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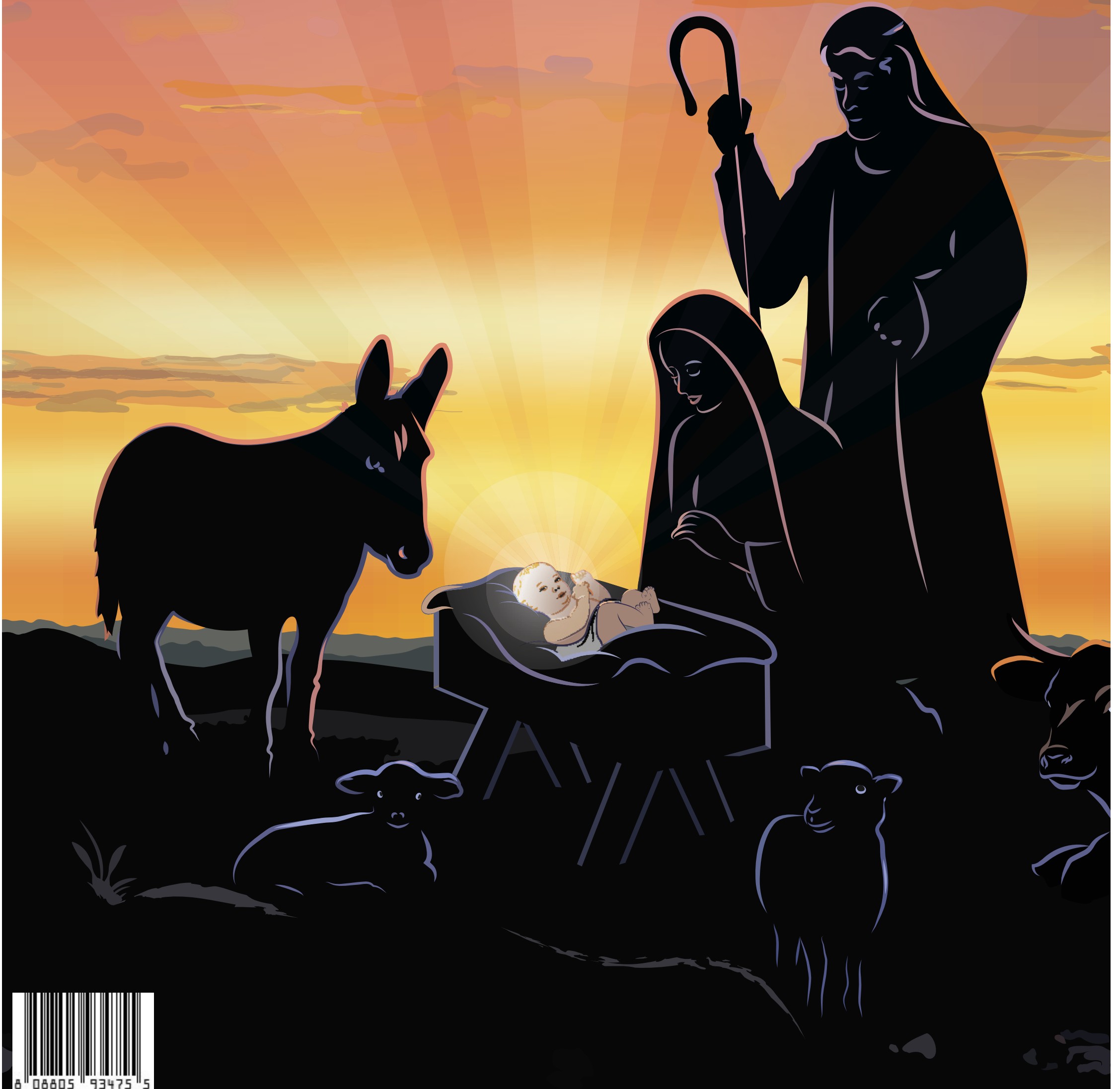
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Casper finds opportunity to show off in Las Vegas

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo

LAS VEGAS – Saddle bronc rider Wyatt Casper has been looking for his opportunity to show off.

He got it during a special Wednesday morning performance, December 13, of the National Finals Rodeo, riding Legacy Pro Rodeo's Jitter Bug for 85 points, good enough for fifth in the sixth go-round, worth just shy of \$8,000.

"That horse gives you every opportunity to spur every jump and doesn't have a trick to her," said Clarendon College alum Casper of Miami, Texas. "It's one of those rounds where you just get to let loose and have some fun."

