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NazFamily Church plans 31st annual Drive-Through Nativity

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring Christmas tradition will take place again this weekend – for the 31st straight year.

It's First Church of the Nazarene's annual Drive-Through Nativity, with actors, sets, a recorded narration, and live animals depicting the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

"We are excited to present for the 31st time the NazFamily Church's annual Drive-Through Nativity, and hope that every person in Big Spring and surrounding areas has the opportunity to come and see Jesus' life from his birth to his death, and his resurrection," said NazFamily Pastor Calvary Callender.

The event will be this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, Callender said.

"The 8th, 9th, and 10th, we will be presenting the Nativity from 6:30 to 9:30 each evening," he said. "So they just show up at the church, the address is 1400 Lancaster, and they will receive a tape or CD in English or Spanish that will narrate for them as they drive through. Some cars don't have CD players or tape players, so the narrated nativity is also on our app, so they'll have access to it through our app. There are greeters at the beginning that will walk them through the instructions; either give them a tape or CD; if they don't have that, they'll give them instructions on how to get to the app."

The nativity is free to the public, Callender added. Donations are accepted, but not requested.

"It is free. On the way out, we ask people who have the CD or tape to stop and let us have those back," he said. "We do have a donation bucket, and some people do like to make donations, and that's perfectly acceptable, but we don't ask for that and there's definitely no pressure for that. It's our gift."

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Kicking off Christmas



HERALD photos/Erin Stephens and courtesy photos

Scenic Mountain Medical Center held their annual tree lighting ceremony on the hospital's front lawn Tuesday Dec. 5th at 6:30 pm. Ceremony attendees enjoyed performances by Coahoma Elementary Choir, Forsan Honor Choir, and Big Spring Rhapsody. Santa Claus made an appearance and guests helped themselves to cookies and hot chocolate in the main lobby.

Major Southern California freeway closed amid wildfire fight

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS and ANDREW DALTON**

Associated Press

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — Authorities closed a major freeway Thursday as flames from the largest and most destructive Southern California wildfire jumped lanes

and churned toward coastal and mountain communities northwest of Los Angeles as crews kept an eye on unpredictable winds.

A more favorable wind forecast still called for potentially dangerous gusts, but ones not likely to approach historic

levels forecasters had feared, according to the National Weather Service.

"This is good news for the fire crews as the winds will not be driven quite as vigorously," a weather service statement said.

Calmer overnight conditions helped crews protect the Ventura County resort town of Ojai (OH'hi), where most of the 7,000 residents were under new evacuation orders following a big burst of wind late Wednesday. Evacuations were also or-

dered for the first time in Santa Barbara County, where the coastal city of Carpinteria was under threat.

Officials closed U.S. 101 for more than a dozen miles along the coast, cutting off a major route between Ventura and Santa Barbara counties for several hours as fire charred heavy brush along lanes.

Southern California has been hit hard by four major fires that have put tens of thousands of

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Bad weather causes accidents Wednesday



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At left, wrecker crews prepare to tow cars involved in an accident at the intersection of Third and Runnels streets. The accident occurred about 4 p.m. Wednesday. At right, after prying open the door of this vehicle, first responders from the Big Spring Fire Department work to extricate the driver. The accident occurred at the intersection of Sixth and Lancaster streets shortly before 11 a.m. Wednesday. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a result of the accident.

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people under evacuation orders and destroyed nearly 200 homes and buildings, a figure that is almost certain to grow. Millions of cellphones buzzed loudly Wednesday night from San Diego to Santa Barbara with a sound that usually means an Amber Alert, but this time meant a rare weather warning for strong winds making extreme fire danger. Officials hope the electronic push will keep the region alert and the death toll from the week's fires at zero.

Melissa Rosenzweig, 47, was briefly back home Wednesday after evacuating from her Ventura house, which has been spared so far while most on her street had burned in the largest and most destructive of the region's fires. She and her husband were about to evacuate again, hoping they will get lucky twice as the new winds arrive. "Heck yeah I'm still worried," Rosenzweig said. "We're very grateful but I know we're not out of the woods." In what may have been an early sign of the 140-square-mile fire getting new life, several thousand new evacuations were ordered Wednesday night in Ojai, a town of artists and resorts. The blaze had been creeping there already, but an increase in winds pushed it close enough for many more to flee. Wild winds could easily send make new fires explode too, as one did Wednesday in Los Angeles' exclusive Bel-Air section, where a fire consumed multimillion-dollar houses that give the rich and famous sweeping views of Los Angeles. Little flame was visible by late Tuesday, but Wednesday, fire exploded on the steep slopes of Sepulveda Pass, closing a section of heavily traveled Interstate 405 and

