were the only two spies who gave a favorable report of the land. Caleb was rewarded with that portion of the hill country because he was loyal to the Lord, the God of Israel.

When it was time for Joshua to meet the Lord at one hundred and ten years of age, he addressed the whole assembly. He reminded them of the many times the Lord had blessed them and the many times God had forgiven them when they had forsaken Him. Joshua challenged them to “choose this day which god you will serve! As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!”

Eunice Filler, author of “Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea,” is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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off Greg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Each Sunday morning, the 9 AM Traditions service features the church’s pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge at 11 AM is led by the church’s worship band and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio, and many others. The Bridge at 11 AM is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

The church’s Epic Youth Ministry will hold its annual New Year’s Eve celebration on Saturday night. Youth from across Howard County will gather in the Partee Youth Building to ring in the New Year from 8 pm to 12:30 am.

The evening’s festivities will include a magic show by Ben Nabors. Ben is a member of the Wesley Foundation staff at West Texas A & M University. Dan Bonds will also share a New Year’s message.

First Methodist will be back to its regular Sunday schedule on Sunday, January 1. The church’s Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) will host a church-wide Black Eyed Pea lunch that day. Serving will begin in Garrett Hall at 11 am and last till 1 pm.

The church will also move back to a modified schedule on Wednesday. Noon Bible Study will meet again in Garrett Hall with the meal service commencing at 11:50 am. Pastor Ivins will continue his survey of the Bible with a look at the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament.

On Wednesday night, the Bridge Worship Band will rehearse at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. At 7:30 pm, the Adult Celebration Choir will rehearse in the Music Suite. The church’s Epic Youth Ministry will also gather at 6 pm in the Partee Youth Building.

On Wednesday, January 11, the church will be back to its regular Wednesday Night schedule with supper at 5:30 pm and various age level groups meeting at 6 pm. The church’s children’s choir will begin rehearsing their annual Spring musical that night.

Pastor Bill Ivins is leading a group to the Holy Land in June 2017. Those interested in going are invited to attend an informational lunch at Joe’s Italian Restaurant on Sunday, January 8 following the 11 am worship service.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

Scholars fret about fate of 'holy grail' German abbey books

By DAVID RISING

Associated Press

ALTOMUENSTER, Germany (AP) — It was filthy, cramped and in major disarray, but when art historian Eva Lindqvist Sandgren entered the library in Altomuenster Abbey, off-limits to all but the German monastery's nuns for more than five centuries, she immediately knew she was looking at a major treasure.

The dusty shelves held at least 500 books, by her estimate, including precious illuminated manuscripts from the 16th century, chants used by the uniquely women-led Bridgettine Order and processions bursting with colorful religious and ornamental decoration in their margins.

Unlike most Bridgettine libraries, the tomes had survived the Protestant Reformation, the 30 Years War and Germany's "secularization," when the state took most church property. It represents the most complete collection of the order known today.

"I had entered a time capsule," said Lindqvist Sandgren, a senior lecturer at Sweden's Uppsala University.

Surprised by the spontaneous decision by Altomuenster's last remaining nun, Sister Apollonia Buchinger, to open the library, 20 scholars including Sandgren made plans to return and meticulously catalog the remarkable collection. But before they could, the Vatican ordered the abbey in the Bavarian town of 7,500 closed and locked up the library, which also contains some 2,300 statues, paintings and other works of art.

If plans go ahead to close it down, all of the abbey's property — the books, the artworks, the city block-sized abbey, and the acres of forests and fields that make up the monastery grounds would be turned over to the dioceses of Munich and Freising.

Altomuenster is the end of a subway line from Munich, one of Germany's most expensive cities, and its land alone is thought to be worth tens of millions of euros (dollars) — assets that Sister Apollonia thinks the dioceses are eager to get their hands on.

Since 1496, the former Benedictine abbey in Altomuenster has housed a female religious order founded by Saint Bridget in Sweden in the 14th century. It is one of three monasteries of the original branch of the scholarly, monastic order operating today. But with its numbers in decline, Sister Apollonia now lives there alone. The Vatican requires at least three nuns to train novices to become nuns, prompting the decision to shut the abbey down.