He's having a good time but placing higher would give the Oklahoma Panhandle-raised cowboy a little better feeling. Through six rounds, he's placed three times and earned \$34,763 – \$10,000 of that came as a bonus for being an NFR qualifier.

Meanwhile, go-round winners are earning nearly \$31,000 per night. The difference between his ride and the four men who earned

more money in the morning session? While his horse was straight down the arena, the other four had mounts that offered a few more tricks. Scores are based on a 100-point scale, with half coming from how well the horse bucks and half from how well the cowboy rides in rhythm the bucking motion.

"You can dang sure separate those horses that are a little more showy than the ones that don't have anything to them," Casper said. "I knew I'd be pretty close to getting a check. You can do that in most of these pens. You can pick out who's got the strongest horse and who's got the bottom of the pen. Even though it's the NFR, there's still a top and bottom to those pens."

The morning performance came because the opening night of the NFR was canceled after the deadly shooting last week on the UNLV campus. Contestants competed twice. There were two performances Wednesday to allow for the cowboys and cowgirls to still be part of all 10 rounds.

It seems like a lot to get on two

bronses in one day, but it's just a different feel because of the magnitude of the NFR. During the summer run, contestants will make multiple rides or runs in the same day.

"Usually over the Fourth of July, we try to enter Red Lodge, Montana; Cody, Wyoming; and Livingston, Montana, in the same day," he said. "You're also driving pretty fast to get to all those rodeos, and that's three in a day. That's a full day, so it's nice to have a break between the two rounds here."

Casper was in the mix, riding Calgary Stampede's Xena Warrior for 87.5 points to finish in a tie for fourth place in Tuesday's fifth round. That was worth \$10,401 and provided the kind of boost he needed.

"Honestly, I was surprised for that score to even get a check," said Casper of Miami, Texas. "These TV pens that we put together are always pretty jam up. It was a lot of fun."

Reigning world champion Zeke Thurston won the round with a 91-point ride; there also were rides of 89.5 and 88.5 to better Casper.

Still, it's a solid score for a cowboy who is hoping to keep scratching toward the pay window.

"It's always nice whenever you can draw a Calgary horse in any round," he said. "I know quite a bit about Xena. I got on him in Arlington (Texas) and won a round on him, so I've had a little bit of good history with him. I was pretty excited."

His previous ride on the Canadian horse came in the ninth round of the 2020 NFR, when the event took place at Globe Life Field because of COVID restrictions. They were 88 points three years ago, so the tandem remains consistent in how well they perform together.

So far, he's placed just one other time, finishing sixth in Sunday's third round.

"This week's been good, but it's been tough," Casper said. "I've been having to learn a little patience. I've been trying to make something happen, and it doesn't always work out. You just try not to let it go to your head and just keep

doing your job."

His job is riding bucking horses, and he's pretty good at it. The 2016 intercollegiate champion while at Clarendon College has qualified for four straight NFRs.

"My mental game is pretty good," he said. "I lack it sometimes; I was getting pretty irritated the first four rounds, and I've just had to keep reminding myself that it's a marathon, not a sprint. I just need to be patient, and one will run under me that's going to buck and give me a chance."

"I feel like I'm riding good. In fact, I feel like I'm riding better this year than I probably have at the last two finals. I'm still happy. I feel like I'm still in a good place. It just hasn't happened, and some stuff you can't make happen, especially in bronc riding."

"There's been two horses that I've had to bear down on, the second round and the fourth round. I felt really good on the other two. It's just finding rhythm and drawing the right horses. That's a big part of it."

Free Christmas
dinner Saturday

The annual community Christmas dinner will be held Saturday, December 23, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Clarendon School Cafeteria.

Deliveries will be made to handicapped and shut-ins by calling in advance at 806-236-9759. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226 or at Pilgrim Bank.

Texas moves
\$8.5 billion
for highways,
Rainy Day

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he has completed the transfer of about \$3.06 billion into the State Highway Fund (SHF) and \$5.46 billion to the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF; commonly known as the "Rainy Day Fund").

The Rainy Day Fund, which normally receives the same amount as the SHF, received \$2.41 billion more because of the general revenue (GR) surplus at the end of fiscal 2023.

"The strong Texas economy and judicious budgeting by lawmakers netted a surplus that, for the first time in more than a decade, allows us to set aside an additional bucket of money to ensure we are able to weather future downturns," Hegar said. "The Rainy Day and State Highway funds are tremendous assets for the taxpayers of Texas and help provide the foundation needed for the future of this great state."

