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David Kilgore of Parkplace Retirement and Parkview Nursing and Rehab takes down the firm's Festival of Lights display at Comanche Trail Park Thursday. The festival drew 19,392 visitors from 34 states and several countries during its annual run, which ended Tuesday.

Smith's works to be on display at local museum

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

The Heritage Museum is "Drawing the Line."

On Friday, Jan. 24, the Museum will be hosting a watercolor solo exhibit featuring the works of local artist Kay Smith.

Smith, who works almost exclusively in watercolor also creates pieces in oil, acrylic and collage. A self-taught artist, her works have been published in the Splash artist series and she has an international following. One of her pieces that featured a rotund chef at work in his kitchen was used as the logo



Smith

for Empty Bowls a United Way charity that is held annually and raises money to feed the hungry.

An artist reception will be held Jan. 24 and the exhibit will be available for viewing through March 14. Smith's work will also be available for purchase.

Smith is a member of the Caboose Watercolor Society and the Big Spring Art Association. She is the owner of Brushworks, a studio and gallery located at 2106 Scurry.

For more information contact the museum at 267-8255. The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry.

To contact Andreia Medlin, call the Herald at 263-7331.

United Way nears goal

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

It came down to the wire but the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will wrap up its 2013 campaign by bringing in close to \$300,000. "I am really optimistic

about this campaign," said Larry Rodgers, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County first vice-president. "We've accomplished a lot. The folks of Howard County and Big Spring have pulled it off again with their generosity. We really appreciate everyone's donations. Of course there are still opportunities for a chance to hit our goal. We are proud and glad that we are at 90 percent of our goal right now and are looking forward to being able to provide more to our member agencies in the near future."

According to Sandy Stewart, executive director, the campaign had garnered nearly \$290,000 as of Thursday with the possibility of more coming in the next few days. That will place this year's campaign on par with the 2012 fund-raiser which brought in \$300,000, but will fall short of the \$330,000 goal set at the campaign kickoff in September.

Stewart added she was happy with the total since two large contributors dropped out this year due to changes in management.

"I am very happy with the campaign turnout, and I think the money will go a long way to help our agencies perform their services to the community," Stewart said.

The process to begin allocation of the funds to the 17-member agencies supported by the local United Way will begin in mid-January.

Those agencies are: American Red Cross West Texas Chapter; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CWJC, Spring of Siloam; Casa of West Texas; Council on Aging/Mobile; Dora Roberts

Rehabilitation Center; Emergency Services Chaplain Corp.; Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Howard County Humane Society; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; The Salvation Army; The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club; Victim Services; Westside Community Day Care Center; and YMCA of Big Spring.

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West Texas wind energy Dallas bound

From local, wire reports

A 3,000-mile network of transmission lines designed to bring wind-generated power from West Texas to homes and businesses from Dallas to San Antonio should be fully operational today.

"There is a vast amount of wind energy that will suddenly be accessible to cities across Texas," said Jeff Clark, executive director of the Wind Coalition, a non-profit association focused on wind resources throughout the state and the Midwest.

Grid operators are on track to have switched on the last of the power lines developed

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Obituaries

Martha Lee Schwab

Martha Lee Schwab, 82, of Big Spring, Texas, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born March 7, 1931 in Hinton, Okla., and married Carl Schwab Feb. 12, 1985 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death March 11, 2004.

Martha was a very loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed and cherished every moment she spent with her family. Martha has been a part of the Big Spring community for several decades.

She is survived by four sons, Kenneth Jones and wife, Pearl of Malvern, Ark., Melvin Jones and Jerry Jones and wife, Dianne, all of Big Spring, and Nathan Cahoon of El Paso Texas; three daughters, Debbie Davis Thompson and husband, Joe and Denise Huitt and husband, Quert, all of Big Spring, and Sarah Tyrrell and husband, Tommy of San Angelo, Texas; three brothers, Leonard Christian and wife, Barbara of Eatonton, Ga., C.W. Christian and wife, Angie of Las Cruces, N.M., and Johnny Christian and wife, Peggy of Big Spring; one sister, Sandra Seidenthaler of Prescott, Ariz.; 19 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sharon Jones; one son, Ricky Jones Christian and two brothers, Ted Christian and Andrew Christian.

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

Paid Obituary

Eliseo M. Gamboa

Eliseo M. Gamboa, 82, of Big Spring, Texas died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013, in Big Spring, Texas. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Brother Gabriel Garza officiating. Mr. Gamboa was one of Jehovah's Witnesses for 71 years.

Mr. Gamboa was born on Aug. 26, 1932, in Eskota, Texas. He came to Big Spring in the early 1940s with his father Jose Gamboa and his mother Maria Gamboa. In 1951, he met and married Rosa Badillo, who became his beloved wife and closest friend for 60 years.

Mr. Gamboa grew up and he went to school in Big Spring. He worked for Seven Up Bottling Company for 21 years. He was always grateful to Mr. Luis Christian and his family for the help they provided in giving Mr. Gamboa a job and in this way helping him raise his own family.

Mr. Gamboa received training and in time was certified as a licensed massage therapist, and had a business, "Gamboa's Office," for many years in Big Spring. In 1957, Mr. Gamboa became a duly ordained minister of the gospel and served the East Spanish Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Big Spring for the rest of his life, 56 years.

His interest was in his God Jehovah, God's son Jesus Christ, God's promised kingdom, his family and the congregation of his spiritual brothers and sisters. He lived a life of service.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rosa Gamboa; one daughter whom he loved very very much, Mary Perez and husband Roy; three sons, Samuel and his wife Nancy, Noe Santiago, Eliseo Jr. and his wife Mary; two granddaughters, Ivory Mize and husband Jason from Big Spring, and April Reech and husband Michael from Baton Rouge, La.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jose Gamboa, and his mother, Maria Gamboa; and a sister, Selia Jackson.

Controlling the clouds was the man I call Dad. The only one I want. The only one I have. I hope to say: "We will never be apart". But I know it is time, for this thought, to enter my heart. Though of this, I cannot control myself nor my thoughts. I do not look up, to a heaven of clouds and await, for anything other, than an answer to a prayer. "Of Father, Jehovah, of him, please do care."

I see him in rebirth, on a planet called Earth. I see him with his Mother and oh, so many, many others. I remember the man that by Jesus did die. He was promised a paradise and his Father doesn't lie. With a blink of an eye, and a strong willing faith, I too, take this to heart, if My Dad did depart. Death does not pull us apart, but puts us in Our Loving Father's Hand. Who can control the events of any man? We belong to a God of the living and with him is our abode. My Abuelo, my Dad, lives on in my heart and he will never leave my world.—Mary Perez

The family suggests memorials be made to East Spanish Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1411 South Scurry Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid Obituary

Hubert Uptergrove

Hubert Uptergrove, 96, of Big Spring, Texas, died Thursday, Jan. 02, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.



He was born May 12, 1917, at Sayre, Okla. He married LaVerna Hale on July 10, 1962, in Stillwell, Okla. He was a retired rancher and moved to Big Spring 10 years ago from Maryneal, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, LaVerna Uptergrove of Big Spring; two sons, Jim Uptergrove and his wife Ethie of Clarendon, Texas, and Mike Uptergrove and his wife Ann of Colorado City, Texas; two daughters, Sharon Brooks and his wife Rex of Sallisaw, Okla., and Linda West of Spearman, Texas; one step-son, Larry Hale and his wife Bobbie of Abilene, Texas; two step-daughters, Joyce Gaston and her husband John of Big Spring, and Jolene Hale of Abilene; one sister, Beth Miller and her husband Jay of Borger, Texas; 18 grandchildren; numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Norma Titus; two brothers, Clovis Uptergrove and Roy Lee Uptergrove; and two grandchildren, Casey Uptergrove and Shaunna Brooks.

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

Juan Molina Garcia

Juan Molina Garcia, 58, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police, Sheriff/Fire&EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 30, of 1501 West 4th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass – habitation/shelter.

- MAGAN IRENE BOYD, 29, of 1410 Harding, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for speeding.

