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# Bloom to retire as election administrator

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By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Come the next election night, Howard County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom, a staple presence at elections for the past

11 years, will most likely be kicking up her heels and watching results flow in through the televi-

Bloom will retire at the end of this year. "I have throughly

enjoyed it, working with all people," Bloom said. "It's been a great experience."

The Howard County Election Commission is expected to officially accept Bloom's retirement notice when March 2005. She has been with the members meet at 3 p.m. Thursday at county the County Judge's conference room, located in House Special

Howard County Courthouse. Also the agenda, an appointment for a new election administrator is expected to be made.

Bloom has served in the position for 11 years after her appointment in as an employee for more than 26 years. "I loved my job,"

Bloom said. "I grew up with it. My dad (Norman Sneed) was the (Borden County) sheriff/tax sor collector, and therefore he was in charge of voter registration. I was always at the courthouse on election

"I have a passion for the election process," she said. "Knowing I

am part of the democratic pro-

cess, it's fulfilling. I've loved almost every minute of it. It's like anything else, you have some ups and down. For the most part, I've enjoy it, and I've enjoyed working with the people and seeing all the people come out to vote."

After only two weeks of marriage to her late husband Richard, Bloom moved to Howard County and was quickly hired on by the county, working in the tax collector's office.

"I did some other things like tax office reports but primarily I worked voter registration," she said. "In high school, I would work in my father's tax office. I think that's why I got the job as quick as I did, because I had experience."

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# 'The Gift'

Bloom

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Consider it the Living Christmas Tree, only minus

For the first time in 38 years, Big Spring's First United Methodist Church will not host the Living Christmas Tree musical extravaganza, but that doesn't mean church members won't be spreading holiday cheer as they have in the past.

In place of the Living Christmas Tree is "The Gift," a Christmas-themed musical featuring many of the same carols and other holiday standards performed in years past, which will be staged Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Admission is free.

Although the Living Christmas Tree was a longstanding holiday tradition, FUMC Pastor Bill Ivins said his parishioners voiced the belief that it was time for the church to go in a different direction this season.

"We just felt like it was really time to move on to a new experience," Ivins said. "We view this as an

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# VAMC to hold annual Christmas tree lighting

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

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 med-

ical center's main lobby, across from the flag poles. Shortly after the ceremony

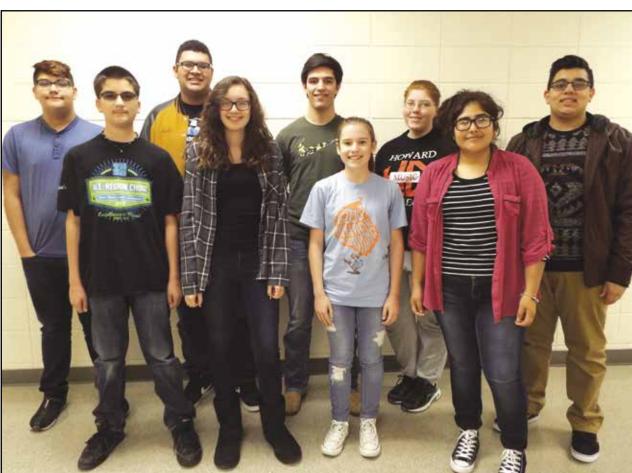




begins, officials will flip the switch, which will simultaneously light both the tree in the lobby and the medical center's outside lights as Santa Claus will be on hand

to field children's Christmas

# FUMC to host BSHS singers head to Area



HERALD photo/LYNDEL MOODY

The following Big Spring High School choir students qualified recently to compete at area auditions. They are in no particular order, Bhili Gill, Avree Tubb, Jessica Reyes, Kenra Thibeault, Charlie Correa, Raymond Smalling, Kaelob Stewart, Josiah Garcia, Christian Horton, and Ranen Wilson. Area contest will held on Jan. 7.

## Choir students qualify for Area; dinner slated

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The deadline to purchase tickets for the Big Spring High School Choir's dinner theater is fast approaching.

Friday is the last day to purchase tickets for the fundraiser, set for Dec. 10 and Dec. 11. Tickets are \$25 and includes a meal and entertainment by the award-winning high school

'The first part of the evening, the kids will sing some silly Christmas songs and perform a few silly skits," said Beth Spence, BSHS assistant choir teacher. "The second part of the program will be more formal. They'll be dressed in their uniforms and will be singing some beautiful Christmas carols." The event will be held at the

high school cafeteria, 707 11th Place, at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. No tickets will be sold at the See **CHOIR**, Page 3

Money raised from the fundraiser will go toward the choir's summer trip to New York City.

The five-day, four-night trip scheduled for June 1-5 cludes visits to the major museums, Broadway shows, shopping in Times

Square and 5th Avenue, exploring famous neighborhoods such as Chinatown and SOHO, and a





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## **Obituaries**

#### Art Arview



Art Arview, 57, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel. He was born March 18, 1959, to

Betty Damrau Arview and Arthur Ray Arview in Tucson, Ariz. He married Becky Hoffman Dec. 7, 1979, in Colorado

Springs, Colo. He moved to Big Spring in 1981 from Security, Colo. Art was a mechanic and welder for Fiberglass Systems, retiring in 2011 due to ill

Harland James Narem, 82, of Midland died Fri-

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Fri-

day, Dec. 2, 2016, at St. Luke's United Methodist

Harland James Narem

day, Nov. 25, 2016, in Albuquerque, N.M.

health. He loved working on cars and painting cars.

Art is survived by his wife, Becky Arview of Big Spring; three sons, Michael Hoffman and Scotty Hoffman, both of Colorado, and Timothy Arview and wife Camilla of Big Spring; two daughters, Rebecca Meachom and husband Eric of Alabama, and Marie Arview and Michael Campbell of Big Spring; two brothers, Paul O'Neal and wife Joanna of Mississippi, and Wayne O'Neal and wife Beverly of Texarkana; Cheryl Hoff and husband Gary of Wyoming, and Kathy Harris and husband Grady of Waco; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Paid obituary

Church in Midland. All floral offerings may be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

He is survived by his wife, Ada Narem; son, Brian Narem; and daughter, Rhonda Tack.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following ac-

- REBECCA IRENE GONZA-**LES**, 45, of 701 E. 13th St. was arrested on an outstanding war-
- ALMA RODRIGUEZ, 23, of 222 N. Dixie Apt. No. 1 in Odessa was arrested on an outstanding
- STEVE RODRIQUEZ, 35, of 624 State St. was arrested on a

The Howard County Sheriff's

Department reported the follow-

Note – Officials with the How-

ard County Jail reported having

86 inmates at the time of this re-

• DAVID LYNN DOW, 33, was

booked by BSPD on a charge of

theft of property (less than \$100).

• REBECCA IRENE GONZA-

**LES**, 45, was booked by BSPD on

a warrant for bail jumping/fail-

ing activity:

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warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).

- PEDRO VARGAS JR., 25, of 810 N. Loraine in Midland was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- DAVID LYNN DOW, 33, no address given, was arrested on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100).
- AMANDA LEE VARGAS, 30, of 3919 Monty in Midland was arrested on warrants for posses-

sion of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and failure to identify fugitive/ giving false information; and on outstanding warrants.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITA-**TION** was reported in the 2700 block of Holland Place.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of East Third Street and the 200 block of West FM 700.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of South Gregg Street.

## Sheriff

- CAREY DON ODEN, 56, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- ALMA RODRIGUEZ, 23, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- STEVE RODRIGUEZ, 35, was booekd by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).
- RAYMON CHARLES STRA-**HAN**, 36, of 303 Homestead in Lancston, Texas, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for accident involving

injury.

- AMANDA LEE VARGAS, 30, was booked by HCSO on warrants for bondsman off bond for use of vision reducing matter, bondsman off bond for driver's license restriction; and on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), failure to identify/fugitive giving false information.
- PEDRO VARGAS JR., 25, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/ EMS reported the following ac-

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

ed in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was report-

MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of Algerita. Interstate 20.

