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Lighting up the holiday

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VA ceremony to kick-start holiday festivities

The first event in a crowded holiday season will be held Friday when the Big Spring VA Medical Center hosts its annual tree lighting ceremony.

The event will occur from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the medical center's main lobby, across from the flag poles.

Shortly after the ceremony begins, officials will flip the switch, which

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College to host madrigal

The Howard College Fine Arts Department cordially invite all ye Lords and Ladies of Howard County and regions beyond to the Howard College Madrigal Feast.

There will only be one opportunity to be treated to a holiday meal and enjoying sundry entertainment by the royal court, wondering minstrels and troubadours.

This special holiday dinner theater will on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Hall Center for fine

— Julie Bass

Ports to Plains:

An avenue for growth

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles highlighting the Ports-to-Plains project.

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

When the late Bill Crooker said, "today is one of those 'I can't really believe this is happening' day," during his speech at the ground breaking of the Highway 87 truck reliever route in April 25, 2014, he may have voiced what many local Ports-to-Plains advocates felt that day.

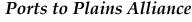
It had been a long-time coming dream come true for Crooker and others and a day they thought would never happen in their lifetime.

"None of us really thought this would happen, not soon, not in our lifetime," said Gloria McDonald, former Big Spring city council woman and a current member of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance. "Each year, when the state

releases funds to the Texas Department of Transportation DOT), we would end up short on the project. We would hold onto the money but by next year prices would go up so we were always short. This really happened because of (state Rep.) Drew Darby (R-San An-Abilene,

would to pay them back in the future."

Highway 87 is part of the the Ports-





from Mexico through West Texas to Colorado and ultimately on to Canada and the Pacific Northwest. The corridor is supposed to connect to Mexico from Laredo, Texas.

Once open, the southern by-pass, which runs from RM 33 around west of Big Spring to connect to Interstate 20, will help to alleviate truck traffic on Gregg Street, TxDOT officials

believe. According to McDonald, truck drivers have to wade through 42 intersections and 12 traffic lights before getting to the other side of town.

"This marks a time where we are bringing all this Ports to Plains Corridor together," said Darby at the ground breaking in 2014. "This has been the biggest road block in trying to get a connection between Canada and Mexico. This was the last real impediment to a free flowing traffic and trade coming down this corridor. This is always been an issue. How to get through Big Spring without stopping at every (traffic) light. And this provides a great opportunity to improve the transportation connectivity throughout this West Texas region. This is a wonderful project."

For the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, the by-pass is another positive move to improve the transportation along the 2,300plus trade corridor. Fostering trade and improving transportation infrastructure are some of the organization's pri-

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gelo) who spoke with (officials in) Amarillo, Lubbock, Snyder, San Angelo to give us their funds, off course, with the understanding we

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Scientists debate ethics of human gene editing

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rewriting your DNA is getting closer to reality: A revolutionary technology is opening new frontiers for genetic engineering — a promise of cures for intractable diseases along with anxiety about designer Hundreds of scientists and ethicists

from around the world are gathering in Washington this week to debate the boundaries of human gene editing, amid worry that the fast-moving research may outpace safety and ethics scrutiny. It's a question that gained urgency

after Chinese researchers made the first attempt at editing genes in human embryos, a laboratory experiment that didn't work well but did raise the prospect of one day altering human heredity - passing modified DNA to future generations. "This is a technology that could have

profound implications for permanent alteration of the human genome," molecular biologist Jennifer Doudna of the University of California, Berkeley, wrote in the journal Nature on the eve of the international summit.

Doudna co-invented the most-used gene-editing tool, and her calls for scientists, policymakers and the public to determine the right balance in

how it's eventually used led to this week's gathering. At issue are tools to edit precisely

genes inside living cells, finding specific sections of DNA to slice and repair or replace much like a biological version of cut-and-paste software. There are a few methods but one with the wonky name CRIS-PR-Cas9 is so fast, cheap and simple for biologists to use that research is booming. Scientists are engineering ani-

mals with humanlike disorders to

unravel the gene defects that fuel

them. They're building stronger immune cells, and developing potential treatments for muscular dystrophy, sickle cell disease and cancer. They're trying to grow transplantable human organs inside pigs. They're even hatching

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Obituaries

John Roen

John Roen, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Jones

Mary Jones, 84, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Cynthia Alvarado

Čynthia "Cindy" Alvarado, 51, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• AMANDA DAWN MCCORMACK, 25, of 1300 HCSO on a charge of Dixie was arrested on a charge of driving while

• MIRANDA SAIZ, 26, of 1900 Martin Luther 26, was booked by the King Blvd. apt. 412 was arrested on warrants for $\,$ HCSO on warrants for expired registration, two counts of fail to appear, bail jumping and failure no driver's license and a warrant from another

• LAWRENCE EUGENE HARRISON, 39, of 1201 Johnson was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

• **JOE LUIS MIRAMONTES**, 43, of 207 Edwards St. was arrested on a warrant for speeding in a school zone. • **ROBERT RIVERA JR.,** 44, of 613 Bucknell

Ave. was arrested on a charge of assault by threat. • **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Dixie Ave., the 400 block of W. 4^{th} St., the 3200 block of E. I-20, the 2600 block of Wasson Rd. and the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700, the 700 block of Cragmont Dr. and the 800 block of S. Lancaster. • **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400

block of E. 6th St. • **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block

ROBBERY was reported in the 1800 block of S.

Gregg St.

Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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talk if you don't want to.

Stepping Stone Group

of Narcotics Anonymous

Plaza (inside the mall,

Salon, down by Bealls).

p.m. at the VA Medical

Stepping Stone Group

of Narcotics Anonymous

meets at Spring Town

Plaza (inside the mall,

next to Attitudes Hair

Salon, down by Bealls).

SATURDAY

Anonymous open dis-

cussion meeting, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

Open podium/speakers

meeting 8 p.m. until 9

p.m. Open birthday

night, no smoking meet-

ing the last Saturday of

each month at 8 p.m.

Covered dish supper at 7

Alcoholics

closed

SUNDAY

Open meeting at 7

Veteran's

Open meeting at 7

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FRIDAY

Support Groups Paul Lutheran Church.

TUESDAY

VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

 Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faithbased support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at

meets at 6 p.m. at St.

Anonymous 1209 Wright St. meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open Weight Watchers meeting 7 p.m. until 8

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.

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appear, display expired registration, no driver's license and two counts of failure to appear.

 CHRISTOPHER **JERROD TURNER**, 22. was booked by the HCSO

on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions.

Fire/EMS

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

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4200 block of Mier. No transport. MEDICAL CALL

block of Craigmont St. No transport. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600

was reported in the 700

block of I-20. Service was refused. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2200 block of Alabama St. No

transport reported. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Steakly. No transport was reported.

 WATER RELATED **RESCUE** was reported on Donley St. Victim was removed from harm.