- KELSEY BERNICE DRURY, 21, of 310 Gatliff, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection and fail to appear.

- SAM STEVENSON WALKER, 22, of 1002 N. Main no. 65, was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest/detention using vehicle or watercraft, failure to identify, accident involving damage to vehicle greater than \$200, burglary of a building and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1900 block of Wasson Rd.

- THEFT was reported at the 4900 block of South Highway 87.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 400 block of S. Runnels.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 200 block of Jalico Rd., Sand Springs.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 100 block of S. Gregg

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at the 1500 block of Sheppard.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- CHANCE FELKER COOKE was

booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass – habitation/shelter.

- MAGAN BOYD was booked by BSPD on a charge of speeding 54 miles per hour (mph) in a 40 mph zone.

- KELSEY BERNICE DRURY was booked by BSPD charges of fail to display or expired motor vehicle inspection and violate promise to appear.

- SAM STEVENSON WALKER JR. was booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention with vehicle or watercraft, failure to identify, accident involving damage to vehicle greater than or equal to \$200, burglary of a building, theft more than \$50 shoplifting and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1600 block of Johnson. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 100 block of Jonesboro. One patient transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA reported at the 3500 block of East Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the intersection of 4th St. and Goliad. One patient transported to SMMC.

Today's Weather

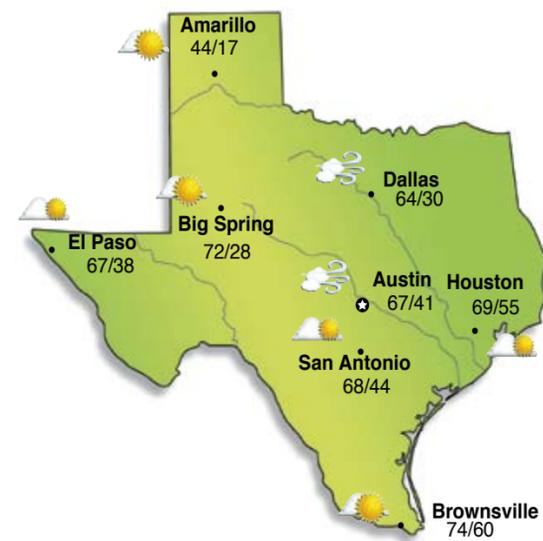
Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 1/4	Sun 1/5	Mon 1/6	Tue 1/7	Wed 1/8
72/28 Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. Warm. High 72F.	46/21 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 20s.	38/23 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 20s.	52/35 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	65/35 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM

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Take Note

• Holy Trinity Youth Group is hosting its 3rd Annual "Warming up our Community" service project, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 5 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Fr. Beasley Hall, 1009 Hearn Street, Big Spring. Anyone in need of blankets, jackets, scarves and gloves is welcome to come by.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

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Take Note

• Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filing fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 SHwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

• Big Spring RSVP is celebrating the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service through Jan. 20 by coordinating a local book drive benefiting the children of West, Texas. RSVP volunteers will collect new or gently used children's books at the Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simpler Avenue from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual fundraiser is coming up in January. The Silver Wings Ball will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the Hotel Settles. Evening events begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Join us for a night of fine dining

and dancing. Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum to purchase tickets for underwriting and sponsor opportunities. Underwriting opportunities range from \$250 to \$5,000. All underwriters will receive two tickets to the event and advertisement opportunities. Tickets are \$50. Tickets for an opportunity to have a night's stay at the Hotel Settles are \$10 or six for \$50.

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies

as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life?

Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in at 602 S. Main St.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab

meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 264-7599.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact

the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Call 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 271-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Lois D. Crawford, 80, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Gail Cemetery.

Eliseo M. Gamboa, 81, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Norma Jean Woodruff, 48, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alfredo Hinojos, 79, died Wednesday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Sofia Calderon, 84, died Wednesday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Hubert Uptergrove, 96, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Juan Molina Garcia, 58, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Meeting on quakes leaves some residents frustrated

AZLE, Texas (AP) — Many residents who attended a town hall meeting Thursday to discuss a series of minor earthquakes in North Texas left frustrated, saying officials did not address their questions and concerns.

Authorities are trying to determine what's been causing the earthquakes in an area about 20 miles northwest of Fort Worth. Officials recorded more than a

dozen small quakes in November and several more in December.

Azle Mayor Alan Brundrett and others at the meeting at Azle High School told officials they believe the earthquakes are related to injection wells used in the hydraulic fracturing or fracking process.

The meeting was hosted by Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter, whose agency regulates oil and gas

operations in the state.

Residents at the meeting grew frustrated after officials told the crowd of about 800 people that they were only going to listen to comments and not answer any questions.

State Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, one of the officials at the meeting, told KDFW-TV in Dallas that they didn't answer questions at the meeting because it would have taken too

long.

Geren said he's pleased the railroad commission is working with geologists to find answers to some of the questions that residents have. But many of the residents at the meeting left after about an hour, saying their questions weren't answered.

"I truly believe this was a dog and pony show," one of the residents, Kevin Wilson, said.

Porter declined to speak with reporters after the meeting.

Milton Rister, executive director of the Texas Railroad Commission, told KTVT-TV of Dallas that the agency will give Azle's mayor a full investigation and that it's all part of "a process" that includes listening to residents.

No timeline was given for how long the investigation would take.

WIND

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as part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones initiative, a \$6.8 billion effort that began in 2008.

The lines eventually will provide pathways for up to 18,500 megawatts of electricity to travel from thousands of turbines — some as tall as a football field is long — on the wind-swept plains around Big Spring, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Abilene and Amarillo, the Texas Public Utility Commission reported.

The network is expected to encourage further development of wind resources, state power planners say. That is especially true in the Panhandle, they say, which had no power transmission link to the rest of Texas prior to completion of the new lines in 2013.

Texas already leads the nation in wind power with 7,960 turbines, the largest with blades of 150 feet or more, capable of generating between 1 and 4 megawatts of electricity. One megawatt is enough to power 500 homes under

normal conditions.

The state has capacity, under optimal conditions, to generate 12,000 megawatts, more than twice that of No. 2 producer California. The new transmission network expands the power grid enough to allow a 50 percent increase in capacity. That means more of the graceful, 300-ton turbines are likely to spin across the horizon.

The \$6.8 billion price tag is nearly \$2 billion higher than the 2008 estimates when construction began, mostly because it took 600 more miles than planned to navigate tricky terrain and to follow roads and fences rather than cutting directly through the properties of reluctant landowners.

Some environmentalists have expressed concerns about the impact of the lines on sensitive bat and bird populations.

Several property owner groups also objected to the lines, particularly in the Hill Country, where groups such as the Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment argued that the lines were unsightly and could lower property prices.

Instead of wind energy lowering energy costs, Texas ratepayers will see a fee of as much as \$7 added to their monthly bills in the coming years to help cover the construction tab, PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said. Advocates for the lines naturally say the economic and environmental benefits outweigh the costs.

"It is going to result in a net cost savings to ratepayers," said Glen Hodges, spokesman for renewable power com-

pany Pattern Energy. "This low-cost wind power that will come onto the grid will result in a reduction, the net effect should be a reduction in the overall bill."

The transmission lines initially will carry about 11,000 megawatts of power, with more than 7,000 megawatts in additional capacity planned in the coming

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Another three more years of this

The disastrous rollout of Obamacare, worse than anyone anticipated or warned, could have doomed the president's second term. It would require something very big to take your eyes off of that disaster.

What an idea.

Shut down the government.

How clever can you get? The only thing worse than Obamacare is the crowd that would close down the government, leaving people all over the place in the lurch, in what they conceded from the outset was a hopeless act of protest that would in practice change nothing.

The tea party, of course, wants more people like that in Washington. And they may get them. In the convoluted rules of Washington, that would be better for the Democrats than the Republicans, except that it would make getting things done even more difficult, which is not really good for the president, who has to figure out what to do for the next three years — apart from those things that other second-term presidents have done, like leave the country a lot.