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 SMOKE DETECTOR AC-TIVATION - NO FIRE was reported in the 1100 block of West

## **Support Groups**

#### WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't

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

#### **FRIDAY**

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

· 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.

# **SATURDAY**

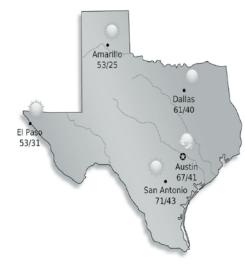


#### Jesse C. James

Jesse C. James, 90, of Big Spring died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday December 3, 2016 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Local 5-Da	y Forecast			
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In Tuesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald, an incorrect contact number to sign up for the city of Big Spring blood drive was listed in an article titled "UBS in need of O Negative blood." The correct number is 264-2347.

Correction

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## **Take Note**

- The Salvation Army of Big Spring is seeking volunteers to ring a bell for their Red Kettle program this Christmas season. Each year, more than 25,000 Salvation Army volunteers raise money through the program to help serve more than 3 million people in need during the holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas. All money raised in the Red Kettle program stays in the communities where it is raised. For more information call 432-352-2005. If you don't have time to ring a bell, you can visit RedKettleReason.org to create an online kettle to raise funds for the program.
- H-E-B is looking for non-profits agencies to set up information tables at the annual Feast of Sharing. Please contact Sandy Stewart at 432-935-1604 to reserve a spot. Feast of Sharing will be held on Dec. 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
- A benefit for Bethine McNally will be held on Dec. 3. Mrs. McNally is a Big Spring ISD employee and the wife of the pastor of New Life Ministries C.O.G.I.C. She has been diagnosed with bilateral kidney cancer.

The benefit will help support the McNally family in these difficult times. The money raised will go to the family's medical bills and daily expenses.

The benefit will include live music and food, as well as a silent auction. Anyone wishing to contribute to this event can make a financial donation or contribute an item to be auctioned

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 Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

vited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

· Seniors and mature adults are in-

with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

The Big Spring Association meets the third Tuesday of each month

> For more or information or to purchase tickets, call Big Spring High School at 264-3641, and then press 0.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringeherald.com.

a 7 p.m. in the basement of County Howard Library.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.
- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.
- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.
- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

 The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fundraisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring

Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432)268-7535 or danielle.linds e y @ dshs. state.

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Joe Saldana, 57, died Wednesday. Funeral service were held today at 10:30 AM Wednesday at the Family Faith Center with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Clifford Beeler, 59, died Wednesday. Services will be at 4:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Art Arview, 57, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 6:00 PM Thursday, at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends immediately after the service from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Jesse C. James, 90, died Sunday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday December 3, 2016 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Ken Turnbow, 64, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. No other services planned.

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approach to kicking off the Christmas season with something new and different."

As with its predecessor, music will be the major attraction of "The Gift". Featuring an orchestra, along with the church's band and youth and adult choir, the event will be full of carols and other Christmas standards.

"We'll also recreate an oldfashioned radio play which was written by Sue Partee," Ivins said. "In addition, the audience can join in on a carol sing-along, accompanied by the orchestra." The evening will be topped

off with a presentation of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

If the public's reception of the new format is strong, Ivins promises an even bigger event in the future. "This is a trial balloon, so

to speak," he said. "We're going to float this out there and see how the public responds. Hopefully, we will build on this and let it grow.'

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

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members of the

dinner theater, the

choir has two more

major fundraisers

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Broadway

The Lion King.

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Q&A

Through her tenure as the election administrator, Bloom has seen a number of changes to the way business is conducted in the office, mostly driven by technological advance-

"I've seen a lot of technological advancement implemented and quite a few law changes such as the voter ID law over the years," she said. "It seems like it gets a little more complicated every year."

In Howard County, the county election's office oversees the majority of elections from state and national or by contracting with local

entities for city council races or school board trustee positions elections.

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a sweetheart ball

coming up in Feb-

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have a golf tourna-

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last of our big fun-

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"After (Help American Vote Act of 2002), we must contract with entities if they want us to oversee their election," she said. "When we went to electric voting equipment, it turned out to just a better way to serve the voters and the tax payers. This way we can share the equipment instead of the schools or cities buying their own."

Although elections are sporadic throughout the year, Bloom said preparing for them is a full time job.

"We are usually always getting ready for an election or catching

up after an election," she said. "We have a stack of statement of residency changes after the HAVA this last election and voter registration is always year-round. We work to keep the files up to date, like people who move out, updating the list to take off people who are deceased. We have to study and go to training to keep up with the changes. We have election planning and recruiting workers for the polls. Candidates file with us, so we have to keep up with all that."

Bloom will be leaving after serving in one of the most historic elections in U.S. presidential history. The 2016 decision between now President-elect Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton drew great interest from county voters who flocked to the polls during early vot-

"We had so many people in early voting,' she said. "It was a busy election."

Now Bloom said she is ready for a new challenge, being a full time grandmother and spending time traveling to visit her children.

but I am ready to turn it over to someone younger with a lot of energy," she said.

As for the next election night, Bloom said she isn't quite sure if she might still lend a hand at the polls.

"I think I will probably be sitting there with

my feet up watching it on TV - I don't know, I might be right in the middle of it, but I am not going to be responsible for it," she admitted.

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tell you about this week.

Bullet for the Utah Kid" by T. T. Flynn (LP W FLY T) is a Western Quartet. It contains the four stories: "Johnny's One Man Invasion," "Herd Hunters Die Young," "Renegades of the Rimrock," and "A Bullet for the Utah Kid." In "Johnny's One Man Invasion," the boss of a gang of border raiders plans to marry a rancher's daughter to gain access to her father's ranch, but Johnny Stevens won't allow him

to hurt a girl like that and stops the wedding by revealing that the boss already has a wife. "Herd Hunters Die Young" tells the story of how a Colorado rancher must gather a big enough trail herd to restock his ranch while fighting off a local gang of rustlers. In "Renegades of the Rimrock," Tom Gannett



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is told by men who have been hiding that there is free range at Bone Lake, but the invitation to join them in hiding is scarcely an attractive proposition. In "A Bullet for the Utah Kid," Johnny Rance is a prospector who must somehow exchange his sacks of gold for supplies without anybody knowing of his strike. Unfortunately, witnessing a murder puts him in the

center of everyone's attention. In "The Trail West" by William W. Johnstone with J. A. Johnstone (LP W JOH W), Dooley Monahan went off to pick up a new milk cow and never came home. Nearly three decades later, Dooley Monahan has become an accidental legend by managing to plant a bullet in the chest of a dangerous outlaw. All Dooley wants is to claim his reward at a bank and make his way north to a gold strike he read about in a newspaper, but fate has other plans. The more Dooley

tries to head north, destiny pushes him west. His trail is populated by strange friends and dangerous enemies strewn with bad luck and bad blood

"Six-Gun Crossroads" by Lauran Paine (LP W PAIL) is a Circle V Western. Sam Logan rode into town looking for work and ended up in a gunfight. When his opponent's friend comes into town for

revenge, he is also beaten draw. the Both killings were deemed selfdefense, but the townspeople felt Sam should be told to leave town. Jonah Reeves shows up claiming to be a preacher who has come to save the souls of the town.

When he starts his conversion efforts by knocking out three cowboys, everyone wants the Deputy Sheriff to tell him to leave the town.

When it is discovered that Reeves is an exconvict with a reputation as a gang leader, the Deputy Sheriff wonders if Logan and Reeves are actually plotting something together.

In "The Trail of Danger" by William MacLeod Raine (LP W RAI W), Dennis Gifford traveled to San Francisco to seek his fortune in the California gold rush only to be shanghaied by one of the toughest crooks on the

He escaped by jumping ship and taking refuge in the garden of a wealthy Spanish nobleman. Gifford takes refuge with the Martinez family and defends their daughter against Nobody had been able to pin anything the unwelcome attentions of the most notorious bandit in California, Juan Castro. When Gifford plays a part in stopping an attempt by the Casto gang to steal a gold shipment, Castro vows to kill Gifford. Gifford must fight for his



also to protect the Martinez family from those who would seek to ruin them.