destroying four homes. Flames burned a wine storage shed at media mogul Rupert Murdoch's 16-acre (6.5-hectare) Moraga Vineyards estate and appeared to have damaged about 7 acres (2.8 hectares) of vines, a spokeswoman said. Across the wide I-405 freeway from the fire, the Getty Center art complex was closed to protect its collection from smoke damage. Many schools across Los Angeles were closed because of poor air quality and classes were canceled at 265 schools Thursday. Back in the beachside city of Ventura, the fire killed

more than two dozen horses at a stable and had destroyed at least 150 structures, a number that was expected to get far bigger as firefighters are able to assess losses. Air tankers that had been grounded much of the week because of high winds flew on Wednesday, dropping flame retardant. Firefighters rushed to attack the fires before winds picked up again. "We're basically in an urban firefight in Ventura, where if you can keep that house from burning, you might be able to slow the fire down," said Tim Chavez, a fire behavior specialist at the blaze. "But that's about it."

On Jerusalem, Trump delivers for supporters at home



AP photo

By CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's move to recognize the divided city of Jerusalem as Israel's capital may have triggered a worldwide chorus of critics but the president had his ears closely tuned to his supporters at home. For Trump, the proclamation was an important way to make good on a pledge to his political base, which includes evangelical Christians and pro-Israel Republicans eager for such a move. "While previous presidents have made

this a major campaign promise, they failed to deliver," the president declared Wednesday in announcing his decision. "Today, I am delivering." Those were words to savor for a president who's been frustrated to see a number of key campaign pledges stalled or slowed — sometimes by a bitterly divided Congress, some by larger national or international concerns. Repealing the Obama era health care law is a promise unfulfilled, much to Trump's frustration. Withdrawing from the North American Free Trade Agreement remains in his

TBD column. And Congress has yet to approve money Trump has requested for his promised border wall. The president counts the successful confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch as a key victory. And he has acted on certain other campaign pledges with some caveats: He refused to recertify the Iran nuclear deal, but left the matter of new sanctions to Congress. He pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate change agreement but left open the possibility of rejoining it later. And he ordered an end to a program protecting young immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as kids, but gave Congress six months to find a way to protect them from deportation. On Jerusalem, Trump had pledged during the 2016 campaign to recognize Israel's claim to the city and to move the American embassy there from Tel Aviv.

He's now checked that box — although he offered no timeline for the embassy relocation and signed a waiver officially delaying any move for six months. Steve Bannon, the president's former chief strategist, repeatedly counseled the president to take the step as a means of holding to his campaign promise and energizing evangelical voters. Observers were divided on how to score the president's action. "If I were keeping score, I would rate this as fulfilling a campaign promise," said Bill Galston, a former Clinton administration official now at the Brookings Institution. "Any move is significant and the world is right to regard it as a serious step." But Douglas Brinkley, a presidential historian at Rice University, saw Trump's words about the embassy as "just a grandiose statement on Jerusalem without a line in the sand." A host of world leaders

had urged Trump in advance to reconsider his decision, warning that the action could have serious and immediate consequences in the tinder box of the Middle East. But after Trump announced his plans from a White House room laden with Christmas decorations, his backers gleefully heralded the move. An email from Trump's campaign operation trumpeted: "Jerusalem: Another Promise Made and Promise Kept." And conservative faith leader Ralph Reed, chairman of the Faith and Freedom Coalition, said in a statement that Trump "continues to deliver on his promise to the American people to strengthen the solidarity between the United States and the people of Israel." Critics warned the consequences could be dire, arguing that the move could inflame tensions in the volatile region and complicate Mideast peace efforts. "My hope is it doesn't change much, and we have a couple days of protest," said Ilan Goldenberg, director of the Middle East Security Program at the Center for a New American Security. Aaron David Miller, a Middle East expert at the Wilson Center who has advised Republican and Democratic presidents, called the announcement a "triumph of domestic politics and personal ego" over "sound foreign policy." Trump insisted he was not trying to derail a peace agreement between Israel and Palestinians. He repeated the U.S. position that Jerusalem's borders must still be worked out through negotiation, saying he wants "an agreement that is a great deal for the Israel-

is and a great deal for the Palestinians." The president hasn't hesitated to assess his first year in office as a banner success, pointing to promises kept, such as the installation of Gorsuch on the Supreme Court. During a recent speech in Missouri, Trump said: "I will tell you this in a non-braggadocious way. There has never been a 10-month president that has accomplished what we have accomplished." Trump's critics see bold words, but said he often delivers half-measures or rhetoric.