Local 5-Day Forecast Wed Thu 12/2 12/3 12/4 12/5 56/31 59/32 59/36 59/39 51/33 Mainly sunny Mainly sunny. Mix of sun and More sun than Showers ending Highs in the the upper 50s Hiahs in the lov light and upper 50s and the upper 50s 50s and lows in variable ows in the low and lows in the and lows in the mid 30s the low 30s Sunset: 5:41 PM unset: 5:41 PM Sunset: 5:41 PM

Texas at a Glance



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Amarillo	51 23 S	Sunny	Livingston	56	44 Few Showers
Austin	60 44 N	4 Sunny	Longview	55	40 Cloudy
Beaumont	57 48 F	ew Showers	Lubbock	60	26 Sunny
Brownsville	65 57 C	Cloudy	Lufkin	57	42 Cloudy
Brownwood	59 34 C	Cloudy	Midland	62	34 M Sunny
Corpus Christi	59 51 C	Cloudy	Raymondville	63	54 Cloudy
Corsicana	55 39 S	Sunny	Rosenberg	58	49 Cloudy
Dallas	56 34 P	Cloudy	San Antonio	62	47 Cloudy
Del Rio	63 46 M	1 Cloudy	San Marcos	60	44 M Sunny
I Paso	59 32 P	Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	54	37 Sunny
ort Stockton	59 35 S	Sunny	Sweetwater	60	34 P Cloudy
Gainesville	55 33 S	Sunny	Tyler	54	39 Cloudy
Greenville	55 35 S	Sunny	Weatherford	56	35 M Cloudy
Houston	58 49 C	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	58	33 M Cloudy

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City	Hi Lo Cond.	City	Hi Lo Cond.			
Atlanta	69 59 M Cloudy	Miami	81 73 P Cloudy			
Boston	45 43 Cloudy	Minneapolis	33 25 Cloudy			
Chicago	45 35 Cloudy	New York	53 50 Cloudy			
Dallas	56 34 P Cloudy	Phoenix	66 39 Clear			
Denver	41 20 P Cloudy	San Francisco	61 48 Clear			

Texas in brief

Texas attorney general back in court over fraud indictment

McKINNEY, Texas (AP) — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is expected back in court on felony charges of defrauding investors.

The hearing Tuesday in Paxton's hometown of

McKinney marks the first court appearance for the Republican since formally pleading not guilty in August. His attorneys have asked a judge to void the indictments handed up by a grand jury this Paxton is accused of encouraging wealthy inves-

tors to pump more than \$100,000 into a tech startup called Servergy without revealing he was being paid by the company. The alleged fraud took place in 2011, when Paxton was still a state lawmaker. Special prosecutors say Paxton's claims of grand

jury leaks and a flawed investigation are merit-

Paxton was indicted just six months into office and has said he won't resign.

Activists demand video in fatal meets at Spring Town 2014 Houston police shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Activists are demanding the next to Attitudes Hair release of video they believe shows the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by a Houston police officer.

Houston police spokesman John Cannon confirmed Monday that video is among evidence in the investigation into the killing of 26-year-old Jordan • A Post-Traumatic Baker in January 2014. Police have not confirmed Stress Disorder support that any video shows Baker's death. group meeting is at 6:30

The Houston Chronicle reports that a group gathered outside the Houston Police Department headquarters Monday to call for the video's release.

Baker was killed by off-duty officer Juventino Castro. A grand jury declined to indict Castro last December, citing a lack of evidence.

The department says it won't release any evidence now, as allowed by the Texas Government Code, due to possible civil litigation and on advice from the city attorney.

Texas agency finds owner of unique lighter bought in Alaska

 AA open discussion The Bexar County SAN ANTONIO (AP) meeting from noon until Sheriff's Office has identified the owner of a unique 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. lighter used by a deputy more than 50 years ago but Open Big Book study recently purchased in Alaska. Sheriff's office spokesman James Keith says the meeting, 8 p.m. until 9

owner of the lighter is former deputy Stanley Mitchell. Former San Antonio resident Doug Williams had

Alcoholics purchased the lighter in an antique shop in Anchorage, Alaska, and posted a photo of it on Facebook seeking its original owner.

KSAT-TV reports that Mitchell had the lighter custom made when he worked as a deputy. It features a replica of his badge, including his name and badge number. Sheriff's office investigators used the information and old employment records to track down Mitchell. Mitchell says he lost the lighter at some point

after retiring and moving to Alaska.

Texas firm paying more than \$3M to settle kickback claims

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas company that operates nursing care facilities will pay nearly \$3.2 million to settle allegations of receiving kickbacks from ambulance companies.

Regent Management Services of Galveston oversees 11 nursing facilities across Texas.

Federal prosecutors in Houston announced the agreement Monday. Investigators say the company was accused of accepting kickbacks from various ambulance companies in exchange for rights to Regent's more lucrative Medicare and Medicaid transport referrals.

Texas paid for some of the disputed Medicaid claims and will receive approximately \$533,000 of the settlement. Authorities say Regent has also agreed to implement compliance reforms over the next five years.

Prosecutors say the claims resolved by the settlement are allegations only, with no determination of liability.

East Texas man gets prison in stolen marijuana evidence case

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An East Texas man has been sentenced to nearly five years in federal prison for plotting to sell marijuana stolen from a law enforcement evidence room.

Roderrete Dewrayne McClure of Carthage was sentenced Monday in Tyler. The 43-year-old McClure in March pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

Investigators say McClure conspired to distribute more than 100 pounds of marijuana stolen in 2010 from the Tenaha (TEN-uh-hah) City Marshal's

Prosecutors say fire starter logs were substituted to cover the theft of the marijuana, intended to be sold in the Shreveport, Louisiana, area.

Texas police arrest suspect in 2 slayings, at motel, house

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fort Worth police have arrested a suspect in two fatal shootings including the death of a woman in the lobby of a

Police on Tuesday did not immediately provide the name of the suspect pending formal charges.

Sgt. Steve Enright says the man is suspected in both killings early Monday. Investigators did not immediately release a possible motive.

Fort Worth police were summoned to a Motel 6 on reports of a woman being shot. She died at the

Officers less than an hour later responded to a report of gunfire at a house that left a man dead.

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mutant mosquitoes designed to be incapable of spreading malaria, and exploring ways to wipe out invasive species.

As for that preliminary embryo research, it's nowhere near ready for real-world use, but there's controversy over whether and how to continue such experiments to see if it eventually will

On one side are scientists who say the ultimate goal is to prevent mom and dad from passing devastating diseases to their children.

"This technology is poised to transform preventive medicine," Harvard geneticist George Church wrote in Nature.

He added a warning: If mainstream scientists can't explore heritable gene editing, that "could put a damper on the best medical research and instead drive the practice underground to black markets and uncontrolled medical tourism."

plete ban on such research could block important discoveries. British researchers, for example, plan to alter embryos to study early human development, work that could shed light on miscarriages.

Doudna adds that a com-

On the other side are critics who say that so-called germline editing — altering sperm, eggs or embryos to affect future generations has been widely regarded as a line science shouldn't cross. They argue that standard in vitro fertilization techniques to test the genetics of embryos before they're implanted, or before adoption, are alternatives. And they raise the specter of parents who can afford designer babies with specific traits.

"The medical arguments are tenuous and the possible social consequences are grave," said Marcy Darnovsky of the Center for Genetics and Society advocacy

In the U.S., the National Institutes of Health has said it

won't fund human germline editing research, although private funding is still possible. Laws and guidelines in other countries vary widely.

Take note

Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, (sign language interpretation provided); and Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- A pig showmanship camp sponsored by the Howard County Livestock Association will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 12 at Howard College. The cost is \$10 and is open to the first 50 exhibitors. Lunch is included in the cost. Topics covered is basics of showmanship, feed and nutrition and daily management. To registrar, e-mail HCJLA01@gmail.com.
- The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce will be accepting toy donations through Dec. 9. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls (ages 2-18) to 215 W. 3rd St. Call 432-263-7641 for more information.
- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours.