The Franciscan nun the Vatican put in charge of the closure, Sister Gabriele Konrad, says the collections are just being kept safe, but she's refused to grant the scholars or anyone else access to the books.

"The value of the library is the ensemble, because it's never been taken apart and probably nobody's removed a significant number of books — it's a working library," said Corine Schlieff, an art historian at Arizona State University who visited the library with Sandgren. "If this should be taken apart and divided up between books that collectors would give tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars for and those only of interest to scholars, it would lose a lot of its value."

Schlieff, Sandgren and other academics have written an open letter to the Vatican, Sister Gabriele and the Munich dioceses — which will inherit Altomuenster's property once it's closed — urging that the library be kept together and made available to the public and offering to catalog it.

Volker Schier of Arizona State University, another expert, estimated the Altomuenster collec-

tion represents around 80 percent of all known Bridgettine books.

Sister Gabriele and the Munich dioceses insist there is no plan to sell the books, and that their experts are perfectly qualified to handle them.

Scholars had known previously there was a library and had been able to ask nuns to bring them specific books to study in common areas of the monastery. But in October 2015, with such a large group of Bridgettine academics visiting, Sister Apollonia decided it made more sense for them to just look for themselves.

After the Vatican, a month later, ordered the monastery closed and Sister Apollonia appealed for more time, the 62-year-old nun with rosy cheeks appealed to the public for support, starting a blog, a Facebook page and a Twitter account to generate interest. She also gave The Associated Press unprecedented access to areas in the labyrinthine monastery previously restricted to nuns.

Sister Apollonia is convinced that, with help from other Bridgettine Orders to bolster her numbers, she can again start training her own novices. She currently has one postulant, a 38-year-old who left a law career last year, but she cannot advance to become a novice without more nuns to train her.

"They say there are too few, but there are some other women who want to join," Sister Apollonia said, expressing hope that perhaps the Vatican might be reconsidering the order to shut down.

The Vatican office in charge has refused to comment on its plans.

Sister Gabriele says the decline of Altomuenster has been going on for decades and previous attempts to bring in others had failed. Two Bridgettines from Mexico came in 2012, only to return home after two weeks because they were homesick.

Reflections: Looking back

A year ago we welcomed 2016 as a bouncing baby boy, wearing nothing but a diaper, a top hat and a sash. In these final days, we are watching 2016 shuffle off the stage, beaten bruised and battered, with shaggy hair and slumped shoulders, his sash tattered and torn. It has been a rough year.

Along the way we said goodbye to celebrities who shaped our landscape: Florence Henderson, mother of the Brady Bunch; Leonard Cohen who taught us to sing "Hallelujah;" Merle Haggard, the "Okie from Muskogee" who died on his 79th birthday; Arnold Palmer, "The King" of golf; Gene Wilder, who took us on wild journeys through a Chocolate Factory, aboard the Silver Streak and Blazing Saddles. We said goodbye to Muhammad Ali who "floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee." We wished a final "God speed" to John Glenn, who inspired us with the "Right Stuff." There are many others.

More importantly, we remember those whose names few others know. We remember those who, in quiet ways with little fanfare, inspired us with their courage, faith and love. The Washington Post ran a collection of stories about such people this week, written by some of their best writers titled, "Grace Unwrapped, stories that prove kindness blossoms during the holidays."

Each of us have family and friends who left leg-

acies of faith and courage. I think of my father. When he was diagnosed with multiple-myeloma in 1974 and volunteered for experimental drugs, knowing the risk. He died 2 years later at age 53 leaving a legacy of courage, faith and friendship. He was a blue collar worker who was employed by Bell Telephone for 25 years. The day before he died he sent a get-well card to a friend on another floor of the hospital where he was fighting for his life. Hundreds attended his funeral. My mother lived as a widow for 35 years and, like my father, left a legacy of faith, courage and love. The day before she died she visited with her grandchildren, prayed with them and blessed them. She was 89.