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Jeannie Cunningham, 74, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Esther Cano, 81, died Monday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

Aiden Thomas Rodriguez, 7 months, died Monday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Delanie Grace Sandoval, 3 months, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles Mitchell, 69, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jeffrey Carter, 54, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Callender said church members work for weeks on preparations for the event. "It takes over 100 volunteers to put it on. That's not just actors in the presentation, but it's also people behind the scenes, setting it up," he said. "We have people volunteer to make food so we can feed everybody during the time. All of the clothes are handmade, so we don't buy costumes or anything. They begin setting up weeks ahead of time, so it's a big production. We use live animals. All of the animals are live except the camels. We have to use a representation of the camels, because they had a difficult time managing the camels when they tried using live ones." For more information about the Drive-Through Nativity, contact First Church of the Nazarene at 432-267-7015.

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Former Texas nurse to be arraigned in deaths of 5 children

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An imprisoned former nurse who prosecutors believe could be responsible for the deaths of up to 60 Texas children is set to be arraigned on murder charges in the deaths of five children in the early 1980s.

Genevieve Jones, who is 67, will be arraigned Thursday in San Antonio. The Bexar County district attorney's office announced the five indictments over the last year.

Jones is serving concurrent 99-year and 60-year sentences in state prison for the killing of a 15-month-old and the sickening of 4-week-old. She was scheduled to be freed from prison in March under a mandatory release law in place when she was convicted.

Bexar County District Attorney Nico LaHood said Wednesday he'll try each case separately.

Her attorney did not immediately return a call Wednesday for comment.

First lady Melania Trump in Texas to visit Harvey responders

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Virginia firefighters give truck to Texas town hit by Harvey

PORT ARANSAS, Texas (AP) — Some Virginia firefighters drove a pumper trucker about 1,600 miles to donate the rig to a South Texas coastal town ravaged by Hurricane Harvey.

Members of the Philomont (FIL'-uh-mont) Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday presented the \$40,000 truck to the Port Aransas (uh-RAN'-suhs) Volunteer Fire Department.

Philomont Fire Chief Richard Pearsall says his department is getting a new firetruck so officials decided to donate the 2001 model to Port Aransas. Pearsall says the Texas Fire Chiefs Association and the Texas A&M Forest Service, through its Helping Hands Program, assisted with the donation.

A&M officials say most of the firefighting equipment in Port Aransas was damaged or destroyed by Harvey, which made landfall nearby on Aug. 25.

