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# **BIG SPRING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016**



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## Suspect sought in Monday shooting

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring police are searching for a suspect in the Monday night shooting of a Big Spring man.

Trig Gilkey, 20, is at the University Medical Center in Lubbock this morning after he was shot multiple times

Monday. His condition as of press time is unknown, according to a Big Spring Police Department news release.

BSPD officers were dispatched to Scenic Mountain Medical Center at around 10:45 p.m. Monday in reference to a gunshot victim, the

by an unknown assailant late news release stated.

"Officers arrived at the emergency room and contacted the victim," the release stated. "Gilkey informed officers that he had been walking in an alley between Wood and Sycamore streets when he was shot multiple times by an unknown person."

Police said Gilkey was wounded in the abdomen, shoulder, and leg. He was subsequently flown by helicopter to University Medical Center.

BSPD officers were dispatched to the crime scene in the alley of the 1500 block of Wood and Sycamore, where they located evidence of the FUMC presents "The Gift"

shooting, the news release stated.

The Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigations Division is investigating this incident, and no other information on the shooting was available as of press time today.

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# Christmas parade back on

By AMANDA ELSTON

Managing Editor

Winter weather can't keep Christmas spirit away from Big Spring. Although postponed due to a rainy and cold weekend, the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade has been rescheduled for this Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

"Unfortunately we had to reschedule the parade on Saturday as we did not know what the weather predict," said Herald publisher Rick Nunez. "We have rescheduled the parade for this coming Saturday and we are very excited about the parade and about rescheduling it.

Parade officials will be contacting the 50 plus participating groups and floats today to give updated information concerning the parade and start times.

"We will call all the participants who submitted an entry form to confirm with them,'

said Nunez Other than the change of date, the details of the parade such as the route and time have not changed.

"The time has not changed," explained Nunez. "It will be at 5:30 p.m. and we look forward to this event. We would not want to miss it for anything as this has been a tradition of the Big Spring Herald for over three decades."

Nunez encourages those who were looking forward to the parade this past weekend to come celebrate the holiday season, even if it's a week later than anticipated.

"We invite the public to come out and enjoy the parade this coming Saturday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m," said Nunez. "If you have any questions contact the Herald at 432-263-7331."

As of press time, Saturday's weather called for sunny skies, a low of 44, and a 10 percent chance of rain.

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Dec. 6 19 shopping days to Christmas





Trump is slated to hold the second stop of this "thank you" tour Tuesday in North Carolina, less than a week after his bombastic return to rallies at an Ohio appearance that felt more like a raucous

his show back on the road.



al speech by a president-to-be.

church hasn't performed "The Living Christmas Tree" in decades.

The First United Methodist Church of Big Spring held "The Gift" Saturday night in front of a packed house. The Christmas musical featured a large orchestra and chorus which performed a number of Christmas carols. FUMC pastor Bill Ivans said he hopes the church will make "The Gift" a new tradition in the coming years. The Saturday performance marks the first time the

> At that Cincinnati stop, Trump disparaged the media as "dishonest," inspired loud "Build the wall" chants, took swipes at fellow Republicans and stunned his own aides with his surprise announcement from the stage that that he was appointing retired Gen. James Mattis as secretary of defense.

Mattis' selection was being

formally announced Tuesday, and Mattis will appear with Trump at the evening event in Fayetteville, Vice Presidentelect Mike Pence said on MS-NBC's "Morning Joe."

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Later this week there will be rallies in Iowa and Michigan as Trump barnstorms the country to salute his supporters who delivered the victories in the battleground states he needed

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Wallace Whittington
Wallace Lee Whittington, 85, a resident of Georgetown, Texas for 28 years and formerly of Big Spring, Texas earned his Heavenly reward on Nov. 30, 2016.

Wallace was born on April 29, 1931 in Springfield, Missouri to Frank Lee and Maggie Evalena (Holder) Whittington. He met the love of his life, Carolyn June Bay, at the age of 15 and the two were married on May 28, 1950 in Cush-

ing, Oklahoma. Wallace earned his Chemical Engineering degree from Oklahoma A&M University, which led to his career as a refinery superintendent in the Fina Oil and Chemical Company. Wallace retired in 1988 in Big Spring, Texas after 27 years in the industry. He was a man of many accomplishments, yet none were greater than being a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Following retirement, Wallace continued to have a servant's heart. He was a master tutor for the Literacy Council of Williamson County; listener in the Awana's program; worked for the Scoring Center of Austin; was the Director of the Williamson County Appraisal Board for two years; and a faithful member of First Baptist Georgetown. Wallace was a practical man of few words, yet when he spoke, you listened. Although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will live on through his family

## **Obituaries**

To cherish his memory, Wallace leaves behind his wife, Carolyn Whittington of Georgetown; son, Timothy Whittington and wife Sandra of Austin, Texas; daughter, Nanette Allen of Krum, Texas; daughter, Janet McKay and husband Steve of San Angelo, Texas; grandsons, Samuel Allen and wife Lilah, Jonathan Allen and wife Ashley, Garrett McKay, and Evan McKay; granddaughters, Michelle Gugas and husband Chad, Sarah Paine and husband Michael, Karlyn Whittington, and Callie McKay; and great-grandchildren: Vianna, Matthias, Rueben, Seth, Michah, Isaac, Kennedy, and

Wallace was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Evalena Whittington.

Memorial donations may be made in Wallace's name to First Baptist Church, or the Williamson County Literacy Council.

Honored to serve as pallbearers includes, Samuel Allen, Jonathan Allen, Garrett McKay, Evan McKay, Michael Paine and Steve McKay. Honorary pallbearer will be his son, Timothy Whittington. A time of visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Tues-

day, Dec. 6, 2016 with the funeral service to begin at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Ramsey Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at IOOF Cemetery in Georgetown. Dr. David Griffin will be officiating.

You may share a message or memory in the online memorial guestbook at www.RamseyFuneral.

Paid obituary

#### Grace Kasten

Mrs. Otto Kasten, nee Grace Elkins of Sisterdale, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the age of 85

Mrs. Grace Kasten is survived by her husband: Otto Kasten of Sisterdal; daughter and spouse, Laura and Duane Murphree of Big Spring; son-in-law. Douglas Babbitt of Pipe Creek; seven grandchildren: Ronald and Shelly Below, Christopher and Julie Below, Jamie and Cody Lackey, Jason and Darcey Murphree, Jessica and Toby Guerin, Rebecca and Lorenzo Valbuena, Jacob and Ana Leslie, 20 great-grandchildren.

The body will lie in state in the chapel of the Schaetter Funeral Home, Comfort, Texas until 9:15

a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Comfort, Texas with funeral services at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Sam Radoman officiating.

Graveside services and interment will follow in the Sisterdale Cemetery.

For those who so desire you may make memorial contributions in her memory to the Immanuel Lutheran Church or to the charity of your choice.

Visitation for Mrs. Grace Kasten will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. and on Thursday, Dec. 8 from 8 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. in the chapel of the Schaetter Funeral Home, Comfort, Texas. Paid obituary

## Take Note

• Howard County Court, under Judge Kathryn Wiseman, is cancelling the jury panel called for 9 a.m. Wednesday. • Mitchell County Senior Citi-

zens will host a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 10 at 157 E. Second St. in Colorado City. The dance, which features live music by Kevin and Travis, has a \$5 admission fee. There will be a pot luck buffet supper; those attending should bring a side dish or dessert; Mitchell County Senior Citizens will provide the meat.