The Bible teaches us to look back and remember people who can inspire us. Hebrews 11 gives a long list of those who left a legacy of faith: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets.

As we turn our eyes toward 2017, we can draw from those who have blessed our lives. We can face our challenges with courage and hope. As the Hebrews writer concludes, "Seeing we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



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CHURCH

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Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week comes from Hebrews 6:1-3 and is called Momentum.

Forsan Baptist has a new website which contains information about the church and how to contact the people associated with the ministries there. There is also a page where you can listen to previous Sunday morning messages via podcast. Check it out at forsanbaptist.org.

Children's activities on Wednesdays will resume after the Christmas break. The Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 continues throughout the year.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Wednesday services begin at 6:00 P.M. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.



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There's a lunar shift in the evening and a tone shift, as well. If the plan isn't going over in the early hours, and you can't seem to convince the others, sell the product or push the agenda toward any meaningful mark of progress, then back off. Relax. Settle in. The Aquarius moon is coming with a new perspective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Humans consider living in the moment to be an art. Dogs find it to be a way of life. Today you'll be better off not thinking much about it, and simply riffing off of the energies around you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Create accountability, collect data and set up an

organized system for doing so. After all, life is better with systems. You're already following many of them, although unconsciously, to good effect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People study to learn what you already know instinctively. You're too close to understand your own talent, but when you act naturally it will lead to outstanding results today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be happiest in relationships that offer you challenges. You'll work for someone's attention, which makes that person all the more attractive (and attracted) to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Freud noticed that guilt and remorse are often confused, the former stemming from aggressive wishes, the latter a form of self-punishment for the wish fulfilled. As far as today goes, both emotions are useless.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's someone out there who would love to

double your joy and divide your grief. Perhaps this person is already in your world, only you haven't yet shared enough to know how well you fit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It would be nice to be left in your own little corner of the world to do your thing, but life won't let you. Getting along with difficult people will be the difference between success and failure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be moments of feeling lost. Love is the magic that will keep you moving toward "found" status. Connect with that kindred spirit who pushes you forward, forward, ever forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Small amounts of "better" count. In fact, maybe those are the best amounts of all, because they're not too hard to create and they add up quickly. Before you know it, you're big-time better!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're versed in more than one language, if you count cultures as languages. You

understand people of different generations. You make an effort to learn about different worldviews. You'll act as a translator today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What if you took away the operational strata? If all of the people were equal status, all the ideas equally up for investigation, all of the reality open to your interpretation: What then?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). One changed habit will be all it takes to alter your reality. What do you grumble about most often? Give it up for the next three days and your life will change, incrementally at first, and then remarkably.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 30). They love you. Just let them. You'll be showered with affectionate gestures through the first part of the year. School is featured prominently and life-changing relationships happen through the learning process. In April, network and cash in. September brings very successful

business arrangements. Pisces and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 14, 19, 5 and 32.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:

The others are doing what they need to do to make sense of the world. Compassion leads to passion. **TAURUS:** The one who understands the complexity of your life will have your heart. **GEMINI:** Use those eyes -- those clear indicators of your emotional, spiritual and whole self. Work them! **CANCER:** Your romantic ideas will take wing, as long as the other person believes in romance. **LEO:** People change through the years. You'll be surprised at how. **VIRGO:** The ones who respect your boundaries will have your heart. **LIBRA:** Instead of buying into gender roles, treat people as individuals. That will work for you. **SCORPIO:** There will be a willing and interested audience to hear it: Deliver the story of your life. **SAGITTARIUS:** Your

curiosity won't be sated -- a good thing for the longevity of a relationship. **CAPRICORN:** You have fans and you should definitely hang out with them. **AQUARIUS:** Is your guru everything advertised? Maybe not, but you'll still learn something. **PISCES:** Long-term love is an exercise in stamina. No wisdom here, just be validated by the observation.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:

There is quite a lot of attention in the realm of Pisces this weekend, and the Capricorn sun doesn't quite know how to handle such a whimsical energy. This is a "Dharma and Greg" scenario if ever there was one. The intuitive side of life will slam up against practicalities. No one is right; no one is wrong. But each side needs to teach the other a little something about how to get along.