For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-
- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-

The Feast of Sharing is looking for

volunteers to help with the community

wide meal that will take place Dec. 6 at

- the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Looking for Mr. and Mrs Claus, servers, greeters, entertainers, etc. Contact Debra Moreno at 432-816-6018. The Big Spring Symphony Board
- of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

News in brief

• Cub Scout Pack 305 is hosting a food,

cloth and adoption drive on Saturday,

Dec. 5, for the benefit the Happy Days

Humane Society at Tractor Supply in

Big Spring, 1104 W Interstate 20, from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. The Yellow Rose Animal

Rescue will also be out with adoptable

Howard College will be hosting sev-

eral "update meetings" throughout

Howard County for interested citizens

to gather more facts and information

about Howard College as they prepare

for the tax rate rollback election to be

held in January 2016. Those dates are:

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. St. Thomas

Hall, 605 N. Main St., Big Spring (Span-

ish translation will be provided); 12:30

p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, Hall Center

for the Arts Auditorium, Howard Col-

lege Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, (sign

Thursday, Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m., Forsan

High School Auditorium, Forsan; Mon-

day, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m., Hall Center for

the Arts Auditorium, Howard College

Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane; Tuesday,

Jan. 5, 12:30 p.m. Hall Center for the

interpretation provided);

animals during the event.

Obama says Russia may finally come around on Assad's future

PARIS(AP)—PresidentBarackObama expressed optimism Tuesday that Russia will ultimately come around on the need for Syrian President Bashar Assad to leave power to end his country's long civil war, but warned the turnaround would not come overnight. Discussing the Syria crisis with world

leaders in Paris, Obama also urged Turkey and Russia to set aside recent tensions that have undermined his efforts to strengthen the U.S.-led coalition fighting defeating the Islamic State group. Instead, he asked the two countries to focus on IS as a common enemy and on reaching a political solution for Syria. Obama's remarks on the sidelines of

global climate talks came as the U.S. continues to press Russia to focus its airstrikes in Syria against IS, rather than on U.S.-backed rebel groups fighting Assad. Obama said it was possible over the coming months that Russia would undergo a "shift in calculations" and back away from its support for Assad. "I don't expect that you're going to see

a 180-degree turn on their strategy over the next several weeks," Obama said. "They have invested for years now in keeping Assad in power. Their presence there is predicated on propping him up. That's going to take some time for them to change how they think about the is-

Obama said he expects that diplomatic

negotiations in Vienna to pursue a political solution to Syria's civil war will move forward at the same time that the U.S.-led coalition applies greater pressure to defeat IS. Still, he conceded the extremist threat that has wrought fear across the Middle East and the West would not be eliminated in the short

Obama says parts of climate deal must be legally binding PARIS (AP) — Parts of a global climate

agreement being hammered out in Paris should be legally binding, President Barack Obama said Tuesday. The declaration was a boost to climate negotiators seeking a tough accord and a challenge to Republican senators, many of whom don't believe that global warming is

Whether or not to make the climate accord legally binding is a major sticking point at the two-week talks in Paris, which aim to get all countries to agree to cut emissions that scientists say are warming the Earth and are increasing extreme weather such as droughts and

Obama has spent months prodding other countries to make ambitious carbon-cutting pledges to the agreement, which he hopes will become the framework for countries to tackle the climate issue long beyond the end of his presi dency in early 2017.

In Paris, Obama said the specific emissions targets each country is setting to

reduce greenhouse gas emissions may not have the force of treaties. But he says to hold each other accountable, it's critical that "periodic reviews" of those commitments be legally binding. He's referring to a mechanism sought by negotiators under which countries would ratchet up their commitments every five years.

U of Chicago threat came amid tension over police shooting

CHICAGO (AP) — The University of Chicago may have felt it had no choice but to take the extreme step of closing for an entire day after an online threat against whites on campus that authorities say was motived by the police shooting of a black teenager, security experts

The city was on tenterhooks after last week's release of video of Officer Jason Van Dyke fatally shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times. Protests that followed, as well as heightened awareness about campus shootings elsewhere and the recent attacks in Paris, may have forced the university's hand, said one expert. It canceled classes and activities Monday but was expected to reopen Tuesday.

"I think the university erred on the side of caution after putting the whole picture together," said Michael Fagel, who teaches national security and emergency management at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

PORTS

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mary interests.

Beginning Wednesday and continuing for the next 14 weeks, the Big Spring Herald will publish a series of short ar-

ticles from the Ports-to-Plains Alliance aimed at providing education about the organization's goals.

Articles will touch on several issues such as projected increases in freight along the corridor, safety and highway expansion and the local

and state revenues impacted by the increased trade along the corri-

For Ports-to-Plains advocates like Crooker, a long-time Howard County commissioner and member of the original Ports-to-Plains Alliance, and McDonald, the construction of the southern by-pass around the west of Big Spring was a major breakthrough, putting Big Spring on track for growth.

"Big Spring will grow in a different way," Mc-Donald believes. "It will not grow necessary in mom-and-pop stores,

but through industrial growth. We can see shipping and holding yards for good beings transported along the corridor. We can be the place business can unload their goods for a couple of days until they are shipped out going in another direction."

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simultaneously light both the tree in the lobby and the medical center's outside lights as well.

Santa Claus will be on hand to field children's Christmas gift requests, and refreshment and holiday music will be provided.

The event is free to the public.

call (432)263-7361. - Steve Reagan

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Jokes and Riddles

Question:

What can jump higher than the Sydney Harbour Bridge?

Answer: Nothing because bridges can't jump.



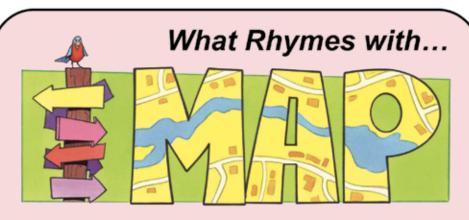
Question:

Why did the emu cross the road?

Answer: To prove he wasn't a chicken.

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List 10 words that rhyme with "map."

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4	5	6

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10

Some suswers: cab, clap, flap, gap, rap, rap, sap, strap, tap



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Answers: 1) Argentina, 2) Brazil, 3) Chile, 4) Colombia, 5) Ecuador, 6) Uruguay, 7) Venezuela



World Discoveries

MORE THAN SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE LIVE ON EARTH. With that many people, you would think there would be nothing left to discover. But there are plenty of things scientists are just now learning about, including some animals in Africa and Asia.

IN THE AFRICAN CONGO JUNGLE, SCIENTISTS discovered a new type of monkey called the Lesula. The monkey has big eyes, a pink face and a golden mane. Over in Asia in the country of Vietnam, scientists discovered a



new type of flying frog. The bright green frog has webbed feet that allow it to jump from tree to tree. In Papua New Guinea, scientists have found many new animals, including frogs, spiders and geckos.

IN AN AGE WHERE SO much of the earth has been explored, finding new animals is exciting. Who knows how many more animals are yet to be discovered.

Fact or Fiction?

European Capital Challenge

Every country in Europe has a capital city. Here are some questions about the cities. How many can you answer correctly?

Fact or Fiction?



- 1) Athens is the capital of Greece. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) London, the capital of England, is home to the Eiffel Tower. Fact or Fiction?
- 3) Vienna Sausage is the capital of Austria. Fact or Fiction?
- 4) Sweden is the capital of Stockholm. Fact or Fiction?
- 5) Madrid is the capital of Spain. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) Rome is the capital of Italy. Fact or Fiction?
- 7) Brussels Sprout is the capital of Belgium. Fact or Fiction?8) Norway is the capital of Oslo. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) Paris, the capital of France, is home to Big Ben.
- 10) Berlin is the capital of Germany. Fact or Fiction?

