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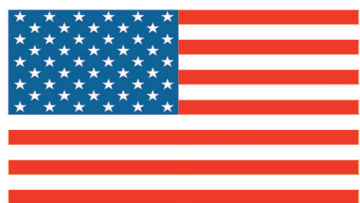
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Orchestra, singers, sparkle in annual holiday concert

Upcoming Events

Three Angels Food Pantry, 4319 Parkway, will distribute food from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in a drive-through format. Bring a box or plastic bag for your food, and let the workers know how many are in your household.

Big Spring's annual Festival of Lights Christmas lighted display in Comanche Trail Park, featuring more than 1 million light bulbs and Big Spring's famous lighted poinsettias on the dam, is open nightly from 6 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 25. Enter at the north entrance on U.S. Highway 87, across from Wal-Mart.

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Left, the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, led by Conductor Keith Graumann, was joined by the Big Spring High School choirs under the direction of Gershom Garcia at First United Methodist Church of Big Spring for the annual BSSO Holiday Concert, titled "Home is Where the Heart Is" this year. At right, soloists Lawrence Thibeault and Tara Trowbridge added their talents to the mix at the Christmas concert.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

"Home is where the heart is," and, although the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's forever home is getting some work done on its heating and cooling equipment, the orchestra certainly made themselves at home Saturday night at First United Methodist Church. Playing on a temporary stage set up in the church's sanctuary, the first half of

the program featured 12 holiday pieces: "Fanfare and Celebration" arranged by David Culross; "Brassy Holidays" by Scott Hale; "March of the Toys" by Victor Herbert (featured in both the 1934 and 1961 versions of the movie Babes in Toyland); "Shepherds Hey" by Percy Grainger; J.S. Bach's "Ave Maria" arranged by Gounod, with soloist Lawrence Thibeault; three Mannheim Steamroller rock arrangements: "Deck the Halls," "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentle-

men" and "Pat-a-Pan," all arranged by Chip Davis; Gabriel Faure's "Pie Jesu" with soloist Tara Trowbridge; "Fantasia on Greensleeves" by R. Vaughan Williams, with flute soloists Rebecca Webb and Antonio Herbert; "Christmas Pop Sing-A-Long" arranged by Lee Norris; and, joined by the Big Spring High School Choirs under the direction of Gersom Garcia, "Ding, Dong, Merrily

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Students from Goliad elementary rocked in the holidays with a recorder concert



This past Thursday, Dec 16, some of the students from Goliad elementary put on their Rockin Holliday Recorder program for 2021. This included students from Bancroft, Carrillo, Castellanos, Gervasi, Molina, and Watt. The magical event was held inside the cafeteria and was enjoyed by all. It was a great mixture of holiday and uplifting songs performed on the recorders these students have been practicing with for quite some time now. The program showed off how hard all of these students worked to put on this show for the crowd in attendance.

Herald Photos/ MaLinda Pope

A Moment in History

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**

Special to the Herald

Each year after Thanksgiving, Big Spring merchants decorated their store windows for an official unveiling of their design and products. The big window reveal was held on the first of December. Downtown lights were all turned on simultaneously at 7:00 pm. Business lights and the red and green Christmas lights illuminated the night sky. The stores remained closed and gave the customer an opportunity to take in the displayed merchandise and the glorious decorating of each business. Everyone walked along the sidewalks gazing at Christmas at its finest. Little trains and trucks, BB guns, pretty dolls with silky hair, tea sets, and fire trucks were a few of the displayed toys children could wish for and relay to Santa.

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• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open dis-

cussion 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.

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• 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. to 8 p.m.

Take Note

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• Senior Citizens Dances are held the third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is December 17. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information call 517-9097.

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www.scenicmountainmedical.org or vaccine.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.



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Obituaries

Donald Wallece,

Donald Wallece, 65, died Saturday, December 18, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Terry Beeler,

Terry Beeler, 66, of Big Spring died Saturday, December 18, 2021. Services are pending at Myers

Penny Elaine

Penny Elaine ("Pen Pen") Athas passed away on Dec 9, 2021, at the age of 64. Unfortunately, she died way too soon from Covid, just before she was set to retire and enjoy the fruits of her many years of tireless work.