"The Slick-Iron Trail" by Bradford Scott (LP W SCO B) finds Ranger Walt Slade buying into trouble on the interest of justice. When Slade met Curly Bill Elkins and his crew, they claimed to be pursuing rustlers of one of the region's far-flung herds. The local sheriff figured Elkins was more likely to be fleeing the law than to be helping it. He had Curly Bill marked down as a stagecoach robber and a killer. Slade wondered if Curly Bill was the head of the outlaw faction as reports coming to Ranger Post headquarters insisted he was.

on Elkins so now it was up to Slade to find out what he was sent here for.

In "Vulture's Gold" by Lee E. Wells (LP W WEL L), Hank Allen owned The Golden Vulture mine, The Golden Vulture Saloon, and most of the rest of Paso Grande. New people come into his town, but not for long unless he says it's all right. Kate Brent received a letter implying that her brother, who had been Hank Allen's prospecting partner, had been left to die while Allen filed his claim to a gold strike. Kate wanted answers, but she knew better than to arrive in Allen's town without some muscle and iron. When Kate saw Jerry in a fight, she knew he was the man to help her. She bailed him out of jail on the condition that he take her to Paso Grande and be available to help her if needed. The only trouble is that when Hank Allen learned Kate's name, he wanted them gone permanently.

That's all I have time for today. In the spirit of the holidays, I leave you with a quote from Sarah Ban Breathnack: "You simply will not be the same person two months from now after consciously giving thanks each day for the abundance

that exists in your life. And you will have set in motion an ancient spiritual law: the more you have and are grateful for, the more will be given

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# Dictionary.com's word of the year is 'xenophobia'

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — You might have thought about it, heard it. A lot. You might have even felt it: Dictionary. com's word of the year is "xenophobia."

While it's difficult to get at exactly why people look up words in dictionaries, online or on paper, it's clear that in contentious 2016, fear of "otherness" bruised the collective consciousness around the globe.

The Brexit vote, police violence against people of color, Syria's refugee crisis, transsexual rights and the U.S. presidential race were among prominent developments that drove debate — and spikes in lookups of the word, said Jane Solomon, one of the dictionary site's lexicographers.

The 21-year-old site defines xenophobia as "fear or hatred of foreigners, people from different cultures, or strangers." And it plans to expand its entry to include fear or dislike of "customs, dress and cultures of people with backgrounds different from our own," Solomon said in a recent interview.

The word didn't enter the English language until the late 1800s, she said. Its roots are in two Greek words — "xenos," meaning "stranger or guest," and "phobos," meaning "fear or panic," Solomon added.

The interest was clear June 24, within a period that represents the largest spike in lookups of xenophobia so far this year. That was the day of Brexit, when the UK voted to

leave the European Union. Searches for xenophobia on the site increased by 938 percent from June 22 to June 24, Solomon said. Lookups spiked again that month after President Obama's June 29 speech in which he insisted that Donald Trump's campaign rhetoric was not a measure of "populism," but rather "nativism, or xenophobia,

Solomon added that chatter about xenophobia goes well beyond the spikes.

"It has been significant throughout the year," she said. "But after the EU referendum, hundreds and hundreds of users were looking up the term every hour."

Robert Reich, who served in the administrations Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter and was President Clinton's labor secretary, felt so strongly about xenophobia's prominence today that he appears in a video for Dictionary.com discussing its ramifications.

"I don't think most people

even know what xenophobia is," Reich, who teaches public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, said in an interview. "It's a word not to be celebrated but to be

deeply concerned about." Solomon's site, based in Oakland, California, started choosing a word of the year in 2010, based on search data and agreement of in-house experts that include a broad swath of the company, from lexicographers to the marketing and product teams to the

CEO, Liz McMillan. The word and the sentiment reflect a broader mournful tone to 2016, with Oxford dictionary edit



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## Wildfires scorch tourist area in Tennessee; thousands flee

By STEVE
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Associated Press

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (AP) — Wildfires fueled by high winds roared through parts of the Great Smoky Mountains, burning the doorstep of the Dollywood theme park, destroying a resort and chasing thousands of people from their homes.

National Guard troops arrived Tuesday to help overwhelmed firefighters, and Mother Nature provided a little relief as the winds calmed and rain fell in some areas. Forecasters said it would not be enough to end the relentless drought that has spread across the South and set the stage over the past few weeks for wildfires in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina.

Linda Monholland, who was working at Park View Inn in Gatlinburg, said it was about 9 p.m. Monday when she left her workplace with about five other people. Surrounded by flames the whole way, they walked for about 20 minutes to a trolley to

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"There was fire everywhere. It was like we were in hell. Hell opened up," said Monholland, who was staying Tuesday at Rocky Top Sports World, an 80-acre sports facility that has been turned into a shelter. "Walking through hell, that's what it was. I can't believe it. I never want to see something like that again in my life, ever."

Photos of the popular tourist area showed scorched cars and buildings, and soot-covered debris littered across roads in the Gatlinburg area. A smoky haze hung in the air, obscuring picturesque views of mountains in the fall, awash in trees with leaves of red, yellow and gold.

The latest wildfires grew Monday night when wind high winds blew trees onto power lines, sparking new fires and spreading embers over long distances, officials said.

"There were times last night that we had wind gusts in excess of 87 miles an hour. That is hurricane force. That is nowhere to be when trying to fight a fire," Gatlinburg Fire Chief Greg Miller said at a news conference Tuesday.

Hundreds of homes and other buildings, including a 16-story hotel, were damaged or destroyed.

Emergency officials ordered evacuations in downtown Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge and in other areas of Sevier County near the Great Smoky Mountains. About 14,000 residents and visitors were evacuated from Gatlinburg alone.

About 1,200 people took shelter at the Gatlinburg Community Center and the Rocky Top Sports Park, and several other shelters opened. TV broadcasts showed residents streaming out of town just as rain started to wet roads.

At least a dozen people were taken to hospitals, including some with burns. No deaths were reported and officials said they had not received any reports of missing people.

Evacuees dodged fire on foot and in cars to reach shelters.

# Park, trail dedicated to 19 fallen Arizona firefighters

#### By BOB CHRISTIE

Associated Press

YARNELL, Ariz. (AP) — A memorial park and a hiking trail were dedicated Tuesday to 19 elite Arizona wildland firefighters who died in 2013 in a brush choked box canyon while battling one of the state's most devastating wildfires.

Relatives of the Granite Mountain Hotshot firefighting team gathered at a trailhead for the somber ceremony dedicating the site as an Arizona state park, where Gov. Doug Ducey said the 3-mile trail and memorial would serve as a lasting tribute to the fallen firefighters' heroism.

"May this always be a sacred place for this community and for this state to honor the lives of those who died protecting us," Ducey said. "And may it always serve as testament to the danger firefighters everywhere face every day. We will never forget."

Only one member of the team, a lookout, survived the June 30, 2013, fire after shifting winds trapped the firefighters near the small town of Yarnell in central Arizona. It was the deadliest day for U.S. fire crews since 9/11 and the worst for wildland firefighters since the 1933 Griffith Park fire of Los Angeles, which killed 29.

Dan Parker, whose son Wade died in the fire, said his return to the site was moving and that he wants to bring others there so they can remember and honor him. The 320-acre park opens to the public on Wednesday.

"Our hearts are grateful for everything that everybody's done for us and the fact that the state would put a state park here for a place for us to come and reflect and just come be with our son," said Parker, a retired firefighter. "Because this is where he spent his last day."

The park was dedicated after Arizona's state Legislature spent \$500,000 in 2014 to buy the land and the nearly 3-mile trail was built from a state

highway to the spot where the flames trapped the firefighters. The trail itself is lined with memo

rial plaques for each firefighter. It zig-zags from the highway up a steep slope to a ridgeline, then follows the ridgeline to a spot with a view into the canyon where the firefighters were killed.