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, London is the capital of England but it is not the home of the Eiffel Tower—Paris is, 3) Fiction, Vienna is the capital of Austria the capital of Belgium, 8) Fiction, Oalo is the capital of Norway, 9) Fiction, Paris is the capital of Belgium, 8) Fiction, Oalo is the capital of Norway, 9) Fiction, Paris is the capital of France, but it is not the home of Big Ben—London is, 10) Fact

Dinner will be served, well, when it's ready!

JULIE

Bass

olidays with the family can be quite interesting. While at my parents' house over Thanksgiving, my sister's daughter wanted to make the Thanksgiving meal. Kaylyssa is 20 and a decent cook. Unfortunately, she is not a morning person nor a

At 10:30 a.m., Kaylyssa was still

not out of bed, and with

Thanksgiving dinner at noon, the stress was getting to my poor

So ... do I jump in and save it all, or let Kaylyssa get out of bed and make the meal while trying to keep my mother calm?

Kaylyssa was summoned and began to slowly and noncha-

lantly, make the food. My mom continued to worry and stress over a meal that was not finished and the fact that in one hour, there would be approximately 15 people waiting to be fed.

Kaylyssa was still in no hurry and didn't worry about a thing. They can, and will, wait if they needed to, according to her.

While I admire the ability to not worry about every little detail, the fact that she was unconcerned with keeping a schedule and following through with the agreed activity at the agreed upon time is kind of how most of the 20 year olds I know act.

It will happen when it will happen according to them.

That is all fine and dandy, but I expect to be served food when I was told it would be served, or at least within a reasonable time frame

around said time.

Thankfully, my parents had the foresight to cook the turkeys the day before, so they just needed to be heated up for the meal. Unfortunately, Kaylyssa was in charge of all of the sides.

I quickly started grabbing items and working the food. Stuffing, done. Corn, done. Mashed potatoes, done. Pies set out, done. Eggs ... well, Kaylyssa ate those the night before, so no deviled eggs this year.

My mom was finally forced to sit and I finished what I could while Kaylyssa was poked and prodded until she managed to get the other food done.

The tables were set and food was served at noon.

Had my niece been left on her own, we might still be waiting for that meal. But me being me, I just had to jump in and save the meal and bail her out. I did not do it for her, because I just added to her "it will all work out" attitude, I did it to save my mom from stressing anymore than she already was.

I hated making Kaylyssa right by saving the meal for her, but I could not watch my mom wring her hands and fret over Kaylyssa's laziness any longer.

No amount of hollering, prodding, or reasoning can make her move any faster. With Kaylyssa, planning ahead is the key, not for her, but for us to be able to live with her.

Other than that, it was the normal chaos that ensues when families get together. There was laughter, there were children running around, and the most importantly, a feeling of a home filled with love.

Staff reporter Julie Bass covers lifestyle for the Big Spring Herald.

Winter is coming...



Temperatures fell below freezing this weekin end **Crossroads with** ice accumulated around the vegetation and power lines. At top, ducks go for a very chilly swim on the Comanche Trail Park Lake as ice formed on much of the brush and trees around the park. At right, a yellow rose plant and its leaves covered are with ice.

> **HERALD** photos/ Lyndel Moody



For some people, the older the smartphone, the better

BY MAE ANDERSON

AP Technology Writer NEW YORK (AP) — Between splashy launches, lavish new-phone offers (get a free HDTV on activation!) and frequent software updates that slow down your old handset, it sometimes feels like the entire technology industry is pushing you to buy the latest smartphone. Yet some holdouts resist.

TakeZakSommerfield, 35, a software analyst in New York, who has hung onto his LG Delight flip phone for five years, even though his friends and co-workers make fun of it. "I hate smartphones, I hate how they take over people's lives and they spend all their time looking at them," he says. "I'd love to stay on this phone forever."

People Sommerfield are a rarity. More than 90 percent of smartphone users trade up for newer models within two years, says Ramon Llamas, who tracks mobile phones at research firm IDC. But a fraction of the population continues to cling to older phones, some 3 to 4 years old - or more.

These upgrade holdouts have different reasons for standing athwart techno-progress, yelling "Stop!" Some reject the trend toward ever-larger screens, preferring smaller phones that are harder to find these days. Others simply aren't wowed by the latest features, or see no reason to spend hundreds of dollars when

their current phones

still work fine

"Just as we saw with Apple started an annual PCs and tablets, lifetimes on people's devices are generally getting a bit longer," says Bob O'Donnell, chief analyst larly important for at Research.

Every customer counts these days. Overall smartphone sales are slowing down — particularly in industrialized markets such as the U.S., where most people who want a smartphone already have one. IDC forecasts a 10 percent increase in worldwide smartphone sales this year, but that's slowed considerably from 27 percent growth in 2014.

Some manufacturers have turned to emerging markets for new sales, but many customers there can afford only cheaper — and less profitable — devices. To keep making money on premium phones, Apple, Samsung and their rivals are counting on regular upgrades.

With its latest iPhones,

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upgrade program that leases customers the latest models for a year. Upgrades are particu-Technalysis Apple because iPhones account for more than half of its revenue. Sprint and T-Mobile

also have leasing options aimed at yearly iPhone upgrades, but Apple's new leasing option has put even more pressure on carriers. They depend on regular upgrades to keep existing customers and sell them more services, such as bigger data plans or cloud services and storage. Since a customer upgrades only once every two or three years, it's an "important moment to capitalize on" for carriers, says FBR analyst Daniel Ives.





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Cousins returns, scores 31 to lead Kings past Mavs 112-98

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — There's little doubt the Sacramento Kings are a much different team with DeMarcus Cousins in the lineup. The All-Star forward

was certainly a difference-maker in his return Monday night. He scored 16 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter of a 112-98 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Cousins missed the previous three games due to a lower back strain. The Kings are 1-7 without him this season and 6-5 with the big man in the lineup. They are 12-40 when he's been absent since Cousins joined the club in 2010. "I hate being out and

I hate having to sit to watch my team going to battle without me when you know you could be in helping them," said Cousins, who had nine rebounds and six assists. "It's a terrible feeling to be sitting out. But you have to put those games behind you and move forward.'

Rajon Rondo had 21 points and Rudy Gay added 20 for the Kings, who had dropped six straight to Dallas and 21 of the previous 23 meetings. Sacramento outscored the Mavericks 22-13 in the third period to take the lead for good.

Darren Collison added 15 points and Omri Casspi 10 for the Kings.

Chandler Parsons had 14 points for the Mavericks. Dirk Nowitzki scored 13 and Zaza Pachulia had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Devin Harris added 11 points.

Dallas, which dropped four of five, missed 28 of 37 attempts from 3-point range and scored 40 points in the second half.

Cousins shot 5 of 9 from the field in the fourth and hit all six free throws to help Sacramento build on its third-quarter lead. Gay converted a three-point play to give the Kings a 97-86 advantage.

"Cousins had a monster game. He's a force in there and he's very difficult to deal with,' Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "We allowed him to get going too much and their whole team played great. It ended up being a very tough night for us.'

Sacramento got more aggressive defensively in the third quarter and it paid off. Gay scored seven early points and the Kings held Dallas to 22.7 shooting and 13 points in taking a 76-71 lead into the fourth.

"To be a highly ef-

ficient offensive team, we've got to play good defense," Kings coach George Karl said. "I think we are finally realizing that."