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Annie's Mailbox

Close Colleague

Dear Annie:

A woman recently started to get close with my husband at work. She always finds excuses to ask him to do things with her alone. From what I heard before meeting her, she sounded smart and fun. My husband said that she often asked about me and said she wanted to meet me.

I know my husband and trust him. We love passionately. So I wasn't bothered by it at the beginning and was happy for him to have another friend

at work. But when I invited her to our home with other friends, she always couldn't come for a funny reason.

Then one day, my husband and I ran into her on the street. I was excited to finally meet this amazing woman, but she barely talked to me, looked at me or used my name. She kept seeking eye contact with my husband, saying his name and walking next to him closely so that I had to be squeezed out from the middle and walk behind them. She acted as if she were the wife and I were the third person. I like to see the

good side of people, but I was not able to see that nice person my husband described to me at all. I found her behavior toward me rude and aggressive. If her only intention were to be a good friend of my husband's and she truly had wanted to meet me, she wouldn't have acted so hostilely. I think she is just manipulative.

When I shared my thoughts with my husband, as expected, he didn't want to believe me. Instead, he said I am paranoid and jealous. Of course. She had succeeded in presenting this perfect image of herself to him. Now the more I say against her the more she'll

be the innocent victim. It's a trick that all women know, but very few men are capable of understanding the complexity of women's nature.

I can't stand this disrespect, and I don't want my husband to be around a fake person. How can I get him to realize that she is not what he thinks? I look forward to reading your advice. It will be easier for my husband to get the message when it comes from an independent voice. -- Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

This lady has two faces, and neither one is pretty. With one, she is trying to manipulate a married man into believing she is a sweet pal; with the

other, she's grimacing while all but elbowing his wife into the gutter. Trust your gut, and ask your husband to trust it, too.

Dear Annie:

You printed a letter from "Sick of It," who related that an acquaintance is "crazy," "ridiculous," "filled with hate" and "acting like a spoiled brat." As a clinical social worker, I would like to suggest that this acquaintance may, in fact, be mentally ill. In both the letter and the response, the word "crazy" was used in a pejorative manner, as if it were an acceptable bad name to call someone. If this acquaintance is, in fact, suffering from bipolar disorder or borderline person-

ality disorder, she may not be able to control these behaviors. This wouldn't mean you have to put up with them; some distance might still be the best idea. However, within our culture, "crazy" remains one of the labels we casually damn people with. Mental illness strikes 1 in 4 Americans. Isn't it time to be more sensitive and aware of this? -- Edwin Cole

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By Steve Becker

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- ♠KQ83♥A7♦QJ9♠KQ105
- ♠AK6♥J1087♦Q95♠AQ9

1. **Pass.** Partner obviously has a poor hand, having passed one notrump, then run from one notrump doubled. He might have two or three points, but that's about all you can hope for. It would be wrong to double, or to bid three diamonds; either action offers too much to lose and too little to gain.

2. **Three diamonds.** The same general observations about partner's hand apply in this case, but here there is a much sounder basis for competing further. Instead of relying on point count as a measuring stick, it is best to evaluate the hand from the standpoint of probable winners or losers.

In a diamond contract, your potential losers are two diamonds, a spade, a heart and a club. Three diamonds is

thus unlikely to go down more than one, while East-West can probably make two hearts. Down one at three diamonds, doubled or not, is better than two hearts bid and made. Then, too, partner might even make three diamonds.

3. **Three diamonds.** Here also it is better not to throw in the towel. True, partner may not have a face card, but, even so, he is unlikely to miss by more than one trick. About all he needs for a good shot at eight tricks is five diamonds to the ten.

Of course, partner might have a slightly better hand and make nine tricks, but that is not the main reason for bidding three diamonds. The principle reason is that West can probably make two hearts, and you can prevent this without much risk to your side.