Penny Elaine never had children of her own, but she was a mother to many. To know Penny was to love her and to know beyond doubt that she loved you. Despite working full time on her feet day after day at the TA truck stop in Big Spring, Texas (which was her beloved "work family") and being the full-time caretaker for her elderly parents, she always had time for everyone in her life. Time to talk to them, love them and make them laugh. Penny was larger than life in every sense of the word. You couldn't spend much time with Penny without falling into laughter together. But she was also the person for many with whom they could share their greatest sorrows. She was also that person with whom you could share your deepest secrets. Even if a person found it hard to love themselves from time to time, Penny's love never faltered.

Penny is survived by her parents Pete and Eleanor Athas, who were devastated by the loss of their "little girl." Sadly, her mother also succumbed to death. Result of Covid six days after Penny's death. Penny is also survived by her sisters Phyllis Schultz and Wanda Wright and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grand-nephews as follows: Lisa Calero, Soraja Lucinda Davis, Amber Alyson Train, Aaron Brandon Schultz, Joshua Michael Schultz, Morgan Calero, Brandon Isaac Schultz, Ivory Elizabeth Schultz, Joshua Michael Schultz II, Lisa Schultz, Lucas Alexander Schultz, and Michael Ian Schultz.

And this is just her biological family. It would take a book to name the rest of those she considered and who considered her family in this world. Penny grew up in Pikesville, Maryland, and lived in Delta, Pennsylvania, and Marfa, Texas, before settling in Big Spring. Although she died in Texas, her heart has always been at the ocean, where her remains will be scattered.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Sunday, Dec 19, 2021, at 2 p.m. at the Outdoor Pavilion behind the Dora Roberts Community Center located in the Comanche Trail Park, Big Spring, Texas. Those who wish to attend virtually can join via Zoom using the following information: Zoom ID 896 1364 2445 Password 841175.

Instead of flowers, please honor Penny's love of the ocean and animals by donating "Sea of Change" at SeaOfChange.com.

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

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on High," arranged by Mack Wilberg.

Following intermission, the orchestra kicked off the second half of the show with Leroy Anderson's well-known piece "Sleigh Ride"; followed by the orchestra's nod to the Jewish winter holiday Hanukkah, "Fantasia on Yerushalayim Shel Zahav" by Naomi Shemer, arranged by Robert Wendel; a second appearance by Thibeault on "The Christmas Song" by Mel Torme and Robert Wells, arranged by Carmen Dragon; an encore from Trowbridge on "Cantique de Noel" ("O Holy Night"), by Adolphe Adam and Placide Cappeau; "Christmas Sing-A-Long" arranged by John Fennagin; "Brazilian Sleigh Bells" by Lee Norris; and, with the BSHS Choirs taking the stage once more, "Carol of the Bells" by Mykold Leontovich and "The Many Moods of Christmas I," arranged by Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett.

"We had a lovely audience. The orchestra was just very good and fun to play with, and I thought Gershom Garcia and his high school students did a wonderful job," said Conductor Keith Graumann following the concert. "There's more holiday music than any other genre, so it's hard to pick without repeating oneself, but we had so many arrange-

ments of different carols, it just was a grand time. I think everyone enjoyed it, including myself."

BSHS choir director Gershom Garcia said he felt the concert went very well.

"Great! I thought the choir did very well, and the orchestra equally as well," he said. "It's always great to have the kids experience what it's like singing with an orchestra, because we don't usually get to do that. I thought it went very well."

Garcia said the BSHS choirs, including the small groups Rhapsody and Vox Anima, have some exciting events coming up in the Spring semester.

"Next on the docket for them, Rhapsody has an international competition for high school a cappella. It's a pop a cappella contest. They'll be doing that in late February/early March," he said. "Then, our top group called Vox Anima, they're going to be going to a madrigal festival to sing. That will be in March as well. Then we've got UIL and Solo and Ensemble contest, and we're looking to take a trip to Disney at the end of the semester."

Gabriel Martinez, trumpet player in the orchestra, is also head band director for the Big Spring ISD.