The trail then descends into the can-

yon to a memorial site with 19 wire baskets filled with rocks marking the locations where flames overcame the crew. A flagpole is set in the center of a memorial site.

On the day they died, the firefighters were stationed in a relatively safe position on a ridge top.

But for unknown reasons and with out notifying anyone, they moved down the mountainside through an unburned area where they were trapped by a wall of flames when winds shifted the fire toward them.

State workplace safety regulators blamed the firefighters' deaths on the Arizona Forestry Division, saying it put protection of property ahead of safety and should have pulled crews out earlier.

A state investigation found that fire officials lacked key personnel to battle the Yarnell fire at critical moments. An earlier investigation commissioned by the Arizona Forestry Division found that state fire officials communicated poorly but followed proper procedures.

The state paid a dozen families who sued over the deaths \$50,000 each and promised to change how Arizona responds to fires and trains its fire crews. The survivors also received in surance and other benefits.

The fire also burned 127 homes, and people who lost them have sued the state. Ducey in an interview encouraged people to hike the trail, saying "it's strenuous and its long, but you'll really learn the stories of these young men."

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## Texas announces its first locally transmitted Zika case

By JAMIE STENGLE

**Associated Press** 

DALLAS (AP) — Texas on Monday reported its first case of Zika virus that likely came from a mosquito bite within the state.

Florida is the only other state in the U.S. with locally spread Zika. Health officials say that the woman who was infected in Texas is a resident of Brownsville, located on the border the state shares with Mexico. But health officials said she reported no recent travel to Mexico or any other country with ongoing Zika outbreaks.

Until the Florida cases, all the cases in the U.S. were connected to travel to countries with outbreaks, mostly in Latin America and the Carib-

"We knew it was only a matter of time before we

saw a Zika case spread by a mosquito in Texas," Dr. John Hellerstedt, commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, said in a news release. "We still don't believe the virus will become widespread in Texas, but there could be more

cases, so people need to protect themselves from mosquito bites, especially in parts of the state that stay relatively warm in the fall and winter."

The Texas health department said there are currently no other homegrown cases, but health officials continue to watch for them. Zika is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito, though sexual transmission

The Texas case was confirmed last week by a lab test. Officials say testing indicates the virus can no longer be spread from her by mosquitoes.

The woman is not pregnant. Infection during pregnancy can lead to severe brain-related birth

Chris Van Deusen, a spokesman for the state health department, said the woman had fallen ill and gone to her doctor, who ordered the Zika test. Van Deusen said six members of the woman's household were also tested and do not have the vi-

Most infected people don't get sick. It can cause a

mild illness, with fever, rash and joint pain.

Health workers will be going door-to-door in the area around the patient's home to educate the public, help people reduce potential mosquito breeding habitats and collect voluntary urine samples to find out if there are other infections.

Health officials for the state and Cameron County are working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to investigate the case. State officials say further investigation is necessary to try to figure out how and where the woman was infected.

Officials have been trapping and testing mosquitoes to learn more about activity near her home. Brownsville has recently sprayed for mosquitoes in the area and will continue to work on reducing the mosquito population.

Through last week, Texas has had 257 confirmed cases of Zika virus disease. Until now, all cases in Texas had been associated with travel, including two infants born to women who had traveled during their pregnancy and two people who had sexual contact with infected travelers.

# Slain San Antonio officer remembered at funeral service

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The top leadership of Texas and law enforcement officials from across the nation joined family and friends of San Antonio police Detective Benjamin Marconi to pay tribute to the officer who was shot to death while sitting in his

Marconi's funeral Monday was at the Community Bible Church in San Antonio and drew an estimated 3,000 mourners, in and out of uniform, to praise the detective. Betsy Buhler,

the church's media minister and a police chaplain, said: "We are forever grateful for his watch over us."

The 50-vear-old Marconi was fatally shot Nov. 20 as he sat in his patrol car writing a traffic ticket outside police headquarters. Thirty-one-yearold Otis Tyrone McKane has been charged with capital murder in the attack. McKane said he was angry over a child-custody battle and "lashed out at somebody who didn't deserve it."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Texas

House Speaker Joe Straus, a Antonio Republican, among were the dignitaries who attended the service.

Those who spoke at the service included fellow officers and grown children of the slain 20-year department veteran.

"He made everyone around you feel lighter and safer. He relaxed people. He was the kind of person we should all strive to be like," said Jacy Marconi, one of the detective's grown chil-

A 21-gun salute and a flyover by a San Antonio Police Department heli-

copter were highlights of the service.

## Supreme Court seems to favor Texas death row inmate

By MARK SHERMAN

**Associated Press** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court seemed likely Tuesday to side with a longtime death row inmate in Texas who claims he is intellectually disabled and thus ineligible to be executed.

A majority of justices during arguments at the high court expressed misgivings with the way the top Texas criminal appeals court evaluates borderline cases of intellectual disability.

That court, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, reversed a lower court and ruled that inmate Bobby James Moore was not intellectually disabled. Moore was convicted in the shotgun killing of a Houston grocery store clerk in 1980.

The Supreme Court held in 2002 that people convicted of murder who are intellectually disabled cannot be executed. The court gave states some discretion to decide how to determine intellectual disability. The justices have wrestled in several more recent cases about how much discretion to

The Texas court's approach, said Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, opens "the door to inconsistent results, depending on who is sitting on the trial court bench, something we try to prevent from happening in capital cases." The court's three other liberal justices and Justice Anthony Kennedy, voiced similar concerns.

Two years ago, Kennedy and the four liberal justices formed a majority when the court ruled unconstitutional a Florida law that barred any other evidence of intellectual disability if an inmate's IQ was over 70.

Texas looks at three main points to define intellectual disability: IQ scores, with 70 generally considered a threshold; an inmate's ability to interact with others and care for him- or herself and whether evidence of deficiencies in either of those areas occurred before age 18.

The state, defending the Texas court ruling, said Moore had a troubled childhood with little supervision and scored 57, 77 and 78 on IQ tests before dropping out of school in the ninth grade. He'd been convicted four times of felonies by age 17 but never was diagnosed with an intellectual disability as a youth, the state argued.

Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller urged the justices to leave the state court ruling in place, arguing that the Texas court does not always rule for the state in cases in which defendants claim they are intellectually disabled.

Representing Moore, Washington lawyer Clifford Sloan said Texas does not rely on clinical standards for diagnosing intellectual disability, which he said stands "in sharp contrast" to

the earlier Supreme Court rulings. A decision in Moore v. Texas, 15-797, is expected by June.

## Purple Heart found in Texas trash to be returned to family

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A Purple Heart found in a West Texas dumpster will be returned to survivors of a wounded World War II veteran who once lived in Midland.

**KWES-TV** reports Army veteran Gary Kennedy helped track down relatives of the soldier whose name is engraved on the medal — Jim C. Carter.

Phone records helped lead to a nephew who lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Tommy Carter says his uncle was shot in the leg while serving in the infantry. Jim Carter died in 1982 in Midland.

Kennedy got involved in the search for the veteran's family after being contacted by the VFW Post in Midland. Officials aren't sure who threw out the medal or why.

Kennedy and members of the Carter family plan to meet soon in Abilene.



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## News in brief

#### Trump transition points toward presidency with new norms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump, that most unconventional of presidential candidates, last spring pledged that he would act perfectly presidential when the time was right.

"I will be so presidential that you'll call me and you'll say, 'Donald, you have to stop that, it's too much," he promised during a March television interview.

Less than two months from Inauguration Day, there are growing signs that Trump's idea of what's presidential may never sync up with past norms to the delight of some and dismay of others.

The president-elect has kept up his habit of sending unfiltered tweets, directly challenged the First Amendment right to burn the flag and selected a flame-throwing outsider for a top adviser. He's shown no hesitation to traffic in unsubstantiated rumors, has mixed dealings in business and government, and has flouted diplomatic conventions to make his own suggestion for who should be Britain's ambassador to the U.S., a job that happens to already be filled. He's picked numerous fights with individual journalists, disregarded past practices on press access and dabbled in the name-calling that was commonplace during his candidacy.