White supremacist materials found at Texas State University

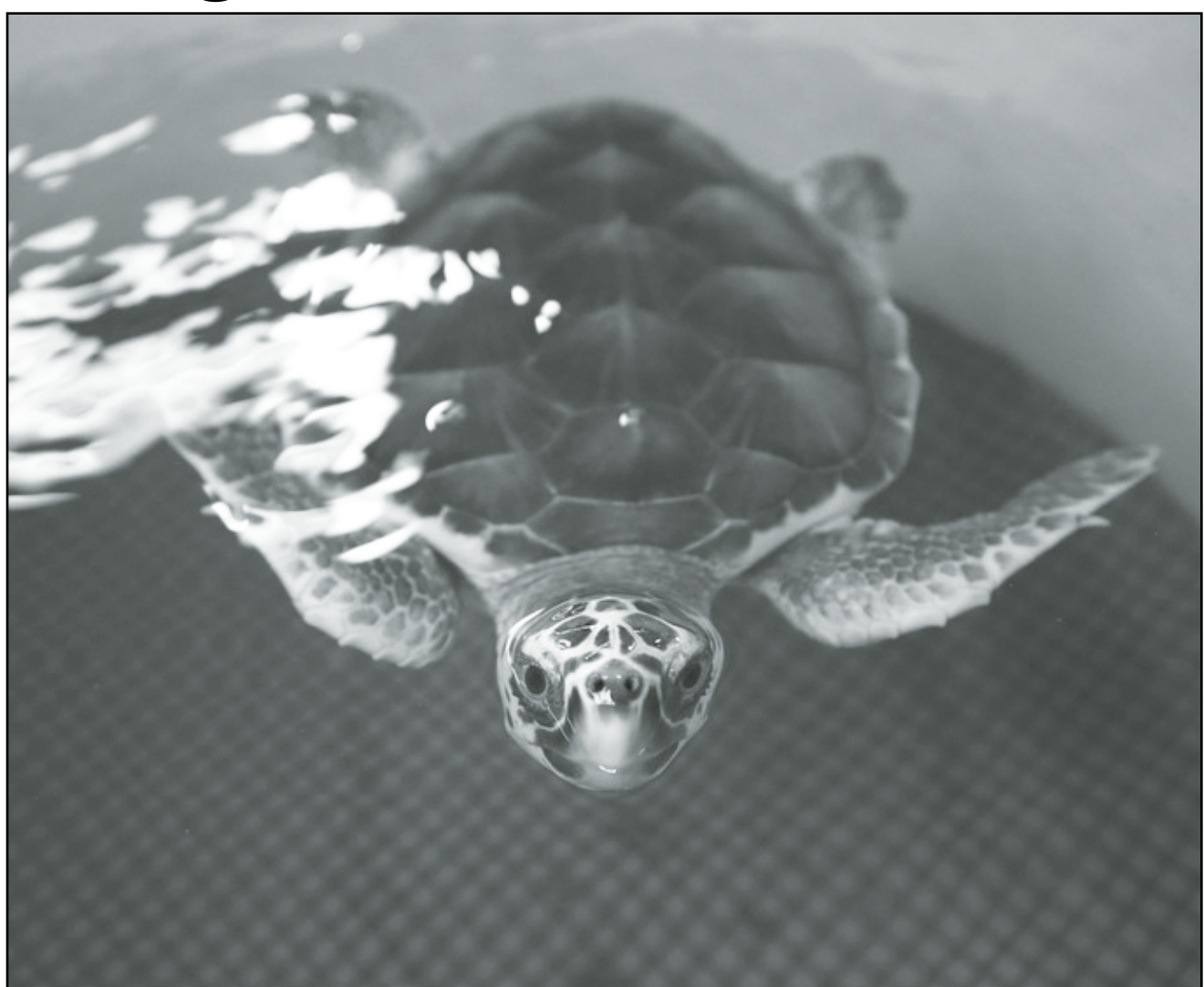
SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Texas State University officials say five non-students were kicked off campus for trespassing after posting white supremacist flyers and banners.

A university police statement says the five men were stopped Sunday night in a parking garage at the school in San Marcos and issued criminal trespass warnings. Police say the men were carrying flyers and acknowledged posting the items on the campus located south of Austin. The men's names weren't released.

University spokesman Matt Flores says among the materials' messages were the phrases: "It's OK to be white" and "Expel anti-whites." He said some material also referenced a student who wrote an opinion column in the school newspaper last week calling whiteness an "abomination," arguing "white death will mean liberation for all."

The university's president called the column racist. The newspaper apologized.

Fewer sea turtle hatchlings being cared for at Texas lab



In this Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 photo, a loggerhead sea turtle peaks its head out from the water in the NOAA's Galveston, Texas, Laboratory. The turtles are almost a year old and will grow up to four times as large before they are released.

By SAMANTHA KETTERER

The Galveston County Daily News

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Ben Higgins recently hovered over a blue crate containing a swimming loggerhead sea turtle, one of about 60 he's helping to raise.

The Galveston County Daily News reports Higgins has worked at the Galveston Laboratory of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, informally known as the "turtle barn," for more than 20 years. He's never seen the space as empty as it is now, he said.

Most years, the crates contain almost three times the number of loggerhead hatchlings than they currently have, Higgins said.

"This is the fewest number of turtles we've ever had," said Higgins, the laboratory's sea turtle program manager. "It's kind of sad, but it is what it is. You go through cycles."

The change should be temporary, Higgins said. Federal officials this year ordered the laboratory not to capture sea turtle hatchlings for rearing and eventual release, departing from a practice underway for nearly 40 years.

Since the late 1970s, workers based at the Galveston laboratory have annually picked up loggerhead hatchlings from Florida and brought them back to the island to be raised. The laboratory has returned

the turtles back to Florida each year since the mid-1980s to test shrimp-net safety devices and release the loggerheads back into the ocean, according to the laboratory.

The decision not to rear a new set of hatchlings this year is owed to a lack of devices ready for testing next year, Higgins said.