"I thought tonight's concert was very intimate as far as showcasing many of the pieces that we have. Kind of a variety of styles, featuring our students from Big Spring High School," he said. "Mr. Garcia and his group did a great job today. Just hav-

ing parents here, having grandparents here, that's what Christmas is all about: Family, and loved ones coming together and to share it in a musical setting, I don't think anything beats that."

Coming up in the New Year, the BSSO will present the long-awaited "Music of Queen" concert, featuring Jeans 'n Classics, on Jan. 22; a tribute to Maestro John Giordano, Feb. 19; and the annual Spring Pops Concert on April 23.

Graumann said the orchestra will still be displaced and the Municipal Auditorium will not be available for the January concert.

"The auditorium is still being repaired. January 2, the Music of Queen. It will be in the Big Spring High School Auditorium," he said.

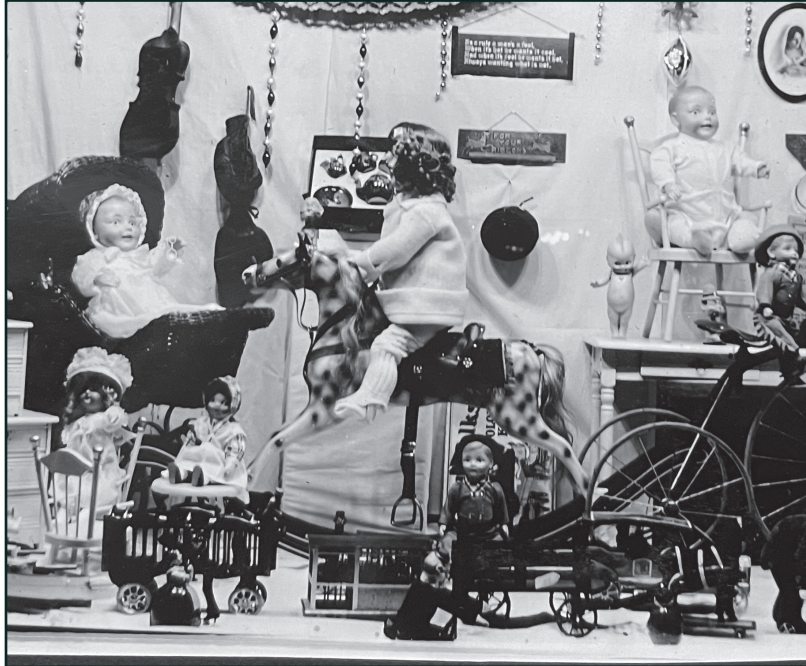
The Jeans 'n Classics group of Canada has a new lead singer, he added.

"I understand he may be even better than their original singer. So it won't sound exactly like Queen, and we're not attempting to sound like Queen," he said. "We're doing Queen music with our version. But I tell you, 'Bicycle' and things like that are just so much fun, and of course, 'Bohemian Rhapsody' may be the most famous rock song ever written. So we're looking forward to that too."

For more information about upcoming Symphony events, watch the Big Spring Herald or visit www.bigspringsymphony.org.

HISTORY

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Courtesy Photos

J & W Fisher Store advertised Tops, Dolls and Games in their Toy Land store. Their advertisement stated "Christmas just isn't the same without bright decorations. That radiate a cheerfulness and joy. The store in every section is devoted to the display of beautiful Christmas that are red and green ropes, all sizes of bells, poinsettias, holly wreaths and other delightful decorations."

Photo Right: 1909 Toy Land at J.&W. Fisher Store. Photo Left: Toy Land in 1913

Cunningham and Philips Drug had three stores decorated with merchandise, Montgomery Ward on the corner of 3rd and Gregg, Albert Fisher Co, J&W Fisher Store at the north end of Main devoted their entire north side of the building to Toy Land. Dudley and Wackers Five and Dime, The La Mode, Barrow Furniture, Victor Mellingers, and O'Rears were a few of the participants. The downtown area was transformed from darkness to light. Through the seasons, merchants begun to string colored lights and Christmas ropes, crossing the streets as they were attached to light posts. The City and Big Spring Chamber took over the decorating of the streets and installed frilly Christmas decorations. Seeing those silvery decorations being hung and Christmas trees on sale, delighted every child because that meant Santa would be on his way soon.