Trump's search for Cabinet nominees has played out like a reality TV show, with a number of candidates engaged in unabashed self-promotion while their assets and liabilities are publicly debated by members of the president-elect's own transition team. (It's normally a hush-hush process until the unveiling of an appointee). Trump's tweet that "Fidel Castro is dead!" had none of the diplomatic subtleties normally associated with such an international development.

#### Trump tapping Washington, Wall Street veterans for top jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump is tapping conservatives with deep ties to Washington and Wall Street to fill out key Cabinet roles as he continues to deliberate over his secre-

Trump was moving forward with nominations, including former Goldman Sachs executive Steven Mnuchin as secretary of the Treasury.

Mnuchin's official announcement was expected as early as Wednesday, according to a person familiar with the decision who insisted on anonymity in order to confirm the pick ahead of time.

Trump on Tuesday chose Georgia Rep. Tom Price to oversee the nation's health care system, picking a fierce "Obamacare" critic who has championed efforts to privatize Medicare. And he selected another veteran Republican, Elaine Chao, a former labor secretary and the wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, to head the Department of Transportation.

Mnuchin, 53, led Trump's finance operations during the presidential campaign and became close to the president-elect and his family. But he has no government experience, which could prove a hurdle in navigating the tricky politics of Washington.

#### Hunt begins for cause of crash that wipes out Brazilian team

LA UNION, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's worst air crash in two decades snuffed out a storybook run by a Brazilian soccer team, and authorities are digging in trying to figure out why a chartered jetliner crashed in the Andes, killing all but six of the 77 people aboard.

The country's aviation agency said Tuesday that the British Aerospace 146's cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder had been found among the wreckage strewn over a mountainside and were already being studied by experts.

Initially, Colombian officials said the short-haul jet suffered an electrical failure, but there was also heavy rain when the crew declared an emergency and the plane disappeared from radar just before 10 p.m. Monday.

Authorities also said they were not ruling out the possibility the aircraft ran out of fuel minutes before it was to land at Jose Maria Cordova airport outside Medellin, a report given to rescuers by a surviving flight attendant. Officials said they





Vice President-elect Mike Pence talks with reporters in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York Tuesday.

hoped to interview her Wednesday.

#### Possible tornado kills 3 in Alabama as storms cross South

ROSALIE, Ala. (AP) — A suspected tornado killed three people in Alabama as a line of severe storms moved across the South overnight, authorities said.

The three who died were all in a mobile home in the northeastern Alabama community of Rosalie, Jackson County Chief Deputy Rocky Harnen told The Associated Press early Wednesday. Another person in the home was critically injured, Harnen said.

Harnen also said there were a number of other injuries and estimated that 16 to 20 structures in the county have been destroyed.

Possible tornadoes were reported across several counties in northern Alabama and southern Tennessee, National Weather Service meteorologist Lauren Nash said.

#### Syrian government presses on in Aleppo, thousands displaced

BEIRUT (AP) — Tens of thousands of people have been displaced in Aleppo as pro-government Syrian forces press on with their campaign to reclaim the divided city.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said Wednesday more than 50,000 out of an estimated quarter-million inhabitants have been displaced by attacks on rebel-held eastern Aleppo over the past 4 days. Many of them fled to safer ground in areas under government or Kurdish control.

The International Committee of the Red Cross says around 20,000 people have fled.

The Lebanese Al-Manar TV channel reported from the Aleppo countryside that pro-government forces were advancing in the southern portion of

The government has seized much of the northern half of the enclave in a swift advance that began Saturday.

#### **Reckoning for Pelosi as House Democrats vote for leader**

the city's rebel enclave.

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Pelosi faces a challenge to her job as frustrated House Democrats meet to select a new slate of lead-

Pelosi is likely to be re-elected easily Wednesday despite disenchantment among some in the Democratic caucus she has led since 2002. Ohio Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan is challenging her for the job, arguing that newer lawmakers need a bigger voice in a caucus that's been led for years by the same aging slate of leaders and committee chairmen.

Leadership elections were originally scheduled to be held before Thanksgiving but were delayed to give Democrats more time to discuss and process the election results and consider a path forward. Many are discouraged after losing the White House and making smaller than expected gains in both chambers of Congress.

"I believe we must do more than simply paper over the cracks," said Rep. Ruben Gallego of Arizona, one of a handful of House Democrats to endorse Ryan. "We can't just say the right things we must take concrete steps to move our party in the right direction."

#### Ordinary people trained to save lives in shootings, attacks

STONY BROOK, N.Y. (AP) — It's become a hallmark of terror attacks and school shootings: the fateful minutes or hours when the wounded are hunkered down, waiting for the violence to play out and for help to arrive.

In Monday's car-and-knife attack at Ohio State University, one of the 11 wounded victims hid in a campus building for nearly 90 minutes before police gave the all-clear and she could be treated. When a gunman opened fire at an Orlando, Florida, nightclub, in June, a woman sent a frantic text message to her mother saying she had been shot and couldn't stop the bleeding. She later died.

Such incidents are the impetus behind a new federal initiative to train everyone at schools and other public places — custodians, security guards and administrators — on how to treat gunshots, gashes and other injuries until actual EMTs can get to the scene.

"We don't want you to just hide and bleed to death like we saw in Orlando and other places," said Lawrence Zacarese, the assistant chief of police at Stony Brook University, which is spearheading training for school districts and colleges.



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Do you have an interesting sports item or

**BSHS** falls to Lamesa

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Lady Steers are hoping that struggles now lead to success later in the sea-

The Lady Steers started a particularly tough part of their non-district schedule looking very much like a young team adapting to a new coach and a new system as they suffered a 46-32 loss at the hands of Lamesa Tuesday night in Steer Gvm.

Big Spring (2-4) trailed throughout the game, but rallied in the late stages of the second quarter and early part of the third, and when Kayleigh Penny hit a pair of free throws with a little more than 13 minutes left in the game, the Lady Steers had trimmed their defi-

cit to four points. That was the team's high tide, however — Big Spring didn't manage another point in the third quarter, and the Lady Tornadoes took full advantage, quickly

pushing their advantage to double digits, which they maintained the rest of the way.

Penny led all scorers with 15 points, while Kamri Kemper added 8 points for the Lady Steers.

"The wheels really did sort of fall off. We just didn't play very well," BSHS Coach Lacy Parker said. "We got outhustled at times, they competed harder than us and wanted it more than us. That can't happen, and it's absolutely unacceptable for me, and if you talk to all the girls in that locker room, it's unacceptable to them, also. We've got some things to work on this week."

Things aren't going to get any easier anytime soon for the Lady Steers — they return to action at home Tuesday against Class 6A Midland High, then face another Class 6A school, Odessa Permian, in the first round of the Andrews basketball tournament beginning Dec.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Logan Terrazas (in white) blocks a shot attempt by Lamesa's Reagan Martinez during their non-district basketball game in Steer Gym Tuesday night.

Parker said that's all part of the plan — facing a string of quality opponents in the early part of the season will better prepare the Lady Steers for the start of district play in January.

"We knew coming in we were going to take

about competing," she said. "I've told the girls, 'It's not about what happens to us, it's how we respond to it.' We've got to come back tomorrow with some fight and some grit and just get better."

And although the Lady some hits, but it's all Steers struggled Tues-

day, Parker believes the team is improving.

"I think we're getting better every day. I don't know if that showed tonight, but we are getting better at the little things every day, and that's what it'll take to win. I told the girls, 'It's not a sprint, it's a marathon.'

Our goal is not to be perfect right now, but we want to peak come district play."

Game time vs. Midland is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Steer Gym.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235.

# CFP rankings: Wolverines on outside looking in



**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** 

#### The Associated Press

Ohio State held firm at second in the College Football Playoff rankings, putting the Buckeyes in position to become the first team to be selected to the final four without winning its confer-

The second-to-last rank-Clemson and Washington.