4. **Pass.** You stay put because there is no safe way of competing further. A diamond raise could lead to down two or three, and that would be a prohibitive penalty to pay if you were doubled.

Your potential losers are one spade, two hearts, two or three diamonds and one or two clubs. There is a limit on how far to go in contesting a partscore, and this assortment — with its 4-3-3-3 distribution — is beyond that limit. Furthermore, you have a reasonable possibility of defeating two hearts.

Tomorrow: By the sweat of the brow.
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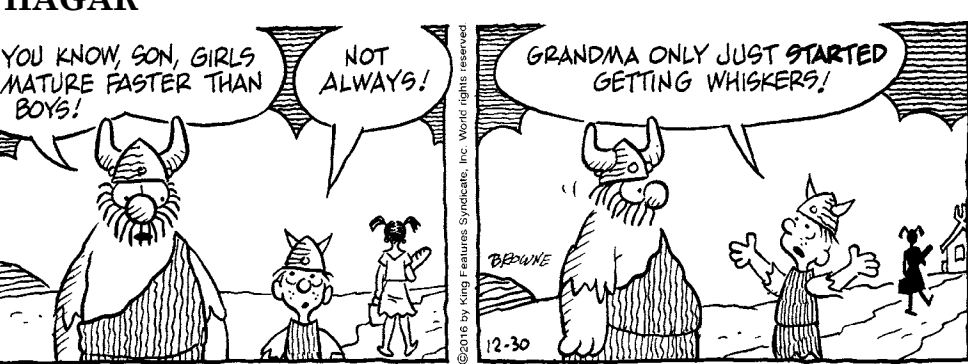
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"You're home! I've been saving this hug for you all day!"

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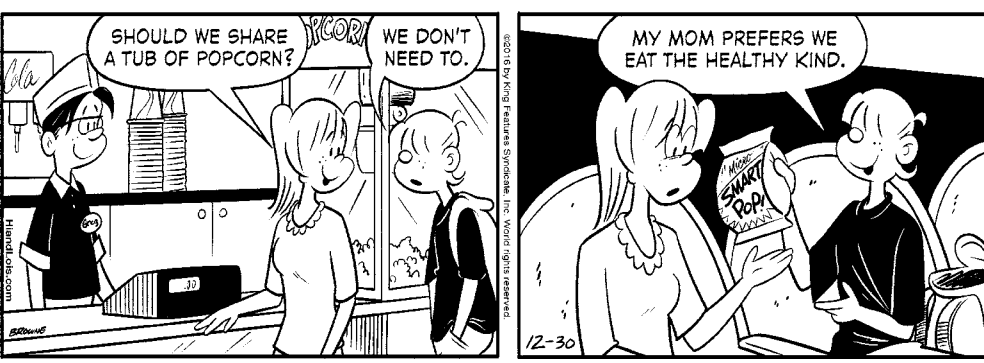
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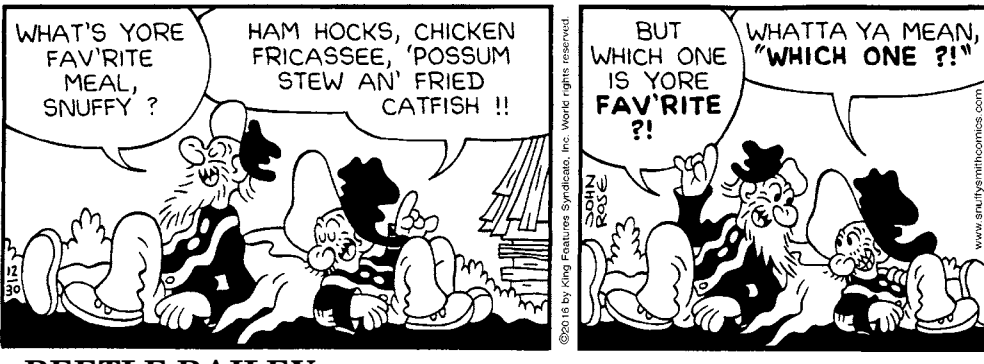
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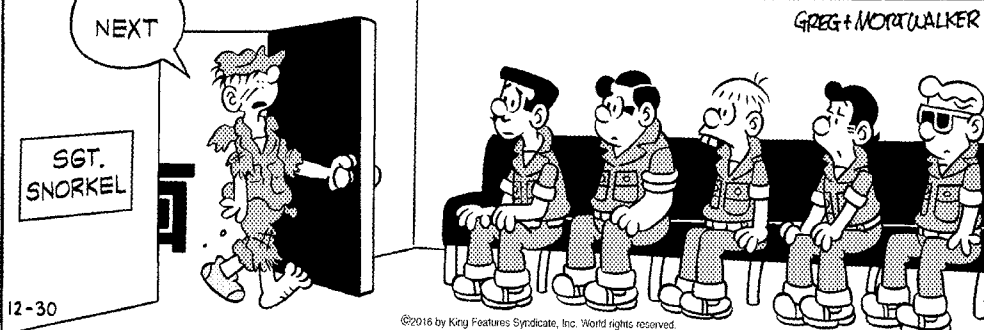
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 30, the 365th day of 2016. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 30, 1916, Grigory Rasputin, the so-called "Mad Monk" who wielded considerable influence with Czar Nicholas II, was killed by a group of Russian noblemen in St. Petersburg.