• The Salvation Army of Big Spring is seeking volunteers to ring a bell for their Red Kettle program this Christmas season. Each year, more than 25,000 Salvation Army volunteers raise money through the program to help serve more than 3 million people in need during the holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas. All money raised in the Red Kettle program stays in the communities where it is raised. For more information call 432-352-2005. If you don't have time to ring a bell, you can visit RedKettleReason.org to create an online kettle to raise funds for the program.

• H-E-B is looking for non-profits agencies to set up information tables at the annual Feast of Sharing. Please contact Sandy Stewart at 432-935-1604 to reserve a spot. Feast of Sharing will be held on Dec. 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998. The sacking sessions are held at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

 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
- 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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-

#### 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

 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.



#### Judith M. Chavez

Judith M. Chavez, 79, of Big Spring passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2016 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity: JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY, 37, of 1405 Tus-

- con Drive was arrested on a warrant from another agency. • CODY ALAN WINGO, 28, of 1100 E 5th Street was arrested on warrants for prohibited weapons
- and tampering with identification numbers. VERA LEE LUJAN, 55, of 1804 State Street was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of S Lancaster, the 1600 block of Stadium Avenue, and on FM 821, south of I-20. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in
- the 1200 block of S Birdwell and the 3800 block of Connally Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of W FM 700.

## Sheriff/EMS

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report. SEAN CAMERON FULLER, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a

- VERA LEE LUJAN, 55, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sale to minors - alcohol.
- SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear. • JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY, 37, was booked by
- the BSPD on a warrant for speeding (10 percent or more above posted limit).
- RACHEL GUTIERREZ SALINAS, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for tampering with government records.
- CODY ALAN WINGO, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for prohibited weapon and tempering with identification numbers.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

 PUBLIC SERVICE CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.

## **Support Groups**

#### TUESDAY

deadly weapon.

· 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 paients, 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.

WEDNESDAY • RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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

**THURSDAY** · Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

 Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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The chorus and symphony presents "The Little Drummer Boy' during the FMUC's presentation of "The Gift" Saturday night.

## **Special-needs Texas** teens found in 'deplorable' conditions

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — A sheriff says seven special-needs teenagers aged 13 to 16 years old have been removed from "deplorable" conditions at a Houston-area home where they were locked for long periods in a

Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls said in a statement Monday that the malnourished teens were found Nov. 23. They were kept in a single room that smelled of human waste and had been struck with a wooden paddle. Nehls didn't describe the nature of the youths' special needs except to say one of them has Down syndrome.

Nehls says their adoptive mother, 54-yearold Paula Sinclair, locked them in a 5-by-8-foot closet when she went out.

Sinclair and a second person are facing charges that include injury to a child.

She's being held at the Fort Bend County jail.

#### **SHOOTING**

"If you have any information regarding this incident please call CrimeStoppers at (432) 263tips (8477)," the news release stated. "You can also leave an anonymous tip using the "P3 Tips" mobile application or from the Big Spring Police Department website www.bigspringpd.net."

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

#### Texas jail suicides drop following screening changes

Texas (AP) Records show the number of suicides in county jails has declined since changes were implemented that include a more comprehensive mental health screening of inmates.

The head of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards on Monday said 14 jail suicides have been reported since last December. Brandon Wood says that compares to 34 suicides the previous year.

Texas in the prior five years averaged 23 suicides annually.

Wood says the number has dropped largely because intake forms are more detailed.

## Deputy dies when personal car goes into San Antonio sinkhole HAR'-uh), who was a hole. Utility officials say

SAN ANTONIO (AP) Officials say an offduty sheriff's deputy has died and two other people hurt when two vehicles plunged into a water-filled sinkhole in

The Bexar (bayr) County Sheriff's Office on Monday identified the victim as 69-yearold Deputy Dora Linda Nishihara (nee-shee-

San Antonio.

courthouse bailiff.

A crane was used to retrieve her personal car from water about 12feet deep. Nishihara's body was inside the ve-

Sheriff's spokesman James Keith says Nishihara was not working Sunday when her vehicle went into the sink-

the sinkhole appeared after a sewer line ruptured during heavy rain earlier Sunday.

Authorities say two passers-by rescued a driver after another vehicle that went into the sinkhole Sunday night. That driver and one of his rescuers were treated for minor injuries.

to capture the White House.

The North Carolina rally comes a day after Trump chose retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson to be secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, raising fresh concerns about the lack of experience some of Trump's Cabinet picks have with agencies they're now being chosen to lead.

Carson, who opposed Trump in the Republican primaries, has no background in government or running a large bureaucracy.

Pence defended Carson's selection, saying he was "absolutely qualified" for the post.

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Trump's choice to be ambassador to the United Nations, has no foreign policy experience. Steve Mnuchin, a former

Goldman Sachs partner and Hollywood executive, is Trump's man to lead the Treasury Department but has never worked in government. And Mattis, a widely praised battlefield commander, spent decades in the Marines but now is tapped to run the nation's largest government agency, the Defense Department, with 740,000 civilian employees in addition to 1.3 million service person-

**Democrats** swiftly criticized Carson's qualifications for his job. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called him a "disconcerting and disturbingly unqualified choice." And New York Sen. Charles Schumer said he had "serious concerns about Dr. Carson's lack of expertise and experience in dealing with housing issues. Someone who is as anti-government as him is a strange fit for housing secretary, to say the least."

Carson would oversee a budget of nearly \$50 billion that provides rental assistance for more than 5 million households. Demand for that assistance is high in part because housing costs are rising faster than incomes. HUD also promotes home ownership with the Federal Housing Administration underwriting about 1 in 6 mortgages issued in the U.S. The agency is charged with enforcing federal fair housing laws, too.

In a statement, Trump said he was "thrilled to nominate" Carson, citing his "brilliant mind" and his passion "about strengthening communities and families within those communities."

Carson, who grew up poor, quickly endorsed Trump after ending his own presidential bid despite Trump noting what he called Carson's "pathological temper." Carson has been coy about joining the new administration, saying shortly after Trump's election victory that he wasn't certain he'd fit into a Cabinet-style role in a job like Health and Human Services secretary.

Trump's selections also highlight a frequent divide between the two major political parties in their strategies in filling out a Cabinet: In early 2009, Republicans criticized incoming President Barack Obama for not making enough selections with private-sector experience.

On Monday, Trump received a fresh stream of visitors to the New York skyscraper that bears his name. His | Any Entree \$9.00 or above | most surprising guest was Democratic former Vice President Al

Gore. Transition officials said early Mondav that Gore would meet with Trump's daughter, Ivanka, about climate change, which is Gore's signature issue.

But Gore said he also met with Trump directly and the two had a "very productive conversation."

"It was a sincere search for areas of common ground," said Gore, who did not detail

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what the men discussed. The president-elect has called man-made climate change a hoax and has pledged to undo a number of regulations designed to protect the environment.