The Big Spring High School Band, marched through the streets announcing the opening of the Christmas shopping season. By 1935, the Christmas parade was added to the event's as decorated floats were enjoyed by all. A platform was constructed on the courthouse lawn for St. Nick to give his annual Christmas message as the lights on the courthouse Christmas tree were ceremoniously turned on.

Santa seemed to always arrive in various forms of transpor-

tation. He came to Big Spring in a carriage, a sleigh pulled by horses, wagon, airplane, helicopter, horseback, and a firetruck. However, he chose to arrive, he was always welcomed by children eagerly awaiting to give him their carefully planned lists.

During the 1930's, the story book characters were added to the parade march. Children dressed in their favorite story book character and walked in the Christmas parade. Santa handed out tickets to the children and they could go on a scavenger hunt in search of small gifts hidden in the store windows. This was a little present from Santa for the boys and girls while encouraging them to be extra good for his Christmas Eve arrival.

The Salvation Army had kettle bell ringers on the streets in front of stores. Those ringing bells became a part of the joyful Christmas sounds heard throughout the season. Merry Christmas wishes could be heard along the street as friends and strangers greeted one another as in the Christmas carol, Silver Bells.

"City sidewalks, busy sidewalks dressed in holiday style

In the air, there's a feeling of Christmas

Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile on every street corner you'll hear"

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Jan. 22: "The Music of Queen" at Big Spring High School; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. Venues for the February and April concerts will be announced at a later date. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will be to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

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Cowboys inch close to playoff berth as D, Lawrence dominate

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It's been said defenses win championships, and nobody in the NFL might be playing better D right now than the Dallas Cowboys.

DeMarcus Lawrence forced a fumble and made two other big plays that led to 15 points and the Dallas defense forced four turnovers for the third straight game Sunday. The Cowboys inched closer to their first playoff berth since 2018 with a 21-6 win over the New York Giants.

"We're the best defense," a blunt Trevon Diggs said after picking up his league-high 10th interception of the season, one shy of the team record set by Everson Walls in 1981.

Lawrence said the defense is the best he has played on in his eight seasons.

"It's amazing just to be on a team with a strong defense," he said. "It doesn't get any better than that."

This has been a strange season for the Cowboys (10-4), who also got a touchdown pass from Dak Prescott and a 13-yard TD run by Ezekiel Elliott in winning their third straight game, all on the road.

The offense, which also got three field goals from Greg Zuerlein, carried the team for the first six or seven games. The defense has shouldered the burden since.

Dallas would have clinched a playoff berth with a loss or tie by New Orleans at Tampa Bay in the night game, but the Saints beat the Buccaneers 9-0. The Cowboys lost a chance to clinch hours earlier when San Francisco beat Atlanta 31-13.

Graham Gano kicked field goals of 35 and 42 yards as the Giants (4-10) lost their third straight game with backup Mike Glennon starting for the injured

Daniel Jones (neck).

This game was not as close as the score. The Cowboys never trailed and the Giants never looked threatening against a defense that also got interceptions from Jourdan Lewis and Malik Hooker.

Lewis' pick came after Lawrence hit Glennon as he was throwing. It led to Elliott's TD run on a draw. Prescott's 1-yard TD pass to Dalton Schultz capped a short third-quarter drive that started after Lawrence and Neville Gallimore stuffed Glennon on a fourth-and-1 sneak from the New York 29.

Prescott finished 28 of 37 for 217 yards. Schultz caught all eight of his targets for 67 yards.

"It's definitely frustrating, as I said, the defense is doing a great job giving us the ball, giving us the ball in plus territory, and we've got to find a way to get it in the end zone," Prescott said. "Simple as that, and I'm sure we'll do that."

Sidelined by a broken foot most of the season, Lawrence set up 10 of the 15 first-half points. His hit on Saquon Barkley forced a fumble that Carlos Watkins recovered at the Giants 46 with :41 left in the half. Zuerlein, who missed the extra point after the Elliott touchdown, hit a 27-yard field goal, his third of the half. He also converted from 26 and 42 yards, but missed two extra points kicking into a crosswind.