On this date:

- In 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.
- In 1865, author Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India.
- In 1905, the Franz Lehár operetta "The Merry Widow" premiered in Vienna.
- In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which lasted nearly seven decades before dissolving in Dec. 1991.
- In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike at the General Motors Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Michigan. (The strike lasted until Feb. 11, 1937.)

In 1940, California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened.

In 1954, Olympic gold medal runner Malvin G. Whitfield became the first black recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award for amateur athletes.

In 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was inaugurated for his first term as president of the Philippines.

In 1979, Broadway composer Richard Rodgers died in New York at age 77.

In 1989, a Northwest Airlines DC-10, which had been the target of a telephoned threat, flew safely from Paris to Detroit with 22 passengers amid extrajudicial security.

In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees. (John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

In 1999, former Beate George Harrison fought off a knife-wielding intruder who'd broken into his mansion west of London and stabbed him in the chest. (Michael Abram was later acquitted of attempted murder by reason of insanity.)

Ten years ago: Iraqis awoke to news that Saddam Hussein had been hanged earlier that morning; victims of his three decades of autocratic rule took

to the streets to celebrate. A state funeral service was held in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda for former President Gerald R. Ford. More than 8,500 James Brown fans filled an arena in Augusta, Georgia, for a final, joyful farewell to the "Godfather of Soul." Gerald "Wash" Washington, the first black mayor-elect of Westlake, Louisiana, was found shot to death in a parking lot; authorities ruled his death a suicide, a conclusion disputed by his family.

Five years ago: North Korea warned the world there would be no softening of its position toward South Korea's government following Kim Jong Il's death as Pyongyang strengthened his son and heir's authority with a new title: "Great Leader."