The president could drill down on partisan politics, make it his priority to raise money for Democratic candidates, attack the “do-nothing” Republican Congress — all of which he probably will do.

Here's an idea. Acknowledge



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mistakes. Try to fix things. The big moves for President Obama may be fixing the big moves he's already made.

The health care system is the obvious example. It is going to be a mess, but it will be a mess that is post-Obamacare. Millions of people are covered under Obamacare. You can't “get rid” of it; there is no “it” anymore, no switch that can be turned off.

The question is: How do we fix all of the things people are complaining about without bankrupting ourselves?

Not to mention all of the other things we need to fix.

Like the NSA and intelligence gathering.

If Obama were a Republican president, the disclosures relating to surveillance programs would be a daily nightmare.

As it is, many of the people you might expect to be screaming the loudest are on the inside or are friends with the people on the inside, not to mention supporters of the president. So exactly whom should they scream at?

Really, the question should be: When is the administration going to step up to the issue? As far as I know, Obama is the only former professor of constitutional law to become president. A frightened and confused country might turn to such a president in search of a little bit of wisdom as to how to balance overwhelming interests (Security! Terrorism! Liberty!) on both sides. Hello?

Are we still at war in Afghanistan? Any news on Guantanamo? OK. Just had to ask.

Immigration reform? What if you try to do it just the opposite

of the way you did health care? Instead of all or nothing, piece by piece. Lots of steps. Hard things to oppose. It's true that, from a rules perspective, if you want comprehensive reform, you'd better have a comprehensive bill — but maybe it's enough to say we will have a long series of small reforms.

Education, anyone?

I am amazed at the anger I hear from people on the topic of Obama. Some of it, on both sides, may be unconscious racism. There are all kinds of reasons not to focus on race issues during the president's second term. On the other hand, why not?

Whenever I see a “candid” picture of Obama, I am reminded that I have no idea what this man is really like.

Of course, I've read the books and I hear stories from those who know him.

But five years into his presidency, I don't feel I have come to know him. And that allows me to project onto him attributes — of being cold and aloof, for example — that make it his fault, or worse, to be disappointed, as are many who thought they knew him.

Five years into his presidency, my guess is that fewer Americans believe they know and understand this president than did on the day he took office, which is an agenda of its own.

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Marking America's birthplace

The dream of marking the spot where Juan Ponce de Leon actually landed — after discovering and naming Florida 500 years ago — finally was realized Saturday as more than 100 people gathered in Melbourne Beach, Fla., for the unveiling of an impressive 10-foot, bronze statue of the Spanish conquistador holding a cross and facing the Atlantic Ocean.

The statue officially marks Melbourne Beach's claim that de Leon first landed there instead of St. Augustine some 125 miles north, where it was long believed the first landing took place.

It took many years of work and sacrifice by a small group of very passionate history buffs, but they were able to prove that distorted history could be corrected and made relevant once again.

They marked the site where Florida began and this country was born, and they created a huge source of pride for Latinos! The effort was led by Samuel Lopez, a New York Puerto Rican who relocated to Melbourne Beach and spent a dozen years making sure his childhood idol de Leon finally got the recognition he deserves — at the spot where he actually landed.

“We thank God that it happened,” Lopez told reporters. “It's a national treasure. It's our history.”

Lopez is a devout follower of the theory established by historian and navigator Douglas T. Peck, who retraced de Leon's 1513 journey in the spring of 1990 and found that landfall on Florida's east coast occurred much farther south than what historians had been telling us.

Although the de Leon expedition's original log has never been recovered, and historians can only go by a 1601 copy transcribed by Spanish historian Antonio de Herrera, Peck set sail from Puerto Rico, piloting a 33-foot cutter with the same specs as a Spanish caravel, and determined that instead of the “celestial navigation” historians had assumed was used in 1513, the expedition was guided by “dead

reckoning,” a process of calculating a ship's position based on its course, speed and time from its point of origin. Anton de Alaminos, the pilot of de Leon's expedition, had learned “dead reckoning” from Christopher Columbus, Peck argued, and had stuck with it when he guided de Leon to Florida.

This process, combined with adjustments for flaws in 16th century compasses, led Peck to conclude that the latitudes reported for the 1513 landing were off by two degrees to the north. Even with modern navigational technology, Peck found that the speed of de Leon's three ships did not have the time to reach as far north as St. Augustine.

His controversial findings, published in the Florida Historical Quarterly in 1992, ignited a debate among historians and created a rivalry between two cities that culminated on April 2 and 3 of 2013, when both Melbourne Beach and St.

Augustine hosted 500th anniversary reenactments of de Leon's landing.

Surely, some people feel that a Melbourne Beach landing site threatens the tourism industry in St. Augustine, which has not only benefited from being the nation's oldest city (established in 1565), but from claiming to be the location of de Leon's landfall in 1513. One of its main attractions is the Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park, where tourists are still told de Leon landed.

Yet Peck's findings have become much more widely accepted in recent years, thanks to the tireless persistence of Lopez and a few other Central Florida Hispanic community activists who have sought support from other historians and insisted on correcting distorted American history in their part of the country.

Using the lobbying and fundraising resources of three Hispanic organizations — the Florida Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the United Third Bridge civil rights group and the reenactors of the Royal Order of Juan Ponce de Leon — Lopez has been trying to put Melbourne Beach on the history maps for many years.

In 2005, he got the county to designate a small strip of public

beach — on State Road A1A, just south of the Melbourne Beach city limits — as Juan Ponce de Leon Landing Park. Then he raised the funds, mostly through private donations, to hire Spanish sculptor Rafael Picon to begin building the statue.

But when only a black granite pedestal was revealed at the statue's originally scheduled unveiling on April 2, some people began to question whether Lopez's dream would ever be realized.

He was still \$67,000 short of the amount needed to finish the project.

Yet Lopez persisted. On this same day when he had no statue to show the public, Lopez hosted Dr. Michael Gannon as the keynote speaker at a special Melbourne Beach mass to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Ponce de Leon's great discovery. And Gannon, the retired University of Florida professor considered the dean of Florida historians, threw his immense reputation behind Peck and the Melbourne Beach landing theory.

He said Peck's voyage represents “the latest and best evidentiary statement we have on the Juan Ponce landing,” and his embrace of the Melbourne Beach theory may have served as the leverage Lopez needed to finally convince county officials to help him pay for the statue.

Only a couple of weeks ago, the Brevard County Tourism Development Council unanimously agreed to use hotel room tax funds to pay the \$67,000 needed to complete the statue project. Lopez was finally able to convince county leaders that the park and its statue can become a significant tourist attraction.

And so when the new de Leon statue finally was unveiled Saturday, and a group of Central Florida Hispanic community activists realized their shared dream, we learned how people can make a difference, how history can be corrected and how America's hidden Hispanic heritage can be rediscovered. Bravo!

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Church News

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church invites you to join them as they begin 2014 with worship, prayer, Bible study and fellowship. On Saturday Upward Basketball games begin; complete game schedules are available at fcbigspring.org.

Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:50; Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message "Love God, Love Others," drawn from Matthew 22:37-39. Sunday school small groups meet at 9:30, and are available for all ages.

AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) will meet at 5:30 Sunday evening for pizza night. All area children are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

Evening worship starts at 6, with the message titled "On the Edge of Greatness" taken from Numbers 13:17-14:4. Youth will meet in the second floor youth department for Bible study and fellowship led by Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini.

Tuesday Jan. 7, the Triple L club meets in the dining room at noon. The group is open to anyone 50 and beyond; come in the east doors and bring a friend to enjoy great fellowship and food.

FBC Mother's Day Out program resumes its regular schedule Tuesday, Jan 7. For more information contact Tracy Boeker at tboeker90@gmail.com or call 432-267-8223.

Our Mission Center will be open Thursday Jan. 9 from 9 to 11; this includes the food pantry and clothes closet. It is located on Lancaster behind H-E-B.

Wednesday evening's schedule starts with a meal served from 5 to 6, followed by activities for children, youth and adults. Refer to fcbigspring.org for more detailed information or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700.