The laboratory typically collects the loggerheads every year to raise them until they are big enough to test with turtle excluder devices, which are components of a shrimp trawl. The device connects to the trawls — large nets pulled behind shrimp boats — and allows sea turtles to escape, while still minimizing the number of shrimp lost in the process, according to the administration.

Three types of trawls don't require turtle excluder devices, or "TEDs," as long as they have "tow-time" restrictions, or limits on the amount of time the net can be dragged in the water, according to the administration. Exceeding the tow-time risks drowning any turtles caught in the nets, according to the administration.

The administration in December proposed to withdraw the tow-time rule and to require skimmer trawls, pusher-head

trawls, wing nets and butterfly trawls to use certified turtle excluder devices. That change hasn't gone into effect but is being reviewed, said Allison Garrett, media specialist for the administration's National Marine Fisheries Services.

Turtle-exclusion device testing should continue sometime after the new rules are implemented, Higgins said. The turtles that would have been collected this summer most likely wouldn't have had any devices in time for 2018 testing, he said.

"We don't have a need for them in 2018," Higgins said. "Once a new piece of gear is introduced to the fishery, they can use it and give feedback. When we get that feedback, that's when we start making modifications."

The administration's fisheries service made the devices mandatory for most shrimp trawls in 1989. Thousands of turtles drowned each year before that and trawls had been identified as a major cause of death, according to a 2016 administration environmental report.

Even though turtle excluder devices are

already certified, the administration continually tests new and existing designs.

Many environmental advocates have continued to push for turtle-exclusion devices across all types of trawls. Joanie Steinhaus, campaign director for the Gulf Coast office of the Turtle Island Restoration Network, said she hopes no trawls, fisheries or boats are excluded from the regulations.

"As we see an increase in the sea turtle population, we're going to see smaller turtles in the areas the vessels work," Steinhaus said. "I hope if they do come out with regulations, which they should, that they are required across the fleet with no exemptions."

While Higgins said he hopes testing can continue in the future, Garrett said the administration hasn't made any decisions on whether the laboratory will collect turtles next year. The laboratory will focus for now on other efforts, Garrett said.

"For now, we are continuing to take in and rehabilitate stranded, sick and injured sea turtles," Garrett said.



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ACLU: New Mexico deputies kept pulling over black US agent



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In this Jan. 20, 2013 file photo, a Bernalillo County sheriff's deputy blocks the dirt road that leads to a home where detectives were investigating the deaths of five people who were shot to death south of Albuquerque, N.M. The ACLU filed a lawsuit Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, in New Mexico state district court on behalf of Sherese Crawford, 38, against the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department stemming from three traffic stops that the ACLU said amounted to racial profiling.

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS**
Associated Press
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A black female federal immigration agent on assignment in New Mexico was repeatedly pulled over by sheriff's deputies — and

twice by the same deputy — with no probable cause, according to a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico.

The group filed a lawsuit Tuesday in state district court on behalf of Sherese Crawford, 38, against the Bernalillo County Sheriff's

Department stemming from three traffic stops that the ACLU said amounted to racial profiling.

Crawford, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement deportation agent, was first stopped in April on suspicion of driving a stolen car but was actually driving a

rental car provided by her agency, the lawsuit said.

Later that month, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Deputy Patrick Rael then pulled her over for tailgating, the lawsuit said. When he examined Crawford's license, court documents said he recognized her name and asked her if she had been pulled over the week before. Rael said he remembered Crawford's name because an officer also with her federal agency and sheriff's deputy present at the first stop had said that she had an "attitude," according to the lawsuit.

Days later, Rael pulled over Crawford for driving "too slow," the lawsuit claimed.

Crawford did not receive warnings or citations during any of the traffic stops, the lawsuit said.

"Our client is an accomplished federal agent who was targeted for driving while black," said ACLU of New Mexico attorney Kristin Greer Love. "BCSO unlawfully and repeatedly stopped her because she fit a racial profile. Targeting people because of the color of their skin is unconstitutional and bad policing."

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Felicia Maggard did not immediately return an email from The Associated Press. A Facebook message left seeking comment with the union representing sheriffs' deputies, the Bernalillo County

Deputy Sheriff's Association, was not immediately returned.

The ACLU seeks an unspecified amount in damages for Crawford and policy changes on racial profiling within the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department.

According to the department's website, Undersheriff Rudy Mora recently helped the office develop a "racial profiling policy" but details are not posted on the site. Maggard did not immediately respond to an emailed request for a copy of the policy and questions about what prompted the policy's creation.