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Opposite of 57 Down
- 6 Hinge (on)
- 10 No time at all
- 14 "... window breaks" speaker
- 15 Peace Nobelism two years after Desmond
- 16 Hold true
- 17 Agency guy
- 18 Mr. Butler's last word
- 19 Western state, for short
- 20 Gravity star
- 22 Interweave
- 23 In the spirit of
- 24 Flashy quality
- 25 Mecca pilgrimage
- 29 Unidentified guy
- 31 Calendar abbr.
- 32 Uncle of Joseph
- 33 Subatomic matter
- 38 Carl's Cosmos successor
- 39 Under a spell
- 40 Symbol of Ireland
- 41 Betrays eagerness
- 43 Luxury hotel chain
- 44 Sound of comfort
- 45 Octane Booster brand
- 47 See 10 Down
- 51 Consulted
- 53 Philadelphia founder
- 54 Maleficent star
- 61 Pay (up)
- 62 ESPN licensee
- 63 Homegrown
- 64 Where some sophs sleep
- 65 Discard
- 66 "Cruise Capital of the World"
- 67 See 28 Down
- 68 "With my little eye" game
- 69 Emerge
- 10 ... Cuckoo's Nest star
- 11 Marla predecessor
- 12 Hernando's "happy"
- 13 Fred, in Frankfurt
- 21 Source of shade
- 24 Word on the South Asian nation list
- 25 Brood leaders
- 26 Scads, to Hamlet
- 27 Sheriff's facility
- 28 Still Alice star
- 30 Horizontal reference lines
- 31 It has a Mercury-without logo
- 34 Has no worries
- 35 ___ it (flees)
- 36 Name associated with cubes
- 37 Travel around
- 39 Derivative cry
- 42 Distiller's need
- 46 Trusted one
- 48 Fictional falcon finder
- 49 Train of thought
- 50 Starter
- 52 Toon baker of gravelberry pies
- 54 Hero's 50 Down
- 55 Some PX customers
- 56 Sound shocked
- 57 Couleur sombre
- 58 Grapelike fruit
- 59 Impromptu concerts
- 60 See 54 Across

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News in brief

Texas officer trying to arrest suspect shot by fellow cop

WEATHERFORD, Texas (AP) — A Texas police officer shot another officer and a man he was trying to arrest during a confrontation following a traffic stop.

Police in Weatherford near Fort Worth say officer Chris Bumpas was conducting the stop Thursday evening when he discovered there was a warrant for the arrest of one of three people in the vehicle.

Police said in a statement that the man became combative and struck the officer with a flashlight.

The second officer couldn't subdue the suspect using a stun gun and fired multiple shots, striking Bumpas and the suspect.

Police say Bumpas is recovering from surgery on his abdomen. The suspect, whose name hasn't been released, is in guarded condition at a hospital.

Texas Rangers is investigating the incident.

Crews search for missing plane in Lake Erie near Cleveland

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Eds: Updates with Coast Guard saying 3 kids, 3 adults were on board, comments from Altman. Photos planned. AP Video.

CLEVELAND (AP) — U.S. Coast Guard crews were searching Lake Erie on Friday for a plane that disappeared overnight shortly after takeoff

from a small Cleveland airport along the shore.

The Columbus-bound Cessna Citation 525 departed Burke Lakefront Airport late Thursday night with three children and three adults aboard and vanished from radar about 2 miles over the lake. Why remains unclear.

Searchers had found no sign of any debris or the people aboard the plane as of Friday morning, the agency said. Coast Guard official James Cox in Buffalo, New York, also said no emergency beacon had been detected.

Weather prevented a boat search overnight, but a U.S. Coast guard helicopter and a Canadian air crew in a plane were being used. A ship also was headed from Detroit to help with the search.

The waters in the search area are about 50 feet deep, the Coast Guard said.

The plane was headed to Ohio State University Airport northwest of downtown Columbus. Cox said the plane

is kept at a hangar at the airfield, but the six people aboard the aircraft aren't affiliated with OSU. Their names weren't released, pending notification of their families.

Petty Officer Joel Altman, a public affairs officer in Cleveland with the Ninth Coast Guard District, said he couldn't immediately confirm whether the passengers were related or provide the ages of the children.

Gun locks sent to Eagles linemen for use on Christmas gifts

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After news spread that Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz purchased shotguns for his offensive line this Christmas, a Pennsylvania gun violence intervention group sent the men a gift of their own.

Officials with CeaseFirePA say the organization sent gun locks to the football team for each player who received the personalized weapons from Wentz, an avid hunter.

Executive Director Shira Goodman says CeaseFirePA wanted to ensure that the guns were used "safely and responsibly."

The group has encouraged the players to enroll in gun-safety courses and set a good example for responsible gun ownership.

At least two players have run into trouble recently for having guns. An informal poll by the Philadelphia Inquirer of 37 players showed 18 Eagles own firearms.

Mormon Tabernacle Choir singer quits over Trump inaugural

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir says she has resigned from the famed group over its decision to perform at next month's inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump.