"Amazing. I expect DeMarcus to do that every game," Diggs said. "You know, he's still very much the leader of the defense. He's a veteran. He is still our guy. So I expect that from him all the time. He's a great player."

The three interceptions gave Dallas a league-high 23 picks.

The Giants' major accomplishment was ending rookie Micah Parsons' run of making a full sack

in six straight games. New York also did not get blown out this time; it dropped a 44-20 decision in Dallas on Oct. 10.

"Self-inflicted wounds," said Glennon, who finished 13 of 24 for 99 yards and three interceptions before being relieved by Jake Fromm. "There were a couple of times we did move the ball well and then just ended up with field goals, and then a couple of kind of dumb decisions on my end forcing the ball that were not good decisions."

BETS The Cowboys' offense and defense have a bet going that was negotiated by Lawrence and Prescott on Saturday.

"I'll let everyone know the defense is kicking our (butt)," Prescott said. "But it's the turnovers versus touchdowns and they obviously won this one. But we'll make sure that they carry on carries over."

When asked what the payoff is, Prescott said they'll figure it out later.

INJURIES

Cowboys: Dallas did not announce any injuries. OT Tyron Smith missed the game with an ankle injury.

Giants: WR Sterling Shepard tore his Achilles tendon late in the game. Backup RB Gary Brightwell left early with a neck injury. Cornerbacks Adoree Jackson (quad) and Aaron Robinson, wide receivers John Ross and Kadarius Toney and line-backers Cam Brown and Oshane Ximines were put on the reserve-COVID-19 list this past week and did not play.

UP NEXT:

Cowboys: return home to play Washington next Sunday for the second time in three games.

Giants: travel down the New Jersey Turnpike to play the Eagles on Sunday.

Saints frustrate Brady again, beat SB champ Buccaneers 9-0

By FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Nobody hounds Tom Brady like the New Orleans Saints.

Cameron Jordan and the New Orleans defense gave Brady fits again, shutting down Tampa Bay's high-powered offense Sunday night as the Saints put the Buccaneers' division-title celebration plans on hold with a 9-0 victory over the reigning Super Bowl champions.

"Just a tough night. Didn't do much of anything right," said Brady, who smashed a tablet on the bench in frustration late in the fourth quarter.

"I wish it was just one thing. It was a lot of things," he added. "We just didn't play well enough. We're not going to win scoring no points."

Despite playing without coach Sean Payton on the sideline, the Saints (7-7) beat the Bucs (10-4) for the seventh straight time during the regular season — fourth since Brady left New England for Tampa Bay in 2020.

And no doubt, defense was the driving force behind this one.

"You can't say enough about what they did to pitch a shutout like that. And against a Brady-led offense, it's incredible," Saints quarterback Taysom Hill said. "Part of our play calling and all that was reflective of how well they were playing."

The victory gave New Orleans a sweep of the season series between the NFC South rivals and boosted the Saints into playoff position with a hold on the conference's final wild card. It also forced Tampa Bay to wait at least another week to clinch its first division crown since 2007.

The Bucs, who did win a playoff game at New Orleans last January en route to winning the Super Bowl, lead the division by three games with three weeks remaining in the regular season.

With defensive coordinator Dennis Allen standing in for Payton, who missed the game after testing positive for COVID-19, the Saints stymied the NFL's No. 1 passing and scoring of-

is the only quarterback with a longer run.

"This wasn't in any way a one-man show," Allen said. "This was an organization that came together and won a game."

Jordan had two of New Orleans' four sacks, surpassing 100 for his career, and forced a key fumble in the lowest-scoring game of the NFL season. It was the first time Brady lost to an opponent that didn't manage a touchdown.

"Look, if we wanted to win, we had to put it on the D-line," Jordan said. "We installed a four-man rush front and we got after him. We hit him early, we hit him often and we sort of rushed him a few more times than he normally has been. I mean, to get Tom Brady — he's got one of the fastest releases in the game. So I'm just really impressed with my D-line."

Brady leads the NFL in completions (404), attempts (602), yards passing (4,348) and TD passes (36), but he was just 26 of 48 for 213 yards and one interception — the eighth he's thrown in four regular-season games against the Saints, who didn't have any turnovers Sunday night.