First Presbyterian Church

The Children's Choir Program begins at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday. Also on Wednesdays, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m., and Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m.

Kay Kennemur is in charge of refreshments for "Take Ten" for Sunday.

Lectionary for the Sunday of the Epiphany of the Lord is Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7. 10-14; Ephesians

3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will offer "Arise, Shine; for Your Light Is Come," by Mark Bender as the anthem and "The Beginning of Wisdom," by Austin Lovelace as the offertory. We will celebrate Communion next week, when we ordain and install the new elders for this year.

Note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for the service, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.bpcbs.org On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a blessed New Year! Thanks to all who attended our Christmas Eve Service at Spring Town Plaza. It was a wonderful time of fellowship!

New Connection Groups start in January. If you are interested in teaching a class, contact Lloyd Wells.

"Wired That Way" classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 6. Understanding how we are wired can enrich our lives and our relationships, helping to overcome differences that can seem irreconcilable. Please call the office at 714-4584 or email to allaboutstring@gmail.com to enroll.

"Free Indeed" is collecting sleeping bags, socks, toboggans, scarves, and gloves for the homeless. Bring them to the church or contact the church office to drop these off.

Our SCF Prayer Team meets every Tuesday from noon to 2 at Spring Town Plaza. Everyone is welcome and we invite you to bring your lunch and join us in praying for our community, each other and the businesses in the mall. Come and go as you need.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes are working hard. Classes include Pre-K thru 5th grade for this year. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

Donate your old cellphones to "Survivors Connect" Phones for Freedom Campaign.

Listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Less judgment, more Jesus

A number of years ago, I met Sharon. Not face to face. In fact, I have never seen her. She worked for a printing company in Illinois that helped publish some of my books. She was great to work with, helping finalize the lay out and look for my books. She did such a good job that she was promoted to a higher position in the company.

I had not heard from Sharon for several years. Recently, knowing that I wrote Christian books, she contacted me. She was going through a difficult divorce, a painful end to a difficult marriage. She was filled with shame and guilt, and moving to the small town in Illinois where she worked. She wanted to find a church that might help her, but she was terrified of the condemnation and rejection she might find. I tried to help her, encouraged her and prayed for her.



BILL TINSLEY

She wandered by a local church, liked the looks of it from the outside, and sought a personal visit with the pastor to explain what she was going through. It took courage for her to do that. She was afraid, but she found acceptance and support, and started to attend. A few weeks later, she joined.

With much weeping, she shared what she was going through with her new found friends in a Bible study class, then, during worship, presented herself for membership in the church. She was surrounded by believers who hugged her and welcomed her. The pastor asked her to say a few words. She told the congregation she was going through a difficult trial. She said, "Then I talked about how worldwide the church is so good about making sure everyone knows John 3:16, which I quoted. I mentioned how that is good, but we need to keep going because John 3:17 says "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." I told them that the world has enough condemnation — it needs more Jesus."

Jesus maintained a high bar for marriage. "What God has joined together," He said, "let not man put asunder." But whenever he encountered people who were broken and wounded he always responded with compassion and redemption. When a woman was caught in adultery and thrown at his feet, he challenged her accusers. "If any of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Convicted by their guilt, the crowd melted away. Turning to the woman, Jesus asked, "Does no one condemn you?" She replied, "No one, Lord." "Neither do I condemn you," Jesus said, "Go and sin no more." (John 8:3-11).

Like Sharon said, the world needs less judgment and more Jesus.

Bill Tinsley has served as pastor and missions leader in Texas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He has written five books available at www.tinsleycenter.com

Weekly Happenings:

- Sunday
 - 9:15 a.m., Sunday school/Connection Groups
 - 10:15 a.m., "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship
 - 10:45 a.m., Worship Service
- Wednesday
 - 6 p.m., Bible study and activities for all ages
- Saturday
 - 7:30 a.m., Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast
 - 10 a.m., "Sewing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"—1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

Forsan Baptist Church

Regular services for all times have resumed for the New Year. Wednesday evenings, we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament. Sunday evenings, we are in a DVD study called, "The Story." It is comprised of a video segment and study guide, and speaks of how the Bible in all its parts tells God's story.

Youth activities on Wednesday evenings include a meal at 5:30 and classes for all ages beginning at 6. We have Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Answers) Youth and an adult Bible study.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are the dealer and open One Diamond. Your partner responds Two Spades. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠Q93 ♥85 ♦AKJ632 ♣A7
- ♠63 ♥K72 ♦AJ85 ♣A194
- ♠82 ♥AJ63 ♦AKQ74 ♣95
- ♠KQ5 ♥K7 ♦KQ9653 ♣K2
- ♠7 ♥Q10 ♦AJ872 ♣KQ854

1. **Three spades.** Partner's jump-shift implies slam aspirations, and you should encourage him by raising his suit at once. It is true that a three-diamond bid at this point would portray your diamond holding nicely, but that is not nearly as important as showing your spade support at the earliest opportunity.

Partner is virtually certain to have at least five spades, and a direct raise is bound to please him. If you were to bid diamonds instead, it would become well-nigh impossible to convince partner later on that you held three cards to an honor in his suit. The best way to avoid this problem is to raise spades immediately.

2. **Two notrump.** Here, with a minimum opening bid lacking support for partner's suit, you should try to slow him down as quickly as possible. The best way to show a bal-

anced hand containing minimum values is by bidding two notrump. To bid three clubs instead would suggest far greater distributional values than you have.

3. **Three hearts.** This is the best way to describe your distribution, which is what you should try to do in order to paint an accurate picture of your hand. In this way, partner learns that you have more diamonds than hearts, which should be a valuable step in the right direction. How high you go will depend largely on partner's next bid, but the odds favor your ending up in a slam somewhere.

4. **Four notrump.** Considering your hand, partner is sure to have at least three aces for his jump-shift response. A small slam is therefore certain, and the only question is how to reach a grand slam if partner has all four aces. This possibility can best be explored by using Blackwood. If partner responds five clubs, showing all four aces, your next bid should be seven spades.

5. **Three clubs.** It is best to bid naturally over a jump-shift, even with a minimum opening hand. You have length in diamonds and clubs, so you should apprise partner of this fact. Three clubs does not imply additional values, though you might, of course, have them.

Tomorrow: Sneak attack.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 7

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Winter storm grounds flights, cancels school and shuts down highways throughout Northeast

BOSTON (AP) — A blustering post-Christmas snowstorm that has dropped nearly 2 feet of snow just north of Boston, shut down major highways in New York and forced U.S. airlines to cancel thousands of flights nationwide is continuing its bitter cold journey through the Northeast.

The brutal weather — which brought plummeting temperatures to some areas that forecasters predicted could see highs just above zero and wind chill readings of minus 10 degrees and colder by early Friday — dumped 21 inches of snow in Boxford, Mass., late Thursday night and 18 inches in parts of western New York near Rochester. In Central Park early Friday, the National Weather Service said just over 3 inches of snow had fallen.

The snowfall, frigid cold and stiff winds extended Christmas break for some students while posing the first test for New York City's new mayor and perhaps the last challenge for Boston's outgoing one.

U.S. airlines canceled more than 2,300 flights due to snowfall and low visibility.

"It's been a tough road," said traveler Heather Krochuk, of Toronto, Canada, inside a Boston hotel Thursday night after her flight home out of Logan International Airport got canceled in what's turned into a 36-hour trip from Seattle, where she spent Christmas with her husband, Ron.

Gov't lacks automated system for adding babies; making other health plan updates

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's another quirk in the Obama administration's new health insurance system: It lacks a way for consumers to quickly and easily update their coverage for the birth of a baby and other common life changes.

With regular private insurance, parents just notify the health plan. Insurers will still cover new babies, the administration says, but parents will also have to contact the government at some point later on.

Right now the HealthCare.gov website can't handle such updates.

It's a reminder that the new coverage for many uninsured Americans comes with a third party in the mix: the feds. And the system's wiring for some vital federal functions isn't yet fully connected.