RONDO'S REVIVAL Rondo's stay in Dallas last season was a rough one. The Mavericks were 26-20 when he played and 24-12 without him. He feuded with Carlisle about issues such as play-calling responsibilities and pace.

Rondo was suspended for a game during the regular season and left the team after Game 2 of a first-round playoff series with Houston. The Mays announced that Rondo had a back injury, but reports later indicated his departure was a mutual decision.

With the Kings, Rondo has revived his career and is putting up numbers similar to his years with the Boston Celtics. He has four triple-doubles this season and came into the game leading the NBA with 11 assists per game.

Rondo picked up his 200th assist this season in the opening quarter and finished with five for the game.

"He's playing desperately and playing with a chip on his shoulder," Dallas guard Wesley Matthews said. "After what happened at the end of last season, he's playing in control and playing well. They put some nice pieces around him."

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Nowitzki made a step-back jumper late in the second quarter to become the 13th player in NBA history with 10,000 field goals. ... Pachulia fared well against Cousins in

the first half, when he had 11 points and seven rebounds. ... Reserve point guard J.J. Barea missed his second straight game with an ankle sprain. ... Rondo was fouled intentionally seven times and missed seven of 14 attempts. ... In a rare first-half appearance, Seth Curry made two 3-pointers and had eight points. ... Kosta Koufos was fouled intentionally twice in the third quarter and missed all four free throws. ... Cousins made all 10 free throws and has 1,798 in his Kings career, moving past Kevin Martin for second place in the Sacramento era.

Mavericks: At Portland on Tuesday.

UP NEXT

Kings: Against Boston on Thursday in Mexico

Jackson and Drummond lift Pistons over Rockets

AUBURN Mich. (AP) — It might have gotten lost in an endless parade of free throws, but Monday night proved something important about the Detroit Pistons.

When they hit jump shots, they win. When they don't, they lose. At times, it is really that simple.

"Wow, we really shot the ball well tonight, didn't we?" asked Reggie Jackson, sitting at his locker and reading a box score. "We won the rebounding battle, and I like to see 22 assists and 11 turnovers, but that's great shoot-

The Pistons shot 52.9 percent from the floor in a 116-105 win over the Houston Rockets, including 35 percent on 3-pointers. They were spectacular in the first half, scoring 64 points, struggled in the third quarter, but finished the game

with a 32-point fourth. "We played great offense all night, and we played great defense in

the first half," Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy said. "We didn't play much defense in the second half, but we closed out the win, and I'll take that."

The Pistons led by as many as 28 in the first half, and were still up 64-41 at the intermis-

"We're playing with fire when we keep giving teams these big leads," Rockets coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. "You put so much pressure on your defense and so much pressure on your offense that you have to play an almost perfect game to have a chance."

Detroit's third-quaroffensive slump had very little to do with jump shots and a lot to do with Andre Drummond's inability to hit free throws. The Rockets sent Drummond to the line 14 times in the quarter, including 12 times in a span of 2:20. He made only three of those 12 before Van Gundy had to have his team commit a foul in order to get Aron Baynes onto the floor.

"If we're playing defense, I can keep him out there if he's making one out of two - our defense can keep us in the game if we're getting one point per possession," Van Gundy said. "But he went four for 18 tonight, and you can't win when you are getting four points on nine possessions. I had to get him out."

The strategy worked, as Houston brought Detroit's offense to a halt, and were able to pull within 84-73 by quarter's end. The Rockets then scored the first seven points of the fourth, making it 84-80 with 10:45 to play.

Detroit, though, responded with five quick points to take a nine-point lead. Houston went back to fouling Drummond in the last five minutes, but he only missed three straight before Gundy got Baynes into the

The Pistons maintained control, even after Jackson's rookie mistake of fouling Harden on a 3-pointer, giving him a fourpoint play. When Drummond returned with 1:54 left, the Pistons lead 108-100 and held on for the win.

Jackson finished with 31 points, while Drummond had 24 points and 13 bounds and Stanley Johnson added points and a careerbest 10 rebounds.

James Harden had 29 points, but made just six of 15 field goals against Kentavious Caldwell-Pope.

Houston lost despite getting a perfect start, as Drummond picked up a pair of avoidable fouls in the first three minutes, both while guarding Dwight Howard, and went to the bench. Aron Baynes, though, had eight points and three rebounds in the next 12 minutes

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Local Sports Calendar

TODAY, DEC. 1

Girls basketball — Coahoma Bulldogettes vs. Grady, JV-4:00 p.m., Varsity 6:30 p.m. Boys basketball — Coahoma Bulldogs vs. Grady, JV-5:15 p.m., Varsity-8:00 p.m. Girls basketball— Big Spring Lady Steers at Pecos, 9th-4:30 p.m., JV-6:00 p.m., Varsity-7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball — Big Spring Steers at San Angelo Lakeview, JV-4:30 p.m., 9th- 6:00 p.m., Varsity- 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball — Forsan Lady Buffs at Midland Classic, JV-4:00 p.m., Varsity-6:30 p.m.

Boys basketball — Forsan Buffaloes at Midland Classic, JV-5:00 p.m., Varsity-8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

Women's basketball — Howard College at Clarendon College, 5:45 p.m. Men's basketball — Howard College at Clarendon College, 7:30 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com.

Scoreboard

NBA Saturday's Games Toronto 84, Washington 82 Cleveland 90, Brooklyn 88 San Antonio 108, Atlanta

Dallas 92, Denver 81 Utah 101, New Orleans 87 Portland 108, L.A. Lakers 96

Golden State 120, Sacramento 101 Sunday's Games Charlotte 87, Milwaukee

82 Clippers 107, Minnesota 99 Memphis 92, Philadelphia

Phoenix 107, Toronto 102 Brooklyn 87, Detroit 83 Orlando 110, Boston 91 Houston 116, New York 111, OT

Indiana 107, L.A. Lakers 103

Monday's Games Boston 105, Miami 95 Detroit 116, Houston 105 Chicago 92, San Antonio

Milwaukee 92, Denver 74 Atlanta 106, Oklahoma City 100

Golden State 106, Utah 103 Sacramento 112, Dallas 98 L.A. Clippers 102, Portland

Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

p.m. Orlando at Minnesota, 8

Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

7 p.m.

Golden State at Charlotte,

Phoenix at Brooklyn, 7:30

Tuesday's Games L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m. Wednesday's Games L.A. Lakers at Washington,

7 p.m. Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m. Denver at Chicago, 8 p.m. New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.

Toronto at Atlanta, 8 p.m. Milwaukee at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Indiana at L.A. Clippers,

10:30 p.m. NĤL Saturday's Games Edmonton 3, Pittsburgh 2,

SÓ Philadelphia Rangers 0 Washington 4, Toronto 2

New Jersey 3, Montreal 2, N.Y. Islanders 3, Tampa Bay 2

St. Louis 3, Columbus 1 Buffalo 4, Nashville 1 Dallas 4, Minnesota 3, OT Colorado 5, Winnipeg 3 Arizona 4, Ottawa 3 San Jose 5, Calgary 2 Los Angeles 3, Chicago 2,

Sunday's Games Florida 2, Detroit 1, OT Monday's Games N.Y. Islanders 5, Colorado

N.Y. Rangers 4, Carolina 3 Toronto 3, Edmonton 0 Anaheim 4, Vancouver 0 Tuesday's Games Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Columbus at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m. Buffalo at Detroit, 7:30

p.m. Florida at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Arizona at Nashville, 8 Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m. Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Vancouver at Los Angeles,

Pittsburgh at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. Wednesday's Games Toronto at Winnipeg, 7:30

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N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 8 p.m. Boston at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

American League CLEVELAND INDIANS Assigned OF Michael Choice outright to Columbus (IL). Agreed to terms with C Anthony Recker on a minor league contract.