Hill, meanwhile, was 13 of 27 for 154 yards and no interceptions for New Orleans, which also got field goals of 39, 35 and 42 yards from Brett Maher. The dual-threat quarterback set up Maher's first field goal with a 40-yard completion to Marquez Callaway. They combined on a 33-yard pass play to set up the 35-yarder that gave New Orleans a 6-0 halftime lead.

"Obviously, we would rather have touchdowns than field goals in those situations, but we were able to come away with points," Allen said. "And the way this game ended up playing out it was more about protecting the football and playing the field-position game, because we felt good about the defense and the way we were playing."

The Saints have won two in a row after a five-game losing streak that jeopardized their postseason chances.

"We're aware of the situation," Hill

every year since 2017, and despite losing Brees to retirement and his successor, Jameis Winston, to a season-ending knee injury, they're not relinquishing the crown without a fight.

Trevor Siemian came off the bench to replace Winston and lead New Orleans to a 36-27 victory in the first meeting between the fierce rivals on Oct. 31. Brady threw for 375 yards and two TDs in that one, but also lost a fumble and had one of his two interceptions returned for a touchdown in the loss.

This time, the Saints' defense harassed Brady repeatedly, forced a fumble by the 44-year-old quarterback that ruined Tampa Bay's best scoring opportunity in the second half, and also intercepted the seven-time Super Bowl winner late in the game.

"I think it's just a testament to what our defense is able to do," Jordan said. "The way we were able to attack the offense, I love it."

Ryan Succop missed a 45-yard field goal, costing the Bucs potential points in the first half.

"Very disappointing. It's never happened to me. I can't remember the

good enough to win."

INJURIES

Saints: Played without LT Terron Armstead and RT Ryan Ramszyk, both out with knee injuries.

Buccaneers: WRs Chris Godwin (knee) and Mike Evans (hamstring) left in the second quarter, Godwin after taking a hard hit from Saints CB P.J. Williams. Neither receiver returned to the game. ... RB Leonard Fournette (hamstring) departed in the third quarter. ... S Jordan Whitehead returned to the lineup after missing two games, but S Antoine Winfield Jr. (foot), CB Jamel Dean (illness) and CB Richard Sherman (Achilles) were inactive.

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CITY PROPOSITION A – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring by deletion and revision to require and ensure compliance with state law.

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CITY PROPOSITION B – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring by deleting and amending those provisions which are redundant of state law, duplicative of other sections of the Charter or otherwise unnecessary for placement in the Charter.

CITY PROPOSITION C – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring to require council members to reside within the District to which they intended to be elected.

CITY PROPOSITION D – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring by clarifying that the City Attorney, Internal Auditor and the City Judge are appointed by the City Council.

CITY PROPOSITION F – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring to authorize City Council to either (1) appoint an individual to a vacancy or (2) call a special election to fill a vacancy when there are less than 180 days remaining in the term of the office to be filled.

CITY PROPOSITION G – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring to clarify how the existing term limits are applied.

CITY PROPOSITION H – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring to clarify when a resignation of office occurs when a council member is appointed to or becomes a candidate for may local, state or federal office.

CITY PROPOSITION I – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring by deleting the disciplinary hearing process for city employees.

CITY PROPOSITION K – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring by establishing October 1st as the beginning of the City's fiscal year.

CITY PROPOSITION L – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring to clarify Article VI, City Officers and Employees by removing redundant language and reorganizing related sections.

CITY PROPOSITION M – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring to provide for the powers and responsibilities of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tempore.

CITY PROPOSITION N – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring to require the appointment of an Acting City Manager during the City Managers absence.

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CITY PROPOSITION Q - Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring by revising the process for making a claim against the City.

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Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring by revising the recall process.

CITY PROPOSITION T – Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring by adding provision for initiative and referendum.

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The question is how Sobel could tell at trick one that East's A-K of spades could be driven out without

wasting her high spades or using up valuable entries to dummy for spade leads toward the Q-J.

When the logic of her low spade play at trick two is examined, it is found to be eminently sound. Since only 14 high-card points were missing, East had to have the A-K of spades and king of hearts for his opening bid.