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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Judith Chavez, 79, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

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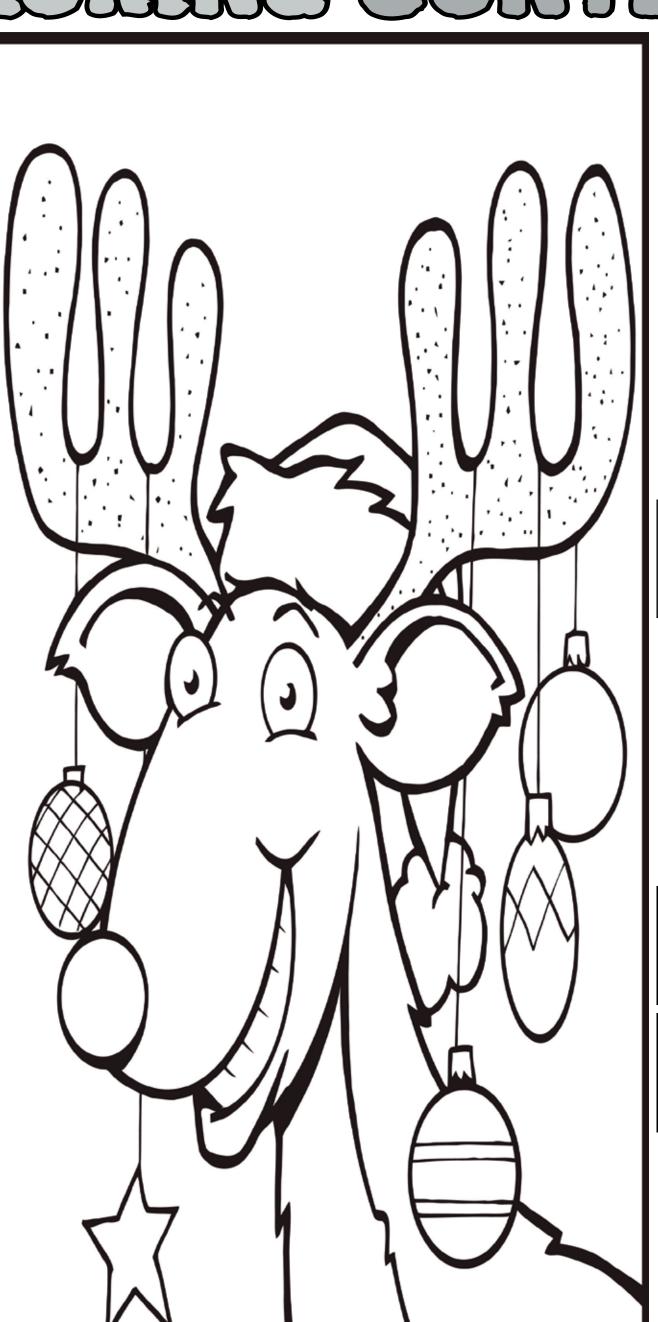






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- 3. Contest entries may be completed using markers, crayons, or colored pencils.
- 4. Adults may assist in completing entry form information, but <u>NOT</u> in coloring pictures.

  5. All entries must be received by the Big Spring Herald by 5 pm on Monday, December 12, 2016.

9. All submissions become property of the Big Spring Herald and may be published accordingly.

- 6. Winners will be published in the Sunday, December 18, 2016 edition.
- 7. Decision of judges is final.
- 8. Employees of the Big Spring Herald and contest sponsors are not eligible to win.

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## In Texas, debate over schools, bathrooms may trump guns, pot

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Austin and Washington should be far more simpatico under soon-to-be Republican President Donald Trump than the White House's current occupant, but there's still room for potential policy clashes when Texas' GOP-controlled Legislature heads back to work.

Immigration, schools, no-longer-so-flush state coffers and fights over which bathrooms transgender Texans can use will likely drive debate, while guns and marijuana policy may take a backseat. The wild card: abortion policy, due to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against Texas' 2013 restrictions.

Here are key issues to watch — and what might get overshadowed — when lawmakers begin their 140-day session on Jan. 10:

**IMMIGRATION** 

The Department of Public Safety wants more than \$1 billion to help secure the Texas-Mexico border, but Trump's promises to build a towering wall and impose an immigration crackdown could spare the state from spending so much.

Trump's victory also may spur approval of two contentious immigration initiatives that stalled in previous sessions: A would-be ban on "sanctuary cities" requiring police officers to enforce federal immigration laws and the repeal of a 2001 law offering cheaper in-state tuition at public universities to some high school graduates who came to the U.S. illegally.

**EDUCATION** 

There are bipartisan calls to spend more on K-12 classrooms but lawmakers won't be compelled to do so because the Texas Supreme Court declared the school finance system constitutional in May, ending a lengthy legal fight.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a tea party favorite who heads the Texas Senate, is again champion-



AP photo

In this July 30, 2013, file photo, the dome of the Texas State Capital is seen through trees in Austin, Texas. Austin and Washington should be simpatico under soon-to-be Republican President Donald Trump, but there's still room for potential policy clashes when Texas' GOP-controlled Legislature heads back to work.

ing school vouchers, which give families public money to pay for private and religious schools. He could have a powerful ally in Betsy DeVos, a "school choice" advocate tapped to be Trump's education secretary.

But for years, the issue's been stymied in the Texas House by Democrats and by rural Republicans wary of hurting public schools that are the lifeblood of their small districts.

TRANSGENDER BATHROOMS

Texas already led a multistate lawsuit that has temporarily blocked President Barack Obama's directive allowing transgender students to use the public school bathrooms of their choice. Now, Patrick and other top Republicans are backing proposals banning transgender people from doing the

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# Texas appeals ruling that bans license for detention centers

By DAVID WARREN

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Texas attorney general on Monday appealed a judge's ruling that prevents state officials from issuing child care licenses to two federal detention centers in South Texas holding families that have illegally entered the U.S.

Attorney General Ken Paxton's office filed the appeal in an effort to have the Department of Family and Protective Services license the facilities as residential child-care centers. The licenses are needed because a federal judge ruled last year the centers would have to eventually release the immigrant children if they didn't get licensed.

State District Judge Karin Crump on Friday ruled the department cannot issue the licenses. Crump's ruling did not offer an explanation for her decision, but she had previously issued an injunction against the licenses from being issued, determining at one point that the state agency had improperly fast-tracked changes to create a path for the facilities to get licensed.

One of the centers is in Dilley,

about 70 miles southwest of San Antonio; the other in Karnes City, some 50 miles southeast of San Antonio.

The attorney general's office didn't return a phone call Monday from The Associated Press seeking an explanation for the appeal. The office earlier this year argued that state licensing improves safety because it requires the facilities to submit to unannounced inspections and background check requirements. The state's review of the Karnes facility resulted in the firing of five workers for problems in their backgrounds, according to the office.

The two family detention centers opened in 2014 in response to the arrival of tens of thousands of mothers and children from Central America. The license approval for the Karnes City facility came as apprehensions of unaccompanied immigrant children along the United States' southwest border increased by 78 percent from Oct. 1, 2015, through March 31 compared with the same period a year earlier, and the number of apprehensions of families more than doubled.