It's not just having a new baby that could create bureaucratic hassles, but other life changes affecting a consumer's taxpayer-subsidized premiums. The list includes marriage and divorce, a death in the family, a new job or a change in income, even moving to a different community.

Florida expected to surpass NY in population; Sunshine State embodies 21st century America

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Sometime this year, Florida will surpass New York in population, becoming the nation's third-most populous state, and sun-seeking seniors are not driving the growth.

The milestone is validation of the sometimes messy but increasing influence of the Sunshine State as it approaches being home to 20 million residents at a time that historians may one day say was pivotal in the country's history. Once Florida passes New York, only California and Texas will have more residents.

"Florida is kind of an icon of the 21st century in terms of the shifting population and the growing role Latin America is playing in transforming the country," said James Johnson, a business professor at the University of North Carolina. "I think it's going to be for the 21st century what California or New York was for the 20th century."

Florida encompasses many trends in America: an aging population, a service-oriented economy with many low-wage jobs and an ethnic diversity propelled by Hispanic growth. Like the United States, Florida is a haven for migrants and people making fresh starts, and the state's 29 electoral votes are the nation's most coveted given Florida is the nation's largest swing state. Florida also has myriad problems, some the result of its explosive growth, which must be addressed for the state to keep thriving.

New Floridians, such as 47-year-old Michael Richards, list a number of reasons for moving here: the weather, no state income tax, a familiarity from family vacations or being stationed in the military, the availability of low-skill jobs and proximity to Latin America and Europe.

Man who illegally immigrated to U.S. says he hopes Calif. law license will open doors for others

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man who illegally came to the United States two decades ago said he hopes a court ruling granting him a law license will open doors to millions of other immigrants in the same situation.

The California Supreme Court granted a license Thursday to Sergio Garcia, 36, in a unanimous decision.

Garcia, who attended law school and passed the state bar exam while working in a grocery store and on farms, can begin practicing law immediately.

Garcia said he hoped the decision would serve as a "beacon of hope" to others in the same situation. He plans to be a personal injury attorney in his hometown of Chico.

It's the latest in a string of legal and legislative victories for people who are in the country without permission. Other successes include the creation of a path to citizenship for many young people and the granting of driver's licenses in some states.

Forget 2014, poll finds worried Americans predict nation in downhill slide clear through 2050

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ask people to imagine American life in 2050, and you'll get some dreary visions.

Whether they foresee runaway technology or runaway government, rampant poverty or vanishing morality, a majority of Americans predict a future worse than today.

Whites are particularly gloomy: Only 1 in 6 expects better times over the next four decades. Also notably pessimistic are middle-age and older people, those who earn midlevel incomes and Protestants, a new national poll finds.

"I really worry about my grandchildren, I do," says 74-year-old Penny Trusty of Rockville, Md., a retired software designer and grandmother of five. "I worry about the lowering of morals and the corruption and the confusion that's just raining down on them."

Even groups with comparatively sunny outlooks — racial and ethnic minorities, the young and the nonreligious — are much more likely to say things will be the same or get worse than to predict a brighter future.

Medical condition of former Israeli PM Sharon continues to deteriorate

JERUSALEM (AP) — Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's already critical medical condition is deteriorating further as key bodily organs continue to decline, the hospital treating him said Friday.

The 85-year-old Sharon, who has been in a coma for eight years after a devastating stroke incapacitated him at the peak of his political power, is fighting and is not in pain, said Dr. Zeev Rotstein, the director of Tel Hashomer hospital near Tel Aviv.

Sharon was one of Israel's most iconic and controversial figures and his career stretched across Israel's 65-year history.

Speaking to reporters Friday at the hospital, Rotstein said Sharon's life remains in danger and that "there is a slow and gradual deterioration" in his condition along with "multi-organ failure."

Test results show Sharon also has a blood infection, Rotstein said.

Ship involved in rescue of passengers stuck in Antarctic ice worried it, too, may be stuck

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — An Australian icebreaker carrying 52 passengers who were retrieved from an icebound ship in the Antarctic was told to halt its journey home on Friday after a Chinese vessel involved in the dramatic rescue became concerned that it, too, may get stuck in the heavy sea ice.

The icebreaker Aurora Australis had been slowly cracking through thick ice toward open water after a Chinese helicopter on Thursday plucked the passengers from their stranded Russian research ship and carried them to the Aurora.

But on Friday afternoon, the crew of a Chinese icebreaker that had provided the helicopter said they were worried about their own ship's ability to move through the ice. The Aurora — which was carrying the passengers to the Australian island state of Tasmania — was told to stay in the area in case the Chinese icebreaker Snow Dragon needs help, according to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's Rescue Coordination Centre, which oversaw the rescue.

The Snow Dragon, which is at the edge of the ice pack surrounding the Russian vessel, will attempt to push through the ice to open water on Saturday. The Aurora is waiting around 11 kilometers (7 miles) north of the Snow Dragon, said Lisa Martin, spokeswoman for the marine authority.

The agency said the decision to place the Aurora on standby was a precaution and noted there was no danger to anyone on board the Snow Dragon. But it was yet another wrinkle in the highly complex rescue operation of those on board the Russian ship MV Akademik Shokalskiy, which got stuck in the ice on Christmas Eve.

Deciding which rabbit to chase

Rabbits seem to be popping up on every page that I read. Having just completed a historical account of Big Spring written by a local celebrity named Shine Phillips, I have visions of jackrabbits multiplying faster than they can hop.

According to Phillips, these spring-loaded creatures with ears like mules and feet like kangaroos were once a huge problem in West Texas. It took a lot of ambitious men with a lot of determination to organize rabbit drives effective enough to downsize the rabbit population in Howard County.

With rabbits still on my mind, for the second time in the last couple of years, I stumbled upon an old Chinese proverb that seems especially fitting for me and all rabbit chasers at the beginning of a new year. Those of us who flit from one activity to another like an over-stimulated hound dog would do well to remember that "a man who chases two rabbits catches neither."

With this good advice taken at face value, the decision becomes which rabbit is most worthy of the chase. The slower rabbit obviously would be easier to catch. However, there might be more satisfaction in overtaking the faster rabbit. A small rabbit might be an easy prey, but an older, larger rabbit might be a more challenging catch.

Although time and circumstances always influence the pursuit to some extent, we always have a choice about which rabbits we will chase. Will we spend our time chasing all the rabbits that others turn loose in our paths? Will we pursue only the rabbits that interest us most? How much time will we invest looking behind bushes for rabbits that no longer exist? Will we consider the possibility of trailing an unfamiliar rabbit?

Even though the Bible doesn't have much to say about chasing rabbits, it does offer some good advice about how we should spend our time. When His disciples were concerned about what they would eat and what they would wear, Jesus said, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:33-34 NASB).

Perhaps the most important issue is not finding the most desirable rabbit to chase, but learning to pursue only those rabbits that will lead us into a healthy relationship with God.

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Priest condemned by Vatican for gay ministry dies

BALTIMORE (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest who was censured by the Vatican for his ministry to gays and lesbians has died.

The Rev. Robert Nugent, a co-founder of New Ways Ministry, had been suffering from lung cancer when he died Wednesday in Milwaukee at age 76, the group said in a statement.

Nugent and Sister Jeannine Gramick created the ministry in 1977 with a goal of reconciling gays and lesbians with the wider church community.

In 1999, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, then the Vatican's orthodoxy watchdog, said they had harmed the church by causing confusion about church teaching that same-sex relationships were sinful. Ratzinger, who went on to become Pope Benedict XVI, ordered the co-founders to permanently stop their outreach.

Nugent told The Associated Press in an interview that year he didn't dissent from the core teachings on homosexuality, but opposed the language the church used when discussing the issue.

"I spent 25 years telling homosexuals that the church cares for you, that it wants you to have a part in it," Nugent said. "How can I talk to them and convince them of that if I use language like evil, depravity and disorder?"

Nugent mostly stayed on the sidelines as the Vatican had directed, while Gramick continued to advocate for gay rights, often running afoul of U.S. bishops.