Next, it was also reasonable to suppose that West did not have two hearts, or he surely would have led his partner's suit in preference to his own, which was at best 10-x-x. Therefore, West had either a singleton heart or a void!

But West could not be void. If he were, he would have a five-card suit, in which case he presumably would have led that suit in preference to a four-card suit (as indicated by West's deuce lead). Hence, West had precisely one heart. The inevitable consequence of this conclusion was that West's distribution was 4-4-4-1.

Since West was thus marked with four spades, it followed that East had exactly two, and that they were the doubleton A-K! To cross to dummy with a club or a diamond — which would either cost a trick or use up dummy's last entry — was therefore pointless. So Sobel led a low spade at trick two and wound up making more tricks on the deal than anyone else.

Tomorrow: The right play at the right time.

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Mourning During the Holidays

Dear Annie: I recently lost my son, and Thanksgiving without him was very painful. I am writing to offer suggestions for how people might act, or what they should say, when interacting with one who is grieving the loss of a loved one.

Ordinarily, I would have texted "Sam" in advance to tell him where we would be celebrating Thanksgiving, and I would have said to put on clean clothes, shower and not be late. I couldn't help but feel a profound, overwhelming sadness and an unbearable pain as I prepared to have my first Thanksgiving without my son.

Chances are, if you are reading this column, you probably know someone who is struggling with the loss of a child or grandchild, and it is very painful trying to get through the holiday season.

Although it's only been a mere seven months since I buried my son, I have learned

that the art of using the right words helps to soothe the pain.

So, what do you say to someone who is mourning during the holidays? If your friends' loss is recent, wishing them "happy holidays" -- or happy anything from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day -- might come across as if you don't realize (or care about) the permanence of their grief. On the other hand, saying nothing at all speaks a louder message of indifference than shouted words.

Like the scent of candles, grief remains in the air of the holidays even amid the beauty and joy of the season. Saying something is better than saying nothing. Here are ways to tell your friends you're thinking of them and are aware of their grief during the holidays:

-- "I'm thinking of you. I know this is your first Thanksgiving without Sam."

-- "I'm keeping you and your family in my thoughts this first

Hanukkah after Sam's death. I realize you're still adjusting to Sam's absence."

-- "Will you join us for Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year's, etc.? We realize you might not want to sit alone."

-- "I know the holidays will be hard on you and your family without Sam here with you."

-- "May I come visit with you during this holiday?"

-- "I'd love to hear stories about Sam."

Well-thought-out words can soothe wounded hearts. Notice I said "soothe" and not "heal"? You can't "fix" anyone's grief, but you can offer consoling support that doesn't deepen the pain. When talking about the holidays with the newly bereaved, be thoughtful and deliberate in your choice of words:

-- Plan to commemorate instead of celebrate.

-- Invite grieving friends to a gathering

rather than a party.

-- Acknowledge awareness of your friends' ongoing grief rather than assuming they should feel a certain way.

-- Avoid "at least" statements, which diminish the importance and impact of mourners' losses.

Please keep me and my family in your thoughts and prayers as we enter our first holiday season without Sam. God Bless All. -- From a Grieving Father

Dear Grieving Father: I am so sorry for your loss, and I want to thank you for putting together these beautiful and thoughtful suggestions for other people who have friends who have experienced losses and are in mourning.