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# Keys, lightbulbs tied to Thomas Edison sell at auction DALLAS – Keys to before Edison did was they opened, including

DALLAS — Keys to the New Jersey lab where Thomas Edison invented the phonograph and some of the lightbulbs that he perfected sold for more than \$60,000 at auction on Saturday.

The keys sold for \$10,625 at an auction run by Heritage Auctions in Dallas. A bulb created by a German inventor who claimed to have invented the incandescent lightbulb

sold for \$23,750, while a set of five Edison bulbs used in a court case sold for \$30,000.

The items were acquired by Charlie Knudsen, 69, of Pittsburgh, and had belonged to his greataunt. She was married to one of the attorneys whose law firm represented Edison in patent lawsuits.

Tags on some of the keys list the doors that

Edison's 1876 lab that became known as the "invention factory." Another key says "motor shed," and a third "shop."

Edison had applied for about 400 patents, including improvements to the incandescent bulb, before he left for New York City in 1882, said Kathleen Carlucci, director of

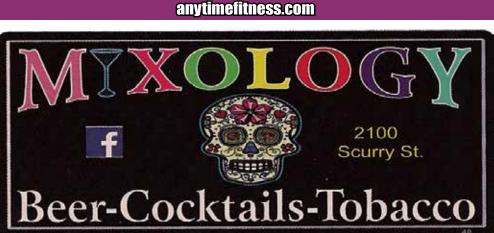
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## Boy Scouts to relocate national museum to New Mexico

<u>By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN</u>

**Associated Press** 

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — From merit badges and uniforms to an impressive collection of Norman Rockwell paintings and drawings, the Boy Scouts of America will be packing up more than a century of scouting history and taking it to the wilds of northern New Mexico.

The organization announced Monday that it will move its national museum from its current home in Texas to the Philmont Scout Ranch, which has served as an adventure destination for generations of troops and their families.

Plans calls for expanding the existing Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library to make room for a national collection that includes more than 600,000 items and reams of historical documents and photographs.

Construction is expected to start next year, with the opening planned for 2018.

Boy Scouts officials didn't say how much the project will cost but said they're committed to preserving the 100-year history of the scouting movement through the museum's extensive collection. They say all the artifacts, fine art and documentation provides a look at Scouting's influence on American culture.

#### **DEBATE**

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same in all Texas bathrooms — mimicking a law that North Carolina passed last year to national outcry, boycotts and the loss of lucrative sporting events.

Democrats and business leaders are opposed. as is Republican House Speaker Joe Straus, who says the issue isn't urgent and worries about North Carolina-like backlash.

STATE BUDGET

Oil prices staying so low for so long have cooled the Texas economy. Lawmakers finished their last session in 2015 with about \$4 billion in projected budget surpluses, but much of that may evaporate because projected state tax revenues declined. Oil and natural gas now accounts for about 8.5 percent of Texas' overall economic output, according to the comptroller's office.

There's still \$10-plus billion in the rainy day fund money top Republicans have vowed to mostly preserve. Yet, doing so will make it tougher to cover rising Medicaid expenses and pay for costly fixes to a troubled foster care system while also delivering on GOP promises to expand property tax cuts that have already lost the state billions.

FOSTER CARE

A federal judge is overseeing the foster care system overhaul, needed because hundreds of at-risk children are going unseen by caseworkers due to understaffing at the Child Protective Services agency so acute that some youngsters have slept in state offices.

Gov. Greg Abbott is clamoring for faster improvements, but they won't come cheap. Lawmakers have already approved nearly \$150 million in special emergency funding — and that's just the start.

**ABORTION** 

Lawmakers may strike back after the U.S. Supreme Court dismantled key portions of the state's 2013 abortion restrictions. One untouched policy was a ban on abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy; legislators could try to move that ban up by a few weeks. Some Republicans also want to prohibit abortion in the case of severe fetal abnormalities, meaning the procedure could be available in Texas only if the mother's health is threatened.

"The Year of the Gun" during the 2015 session allowed license holders to carry handguns in plain

sight and bring them onto college campuses. Now, conservatives could tweak those laws to ensure there are fewer zones where authorities have kept gun bans, such as zoos and some public buildings. But firearm policy may otherwise take a back-

seat since there appears little appetite for "constitutional carry," or letting non-license holders virtually anyone in Texas — openly carry guns.

**MARIJUANA** 

Relaxed marijuana laws for legal and medicinal use have even come to more conservative states like Arkansas, but don't count on Texas to follow suit. After the Legislature took the baby step of legalizing cannabis oil to treat epilepsy in 2015, Abbott declared that the state would go no further, likely dooming bills for broader legalization.

With the Philmont Ranch hosting more than 32,000 visitors each year, officials say more people will get to see the national collection.

"We considered all possibilities and decided that relocating the museum to the iconic Philmont Scout Ranch best accelerates what the museum is trying to accomplish," Rick Bragga, chairman of the museum support committee, said in a state-The official museum of the Boy Scouts of Ameri-

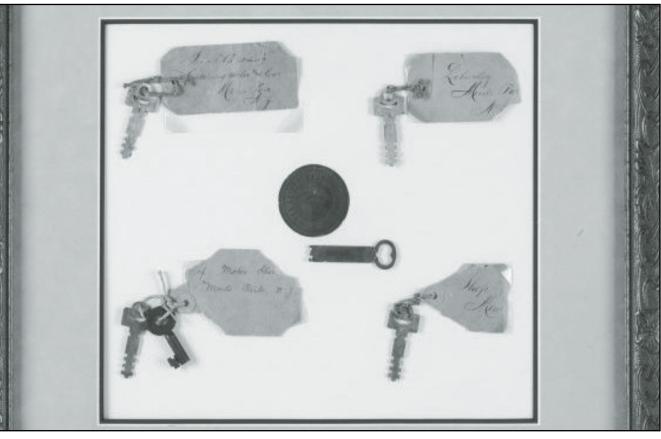
ca got its start in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1959. It was moved to the grounds of Murray State University in Kentucky in 1986 and then was relocated in 2002 to Irving, Texas, adjacent to the organization's National Service Center.

The collection includes items from each of the national jamborees, rare merit badges, pocket knives and compasses, historical records, speeches, photographs and dozens of examples of the artwork commissioned by the organization to deliver its

As for Rockwell, he was best known for his covers of The Saturday Evening Post that capture the spirit and popular culture of everyday American life.

In 1912, he was hired for his first gig as a staff artist for Boy's Life magazine, an official publication of the Boy Scouts. He went on to become the magazine's art editor. He later created 51 original images for the official Boy Scouts annual calendar.

In all, the decades-long partnership between Rockwell and the Scouts generated 471 images for periodicals, guidebooks and promotions. The museum's collection includes 48 original Rockwell paintings as well as 11 studies and drawings.



This photo provided by Heritage Auctions shows Thomas A. Edison: Keys to His Menlo Park Laboratory on display. Six keys in all from the famous inventor's Menlo Park home and work place will be auctioned Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 in Dallas, along with five lightbulbs, including two that he created. Heritage Auctions will open the bidding on the two lots.

## **EDISON**

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Seethe Thomas Edison Center in New Jersey.

The lab itself was built by Edison's father about 30 miles northeast of Trenton and was the world's largest in its day. Carlucci said it also was "the first research and development facility."