The combined \$6.11 billion severance tax transfers to the ESF and SHF are based on crude oil and natural gas production tax revenues in excess of 1987 collections. If either tax generates more revenue than the 1987 threshold, an amount equal to 75 percent of the excess is transferred.

In November 2014, voters approved a constitutional amendment allocating at least half of these severance taxes to the ESF, with the remainder going to the SHF for use on non-toll highway construction, maintenance and right-of-way acquisition.

The Texas Constitution provides for an additional transfer to the ESF equal to one-half of any unencumbered GR surplus at the end of each biennium. That transfer amounted to \$2.41 billion of unobligated GR to the ESF. The last time such a transfer occurred was 2008.

According to the Texas Constitution, the ESF and SHF transfers must occur within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year.

When fiscal 2023 ended on Aug. 31, the ESF balance was \$14.17 billion. With the most recent transfers, the new ESF balance will be about \$19.63 billion, not accounting for currently outstanding spending authority. The balance in the ESF will change as agencies spend down this remaining appropriations.



Toys for Joy - Hedley

Members of the Clarendon and Hedley Lions Clubs along with Santa Claus visited Hedley Elementary School last Wednesday morning to deliver toys to the kids. Between Hedley and Clarendon schools, the Lions distributed 253 toys to every kid up through the fifth grade thanks to the generous donations of toys and money from the community.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Chamber to draw for \$250 Friday
Sign-ups continue at participating merchants through Dec. 21

The final drawing is this Friday in the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce's Shop Small Big Christmas promotion. Some lucky shopper will win \$250 in Chamber Christmas Cash by shopping in participating merchants through Thursday night.

Sign-ups at participating merchants will continue through December 21. The Chamber is giving away a total of \$550 this season with \$100 drawings on December 1, 8, and 15; and a big \$250 giveaway on December 22.

Participating merchants included Amanda's Country Soaps, Brake Time, Broken Road Liquor, Cornell's Country Store, Coun-

try Bloomer's Flowers & Gifts, Courtney D'Costa - Scentsy Consultant, Every Nook & Cranny, Henson's, J&W Lumber, Lashes by Holly, Lowe's Family Center, Mulkey Theatre, Mike's Pharmacy, Monroe's Peach Ranch, Rambling Ranch Boutique, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, Saye's Flying A Tack, Whistle-Stop, and Wicked Fast Attire.

To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at the participating merchants. The Chamber will gather them up each week and hold the drawings live on the Chamber's Facebook. Enter as many times as you shop locally, so shop often. Entries stay in the hopper each week.

Several businesses are also planning to be open for Late Night Shopping on December 21 this year. Most of the participating businesses will be open until at least 7:30 p.m., including Every Nook & Cranny, Henson's, Rambling Ranch, Saye's Flying A Tack, and Whistle Stop. Corrective Aesthetics will also be open late but only until 7 p.m.

Shop at home this holiday season and remember the important role your local merchants play in keeping your community strong.

Visit the Chamber's Facebook page or ClarendonTX.com/Christmas for more information.

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- December 24**
Wonka • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- December 27, 28 & 29**
Lady Broncos v Wildcat Classic Tournament • TBA • Away
- December 28 & 29**
Broncos v Canyon Holiday Tournament • TBA • Canyon
- January 2**
Owls & Lady Owls v Shamrock • 11:00 a.m. • Away
- January 2**
Broncos v Bushland • 7:30 p.m. • Away
- January 2**
Lady Broncos v Palo Duro • 6:00 p.m. • Away
- January 13**
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Menus

December 25 - 29 Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Closed
Tue: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: King ranch chicken, ranch style beans, garden salad, tortilla, churros, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hush-puppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Closed
Tue: BBQ ribs, baked macaroni & cheese, broccoli, cherry crisp, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, brown rice, country green beans w/bacon & onion, peach parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Fried chicken, baked potato, chopped spinach, ginger molasses cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pigs in a blanket, baked beans, sweet potato fries, mixed green salad, rice Krispie treats, iced tea/2% milk.



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The Gift of Volunteer Service During the Holiday Season

By Camden Frost, HHSC Project Manager

From October to December, people throughout the U.S. participate in what is commonly called the Season of Giving.

According to the NIH National Library of Medicine, over one third (34 percent) of annual donations occur during the "giving season," between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

While donations are often in-kind items or monetary, there is perhaps nothing as meaningful as the gift of volunteer service.

Giving Tuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year, is one of the biggest days of the year for making donations and volunteering,

giving people a chance to help transform communities with their heartfelt generosity.

Volunteers are goodwill in action, providing much needed support in strengthening communities and promoting social connection.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Age Well Live Well campaign promotes social connection as one of many ways to stay healthy as you age. The campaign has three focus areas: Be Healthy, Be Connected and Be Informed.