DETROIT TIGERS Agreed to terms with RHP Jordan Zimmermann on a five-year contract. KANSAŚ CITY ROYALS

Agreed to terms with LHP Tim

Collins on a one-year contract. OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Assigned LHP Fernando Abad and OF Craig Gentry outright to Nashville (PCL).

National League ATLANTA BRAVES Agreed to terms with RHP Jim Johnson on a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES Claimed RHP Michael Mariot off waivers from Kansas City. ST. LOUIS CAŔDINALS —

Agreed to terms with C Brayan Pena on a two-year contract.

American Association ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed OF Willie Argo. Can-Am League QUEBEC CAPITALES - Signed OF Calvin Graves.

Frontier League

National Basketball Association LOS ANGELES LAKERS — G Kobe Bryant announced his retirement, effective at the end of the season. NEW YORK KNICKS — Assigned F Cleananthony Early

FLORENCE FREEDOM -

Signed C Ozzy Gonzalez and

OF Collins Cuthrell to contract

extensions

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS —

Traded SS Juan Sanchez to

Texas (AA) for a player to be

RIVER CITY RASCALS —

Signed LHP Lucas Laster to a

contract extension.

BASKETBALL

named.

to Westchester (NBADL). WASHINGTON WIZARDS Waived F Martell Webster. Signed C Ryan Hollins. FOOTBALL **National Football League**

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed DT Alex Carrington on injured reserve. Released LB A.J. Tarpley. CHICAGO BEARS

Signed C Cornelius Edison to the practice squad. BENGALS CINCINNATI

- Waived LB Sean Porter from the PUP list. Released G Dan France from the practice squad. Signed CB Asa Jackson to the practice squad. DALLAS COWBOYS -

Waived RB Trey Williams. DETROIT LIONS — Placed CB Alex Carter on injured reserve INDIANAPOLIS COLTS -Placed RB Ahmad Bradshaw

on injured reserve. Signed RB Zurlon Tipton. MIAMI DOLPHINS offensive coordinator Bill Lazor. Named Zac Taylor of-

fensive coordinator.

NEW ENGLAND PATRI-

OTS — Released WR Chris

Harper. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES Released OL Julian Vandervelde. Signed OL Barrett Jones from Chicago's practice squad and CB Mike ∟ee and Lḃ Brandon Hepburn

to the practice squad. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS Placed TE Jimmy Graham on injured reserve. Signed DT A.J. Francis from the practice

squad. TAMPA BAY NEERS — Waived S Kimario McFadden. Signed LB Adarius Glanton from Carolina's prac-

tice squad. TENNESSEE TITANS Signed WR Rico Richardson to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS Signed CB Jeremy Harris to the practice squad.

National Hockey League DETROIT RED WINGS Reassigned D Richard Nedomlel from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL). NASHVILLE PREDATÓRS

- Assigned D Victor Bartley to Milwaukee (AHL). Reassigned G Juuse Saros to Milwaukee. NEW YORK RANGERS

- Recalled F Jayson Megna from Hartford (AHL). American Hockey League AHL — Suspended Bing-

hamton D Mark Fraser two games. BAKERSFIELD CONDORS - Assigned D Nick Pageau to

Norfolk (ECHL). GRAND RAPÌDS GŔIFFINS Recalled D Derek Docken from Toledo (ECHL). HARTFORD WOLF PACK - Returned G Jeff Malcolm to

 Reassigned D Garrett Noonan and G Brandon Whitney

to Cincinnati (ECHL).

ONTARIO REIGN — Returned F Derek Arnold to Man-chester (ECHL). **ECHL**

ECHL — Suspended Colorado LW Jesse Mychan six games, Florida D Rob Florentino five games, Adirondack D Luke Curadi and Elmira F Garrett Klotz one game and Florida LW Corey Cowick one

gamé. IDAHO STEELHEADS — Signed Fs Kyle Jean and Jake Fallon. READING ROYALS

Loaned F Joe Rehkamp to Lehigh Valley (AHL). SOCCER **National Women's Soccer**

LeagueWASHINGTON SPIRIT -

Signed G Kelsey Wys to a one-year contract. COLLEGE **BIG TEN CONFERENCE**

Suspended Minnesota hockey player Nick Seeler one game for receiving a major penalty for contact to the head and a game misconduct against St. Cloud State on Nov. 29.

FRESNO STATE — Fired offensive coordinator Dave Schramm. HAWAII -Named Nick

Rolovich football coach. MINNESOTA — Announced offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover and quarterbacks coach Jim Zebrowski will not return next season. Named Dan O'Brien co-special teams coordinator and assistant defensive backs coach.

SOUTHERN CAL — Named Clay Helton permanent football coach. UTSA — Named Rodrigo da

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Cantaloupe and pumpkin seeds look an

HOLIDAY MATHIS awful lot alike, but

come harvest time it's pretty easy to tell the difference. While the Leo moon inspires posturing, posing and showing off, remember that the early stage of an endeavor is no time to psych yourself out by comparing yourself to others. More development is needed to see what you've got.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You believe something you've been told, and this will tease vou into action today, searching for a kind of missing treasure. Maybe you won't find the stuff of legend, but what you will find has value.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You like routine -- your sign thrives on it -- and yet even methodical Taurus fears falling into a rut. That's why you'll obey your inner rebel, take an unexpected turn and enjoy

Dear Annie: I am

a 51-year-old attrac-

tive professional,

divorced twice and

a 58-year-old man

who also is twice

divorced. We met

online and hit it off

pretty quickly. He has

ality, and sex is great

a magnetic person-

moved in, and I am

supporting him finan-

cially until he gets his

He has had four DUIs

businesses in order.

and recently spent

some time in jail. I

have stood by him

He has always

been upfront that he

experiment sexually.

This doesn't bother

me. But he posted an

ad online asking an-

other woman to join

us for sex. While we

may fantasize about

this in the bedroom,

he wants to make it

real and this makes

me uncomfortable.

But he gets angry

if I say so. (He also

doesn't like when I

mention the money

issues between us.)

through a lot over the

cluding getting out of

an abusive marriage.

Am I being unreason-

rethink this situation?