Jan Chamberlin posted her resignation letter to choir leaders on her Facebook page Thursday. In it, she writes that by performing at the Jan. 20 inaugural, the 360-member choir will appear to be "endorsing tyranny and facism." She says she feels betrayed by the choir's decision to take part.

The choir is part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Church spokesman Eric Hawkins tells The Salt Lake Tribune (<http://bit.ly/2ieSfXG>) that participation in the choir and the inaugural performance is voluntary.

Hawkins said last week the choir's tradition of presidential performances isn't "implied support of party affiliations or politics."

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Continued from Page Still, hints of Abbott-Patrick discord could reshape the session for Texas' GOP-controlled Legislature, which convenes for the first time since 2015 on Jan. 10. Abbott can fast-track legislation, while Patrick oversees the state Senate.

Such tensions were on display last session, when a grass-roots advisory board convened by Patrick attacked Abbott's signature expansion of pre-kindergarten statewide, claiming it imposed "Godless" classroom environments on youngsters.

"Is there somebody out there who wants the lieutenant governor to primary the governor? I'm sure somebody does," said Patrick strategist Allen Blakemore. "But the only person who really matters is Dan Patrick. And Dan Patrick has stated over and over again that he has no desire to be governor."

Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch said: "This is nothing more than fake news."

It's a possibility some Texas politicians nonetheless are discussing. They note that Patrick would be expected to shun a possible gubernatorial run right up to the moment he changes his mind and actually announces one, while Abbott has to shrug off a hypothetical primary challenge publicly while preparing privately for one, just in case.

Though 2018's a long way off, that cycle will begin gearing up shortly after the Texas legislative session ends on June 1.

"I hear there's friction," said Carl Tepper, a West Texas grass-roots activist who was a Trump delegate to the Republican National Convention. Tepper said he doesn't believe there will be an Abbott-Patrick primary showdown but that some Trump loyalists remained unhappy with Abbott.

The governor vocally supported Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's presidential bid but was wary of Trump. Abbott long wouldn't mention the billionaire businessman's name, saying only that he'd support his party's presidential nominee. Patrick, who also originally backed Cruz, quickly became the state's top Trump cheerleader after the senator dropped out.

Todd Smith, a consultant for Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller, another top Texas supporter of Trump, noted that the coolness of some Republicans toward the party's White House

nominee sparked "frustration and tension." Smith said that may have contributed to Trump's winning Texas by only 9 percentage points, the first GOP presidential candidate since 2000 not to take the state by double-digits.

"I think the Republican base in Texas appreciates loyalty," Smith said, "and I think they appreciate folks not being wishy-washy."

Just ask Cruz, who has seen his popularity slip in Texas since refusing to endorse Trump at the Republican National Convention, even though he eventually came around. Associated Press exit polling from Election Day showed slightly more than half of statewide voters holding unfavorable opinions of the senator.

There's no indication Abbott's standing has suffered. But, so far, Patrick has been out front in setting much of the 2017 legislative agenda. He has vowed Texas will ban transgender people from using public bathrooms of their choice, despite a similar North Carolina law sparking national uproar.

Patrick also has made passing school vouchers, which give families public money for private or religious schools, a priority. Both he and Abbott have praised police as heroes, but Patrick fired up conservatives by suggesting that Black Lives Matter protests contributed to growing anti-law enforcement sentiment that helped spark a July sniper attack in Dallas that killed five police officers.

Abbott is trumpeting the convening of a convention of states to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution limiting federal power. The governor has coincided with Patrick in wanting stricter immigration policies and fortifying the Texas-Mexico border, but Abbott is less vocal about bathrooms bills.

Abbott and Patrick share many donors, and there aren't indications that top ones are choosing sides ahead of 2018 — yet. Patrick has \$11 million-plus in his campaign war chest, a princely sum except when compared to Abbott's nearly \$29 million.

At 59, Abbott is also seven years Patrick's junior — though Texas' oldest governor, Bill Clements, was 70 when he began his second term in 1987.



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