Some Be Connected efforts incorporate connection and volunteerism: Texas Talks connects people through conversations on aging topics during the holiday season;

Know Your Neighbor connects local neighborhood communities; Texas Talks connects people through conversations on aging topics during the holiday season; Know Your Neighbor connects local neighborhood communities; and Ages United creates intergenerational connections with resources for schools, long-term care facilities and other volunteer groups.

Consider what opportunities are available to share your passion and talents during this year's Season of Giving. Visit the Be Connected web page to learn more about social connection resources, and search for volunteer opportunities near you by visiting Volunteer Match, Create the Good or AmeriCorps Seniors.

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Jackson demands answers from USDA on relief program

Congressmen Ronny Jackson (TX-13), Jodey Arrington (TX-19), and August Pfluger (TX-11), along with Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS), last week sent a letter to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack addressing his failure to properly administer much needed disaster assistance payments to agricultural producers for crop losses in the 2022 crop year.

The letter follows the USDA announcing changes to the Emergency Relief Program (ERP), a program meant to provide financial assistance to America's farmers and ranchers for agriculture losses due to natural disasters. This announcement came less than one month after Congressman Jackson called on USDA to release information on their plan to distribute disaster assistance nearly a year after funds were appropriated.

"When hard times fell on farmers and ranchers, Congress made a

conscience decision to support the men and women who dedicate their lives to feed and clothe the world," Jackson said. "Farmers have struggled to deal with the Biden administration's radical economic policies, causing a steep rise in input costs and major labor shortages, all on top of catastrophic natural disasters. Instead of distributing disaster relief assistance quickly and efficiently to mitigate weather challenges in 2022, the USDA has radically changed the Emergency Relief Program to prioritize DEI initiatives and make deeper payment cuts that punish full time farmers.

"I will not sit idly by as the agriculture community is dismantled by this administration. As a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and the Representative for one of the largest agricultural producing districts in the country, I will always be a leader in Congress to ensure our farmers and ranchers get the support they deserve."

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Judge may hold state in contempt over foster care

By Karen Brooks Harper, The Texas Tribune

Removed from her home at age 11, Juarez — who is now 4-foot-8 and barely over 100 pounds at 18 — said she was frequently beat up and threatened by other kids, and once had an iPod taken away by facility workers after she showed them that an adult male staffer was sending her sexually suggestive text messages.

Juarez testified through tears before U.S. District Judge Janis Jack on Monday how she could never find allies in Texas foster care, a system that was there to protect her.

“They would tell us when we [cry or] misbehave that we were there because our family didn’t want us, or that it was because we were bad kids and nobody wants bad kids,” Juarez told Jack.

Jack is being asked to decide whether the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, which manages the foster care system, should be held in contempt of court orders for the third time since a 2011 lawsuit was filed about foster care conditions.

The federal hearing is expected to take at least a week to complete.

Jack opened the hearing Monday with a strong rebuke of state foster care officials at DFPS and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, repeating an ongoing criticism that children removed from their parents and given over to the state leave the system more damaged than when they entered it.

“It’s very disappointing, isn’t it?” she said.

Jack made her first ruling condemning the state foster care system in 2015, and three years later, the conservative Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed. Since then, she’s ordered several fixes over the years and continuously criticized the state for not complying with her orders.

DFPS has been under the supervision of court-appointed monitors since 2019. Since then, the foster

care system has been found in contempt twice before for failing to fix deficiencies noted by the court.

In this hearing, Jack will address recent court monitor reports that have described striking systemic failures — faulty sexual abuse investigations, poor record keeping, unreliable medication monitoring, poorly supervised residential facilities and more.

Since 2019, the state foster care system has been twice found in contempt for failing to follow her orders to fix deficiencies.

At the center of the battle are the roughly 9,000 children in permanent state custody, removed from their homes due to circumstances that can include abuse at home, or complex health needs that parents are unable to manage without help, or the loss of their family caregivers.

They often present the most tragic stories and have some of the most complex mental and behavioral needs of any child in the system, yet they are often left in dangerous homes and residential centers with poor supervision — frequently over-medicated, trafficked, and unable to get help if they’re continuing to be abused.

Now, plaintiffs in the original 2011 lawsuit are asking Jack to hold the state in contempt, sanction officials and consider putting parts of the foster-care system in receivership — removing those duties from the control of the state and appointing someone to oversee those operations. That person would have hiring and firing control as well as the ability to make new policy.