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Sooners blast 'Bama for Sugar title

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In the final year of the BCS, Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops won the one major bowl that had eluded him, and proved a point about parity in the process.

After taking the past year to cultivate a young quarterback who was still coming into his own, Stoops brought a confident and motivated Sooners squad to

the Sugar Bowl, where they stunned 16-point favorite Alabama 45-31 on Thursday night.

Freshman Trevor Knight completed a Sugar Bowl-record 32 passes for 348 yards and four touchdowns for 11th-ranked Oklahoma, outshining Heisman Trophy runner-up AJ McCarron, who saw his otherwise charmed college career come to a sour

end with No. 3 Alabama.

The convincing victory also gave Stoops an I-told-you-so moment, backing up his comment last offseason that the gap between the Southeastern Conference and other top leagues like the Big 12 is not as great as some "propaganda" makes it out to be.

"I have the utmost respect for Alabama, and I think

this shows that obviously we can play with anybody," Stoops said. "So, enough of that. And I just watched them go through their entire conference and play pretty well. I'm not pointing any fingers. But I think sometimes the comparisons aren't necessarily very true."

Stoops became the first coach to win all four BCS bowl games, having already

won the Orange, Rose and Fiesta bowls.

Before the game Stoops had provided an element of mystery by declining to say whether he would start Knight or junior Blake Bell, or how much he'd play either one.

Alabama led 7-0 — having scored on the opening drive

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NFL playoffs

Payton 'comes home' to Philadelphia

By **ROB MAADDI**

AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Sean Payton has plenty in common with the some of the fans who'll be rooting hard to see his team lose.

Payton is coming home when the New Orleans Saints (11-5) visit the Philadelphia Eagles (10-6) in an NFC wild-card playoff game Saturday night. The Saints coach spent his formative years in the Philadelphia suburb of Newtown Square in the early 1970s, and attended the Flyers' Stanley Cup championship parade as an 11-year-old in 1975.

"There are a lot of friends and family back there," he said. "The first pro football game was at the Vet. The first baseball game was at the Vet. The first college game Army-Navy. The Flyers winning back to back Stanley Cups, all of those things were a part of my childhood

and so the sports fans are amazing there, very passionate and a real die-hard fan base. That presents challenges when you play, especially in the playoffs."

Payton got his first coaching job in the NFL on Ray Rhodes' staff in Philadelphia in 1997-98, and

then joined the Giants in 1999. He moved on to work under Bill Parcells in Dallas before going to the Saints and leading them to a Super Bowl title.

Payton has one fan on the opposing sideline.

"Sean does a great job of getting his playmakers in matchups that are favorable to him, and he does it week in and week out," Eagles coach Chip Kelly said. "There's a consistency to it, and I think they missed him a year ago, and now that he's back, they seem like they picked up where they left off. I think how well him and Drew (Brees) work together is a pretty special thing to watch.

Here are five more things to watch for when the Saints play the Eagles on Saturday night:

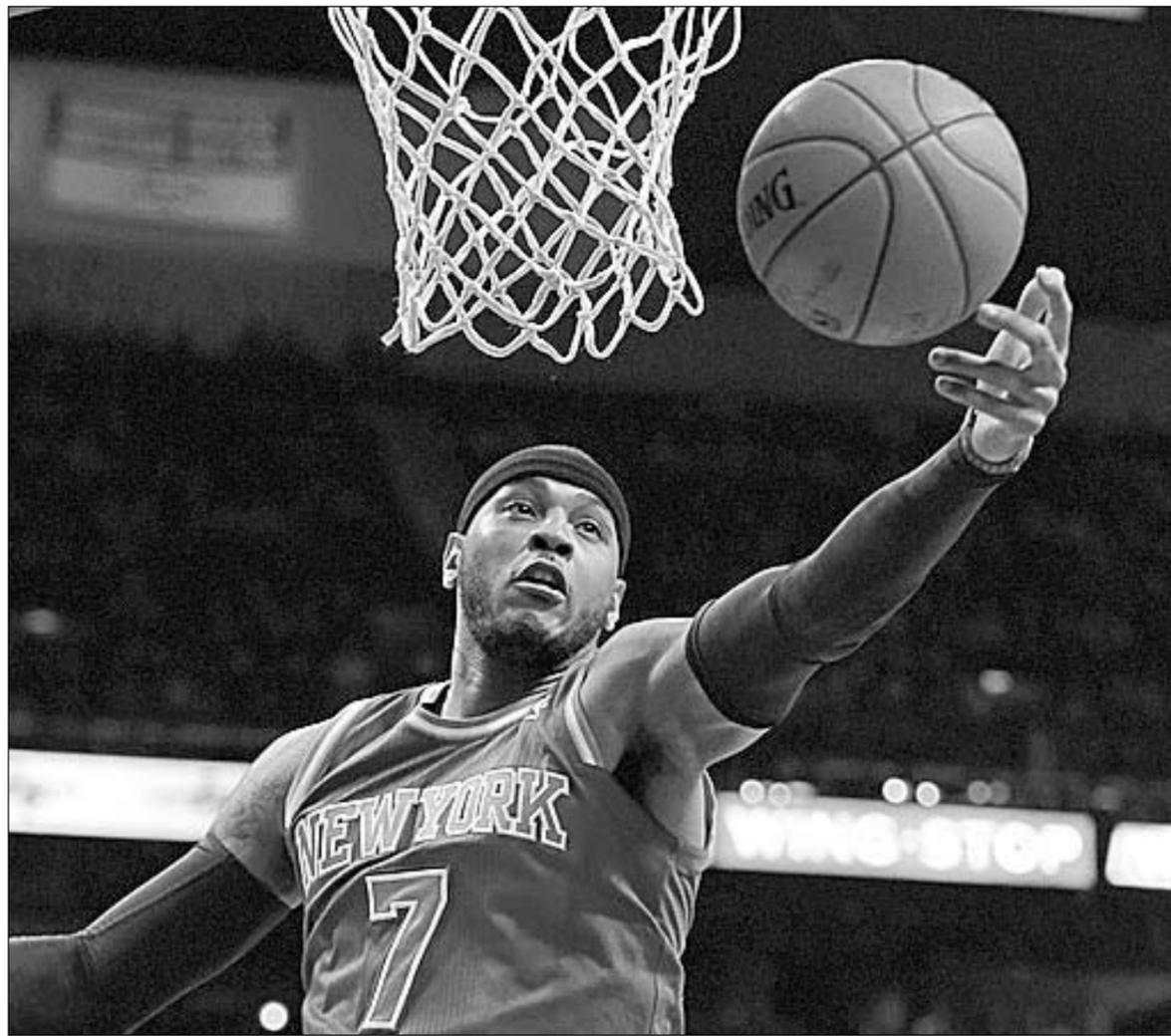
DOMESTIC DISADVANTAGE: The Saints were 8-0 in the comfort of the Superdome and 3-5 away from home this season. They've never won a playoff game on the road, going 0-5, 0-3 under Payton. However, they won the 2010 Super Bowl outdoors, beating Peyton Manning and the Colts in Miami. Temperatures are expected to be in the low 20s at Lincoln Financial Field.

The Eagles have lost six home playoff games since 1981.

"Obviously we don't have a chance to practice in it," Brees said. "We've all played in that kind of weather before, not on a consistent basis, but you just kind of make the preparations. You try to prepare for it as best as you can, but once you're there, it's football. It's about execution. It's about knowing your assignments and executing it. Whatever the conditions are, you manage that, whether it's wind, rain, snow or whatever."

BRINGING THE HEAT: Led by Cameron Jordan and Junior Galette, the Saints finished fourth in the NFL with 49 sacks. Jordan had 12½ and Galette had 12. Defensive coordinator Rob Ryan is known for calling blitzes and he certainly won't let up against Nick Foles. The Cowboys sacked Foles five times and forced him into one intentional grounding last week.

"Rob Ryan is very aggressive in nature. They get pressure on the quarterback. They create turnovers," Eagles offensive coordinator Pat



New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony reaches for a rebound against the San Antonio Spurs during the first half on their NBA basketball game Thursday in San Antonio.