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5 :AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Freedom Master	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Dorneo	NCIS: Los Angeles	Jeremiah	Vegas Rat Rods	
6 :AM		jDespierta America!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy dia (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Eye on Robison	Peg & Cat	Patemity Court	Highway Thru Hell	George	Charmed	SportsCenter		College Basketball	NCIS (DVS)	Parking	Vegas Rat Rods	
7 :AM	Good Morning America		Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of Southwest	Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce	George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter				Vegas Rat Rods	
8 :AM			FamFeud				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	Broke Girl	Charmed		SportsCenter	Sports	Chicago P.D.	Parking	Fast N' Loud	
9 :AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Rocks	Clifford	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Friends	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up	NBA Basketball	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
10 :AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso De'siones	Today-Hoda	The Counter	Go Luna	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends	Supernatural				Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
11 :AM	Jeopardy	Noticiero	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Charles	Nature	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	World Poker	Chicago P.D.	The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
12 :PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News	Pasión de gaviolas	Days of our Lives	Truth	Molly	Dateline	Hot	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter		High School Football	Chicago P.D.	Movie: Mile 22, Iko Uwais	Fast N' Loud	
1 :PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Biblical	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supernatural	This Just	NBA Today		Chicago P.D.		Fast N' Loud	
2 :PM	Rachael Ray	La madrastra	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Suelta la sopa	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Nature Cat	Monk	Jerry	Friends	Supernatural	College Football: Myrtle Beach Bowl - Old Dominion vs Tulsa.	NFL Rewind		Chicago P.D.		Fast N' Loud	
3 :PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends	Supernatural	Movie: Wonder Woman, Connie Nielsen (DVS)	NFL Live	OU Football Flashback	Chicago P.D.	Escape Plan 2: Hades	Fast N' Loud	
4 :PM	You Bet	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7	En casa con	News	Wonder	Almas	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Burgers	Supernatural	Around	Pardon	Signing Day	Chicago P.D.	Movie: Escape Plan, Jim Caviezel	Fast N' Loud	
5 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Tele	News	Christ	Molly	King	Nick Cannon	Burgers	Supernatural	Monday Night Countdown	SportsCenter	Special	Chicago P.D.	Movie: Escape Plan, Jim Caviezel	Street Outlaws	
6 :PM	News	¿Qué le pasa a	Sheldon	CBS 7	Por amor o por	News	Rico Cor	Hero	King	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Supernatural	SportsCenter	Focused	Spotlight	Chicago P.D.		Street Outlaws	
7 :PM	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at Chicago Bears.	Rosa de Guadalupe Vencer el pasado	The Secrets of Christmas: Revealed	One Last Time	Hercal: amor y venganza (SS)	Annie Live! (DVS)	Man on Jesus IS	Odd	Law & Order: SVU	Dynasty	American	Supernatural	NFL Football: Minnesota Vikings at Chicago Bears.	SEC Storied	Stars Pre.	WWE Monday Night RAW	Movie: Olympus Has Fallen, Morgan Freeman	Street Outlaws	
8 :PM		La de-salmada	FOX 24 News at 9	NCIS: Hawai'i	Malverde: el santo		Light of Southwest	Arthur	Law & Order: SVU	Dynasty	American	Supernatural	(1:15) Movie: The Wizard of Oz (DVS)	NBA G League Basketball: Teams TBA.	Wild at Stars	Last Man	(:33) Movie: Olympus Has Fallen	Street Outlaws	
9 :PM							Light of Southwest	Cyber	Mike	News	American	Supernatural							Street Outlaws
10 :PM	Big 2 News at 10	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Telemundo 20	News	Wisdom	Nature Cat	Friends	Burgers	American	Supernatural	Postgame	E60	Postgame	That's My Jam	Den of Thieves, O'Shea Jackson Jr.	Street Outlaws	
11 :PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	Parientes a la fuerza	Seth Meyers	The China	Almas	Holly	Creek	Wipeout	Bones	NFL Rewind	SportsCenter	NHL Hockey: Wild at Stars	Last Man	Law & Order: SVU	Street Outlaws	
12 :AM	Nightline	Las tantas no van	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly	Jerry Springer	Liquidator	Gold	Bones	NFL Rewind	SportsCenter		Postgame	Law & Order: SVU	Street Outlaws	
1 :AM	Paid Prg.	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(:07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Paid Prg.	Hair	Bones	SportsCenter	UFC Archival	Shogun Fights	Dateline	Home Clean air	Pot Cops	
2 :AM	(:21) ABC World News Now	El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU	Programa	Early Tdy	Programa	Issues4	Odd	Paid Prg.	Emeril's	Emeril	Bones	College Football	SportsCenter	Golf Life	Dateline	Paid Prg.	Pot Cops	
3 :AM		Nototr.	Laughs	Programa	Early Tdy	Programa	Israel	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Disease	Matters	Bones		SportCtr	Get		Prince	Pot Cops	
4 :AM	Moming	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	Shepherd	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Figure 8	Matters	Bones							