I also have a young

daughter at home.

able about a three-

some or should I

-- Confused

I have been

past few years, in-

likes to view porn

a lot and wants to

through this.

between us. He

currently engaged to

the surprising results as well as anyone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A person's energy can't help but get imprinted on anything and everything that a person touches, and you'll feel this as you pick up a project where the last person left off.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's easy to be bold when you're with the majority. You won't be today, so it will take more courage to state your view. By sharing in a calm and thoughtful manner you could sway public opinion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you can stay a bit detached, many things will be easier for you. You'll see that though the situation is imperfect, everyone is trying hard to contribute to the very best of his or her ability.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll go fast when you're alone, but do try and slow down when you're in the group because, for starters, many will have a difficult time keeping up with you. Also, you'll enjoy the slower pace.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It was likely a wise (-cracking) Venus-ruled individual who once said. "Chocolate, men, coffee -- some things are better rich." With your opulent appetites lately, you can relate to the sentiment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The day's events require you to be more patient, respectful and forgiving toward a loved one than usual, which will come naturally to you. You'll be similarly received should you ever need such mercy.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The "frenemy" situation you have on your hands will prove to be a healthy and productive force in your life. The tension between you may be occurring because you two are more alike than either of you cares to admit.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The more you learn the more you realize that your previous way of thinking was too narrowly focused to realize all you could gain from a situation. New insights

inspire your move in an unforeseen direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). Once upon a time you found financial balance by learning how to want less and earn more. You've also found it by wanting more and figuring out a way to make enough to afford it. Right now either way will work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You enjoy the respect of your peers when you think you've earned it, but you don't require approval to keep going. The plan you're imagining won't make sense to everyone, but if it makes sense to you, that will be enough.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Dec. 1). You'll close out the year feeling rich in love, vitality and possibility. You'll assemble a dream team in January, each member with his or her own individual talents and perspectives. Together you'll win a victory. April and July are the best for making lucky deals and investments. Distant lands offer opportunity in May. Taurus and

Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 14, 44, 38 and

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Aries' natural fighter's

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: Sarah Silverman stays true to her adventurous Sagittarian nature with her first dramatic role in the film "I Smile Back," about a woman's secret struggle with depression. With Mercury and Neptune also in Sagittarius, Silverman is quick with the incendiary remarks and fearless when it comes to pushing into uncomfortable territory in the name of comedy, liberty and feminism.

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Dear Confused:

himself. His sexual interests do not coincide with yours. He is manipulating and pushing you to do something you don't want to do. Worse, when you express yourself, he becomes Based on your

history, you might not recognize an unhealthy relationship, so please allow us to point it out: This guy is not partner material. He is not going to be a helpful influence on you or your daughter and there is great potential for abuse. The sex may be great, but it's not enough to make up for his shortcomings. We urge you to get away from this guy altogether.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Lonely for Life," the teenager who had few friends and was concerned about being "antisocial." I, too, had social

anxiety for most of my life. In my 30s, I decided I just couldn't continue that way. I started off simply by walking down the hall at work, looking people in the eyes and saying, "Good morning." It was very

difficult in the begin-

ning, but became easier. Then I took further small steps in making social contact with others.

It took a number of years to reach an acceptable (to me) level of comfort in social situations. I am in my 60s now and have been teaching for a nonprofit for the past 20 years. Who would have thought I would ever be comfortable standing up in front of others and teaching? I have even spoken at a national confer-

ence. "Lonely for Life" should take slow steps and try to get outside her comfort zone a little each day. It doesn't happen overnight, but if it can happen for me, then I

think "Lonely" can do it, too. -- No Longer a Wallflower

Dear No Longer:

Thank you for your words of encouragement. We cannot remake the world so it suits us. Each of us must make the incremental adjustments to ourselves that will make our lives better.

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club, South found he could not avoid losing two spades, a heart and a club,

and so finished down one. While it is true that declarer ran into exceedingly bad luck in the trump suit, it is also true that he would have made the contract had he exercised greater care in trying to protect against a possible 4-0 division. The correct play at trick two was to lead the jack of spades instead of the deuce. If South had done that, East's 10-8-4 eventually would have succumbed to repeated trump leads from dummy regardless of how East chose to defend. It could be argued that leading the

spade jack from dummy would have failed if West, instead of East, had held the A-10-8-4 of spades. In that case, the winning play would be to lead a low trump from dummy at trick two, retaining dummy's J-9 for a subsequent finesse against West's

However, this argument is not valid if the bidding is taken into account. East had to have the ace of spades for his opening bid (there were only 13 high-card points missing), so this ruled out the possibility of his being void of spades. It followed, therefore, that the only sensible safety play was to lead the spade jack from dummy at trick two in case East had all the missing spades.

Tomorrow: Isolating a menace. ©2015 King Features Syndicate Inc.

king as East followed with the four. When West showed out, discarding a

East dealer.

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The bidding:

East

Pass

East-West vulnerable

♠ J 9 6 2

♦ K O 10 2

SOUTH

♠KQ753

West

♥J6

South

Opening lead — two of hearts.

Safety plays come in all shapes

and sizes, and many of them are immediately recognized by the expe-

rienced declarer. But others are

decidedly off the beaten path, and

might easily be overlooked by an

Consider this deal where South

arrived at four spades after East opened one heart. Declarer won

West's heart lead with dummy's ace

and played the spade deuce to his

4 🏚

inattentive declarer.

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EAST

♠ A 10 8 4

♥KQ973

North

♥ A 4

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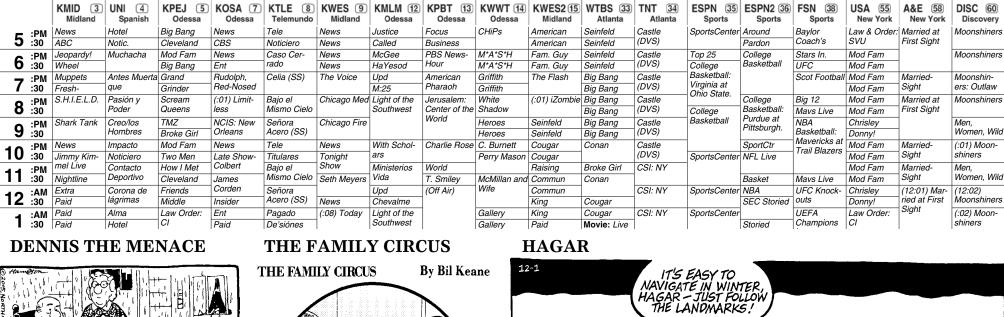
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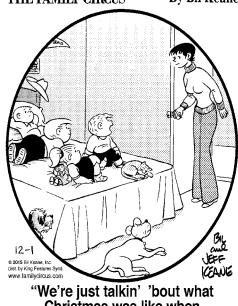
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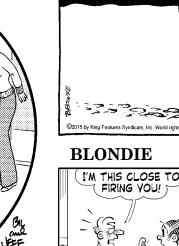
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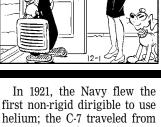
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Today's Highlight History:

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On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1860, the Charles Dickens novel "Great Expectations" was first published in weekly serial

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history. We of this Congress and this administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves.'

Hampton Roads, Virginia, to Washington, D.C. In 1934, Soviet communist

official Sergei M. Kirov, an

associate of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge. In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States,

Britain and the Netherlands

after his government rejected

U.S. demands contained in the

Hull Note. In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland. In 1969, the U.S. government

held its first draft lottery since World War II. In 1973, David Ben-Gurion,

Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87. In 1989, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with

Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. In 1990. British and French workers digging the Channel Tunnel between their countries

passage in a service tunnel. Ten years ago: A roadside bomb killed 10 U.S. Marines

finally met after knocking out a

near Fallujah, Iraq. South Africa's highest court ruled in favor of gay marriage. A jury in Sarasota, Florida, recommended the death sentence for Joseph Smith, the killer of 11-year-old Carlie Brucia. A dog and its owner found the bodies of Sarah and Philip Gehring, two children who'd been fatally shot by their father and buried in rural Ohio. (Manuel Gehring had confessed to the slayings but strangled himself in prison before he

Thought for Today: "I got a simple rule about everybody. If you don't treat me right, shame on you."

could be tried.)

Louis Armstrong, American jazz musician (1900-1971).