The Crimson Tide, Tigers and Huskies all play conference championship games this weekend and presumably would be in good shape to make the playoff if they win. The final rankings and playoff pairings will be released Sunday.

Unbeaten Alabama is probably in good shape to make ings were released Tuesday the playoff even if it loses to are a lock, and it looks good day night in the Pac-12 title PLAYOFF night and Alabama was No. Florida in the Southeastern for them, and Clemson 1, followed by Ohio State, Conference title game Saturdoesn't get upset by Virginia

after losing to Ohio State. Wisconsin was sixth and Penn State was seventh. The Badgers and Nittany Lions will play for the Big Ten title in Indianapolis on Saturday.

Michigan dropped to five

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Assuming the Buckeyes Tech in the ACC title game,

the debate for the committee when it gathers in Texas on Saturday night to watch games and discuss the only rankings that matter will be Pac-12 or Big Ten.

Can Michigan, or maybe the Big Ten champion with two losses, edge a Washington team that would finish 12-1 by beating Colorado Fri-

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# Ibaka's 18 points help Orlando upend Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) All of Orlando's early season struggles were forgotten in one charmed night.

Serge Ibaka had 18 points and the Magic took advantage of a sloppy game by San Antonio, winning 95-83 on Tuesday to snap the Spurs' nine-game winning streak.

"We scratched and clawed, that's what we needed to do," Orlando coach Frank Vogel said. "We're a desperate team. We needed a win and we needed to play with that kind of desperation."

San Antonio committed a season-high 19 turnovers in its worst scoring performance of the season. The Spurs have four home losses in the first two months of this season after falling just once at AT&T Center in 2015-16.

"They played very Antonio well," San coach Gregg Popovich said. "I thought their defense was really solid, and I thought it put us on our heels most of the

game." Orlando entered havup a lethargic first half ing lost eight of 11, but with an even more ane-

they were looser and mic third quarter. The more fluid than San Antonio from the start.

The Magic's Aaron Gordon and Bismack Biyombo even fell to the court laughing after colliding while simultaneously attempting and failing to throw down a dunk off an alley-oop pass from D.J. Augustin in the third quarter.

It was one of the few missteps in Orlando's first victory in 11 games against San Antonio.

"Frank is a great coach, he's a very positive guy and believes in us wholeheartedly," Gordon said. "When you have that backing, you feel that you are capable. Tonight, we came out and we put the pieces together for a full game and it's a beautiful thing."

The Magic shot 45 percent from the field and were 6 for 15 on 3-pointers in snapping a fourgame skid.

Evan Fournier scored 13 points and Nikola

Vucevic had 12, but it was on the defensive end that Orlando shined. San Antonio backed

Spurs shot 6 for 19 in the third, turning the ball over four times while

being outscored 30-21. "The ball is not moving," San Antonio guard Manu Ginobili said. "We're forcing the issue too much. We're kind of stuck. So, hopefully we get the ball moving better and sharper."

The Spurs' turnovers resulted in 19 points for the Magic.

"We were denying," Gordon said. "We were taking the Spurs out of their rhythm offensively and making them look for second and third and fourth options. When you do that the whole night, that wears on a team.'

court of Tony Parker and Danny Green combined to shoot 1 for 10 with five turnovers and four points. Kawhi Leonard had 21

San Antonio's back-

points to lead the Spurs and LaMarcus Aldridge added 16. After going with its

twin towers of Aldridge and Pau Gasol to start the game, San Antonio

See SPURS Page 15

# Hayward scores 31 to lead Jazz to win over Rockets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Jazz coach Quin Snyder explained his team's offensive explosion Tuesday night in the most basic way they made shots.

Gordon Hayward scored a seasonhigh 31 points, helping the Jazz beat the Houston Rockets 120-101 for their season-best fourth straight win.

"Sometimes it's as simple as that," Snyder said. "We've been getting some pretty good looks. Tonight the ball went into the basket.

"You take it when you can get it because sometimes it goes the other

Utah started strong en route to a season high for scoring. Rodney Hood had 10 points during a 20-5 first-quarter run after trailing 16-9, and Houston never led again. Hood finished with 19 points.

Rudy Gobert recorded his 11th double-double of the season with 16 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks. Hayward had seven assists and five rebounds.

James Harden scored 26 points but was an inefficient 8 for 23 from the field. He also had seven assists and five rebounds, while Eric Gordon scored 24 points off the bench.

Hayward said the game was won on the defensive end by forcing Harden into tough shots and keeping everyone else in check.

"I started to get some better looks in the fourth quarter and got in a little bit of a rhythm," Hayward said.

"Teammates found me in good spots. Able to knock down some shots and see the ball go in. And that was that. "We wanted to make sure that

we made some of their guys guard.

They're so good on the offensive end, that's kind of what they want to get

Utah rolled through the first half behind some dead-eye shooting from the entire roster. The team shot 54.8 percent from the field, including nine 3-pointers, to take a 62-50 lead into the break. The Rockets were 4 for 17 from behind the arc in the first 20 minutes, accounting for the biggest difference between the teams in

the half. "We were a step slow at everything," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "When we switched, we didn't switch out. We didn't pick up at the right points. Defensively, we just did not bring everything we had. Whether we're tired or whatever the reason, it doesn't matter. We'll try to figure that out. But we didn't have the same intensity.

"I just thought the whole game it looked like we were running in mud."

TIP-INS

Rockets: Houston is 5-2 since Patrick Beverley returned from knee surgery. ... The Rockets are 2-1 during the current five-game road trip.

... They made 11 3s and have hit at least 10 3-pointers in their last 17 games, an NBA record. Jazz: The 62 first-half points were

a season high. ... Utah is 10-2 when leading at halftime. ... Derrick Favors missed his seventh consecutive game with a left knee bone contusion. ... The 55.4 shooting percentage was a season high.

ANOTHER INJURY

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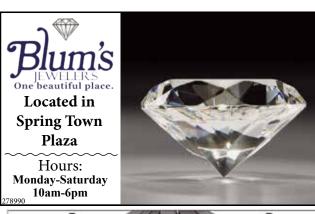
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HOLIDAY **MATHIS** 

Sun and Neptune Square

You deserve consideration and attention, and you shouldn't have to perform for it, buy it or beg for it. You may, however, have to strategize for it while the sun and dreamy Neptune square off to distort our sense of how we fit in. Consider leaving the ones who take you for granted for a spell so your absence can help them appreciate your presence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life is not a reality TV show where you're either "in" or you're "out." Relationships often go along indefinitely, a little up-in-the-air, with various degrees of involvement. Don't be in a rush to categorize where you're at with people.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). Keeping yourself safe from harm includes controlling the distance between you and people you love or could possibly love. It might help to think of yourself as a scientist, collecting data.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're willing to fall in love with an idea, and you're just as willing to step back and say, "This is not the right choice for me." From this position you'll make stellar decisions that favor your long-term happiness.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). To make an emotional investment today will be riskier than other kinds of investing. It will also be more difficult to recover from if it doesn't go right. That's why what you're doing is mighty brave. Give yourself more credit for taking the risk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may not like the notions being brought to the table, but let them air anyway to discover how strong they really are. The censor will lose in the end because strong ideas find the fuel to keep the fire

Tomorrow's Horoscope alive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not here to close the deal at all costs. You're here to make the deal that's right for you. This should include the higher good, but don't get overly wrapped up in the other person's side of it todav.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It would be fun to have certain people for friends, but alas, there are appropriate friendships and inappropriate friendships, and those who can't figure out the difference are asking for trouble.

SCORPIO (Oct. **24-Nov. 21).** There's no time for critique or complaint today. If you're walking around lamenting all that's wrong with society, you'll be distracted from the fact that you get to choose how to make this world better.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone will make you proud to be a leader and mentor. You don't ask anyone to be perfect; you just ask them to show up and try. When they knock it out of the park, you'll beam.