Anthony returns, Knicks surprise Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Carmelo Anthony's presence in the lineup has a way of making things right for the Knicks.

Anthony had 27 points and 12 rebounds in his return from injury and Iman Shumpert scored a career-high 27, including the tiebreaking tip-in with 23.4 seconds left, as New York surprised the San Antonio Spurs 105-101 on Thursday night.

"The effort level was very high, the energy level was very high," Anthony said. "We

played like we wanted this game."

Two days after dominating the Brooklyn Nets, the Spurs were expected to enjoy similar success against the other New York team in disarray.

The Knicks have been battling injuries, shoddy defense, selfish offense and lofty expectations, but they suddenly looked whole.

Stoudemire added 11 points and Beno Udrih and Andrea Bargnani had 10 each for

New York (10-21), which snapped a three-game skid.

Marco Belinelli had a career-high 32 points, but missed a pair of 3-pointers in the final minute for San Antonio (25-8). Tony Parker had 12 points and Manu Ginobili added 11 points and 12 assists.

The Spurs, who dropped to 12-5 at home this season, had won three in a row overall. But they failed to contain Anthony and — surprisingly — Shumpert.

The Knicks' skid coincided with Anthony sitting out with a sprained left ankle, but the All-Star forward looked refreshed in revitalizing the team's struggling offense.

Shumpert had a combined 25 points in the Knicks' five previous games, but he got a lift from Anthony's return.

"They doubled 'Melo, so a lot of times I was just wide open," he said.

After scoring 23 points

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Penn State expects to move quickly with coaching search

By **DAN GELSTON**

AP Sports Writer

Bill O'Brien inherited a Penn State program rocked by scandal, on the cusp of crippling sanctions, and staring at a murky future.

All he ever really cared about was making the Nittany Lions winners.

O'Brien succeeded against heavy odds, overcoming a lack of scholarships, a bowl ban, and player defections. He leaves the program on stable ground after bolting Happy Valley for the NFL and the Houston Texans.

Penn State planned to act fast to find his successor.

"Our anticipation is that we'll be counting this

in a matter of days rather than weeks," Penn State athletic director Dave Joyner said Thursday.

O'Brien left the Nittany Lions less than two years after replacing Joe Paterno, returning to the NFL to coach the team with the league's worst record this season.

Naturally, Joyner said there has been tremendous interest already in the vacancy, which should be more appetizing than in 2012. A former offensive coordinator for the Patriots, O'Brien took on perhaps college football's toughest job in January 2012, joining a school rattled by the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.

"I think it's a lot more

attractive at this point, although we had tremendous interest even in spite of everything two years ago," Joyner said. "From a scholarship standpoint, we're going to be very competitive right out of the gate. Watching what's happened here the last two years, if I was a head coach candidate, would make me very excited."

Defensive line coach Larry Johnson is interim head coach while the search for a replacement goes on.

"I'm humbled by the confidence that Penn State has bestowed upon me during this critical time for the football program and honored to do my part to help Penn State," Johnson said.

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Mercury Opposes Jupiter
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you don't know where to begin with someone, just think about what you really want and start as close to that as you can get. Honesty keeps you from wasting time.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're excited about and maybe even obsessed with something that you know won't last. This shouldn't make you back off, though. Instead, commit more fully with all your heart and

energy.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sometimes when you're alone you are not sure what to do with yourself. Today's discovery is an endeavor or a game that is best enjoyed alone so you can go at your own pace.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just as being upset leads to an overabundance of vexing negative thoughts, being extremely happy influences your thinking in a more positive way than the situation may call for. But in the latter case, who cares?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may have your suspicions that people are not giving your words the attention they deserve. Are they really listening, or are they thinking about something else? Put them to the test and find out.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your earth-sign qualities are strongly

featured. It's no fun being grounded if you'd rather be flying. But if you want to grow, build or run fast, being grounded is essential.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may think that what you have to give is not quite enough, but maybe you're just giving it to the wrong person. To another person, your gift will be more than they dared dream about having.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You look forward to the worry-free moments you can share relaxing with a loved one, but that time won't come until you've handled a big job. Ask for help to speed up the process.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today shows you getting into some tricky business. What are you really being promised? The concrete answer is being obscured by delightful but vague feel-good statements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone who has wronged you wants to make amends. Is it for you, or is it to ease the other person's conscience? Don't let this be an opening for future interaction if that's not what you want.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know that when you cherish yourself, others follow suit. This is all well and good in theory, but your many responsibilities sometimes make it hard for you to find the time! Don't worry. The balance you seek is not so far away.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Loved ones may not be at their best tonight, and you could get the brunt of it. Avoid inner turmoil by wisely separating normal emotions from the needlessly exaggerated ones that come when you're tired.
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(Jan. 3). You'd rather entertain others than be entertained, and you'll be honored and employed as you put your talents to the task of making people smile. Expand your network, and partner on joint ventures this month. February features repairs and a big purchase. March and October are travel months. Taurus and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 11, 28, 30 and 26.
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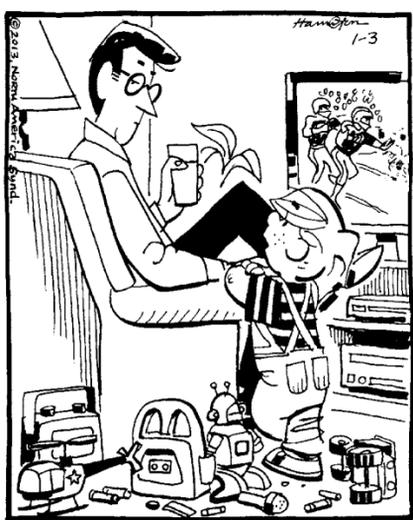
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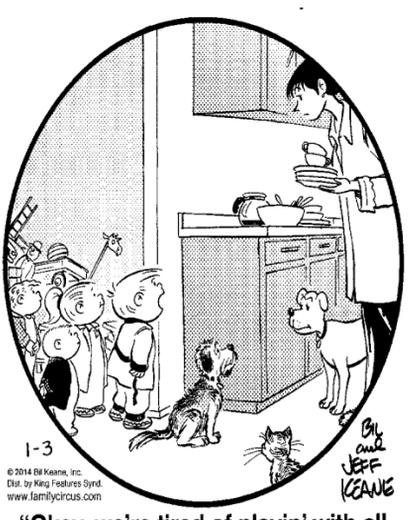
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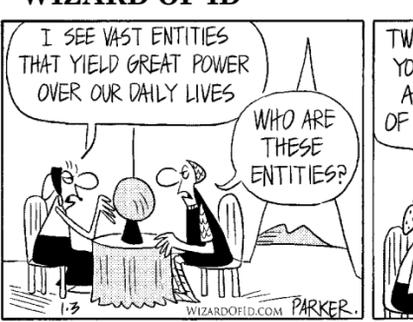
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Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

In 1861, more than two weeks before Georgia seceded from the Union, the state militia seized Fort Pulaski at the order of Gov. Joseph E. Brown. The Delaware House and Senate voted to oppose secession from the Union.

In 1870, groundbreaking took place for the Brooklyn Bridge.

In 1911, the first postal savings banks were opened by the U.S. Post Office. (The banks were abolished in 1966.)

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease.

In 1949, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court said that states had the right to ban closed shops.

In 1958, the first six members of the newly formed U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held their first meeting at the White House.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1977, Apple Computer was incorporated in Cupertino, Calif., by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Mike Makkula Jr.