The bulbs up for auction were part of a collection used in patent infringement lawsuits. "One bulb in particular was used in a case where he (Edison) was able to prove he had a patent," Knudsen said. After making lightbulbs commercially viable,

the "Wizard of Menlo Park" turned his attention to New York City where he worked to develop an electric utility.

Squatters took over the abandoned Menlo Park property, raising chickens and crops, Carlucci said. Local residents held dances in the lab.

Today, Menlo Park is a national historic site and a state park. None of the original buildings remain, but a museum and education center highlight Edison's accomplishments.

A 131-foot memorial tower to commemorate his work on the lightbulb stands on the site. It was restored last year and its 14-foot tall replica bulb shines in the night.

## **LICENSE**

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement contracts with two private firms to operate the detention complexes.

The lawsuit that brought Crump's ruling was filed by Austin-based activist group Grassroots Leadership, which contends the facilities are prisons that are inappropriate for family detention and that minimum standards have been lowered to license them. The group's

director, Bob Libal, said Monday that it's part of broader legal efforts to have federal officials adhere to a longtime agreement that called for children and their families to be held only for a short time before being released to family, friends or others while

"Evidence is continuing to mount that not only is the detention immoral but it's also illegal," Libal said.

ICE is reviewing the ruling, spokesman Carl Rusnok said in a statement. "Operational activities continue without interruption at this time," he said.

Hundreds of women and children were released over the weekend from the Dilley facility, formally known as the South

Texas Family Residential Center, but

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ICE said the release was part of normal operations and not in response to Crump's ruling. The company that operates the Karnes City center, GEO Group, said in a statement to the San Antonio Express-News that the lawsuit brought by Grassroots Leadership is without merit.







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Big Spring at Levelland, 7:30 p.m. Reagan Co. at Coahoma, 8 p.m. Forsan at Ira, 8 p.m.

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Midland at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m. Reagan Co. at Coahoma, 6:30

Forsan at Ira, 6:30 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY**

#### Men's basketball

Howard College at Southwest Texas Jr. College (Uvalde), 3 p.m.

#### Boys' basketball

Coahoma at Hooptown Classic (Stanton), TBA

Forsan at Borden Co. Varsity Tournament, TBA

#### Girls' basketball

Big Spring at Andrews Tournament, TBA

Coahoma at Hooptown Classic (Stanton), TBA

Forsan at Borden Co. Varsity Tournament, TBA

#### **FRIDAY**

#### Boys' basketball

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Forsan at Borden Co. Varsity Tournament, TBA

#### Girls' basketball

Big Spring at Andrews Tournament, TBA

Coahoma at Hooptown Classic (Stanton), TBA

Forsan at Borden Co. Varsity Tournament, TBA

#### Women's basketball

Howard College at Seminole College, 2 p.m.

#### **Swimming**

Big Spring at Seminole Invitational

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Forsan's Austin Darden, shown receiving a kickoff during a recent playoff game, was one of several Buffaloes named to the All-District 4-2A Football Team.

## 6 Buffs named to **All-District** 4-2A team

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes were well-represented on the All-District 4-2A football team, as voted on by league coaches.

Six Buffaloes received first-team alldistrict honors. Senior running back Tearell McVae, junior wide receiver Austin Darden, and senior offensive lineman Lane Schafer were named to the first-team offense, while senior linebackers Schafer and Taylor Christian, along with junior defensive back Garrett Evans, were selected to the firstteam defense.

Second-team selections from Forsan were junior offensive lineman Brycson Pineda, senior wide receiver Blaze Yeater, and junior quarterback Bryce Hergert on offense, and junior linebacker James McCafferty, senior defensive back Tyler Westbrook, and defensive back Yeater

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## Spurs rally to stay perfect on the road

Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich can't figure out why his team plays so much better on the road than at

As long as they keep winning, Popovich will gladly take the results.

LaMarcus Aldridge was credited for the go-ahead basket with 21.2 seconds left after Giannis Antetokounmpo was whistled for goaltending, completing the Spurs' rally from 15 points down midway through the third quarter in a 97-96 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night.

game by 20. They played well. That's how they stuck

MILWAUKEE (AP) — San with us. They're young and can take away the game as nine rebounds. athletic and hungry," Popovich said in typical gruff fashion.

> "What are we, the Magic Johnson Lakers with Kareem (Abdul-Jabbar) and everybody? We're just like everybody else," he added.

Milwaukee had one last shot to retake the lead, but Mirza Teletovic missed an open 3-pointer from the right corner with 3.9 seconds left. Aldridge secured the rebound and the Spurs ran out the clock.

The Bucks went the final 2:25 without a bucket.

"You cannot afford to "You don't win every make a lot of mistakes and put them in the game," Antetokounmpo said. "They

they did tonight."

San Antonio extended its season-opening road winning streak to 12 games in thrilling fashion. Aldridge had 18 points. Kawhi Leonard finished with 22 points and nine boards.

The Spurs improved to 17-4 overall, but don't ask Popovich about the homeroad disparity.

"I don't care, I have no clue," he said before the game. "You ask me, I'm the coach, I'm supposed to know? Ask me about the .500 at home. Start with the

Aldridge had 18 points, while Kawhi Leonard finished with 21 points and **BUCKS BALL** 

Jabari Parker had 23 points, picking up the slack for much of the fourth quarter with Antetokounmpo on the bench with five fouls.

Parker slashed through the lane for buckets and rebounds. But the team went scoreless after Parker's running bucket with 2:25 left for a three-point lead.

"You can also grow from losing, too," coach Jason Kidd said. "I think tonight, we can learn a lot from our mistakes."

Antetokounmpo finished with 22 points and 11 re-

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## Harden's 37 helps Rockets hold off Celtics, 107-106

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's coaching staff emphasized to the players that Boston led the league in fourth-quarter scoring.

So when they Rockets found themselves down by six entering the final frame they knew they'd have step things up to escape with a win.

Harden made sure they did that, scoring 13 of his 37 points in the fourth before Al Horford missed a shot just before the buzzer to allow the Rockets to hold on for a 107-106 victory Monday night.

"The fourth quarter we just picked up ... we just wanted to lock in and get stops and offensively be aggressive," Harden said.

The game was tied before Harden scored five straight points to make it 107-102 with less than a minute remaining. Avery Bradley made a jump shot and Harden received a flagrant 1 foul for elbowing Marcus Smart in the face. Smart made both free throws before Isaiah Thomas missed a lavup.

But Houston knocked the ball out of bounds with 5.2 seconds left, giving Boston one last chance. Horford drove into the lane, but his shot rolled off the rim and Harden grabbed it to secure the victory.

"I felt good when I shot it, but it just didn't go down," Horford said.

Horford had 21 points and Thomas added 20 for the Celtics, who had won two straight.

It was the ninth 30-point game this season for Harden,

who also had eight assists and seven rebounds.

An 8-2 run by Houston, powered by a pair of 3-pointers by Eric Gordon, cut Boston's lead to one with about 8 1/2 minutes left. Smart made a 3-pointer for the first of seven straight points for the Celtics that made it 96-88. Smart also had a big defensive play in that stretch when he blocked a one-handed dunk attempt by Montrezl Harrell.

Houston scored eight straight points, topped off with a dunk from Harrell, to take a 102-100 lead with about 3 1/2 minutes left.