**CAPRICORN** 

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Nothing you experience will go to waste. Your mind will be keen to pick up on the kind of details you can use to solve a problem. You'll be a regular Sherlock Holmes! AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). You haven't always been able to say that you like your life, but now you can, and this will be reflected in your activities of the day. You'll agree to propositions that look, sound and feel "so you." PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's

more being asked of you, so some of your usual self-care activities might slip through the cracks now, but the sacrifices you make will be worthwhile. Besides, you can catch up tomorrow. **TODAY'S BIRTH-**

DAY (Nov. 30). You're thoughtful, smart and willing to go the extra mile for people who need you. Because you're such a good friend, you'll gain access to exclusive opportunities. Take advantage of the chance to see new places, even though

think?" this will come at a cost. The plot twist in

March will eventually

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**CAL QUESTION:** 

"I am curious about

the Druid culture. I

always thought of

them as joke in prog-

rock music, and the

very mention of the

word 'Druid' brought

to mind a scene from

in which a miniature

the movie 'Spinal Tap,'

version of Stonehenge

is lowered down to the

stage and trampled by

small dancers. Then

an who confessed

to me that she is a

Druid. She said this

like it was a bizarre

secret -- like she was

confessing that she's

from planet Zarkon

or something. I was

afraid to ask too many

didn't want her to think

this person and would

like to keep dating her,

questions, because I

I was ignorant. I like

but this confession

threw me for a loop.

What am I supposed

to think about this? Is

she a little crazy? I am

a Taurus and she is a

Scorpio. What do you

recently I met a wom-

favor you: Hold on. Ar-

You are a practical earth sign and she is claiming an ideology that celebrates the earth. This could work well. She probably won't think you're ignorant just because you don't know much about Druids. There is in fact little to be known, as there are very few records of this ancient culture. As long as you don't write her religion off as a "joke" she'll probably be flattered by your interest. So ask away!

**CELEBRITY** PROFILES: Ben Stiller was born to legendary comedians Anne Meara and Jerry Stiller, so you might say that comedy is in his blood. His birth chart also reflects some of the necessary elements for comedy.

He was born under a Pisces moon, making him sensitive. Comedy is a kind of protective device. And his natal sun and Mercury are both in open-minded, sophisticated Sagittarius.

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#### Annie's Mailbox ®

Social Distortion

Dear Annie: |

have a handsome 23-year-old son who has been dealing with Asperger's syndrome for about 20 years. He has grown from a very young child who didn't look at or talk to people other than the family to a young man who can even share small talk with people, attend college and be

field athlete. However, he still has a terrible time knowing how to act

a successful track and

around women, and he observes people around him for clues. He recently received a phone call from the campus police asking him to stop by. A woman had reported him because she felt uncomfortable around him at a dance. He had danced with her, sat and talked with her, and gotten her some punch, but then he put his arm around her. He did this because that's what he had observed while watching other guys and girls. He felt terri-



By Steve Becker

ble because he really

#### Partnership harmony

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH ↑**54 **♥**J54 EAST WEST ♦ A K Q 10 9 8 **♣**108 SOUTH ♥ A K Q 10 6 3 2 ♣A92

The bidding: North South West Pass 5 ♥ 5 🏚 Dble Opening lead - jack of hearts. A few weeks ago, we featured a

hand from the Tournament of Champions where the British East-West pair, Kenneth Konstam and Maurice Harrison-Gray (aka "Gray"), had a misunderstanding about a suitpreference signal and permitted the İtalian pair, Walter Avarelli and Mas-

simo D'Alelio, to make five hearts doubled. By a strange coincidence, the Italian pair on the very next deal also

had a suit-preference opportunity.

But, as usual with the Italians, the partnership functioned in perfect harmony

Gray made an inspired decision when he elected to bid four spades on a four-card suit. D'Alelio would have made five hearts, so the British pair did exceedingly well to find their spade fit at such a high level. Avarelli led the jack of hearts,

and D'Alelio played the ten on it. This was a suit-preference signal in the Italian methods, asking partner to shift to the higher-ranking of the two side suits. So Avarelli - showing full faith

and confidence in his partner — switched to a diamond. D'Alelio ruffed, played the ace and another club, and Avarelli, after taking the king, led a second diamond for South to ruff. As a result, the Italians collected 500 points. The hand points up the value of a

clear partnership understanding in a situation where most players at best have only a vague arrangement

Adopting a special convention in either the bidding or the play because you think it will pay in the long run — is not worth the effort unless you and partner are on the same page whenever the situation actually arises. That is what makes for a good partnership.

Tomorrow: Once in a lifetime. ©2016 King Features Syndicate Inc

liked her and is still missing the friendship that could have been.

In the next day or two, another woman complained to the campus police. He and this other girl had a class together and had talked a few times. She accused him of stalking her. But what she said was "stalking" was his knowing a few things about her that he had gotten from her Facebook page -- and she had accepted his friend request.

He was banned from all the dorms and ordered to stay away from these two women. There was an appeal process, and the school lifted the ban on the dorms after everyone understood that with Asperger's, a person doesn't read body language or facial expressions very

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well.

He went to the speech pathology department last year for coaching about social situations. Now, after this involvement with campus police, the Title IX department -which we didn't know existed -- has gotten involved. It has some classes that will help him to understand body language and facial expressions. I hope this will help him, but I also hope and pray that people, especially women, will give him a chance.

Please tell women that if someone has made them uncomfortable, they should gently but firmly tell the person, "You are making me uncomfortable because I don't know you that well." My son would never hurt anyone, but these women ended up hurt-

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ing him deeply. And as I'm his mother, they hurt me, too. -- Heartbroken Again

**Dear Heartbro**ken: Thank you for sharing your son's story. Although I would never fault young women for removing themselves from situations that feel unsafe, it sounds as if these two women simply felt awkward. A little communication can go a long way in such cases. We should all be compassionate and keep in mind that we have no idea the struggles a stranger may be going through. I wish your son all the best.

Dear Annie: | realize you meant well with your response to "Girl Who's Gotta Eat," whose co-worker was bothered by her frequent snacking. However, as the parent of a child who has been diagnosed with an auditory processing disorder, I think you should have gone further and researched misophonia. This is one of the

perils and costs of the open-office trend. Your reader with the high metabolism has needs. However, they may not be on the same level as a fellow employee who has a genuine psychological

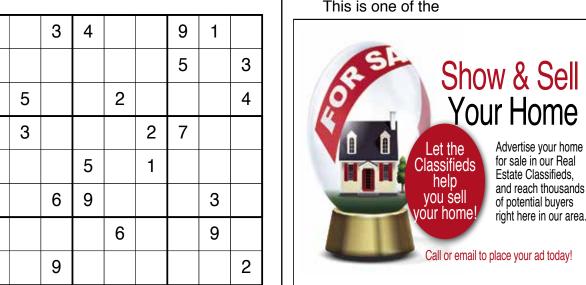
or medical condition. My daughter is a successful student. Her condition is recognized and accommodated for. Without accommodations, her academic perfor-

mance suffers. Perhaps a less flip answer and additional research on your part are in order. A more holistic perspective might call into question the employer's need to optimize employee performance in an open-office work area. -- Think Again

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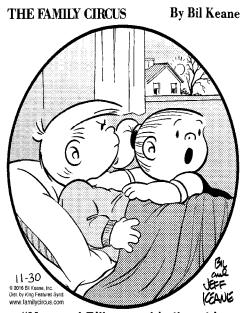
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Today is Wednesday, Nov. 30, the 335th day of 2016. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 30, 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris for ending the Revolutionary War; the Treaty of Paris was signed in Sept. 1783.

On this date: In 1016, Edmund II, King of the English, died after a reign of seven months.

In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United States.

In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens — better known as Mark Twain — was born in Florida, Missouri.

In 1874, British statesman Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.

In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

In 1936, London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed for the Great Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

In 1939, the Winter War began as Soviet troops invaded Finland. (The conflict ended the following March with a Soviet victory.)