In 1980, conservationist Joy Adamson, author of "Born Free," was killed in northern Kenya by a former employee.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

Thought for Today: "No one asked you to be happy. Get to work." — Colette, French author (1873-1954).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 17 Bunch of, so to speak
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 - 24 Outdo
 - 25 Clerical garment
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 - 34 Airport info
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Eller scores in 3rd, Canadiens beat Stars 6-4

DALLAS (AP) — Lars Eller put a stop to Montreal's third-period meltdowns. Eller scored the midway through the third period after Dallas scored twice to tie it, leading Canadiens to a 6-4 win over the Stars on Thursday night. "It was just one of those crazy games," said Eller, who scored by putting a shot over

Dallas goalie Kari Lehtonen's left shoulder to the short side. "Usually we don't score a lot of goals, but the last two games it seems like the puck is going in more." Max Pacioretty added an empty-netter in the closing minutes as the Canadiens finished their longest road trip of the season at 3-2-1. On Tuesday night at Carolina, the Canadiens

led 3-0 going into the third-period but lost 5-4 in overtime. "This (Dallas) is a good hockey team, and they were playing well lately," he added, "so it was a good challenge for us." Pacioretty had two goals, giving him a team-high of 19, and two assists. P.K. Subban had a goal and three assists. Brendan Gallagher and

David Desharnais also scored for Montreal (24-14-4). Valeri Nichushkin converted a penalty shot for Dallas. Jamie Benn, Tyler Seguin and Brenden Dillon also tallied for the Stars (20-13-7). Dallas lost in regulation for the first time in eight games, ending its longest streak of games with a point this season at 5-0-2.

"I was concerned after going through the stretch we went through with a couple real emotional wins that we might get loose, and we were loose," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said. "Parts of this game, I thought we gambled on the offensive side and gave up some real good chances that we normally don't give up." Seguin, whose goal

and assist gave him club highs with 21 goals and 41 points, said the Stars didn't deserve to win. "I think we got a little complacent after having a soft few games in a row," he said. "We gave 'em a lot, gave 'em a lot of opportunities. Our goalie made some unbelievable saves. (We) kind of left him hangin' out to dry, including myself."

SPURS

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on 9-for-15 shooting in the first three quarters, Anthony was limited to four in the final period while going 1 for 5. But those last four points were critical in a frenzied finish. Following consecutive 3-pointers by Parker and Belinelli that pulled San Antonio to 96-94 with 3 minutes left, Parker's layup gave the Spurs a 98-96 lead. Anthony tied the game with a driving layup, and Parker missed a contested layup. Shumpert then hit a 3 with 39.1 seconds remaining after

the Knicks captured a loose ball that six players touched at one point. "Those are all winning plays," New York coach Mike Woodson said. "I keep harping on last year. There were a lot of times last year when somebody would step up and do something amazing to help you win games. We just haven't been able to experience much of that this season." Belinelli tied the game with a 3-pointer off an inbounds play drawn up during a timeout. Shumpert then rose high above San Antonio's interior defenders to tip in a missed shot with 23.4 seconds remaining, giving New York a

103-101 lead. "I've always done that throughout my career," Shumpert said. "I just try and play hard. That's the one thing — even if everything is going wrong, you can still run hard, chase somebody down, get a block, get a steal ... get an offensive rebound. Those are things you can do whether you're having a good night or a bad night." Belinelli missed a 3 and Anthony drained a pair of free throws to seal it. Averaging 6.2 points entering the game, Shumpert scored 10 in the opening quarter alone. He finished 6 for 8 on 3s, shot 10 for 13 overall and added six rebounds. "We've been missing a lot

of bodies throughout the season," Woodson said. "Tonight we came together as a group. Iman was big tonight. Probably the best game in a Knicks uniform. Not because he scored points, but the fact that he defended, had to guard Parker pretty much the whole night. I thought he did a hell of a job on him." Parker shot just 5 for 13 from the field, but wasn't alone. San Antonio's frontcourt of Kawhi Leonard, Tim Duncan and Tiago Splitter combined for 23 points, shooting 7 of 19 and grabbing just 16 rebounds. The bench, such a big part of the team's early success, was unable to energize the Spurs.

Excluding Ginobili, the bench finished with just 23 points. "I didn't see the aggressiveness and the passion the way I saw it in the Knicks players tonight," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "They wanted it more than we did, that's the bottom line. They wanted it more and they got it." NOTES: Knicks F Metta World Peace (sore knee) and G Pablo Prigioni (broken right toe) did not play. ... San Antonio celebrated "70's Night," but apparently word didn't reach the public. Aside from the team's two in-house announcers, mascot and Silver Dancers, only a pair of fans were seen in 1970s attire.

SAINTS

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Shurmur said. "We anticipate he'll come after us." **BIG-PLAY BIRDS:** The Eagles led the NFL with 99 plays of 20 yards or more, including 21 that went for touchdowns. Of those, 80 were passes and 19 were runs. Denver was second with 77. It was the most since STATS began recording the number in 1995. The St. Louis Rams had the

previous high of 96 in 2001. "We have done a good job when we throw the football, Nick is making good decisions and then we have guys that can track the ball down the field," Shurmur said. "And when we are running the ball, we are getting the running back to the second and third level where they have a chance to make big gains. I think all of that is the reason why." **TOUGHER THAN STATS:** The Eagles allowed more yards pass-

ing than any team in the NFL and finished 29th in total yards, but the numbers are misleading. Some teams piled up yards in the air against Philadelphia because they were playing from behind. Also, the Eagles were last in the league in time of possession, so opposing offenses had the ball much more. Philadelphia allowed 22 or fewer points to 11 of the last 12 opponents. "You can't really look at the rankings and think you're going to

have your way with them," Saints wide receiver Lance Moore said. "Each game is different. They're playing at home. It'll be tough for us." **PASS-CATCHING BACKS:** Brees uses all his receivers, especially his running backs. Pierre Thomas led NFL running backs with 77 catches and Darren Sproles was fourth with 71. The Eagles have to avoid mismatches in coverage so they don't end up with linebackers on Thomas or Sproles.

"They don't overload protection because the ball is out so quick," Eagles defensive coordinator Billy Davis said. "That is why they are so high in their catches. They are a quick outlet. They have great runners and catchers."

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— before Stoops made his decision known by sending Knight out with the offense for Oklahoma's first series. Knight had played behind Bell much of the season. His completion percentage entering the game was 52.2. He had completed 47 passes all season — before a breakout performance in which two of his TDs went for more than 40 yards. "It's huge for our program, to get a win like this after no one gave us a chance all year," Knight said. "We've got to ride this into next year. We can't settle with this. ... We want the big one."

practice pretty well for this game," Saban said. "We put over 500 yards of offense up. Somebody had to do something right. I don't think that we played as well on defense as we're capable of or should have." McCarron passed for 387 yards and two TDs, but his two interceptions set up Oklahoma TDs. He was also sacked seven times, fumbling on the last one, and Geneo Grissom returned his second recovery of the game 8 yards for a score, sealing Alabama's first two-game skid since its Sugar Bowl loss to Utah in January 2009. "Put it all on me. I had two turnovers, (Oklahoma) ended up scoring 14 points, and we lost by 14," said McCarron, who won 36 of his first 38 games before losing his last two. "I wish it wouldn't have hap-

pened, but I'll definitely take the loss and definitely take the blame, because a lot of it is probably my fault." Freshman Derrick Henry's 43-yard run in the third quarter pulled Alabama to 31-24. But Alabama was unable to add another score before Knight found his groove again. He lofted a perfect pass to Lacoltan Bester for a 34-yard gain to the Alabama 9. Shortly after, Knight rolled left all the way to the sideline before rifling a touchdown strike to Sterling Shepard, making it a two-touchdown game again with 10:44 left. Henry pulled Alabama within a score once more when he turned his first career reception into a tackle-shedding 61-yard TD with 6:22 to go, but Oklahoma didn't fold. Early on, Alabama

looked sharp, leading 7-0 when T.J. Yeldon scored from the 1. Soon after, Landon Collins intercepted Knight's tipped pass, but Oklahoma got it right back on Gabe Lynn's interception on the next play. One play later, Knight found Bester for a 45-yard score. Jalen Saunders first TD reception from 8 yards out gave Oklahoma a 14-10 lead, but McCarron's 67-yard TD to DeAndrew White gave the Tide the lead right back. With the game tied at 17, Alabama appeared on the verge of another go-ahead score when Yeldon fumbled on the 8. Instead, Oklahoma took the lead for good when Knight hit Saunders in stride down the right sideline for a 43-yard score.

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