Harden raved about Harrell's work.

"You see how he's flying around everywhere," Harden said. "He does a lot of different things, some things that don't show up on the stat sheet that helped contribute to this win."

The Celtics trailed by 12 early in the third quarter before using a 15-2 spurt to take a 68-67 lead with about 7 minutes left in the quarter. Boston made three 3-pointers in that span, capped by one from Horford.

Houston missed five shots, including four 3s, and had two turnovers to help the Celtics close the gap.

"We guarded at a different level and our first unit played pretty well in the third," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "In one stretch in the fourth we turned the ball over and that was hurtful."

The Rockets were up by three points with 2 minutes left in the first half before

Smart fouled Harden on a 3-point attempt and he made all three free throws. Houston had extended the lead to seven when Smart again fouled Harden on a 3-point try and his three free throws made it 58-48 at halftime.

**TIP-INS** 

Celtics: Young James missed the game with an illness. ... Thomas received a technical for arguing a call at the end of the first half. ... Bradley finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds. ... Smart had 13 points.

Rockets: Made 12 3-pointers to extend their NBA record of consecutive games with at least 10 3-pointers to 20. ... Trevor Ariza started despite dealing with back spasms and had 15 points and eight rebounds.





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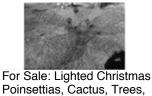
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

HOLIDAY **MATHIS** 

Aquarius Moon **Humility Challenge** 

The minute a person starts to believe that he is in control of the universe (or even his little part of it) is the same minute he becomes a fool. The Aquarius moon suggests moving through the hours with the humility of one's own powerlessness. Once accepted, life gets simple. We stop trying to own and rule everything and start having fun inside it.

ARIES (March **21-April 19).** The wise shaman doesn't boss people around, yet because of this person, the group behaves differently. This is you today -- influential in manner, and how.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Paradoxically, the desire for a better life is an affirmation of a worse one, while the acceptance of a bad condition is in and of itself a move toward good.

**GEMINI (May 21-**June 21). There's no clear definition of what your role is supposed to be in the social scenario at hand. Choose a fantasy model to help you navigate this weirdness more comfortably. Who has the charm and grace you'd like to embody?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is when you don't need the relationship/job/deal (yet are still fascinated by the challenge of it) that you are the likeliest to get a good offer. There is something powerfully attractive in self-sufficiency.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've a lot to offer today and many takers -- so many in fact that there's no time to waste on the unappreciative. The one who starts to give you a problem is better let go early on. You're better off without high-maintenance customers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The avoidance of worry is a form of worry. It's a struggle to avoid

struggle and a pain to avoid pain. In light of this, avoid avoidance altogether. Take life head-on, at face value. Forward march!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Not everything that happens (SET ITAL) to (END ITAL) you is (SET ITAL) about (END ITAL) you. And even if it is about you, it's only about the "you" that another person is experiencing, which is not the whole or core "you" at all. Today happiness is... not taking it personally.

SCORPIO (Oct. **24-Nov. 21).** When you're faced with an overwhelming project, the natural, normal thing to do is to do anything but focus on that project. This manifestation of fear is what you're dealing with today. Be brave. Dive in. To the victor go the spoils.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you see them all line up and start marching in one direction, there's something inside you that wants to do an about-face and dance yourself in the opposite trajectory. It's not that they are wrong and you are right; it's just that it's

your job to challenge conformity.

**CAPRICORN** 

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be humble domestic chores and errands to contend with. If left undone, they would make your life overly and unnecessarily complicated. That automatically relegates them to the status of "very import-

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** The big aims come with big sacrifices, but don't let that deter you. Everything involves a sacrifice. The trick is to find a sacrifice you're well-matched to so it doesn't seem so bad. PISCES (Feb.

**19-March 20).** When you were younger, you tried to avoid embarrassment at all costs. Now you realize that embarrassment is a rite of passage on the way to becoming proficient at something worthwhile.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-**DAY (Dec. 5). Your gratitude toward the many who've helped you will be the spiritual practice that opens the way for new mentors and helpers to enter your scene. Love will be the main attraction in February, but

be sure to do what's right for you and not just what seems good for your special relationship. June brings a windfall. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 23, 11 and 45. **ASTROLOGICAL** 

QUESTION: "I'm a

Leo guy, and I have the same problem over and over with the girls I date. I take them out, and no matter how romantic the date is designed to be, I always end up in the friend zone -and a lot poorer than I was at the start of the night. I don't mean to be a jerk about it, but I would hope that girls would go out with me because they like me, not because they just want me to buy them a nice dinner. How do I keep from going broke while being rejected? I deserve a nice girlfriend. And what sign might she

be?" You could hit it off with girls from any sign, but a close encounter with Aries, Sagittarius or a fellow Leo might do wonders for your confidence now. These fire-sign women can be feisty and direct, which you might find to be

a refreshing change. But before you change your astrological agenda, consider changing your entire approach to dating. Instead of spending your hard-earned cash on a fine dining experience, consider investing in your own ability to create rapport and communicate effectively with women. More on this tomorrow.

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#### A Situation That's Not a Comedy

**Dear Annie:** For the past two decades, my life has been an episode of the sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond" on steroids.

My mother-inlaw has made a wonderful grandmother, but she has constantly criticized my weight, my hairstyle, what I feed my children and how I dress and discipline them. She always does this out of earshot of her hus-

band and son. I have kept my mouth shut to keep the peace, and I respect my dear father-in-law and husband too much to tell her off and cause a family rift.

Six months ago, she got a Facebook account for the first time. She wrote something rude about another family member, not knowing everyone could see it. We went over to show her how to remove it and explained that the whole world could see her inappropriate comment. She got de-



By Steve Becker

It is true that he was assisted by

the opening lead of the ace of spades,

#### Famous Hand

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South dealer.

Dble Pass Pass Dble Opening lead ace of spades If you look at all four hands, it seems impossible to make five diamonds. Declarer apparently must

lose two club tricks, as well as a heart, and go down one. But when the deal was played in the match between Taiwan and Austria at the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad, Patrick Huang of Taiwan made the

which was induced by East's fourspade bid. However, this lead in itself did not present Huang with the contract; he still had to play his cards After ruffing the spade ace, Huang drew two rounds of trumps.

ending in his hand, and then led the nine of hearts, placing West on the horns of a dilemma. Had West followed low, declarer would have won the heart with the king, discarded his queen of hearts on the king of spades, and later lost two club tricks to bring the contract home In practice, however, West took

the nine of hearts with the ace and returned a heart to South's queen. With dummy's king of spades and king of hearts now available to furnish two club discards, Huang eventually lost only one club trick after leading a club toward dummy's king. Making five diamonds doubled was worth 550 points. The contract would have failed

had West led a trump, a heart or a club originally. However, the actual ace-of-spades lead gave declarer an advantage in the play from which the defenders could not escape, and Huang made the most of it.

Tomorrow: East sells South a bill of goods. ©2016 King Features Syndicate Inc.

#### Annie's Mailbox ®

fensive and called me hurtful names. I called her a troublemaker and walked out.

She hasn't spoken to me since, and neither has my father-inlaw. He was not even there, so I can't imagine what she told him. My husband was there and knows I didn't do or say anything wrong and is not reaching out to them because he knows his mother was wrong.