In 1940, Lucille Ball and Desi

Arnaz were married at the Byram River Beagle Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. (The marriage ended in divorce in 1960.) In 1954, Ann Elizabeth

Hodges of Oak Grove, Alabama,

was slightly injured when an

8-1/2-pound chunk of meteor

crashed through the roof of her house, hit a radio cabinet, then struck her as she lay napping on a couch. In 1966, the former British

colony of Barbados became independent. In 1982, the Michael Jackson album "Thriller" was released by Epic Records. The motion

picture "Gandhi," starring Ben

Kingsley as the Indian nationalist leader, had its world premiere in New Delhi. In 1996, 1960's novelty singer Tiny Tim, best remembered for his rendition of "Tip-toe Thru'

the Tulips with Me," died in Minneapolis. Ten years ago: President George W. Bush met in Jordan with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (NOO'-ree ahl-MAHL'-ih-kee); Bush said the United States would speed a turnover of security responsibility to Iraqi forces but al-Maliki assured that

Washington was not looking

for "some kind of graceful exit"

from Iraq. Pope Benedict XVI

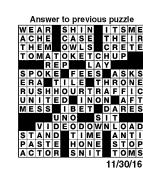
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Five years ago: The central banks of the wealthiest countries, trying to prevent a debt crisis in Europe from exploding into a global panic, swept in to shore up the world financial system by making it easier for banks to borrow American dollars. Police in Los Angeles and Philadelphia dismantled Occupy Wall Street encampments in both cities. An Arizona jury sentenced convicted "Baseline Killer" Mark Goudeau (goo-DOH') to death for killing nine people in the

Phoenix area. One year ago: Jury selection began in Baltimore in the trial of Officer William Porter, the first of six policemen to face charges in the death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who died of a severe spinal injury while in police custody. (All charges against Porter were dropped after a mistrial.

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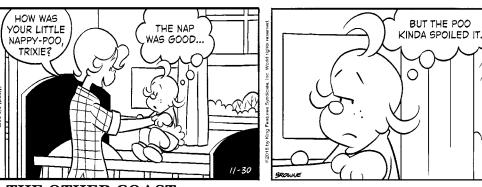
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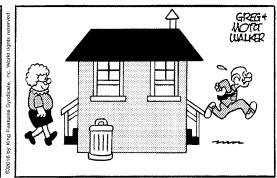


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"There is a small separation between these two teams," selection committee chairman Kirby Hocutt said of Michigan and Washington. At one point Hocutt added that the difference between the Wolverines and Huskies was "razor thin."

It looks like not only does the committee not mind putting one Big Ten team without a conference championship in the playoff, but it is also comfortable with two. Michigan at 10-2 has victories against both Penn State and Wisconsin.

PENN STATE'S PLIGHT

A Wisconsin victory in the Big Ten title game would eliminate the controversy. The Badgers lost to Ohio State during the regular

Penn State fans, however, are already cranking up the complaints. The Nittany Lions beat Ohio State in October. Add a Big Ten title and Penn State is bound to feel slighted.

Conference titles and head-to-head results are essentially used by the committee like tiebreakers when teams are very close. The Buckeyes and Nittany Lions are not in the committee's eyes. At least not yet.

"The selection committee recognizes the

head-to-head win, but in this particular case, it hasn't been the distinguishing point in our evaluation of those two teams," he said.

#### SUGAR BOWL

Assuming Alabama is in the playoff, the Southeastern Conference sends its next highest ranked team to the Sugar Bowl to face the Big 12 champion, which will be decided when No. 9 Oklahoma and No. 10 Oklahoma State play in Norman on Saturday.

No. 14 Auburn is that SEC team right now. Florida is 15th, so a good performance even in a loss — against the Crimson Tide might get the Gators to New Orleans on a two-game losing streak. A Florida

loss would leave every SEC team other than Alabama with at least four losses.

But the contract with the Sugar says the SEC gets the spot mediocre

#### ORANGE BOWL

Louisville beat Florida State by 43 points in September, but the Cardinals have stumbled down the stretch and now the Seminoles are 12th and the Cardinal are 13th.

and there is no reason to think it won't because neither is playing - and Clemson goes to

If that order holds —

the playoff as the ACC champion, then Florida State will represent the conference in the Orange Bowl.

Wednesday at Dallas.

The Spurs have won 10 straight road games, matching the start by the Boston Celtics in 1961 and 1962.

Golden State holds the league mark with 14 straight road victories to open last season and the New York Knicks won 12 straight in 1970.

Orlando guard Elfrid Payton said he is "great" after injuring

I'M FINE

State has played one of the toughest schedules in the country while Louisville has beaten only one team with a winning record (Florida State). He said the Seminoles are playing better lately.

Hocutt said Florida

#### **GROUP OF FIVE**

The highest-ranked conference champion from outside the Power Five is getting a Cotton Bowl bid and at this point it looks as if it will be No. 17 Western Michigan if the unbeaten Broncos defeat Ohio in the Mid-American Conference championship game Friday night.

The next highest ranked Group of Five team is No. 19 Navy (9-

his right ankle by landing on teammate C.J. Watson's foot with 7:40 left in the final quarter. Payton exited and got X-rays following game but said he was fine after returning to the locker room without any noticeable limp.

UP NEXT Magic: At Memphis on Thursday night.

Spurs: At Dallas on Wednesday night.

#### **UTAH**

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Hood left in the third quarter with a right hamstring strain and did not return. The Jazz have been plagued by injuries again this year as Hayward, George Hill, Favors, Boris Diaw and Alec Burks have all missed time due to injury.

GO, GO, GO

Mike D'Antoni wants his teams to play fast, and that's usually a player-friendly system. The Rockets coach, however, said it's easier said than done.

"All players say they want to run and most players don't, actually," he explained. "It's sexy to say, yeah, we're a running team. But it does take some mental energy to go out and do that every day and just get into the habit.

"I've done both ways. I think it's more taxing to play halfcourt basketball and slug it out with somebody than to run around.

"But they fall back into old habits and old habits are just walking the ball down. That's hard to break up sometimes," he added.

## **SPURS**

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went with a smaller lineup in the second half. Neither option worked well.

"We had to win both halves two very different ways," Voegel said. "They went big in the first half and we had to match their bigs and keep them off the glass and then they went small in the second half and then with an ultrasmall lineup with four guards and a big and Serge has that versatility to still guard perimeter players while we stayed with who we are."

Ibaka finished with seven rebounds and a blocked shot.

TIP-INS

Magic: The Magic's victory against the Spurs was Dec. 23, 2010, when they upended San Antonio 123-101 in Orlando. ... The Magic are undefeated in three games against the Southwest Division this season. ... Orlando

has made at least one 3-pointer in 756 straight games, the fifth longest streak in league history.

... The Magic have three losing streaks of at least three games through 18 contests this season.

Spurs: The Spurs observed a moment of silence prior to the game for the Brazilian soccer club Chapecoense and other passengers killed when a plane crashed into a Colombian hillside Monday night. ... San Antonio got its first loss in eight games with its projected starting lineup of Leonard, Aldridge, Gasol, Parker and Green. ... Dewayne Dedmon returned after missing six straight games with a sprained left knee. Dedmon had

six points and eight rebounds in 16 minutes. ... Gasol has played in 1,073 career games, moving past Hall of Famer Michael Jordan for 79th on the career list.

ROAD WARRIORS

While San Antonio has lost four games at home, they have yet to lose on the road this season, which puzzles the Spurs.

"It is hard to explain, even for us players who are on the floor competing," Gasol said. "It is not like we are trying to lose games at home and go on the road and get all of them."

San Antonio can become the third team in league history to open a season with 11 straight road wins with a victory





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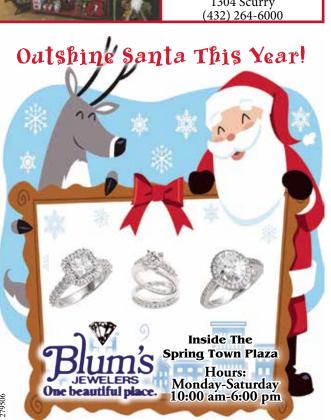




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