Juarez testified that when she was a foster child at age 17, she was taking eight different medications every single day — most of them psychotropic drugs — that made her too sleepy and sick to go to school.

When she would tell her doctors and caseworkers that the meds were debilitating, “they would just say I needed them,” she said.

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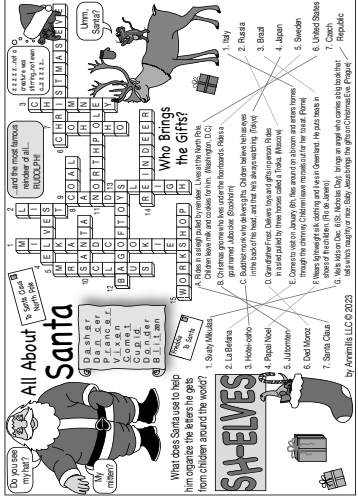
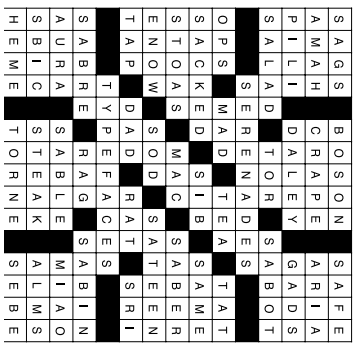


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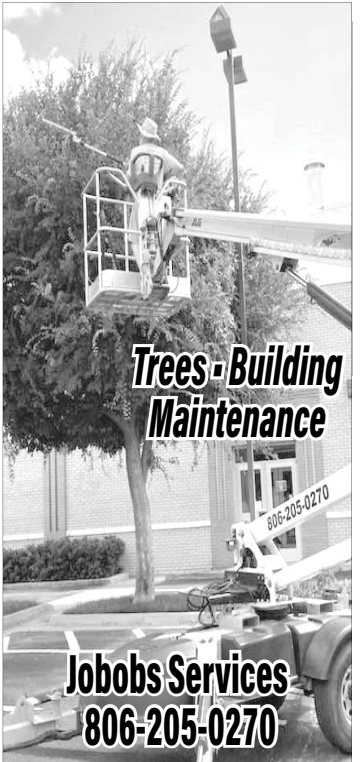
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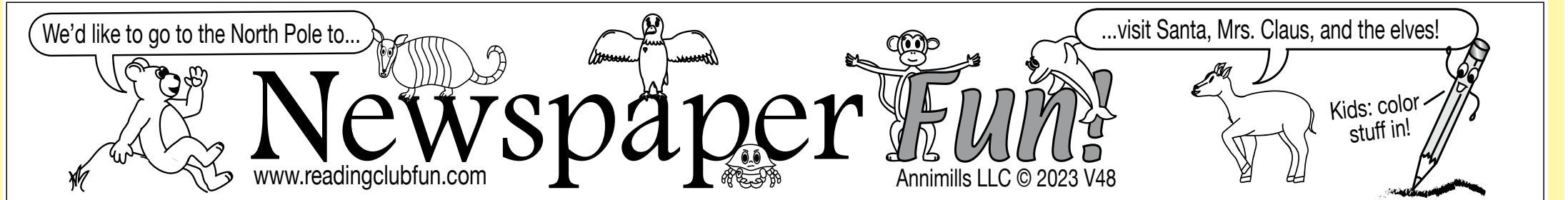
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- said to be Santa's favorite treat on Christmas Eve
- Santa writes this to remember each child's behavior
- where Santa enters the house to deliver presents
- they build the toys and help Santa with all chores
- Santa Claus' cheerful wife; keeps Santa organized
- night Santa flies around the world in his sleigh
- jolly phrase that Santa shouts from his sleigh
- if you misbehave, expect a lump of _____ in your stocking
- Santa might leave sweet treats like _____ canes in stockings
- also known as Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas (Russia)
- where Santa lives - it's very cold, but Mrs. Claus keeps the house cozy
- Santa carries the perfect gift for every good boy and girl in his _____
- to get to every house in one night, Santa flies in a big red _____
- wild _____ are still found in Siberia, Greenland, Alaska and Canada
- where all the toys are made and the elves work their magic

1 candy

2 Mrs. Claus

3 sleigh

4 workshop

5 chimney

6 zzzzzz ...not a creature was stirring...not even a...zzzzz...

7 milk and cookies

8 North Pole

9 Christmas Eve

10 Santa's reindeer are not wild reindeer. They are well-tended by Santa's elves!

11 Umm, Santa?

12 Can you fill in the missing letters on the list to name all of Santa's reindeer?

13 ...and the most famous reindeer of all...udol

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