I tried writing my father-in-law a letter but got no response. His alienation hurts me more than anything because I can't believe he would go along with this. I know she will never apologize, but how do we rectify this if they continue to ignore phone calls, cards and letters? They are elderly, and I am afraid

something will happen and my husband will live the rest of his life with regret over this. -- Daughter-in-Law in the Middle

**Dear DIL:** The thing about sitcoms is that no matter how bad a family feud is, everything is neatly restored by the end of the 30-minute time slot, and the studio audience issues a collective "aww." If only.

Your husband has the biggest role here. Encourage him to set his (justified) anger aside and pay his parents a visit. No matter how big a drama queen she is, it will be hard for his mother to slam the door in the face of her baby boy. Once he's made amends, he can help smooth things over for you, too.

I'd also like to say

that your husband and in-laws are lucky to have you. You are a tolerant and caring person. Major props for holding the family together.

Dear Annie: The other day, you published a letter from "Senior in Connecticut," who is discomforted by public workers who call older patrons "honey" and other such terms.

If I may offer a view from the other side: Public servants, as we might be referred to, are often subjugated to these terms, as well. As a young woman in the public workforce, I am often subjected to older men calling me such names.

I have been told, as you offered, that it's more of a personal preference to be called by these names or not. As you can probably guess, it makes me incredibly

uncomfortable. Just like "Senior in Connecticut," I interpret these names to be derogatory and demeaning, not flattering.

A good solution to both of our problems might be this: Don't call someone by one of these names unless you are sure that the person is comfortable with it. Asking certainly never hurts. And to those who are shaking their head and disagreeing, saying that it's "harmless": Is respecting someone else's wishes really that much of a burden on you? -- Disgruntled

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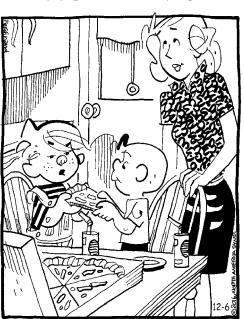
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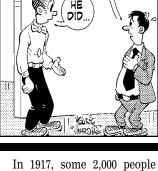


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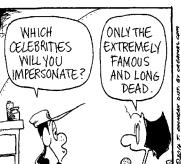
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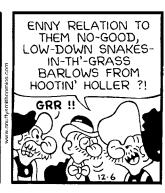




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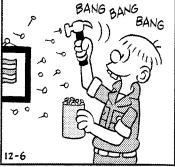






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## This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 6, the 341st day of 2016. There are 25 days left in the year

Today's Highlights History:

On Dec. 6, 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans. The Mark Twain novel "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" was first published in England under the title "A Yankee at the Court of King Arthur" (it was published in the U.S. under its more familiar name four days later).

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York. In 1865, the 13th Amendment

to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it.

In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah (muh-NAHN'-guh), West Virginia.

In 1916, the musical "Her Soldier Boy," featuring the song "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit-Bag," opened on Broadway.

died when an explosives-laden French cargo ship collided with a Norwegian vessel at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the city. In 1922, the Anglo-Irish

force one year to the day after it was signed in London. In 1939, the Cole Porter musical comedy "Du Barry Was a

Treaty, which established the

Irish Free State, came into

Lady" opened on Broadway. In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Alameda County, California, was marred by the deaths of four people, including one who was stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

In 1969, a free concert by The

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his

own life. Ten years ago: The bipartisan Iraq Study Group concludBush's war policies had failed in almost every regard, and said the situation in Iraq was "grave and deteriorating." The Senate voted, 95-2, to confirm Robert Gates as defense secre-

Five years ago: Declaring the American middle class in jeopardy, President Barack Obama, speaking in Osawatomie, Kansas, outlined a populist economic vision that would drive his re-election bid, insisting the United States had to reclaim its standing as a country in which everyone could prosper if provided "a fair shot and a fair share." A suicide bomber slaughtered 56 Shiite worshippers and wounded more than 160 others outside a shrine in Afghanistan's capital. Balladeer Dobie Gray, 69, who recorded the hit "Drift Away" in died in Nashville.

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## Watson's bumpy road to Heisman ceremony

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) - He doesn't flash that easygoing smile as frequently. His play gets scrutinized and picked apart more, because many of the folks who gushed about Deshaun Watson's game a season ago now focus on the overthrows and critical interceptions.

Still, Clemson's junior quarterback is back in the same spot — a Heisman Trophy finalist.

The journey this time has not been as smooth. He apologized in September after two closer-than-expected wins for not bringing the same joy into his game as he had the first two years. He's led primetime, fourth-quarter comebacks against No. 16 Louisville and No. 12 Florida State and thrown three interceptions that helped Pitt pull off a stunning upset, a 43-42 victory that was Clemson's first home loss since Watson

Watson believes he is in part tagged with matching the success he had in 2015 when he became the first player in



AP file photo

the Football Bowl Subdivision to throw for 4,000 yards and rush for 1,000. He capped it with a virtuoso performance against Alabama in the national title game, accounting for four touchdowns and 478 yards in a 45-40 loss.

"It's easy for people to say that I'm not having the type of season I had last year, because to be honest, a lot of people didn't really know me

until the end of the season," Watson said, "So they're just living off the national championship game, and all the success I had in that."

Once last season ended, Watson was elevated to the face of college football, a favorite for the Heisman who would command a deep, talented Tigers attack that had potential to be the best in the game. When that did not happen immediately, Watson became ripe for criticism, no matter how much success he and his teammates had.

"Personally, I don't really care about anybody else's opinions and expectations. I understand what I'm doing, and my teammates do, too," he

Watson has dealt with more difficult things in life. His mother, Deann

was diagnosed with Chris Jones, and co-

Forsan finished a successful 2016 season with a 9-4 and a spot in the Class 2A regional semifinals.

cancer of the tongue while he was at Gainesville (Georgia) High. Deann Watson spent six months in the hospital after her glossectomy, an operation to remove her tongue that takes breast tissue to rebuild the tongue.

Watson's mother was declared cancer-free in 2012, although she needs to use a feeding tube for the rest of her life.

"It's something I kind of grew up on, especially coming from the environment I grew up in and the situation with my mom," Watson said. "It's a blessing to be able to play the game of football, because one step later it can easily be taken away from me."

Watson's numbers this season belie the eye test. He's thrown for 3,626 yards and 34 TDs, up from 3,223 and 27 touchdowns during the regular season in 2015. His rushing numbers have dropped, but so have Watson's carries. He was most effective running in the postseason, getting 68 carries and 349 yards in the ACC title game and the team's two College Football Playoff games last season.

"He's the best player in college football," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

BEST GAME: Watson's best may have come in an early-season, 42-36 showdown win over Louisville and Heisman Trophy frontrunner Lamar Jackson. Watson helped the Tigers to a 28-10 halftime lead, then dug down in the fourth quarter after Jackson had rallied the Cardinals to a 36-28 edge. Watson threw a 20-yard TD pass to Mike Williams to begin the rally with 7:05 to go and directed an 85-yard drive he finished with a 31-yard scoring pass to Jordan Leggett. Watson ended the night with 306 yards and five touch-

down passes. WORST GAME: It seems crazy to label an ACC-record-setting performance as Watson's worst game, but his 580 yards passing against Pitt were offset by three interceptions — and the last two led to Panthers touchdowns.