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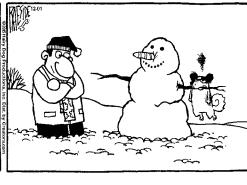




THE OTHER COAST







SNUFFY SMITH





Newsday Crossword

- 23 Distributed the cards
- 26 Stubborn beast
- 30 Brings up, as
- a child
- 33 Back of one's neck
- fashion
- 38 Tibetan priests
- 40 DVR button
- capital
- 42 Major happening
- 43 Molecule part
- 45 Leg hinge
- barbecue
- 48 Unruly crowd
- letter
- 51 Say yes
- in poker
- - fundraising gp. 56 Roll served at a

ACROSS

- 1 Wide tie 6 British sporty
- car, for short 9 Wooden strip
- 13 Strategy to try first
- 14 Tart-tasting
- 15 Big party
- 16 Copier powder
- 17 Short skirt 18 Journey
- 19 Rock, as a
- cradle **22** "That's impressive!"
- 24 Mythical tale
- 29 Up to, in ads
- 31 Voting group
- 35 Back-in-style

- 41 South Korean

- 55 School
- diner 61 Look mopey

- 64 Small donkey
- 66 Conclude a
- plane flight
- up and up
- 68 Suffix for
- 69 "Steady as
- goes"
- 70 Wear away
- **DOWN**
- Abbr. 2 Like molasses
- 4 For days

13

16

- 5 Bull's-eye
- location

- 46 Cook in a
- 50 Double-curve
- 53 Quitting phrase

- 63 Advance of cash
- 65 Humdinger
- 67 On the
- kitchen

- 1 Rental dwellings:
- 3 Child's plea
- (nonstop)
- 9 Private's
 - 10 Rock on a mountain 11 Sci-fi being
 - 12 Repaired, as a page

8 Car radiator

superior: Abbr.

cover

- **14** Be suspicious 20 Acquire
- 21 Pretty long time 25 One from
- **Athens**
- 26 Competent 27 Croat or Serb 28 Gymnast's roll
- 30 Endorse
- for use

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17

6 Elbow or 32 Lake boat 45 Across 34 Hamster or parakeet 7 Mom's sister

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36 Regrets

39 Get to one's feet

37 Spanish cheers

- 44 Tie up at a dock 47 Moonshine machines
- 49 Begin to boil 51 Cider fruit
- 52 Strong ale 53 Very silly 54 More faithful
- 57 Ark builder 58 Therefore
- 59 Dry as dust 60 Lavish attention (on)
- 62 Election Day: Abbr.
- 10 15

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ROCKETS

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as the Pistons pulled out to a 16-point lead.

Moments after Drummond returned, he blocked Howard's dunk, bringing a roar from the Palace crowd. Johnson followed with a high-arcing layup over Howard, making it 44-25.

"We have to figure out how to start games better,"

Howard said. "We need to come out and play better defense, but this is a trend. We just don't get off to a good start."

TIP-INS:

Rockets: Harden has scored 105 points in Houston's last three games. ... Houston had won two straight after losing seven of eight.

Pistons: Morris left the game in the second quarter after injuring his back in a collision with Drummond, but returned late in the period after being stretched out by the training staff. . According to

STATS, Drummond's 10 missed free throws in the third quarter matched the second most since 2002-03, but not the most by a Piston — Ben Wallace went 5-for-20 in the fourth quarter of a 109-101 win over the Los Angeles Clippers on Dec. 11, 2005. DeAndre Jordan also missed 10 in a quarter against San Antonio last season.

UP NEXT:

Rockets: Host the Pelicans on Wednesday. Pistons: Host the Suns on Wednesday.

Gasol gets double-double as Bulls beat Spurs 92-89 partially blocked by Derrick Hinrich is recovering from a out eight to 10 weeks. He re-

CHICAGO (AP) — Pau Gasol punctuated his big block on LaMarcus Aldridge with a triumphant vell.

The ugly final four minutes went to Gasol and the Chica-

go Bulls. Gasol had 18 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots, and the Bulls snapped San Antonio's five-game winning streak with a 92-89 victory over the Spurs on Monday night.

Jimmy Butler scored 14 points and reserve Doug Mc-Dermott had 12 for Chicago, which was coming off a 104-92 loss at Indiana on Friday night. Joakim Noah contributed eight points, seven assists and 11 rebounds despite battling foul trouble in the final minutes of the opener of a four-game homestand.

"Everyone contributed tonight in a positive way," Gasol said. "Jo was outstanding and almost had a triple double off the bench with his energy, making plays offensively as well as defensively. Everyone really contributed and it was good to see."

Gasol rejected Aldridge on a drive with 1:06 left, and then hit one of two foul shots on the other end for a 90-89 lead. After Manu Ginobili missed for San Antonio, Butler

hit two free throws with 10.6 seconds to go. The Spurs had one last chance, but Kawhi Leonard and Tony Parker each missed 3-point

Rose, who finished with 11 points and six assists.

"We had a play for Kawhi. and an option for Manu, it iust didn't work out," Parker said. "That happens sometimes. It was good defense by Chicago."

Leonard had 25 points and eight rebounds for San Antonio, which had won nine of 10. Aldridge added 21 points and 12 rebounds, and Parker had 13 points and nine assists.

The Spurs had just one field goal in the final four minutes.

"We are not good offensively, and may not be until March," coach Gregg Popovich said. "Offense will take a while. We have a lot of guys getting used to each other. and how to play together." The Spurs led 73-70 after

three quarters, but the Bull opened the fourth with an 11-2 run. Tony Snell sparked the surge with a 3-pointer and a driving layup. Chicago played without

guards Kirk Hinrich and Aaron Brooks. Brooks has a left hamstring injury, and hip pointer.

"It was one of those nights where everybody that stepped out on the floor not only contributed but contributed in a big way," coach Fred Hoiberg said.

AILING DUNLEAVY

Bulls forward Mike Dunleavy Jr. is planning to see two specialists this week after he had a

setback in his recovery from offseason back surgery.

Hoiberg said Dunleavy is going to stop his oncourt work and focus on rehabbing the injury for about two weeks.

The 35-yearold Dunleavy had lower back surgery on Sept. 25 and was expected to be

signed with Chicago in July after he averaged 9.4 points and shot 40.7 percent from 3-point range in 63 games last season.

PRAISING KOBE

Gasol said he wants retiring Lakers star Kobe Bryant to have as much fun as possible for the rest of his final season. Bryant announced Sunday that this would be his last year.

Gasol played with Bryant for six-plus seasons, winning consecutive NBA titles in 2009 and 2010.

"He's a hard-working guy that wants to be the best, he doesn't settle for anything less and he's going to try to be and will be exceptional," Gasol said.



The Big Spring High School Band will be hosting several events in December. Please come out and support our music program, band directors including Rocky Harris, Samuel Hale, Emily Andrews and Olivia Caldwell and our students by attending one of the following scheduled events:

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- The BSHS Band will be hosting their annual Christmas concert and final performance of this year's marching show featuring Andrew Lloyd Weber's Superstar in surround sound on Sunday, December 6th, BSHS Auditorium @ 2:30
- The BSHS Honor Band will have a Christmas concert at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at noon on December 9th featuring "Carol of the Bells" and a world premiere of Fantasy on "In Dulci Jubilo" by Donald Grantham commissioned by the BSHS Band for band and organ and written especially for the St. Mary's organ and Linda Hill, organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

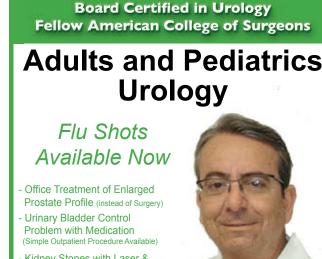
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