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was in high school.

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on defense.

Honorable-mention all-district selections from the Buffaloes were

senior offensive lineman Anthony Kligora and senior Josh Evans and junior Ehren Hillger on the defensive line.

Sophomore lineman Caden Williams was named the district's newcomer of the year,

while senior lineman Brent Glasco was one of the district's Pride Award honorees.

District champion Anson dominated the alldistrict list, led by most valuable player Ethan Baccus, defensive MVP

offensive MVP Cade Baker.

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## **SPURS**

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**DEDMON ON** 

Spurs' The bench keyed the second-half rally. San Antonio trailed 57-42 with 7:27 left in the third before reserves Dewayne Dedmon (10 points) and Nicholas Laprovittola (five assists) gave the team a spark.

Dedmon "made them guard a different way because he was at the rim. He was really special for us," Popovich

TENSE MOMENT

Tensions rose late in the third quarter after Dedmon and Monroe grappled for a rebound. San Antonio's Davis Bertans and Milwaukee's Michael Beasley

were ejected for their roles in the shoving match.

TIP-INS:

Spurs: G Tony Parker started after missing the previous two games with a thigh contusion. He had six points and five assists in 18 minutes before limping off with about 9 minutes left in the third quarter after falling hard to the floor game of a three-game and appearing to grab at his left knee. Parker stayed on the bench the rest of the night, and Popovich said he could be out for a while. ... The Spurs hit their first three 3-point shots of the game before going 1 of 11 from behind the arc the rest of the first half. They trailed 48-35 at halftime.

Antetok-Bucks: ounmpo was named the Eastern Conference Player of the Week after averaging 24.3 points, 10.0 rebounds, 6.3 assists, 3.7 steals and 3.0 blocks per game. The Bucks went 3-0 last week, including 17-point home win over the defending NBAchampion Cleveland Cavaliers.

UP NEXT

Spurs: Play the second swing through the Midwest at Minnesota on Tuesday. San Antonio has won seven straight against the Timberwolves.

Bucks: Host Portland on Wednesday. Trail Blazers coach Terry Stotts was the Bucks' head coach from 2005-07.



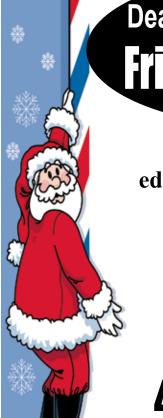
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## News in brief

## Recovery of fire victims winds

down; investigation looms

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Some people managed to text loved ones goodbye and "I love you" before they died in an Oakland warehouse fire that claimed three dozen lives, officials said, as heartrending reports of victims' last moments emerged from the most lethal building fire in the U.S. in more than a decade.

Also Monday, the painful and exhaustive search for those killed in the fire appeared to be coming to a close. Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern told The Associated Press that he didn't believe there would be additional bodies found.

But he cautioned that it was "impossible to be absolutely positive" about the number killed until the entire recovery effort is complete. Authorities had gone through about three-quarters of the building by Monday afternoon.

Officials said they would turn next to investigating the fire, which erupted late Friday during a dance party. It's unclear how it started. The district attorney warned of possible murder charges as she determines whether there were any crimes linked to the blaze.

"We owe it to the community and those who perished in this fire, and those who survived the fire to be methodical, to be thorough, and to take the amount of time it takes to be able to look at every piece of potential evidence," Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said.

#### Ransomed: The freeing of 226 Christians from Islamic State

SAARLOUIS, Germany (AP) — The millions in ransom money came in dollar by dollar, euro by euro from around the world. The donations, raised from church offerings, a Christmas concert, and the diaspora of Assyrian Christians on Facebook, landed in a bank account in Iraq. Its ultimate destination: the Islamic State group.

Deep inside Syria, a bishop worked around the blurred edges of international law to save the lives of more than 200 people — one of the largest groups of hostages yet documented in IS's war in Syria and Iraq. It took more than a year, and videotaped killings of three captives, before all the rest were freed.

Paying ransoms is illegal in the United States and most of the West, and the idea of paying the militants is morally fraught, even for those who saw no

"You look at it from the moral side and I get it. If we give them money we're just feeding into it, and they're going to kill using that money," said Aneki Nissan, who helped raise funds in Canada. But, he said, there were more than 200 lives at stake, "and to us, we're such a small minority that we have to help each other."

The Assyrian Christians were seized from the

A young man writes a note Monday at a makeshift memorial near the site of a warehouse fire that has claimed the lives of at least 36 people in Oakland, California.

Khabur River valley in northern Syria, among the last holdouts of a dwindling minority that had been chased across the Mideast for generations. They trace their heritage to the earliest days of Christianity, their Church of the East founded by the apostle known as Doubting Thomas. To this day, they speak a dialect of Aramaic, believed to be the native language of Jesus. But most also speak Arabic and some Kurdish, the languages of the neighbors who have long outnumbered them.

#### French premier steps down to focus on presidential election

PARIS (AP) — French Prime Minister Manuel Valls stepped down Tuesday to focus on running for president in next year's election and was replaced by Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, a man who embodies the fight against Islamic extremism.

Valls resigned a day after announcing his candidacy in the wake of President Francois Hollande's decision not to run for a second term last week.

Valls hopes to unite Socialists and give the left a chance to stay at the Elysee Palace despite current opinion polls suggesting the second round of the far-right National Front, against conservative Francois Fillon.

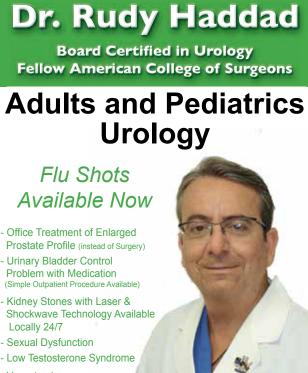
The 53-year-old Cazeneuve is a close ally of Hollande and became a popular figure in French politics as the champion of measures tackling extremism in his interior minister role.

#### Cuba starts return to normal as mourning for Castro ends

HAVANA (AP) — Music is playing in the streets again. Tourists are sipping mojitos at sidewalk cafes. Flags are flapping at full staff. After nine days of national mourning for Fidel Castro, Cuba is slowly returning to noisy, boisterous normality.

Cuba is a country where sidewalks serve as living rooms and social clubs, but during the mourning period people mostly stayed indoors, watching television and avoiding any appearance of jovial-

With a government ban on selling alcohol and on playing live or recorded music after Castro's death, Cubans paid tribute to their longtime leader in near silence. They filed by the hundreds of thousands through special sites equipped with photos of Castro as a young guerrilla and books where



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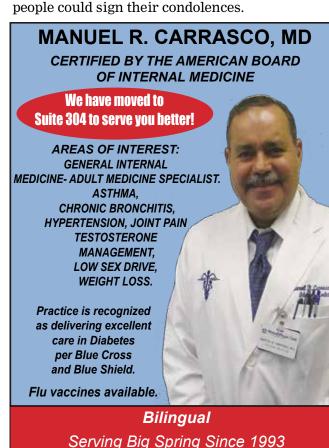
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