The lawsuit comes as the Bernalillo County Sheriff's deputies who patrol the state's largest metro area in and around Albuquerque have been involved in nine shootings in a four-month period, spurring criticism from civil rights groups and activists.

Bernalillo County Sheriff Manuel Gonzales also has drawn criticism for saying that no one has provided him with data showing that body cameras on deputies make the community safer.

He said last month that he won't require his deputies to wear them because he said the media would use the footage to criticize the officers.

Gonzales told KOAT-TV that the video "gives a lopsided, one-sided story, which I think is a disservice to the whole community."

Zinke, Patagonia trade harsh words over national monuments

By **MATTHEW DALY and BRADY MCCOMBS**

Associated Press
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and outdoor retail giant Patagonia have traded harsh words over the Trump administration's plans to shrink several national monuments — an opening salvo in a legal battle that could last for years.

Patagonia is expected to sue Wednesday, which would follow three other lawsuits aimed at blocking President Donald Trump's order to drastically reduce Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah.

The California-based company replaced its usual home page with a stark message, "The President Stole Your Land." Patagonia called Trump's action illegal and described it as the largest elimination of protected land in American history. Zinke shot back Tuesday, calling the claim "nefarious, false and a lie." He told reporters the land targeted by Trump remains protected because it is still under federal control. "I understand fundraising for these special interest groups," Zinke said. "I think it's shameful and appalling that they would blatantly lie in order to gain money in their coffers."

Outdoor retailer REI also criticized Trump but in less harsh language. Trump said he was reversing federal overreach by scaling back the sprawling monuments designated by Democratic presidents. Tribal leaders, environmentalists and others argue the president does not have that authority and his move jeopardizes a wealth of Native American artifacts, dinosaur fossils and rugged spaces.

Zinke took a defiant tone in a conference call with reporters, saying, "I don't yield to pressure, only higher principle. And sound public policy is not based on threats of lawsuits, it's doing what's right."

He made the comments while discussing the release of a report showing he also wants to reduce two other monuments in the U.S. West and modify rules at six others.

The Interior secretary said he is "fairly confident" Trump will follow his plan to scale back Nevada's Gold Butte and Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou national monuments, in addition to the two Utah sites.

Zinke said the cuts at Gold Butte would mainly come around a water district that should not have been included in the boundaries. He declined to specify how many acres he wants to remove from monument status,

stressing that the administration is working with Nevada's governor and congressional delegation to find a solution. But he did say it would only be a small percentage of the nearly 469 square miles (1,215 square kilometers) that protect desert landscapes featuring rock art, sandstone towers and wildlife habitat for the threatened Mojave Desert tortoise and other species. Similarly, Zinke declined to give specifics on Cascade-Siskiyou, which protects about 177 square miles (458 square kilometers) in an area where three mountain ranges converge.

Changes will center on recent expansion of the site, which was first created by President Bill Clinton in 2000. Much of the additional land is on private property, while some is on land previously designated for timber production, Zinke said.

Zinke also has recommended allowing logging at a newly designated monument in Maine and urged more grazing, hunting and fishing at two sites in New Mexico. He also calls for a new assessment of border-safety risks at a monument in southern New Mexico.

Patagonia didn't back down after Zinke's fiery response to its post. The company said it has "always viewed public lands as our special interest," company spokeswoman Corley Kenna said.

"And it's odd that Ryan Zinke has no problem with special interests when they're paying for his private jets. We have been fighting for these lands for decades, so that hunters, fishers, hikers and everyone else can use them and help us protect them," Kenna said.

Interior Department spokeswoman Heather Swift said Wednesday that Patagonia's claims are inaccurate because Zinke never took any private planes paid for by special interests.

Zinke has brushed off allegations about misuse of taxpayer-financed travel, including reports that he took at least three private flights costing taxpayers a total of \$20,000 since taking office in March. Zinke has said all his travel is ethical and went through proper due diligence.

Patagonia's statements follow more than a year of activism on the issue.

The company previously joined REI and other outdoor recreation companies in a push to move the industry's lucrative trade show from Salt Lake City to Denver in a high-profile protest over Utah leaders' insistence on getting the Bears Ears designation rescinded and trying to take more con-

trol of federal lands.

Zinke argued that Bears Ears is still larger than Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks combined even after

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List 10 words that rhyme with "shine."

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Some answers: dine, fine, line, mine, pine, shine, spine, stein, time, vine

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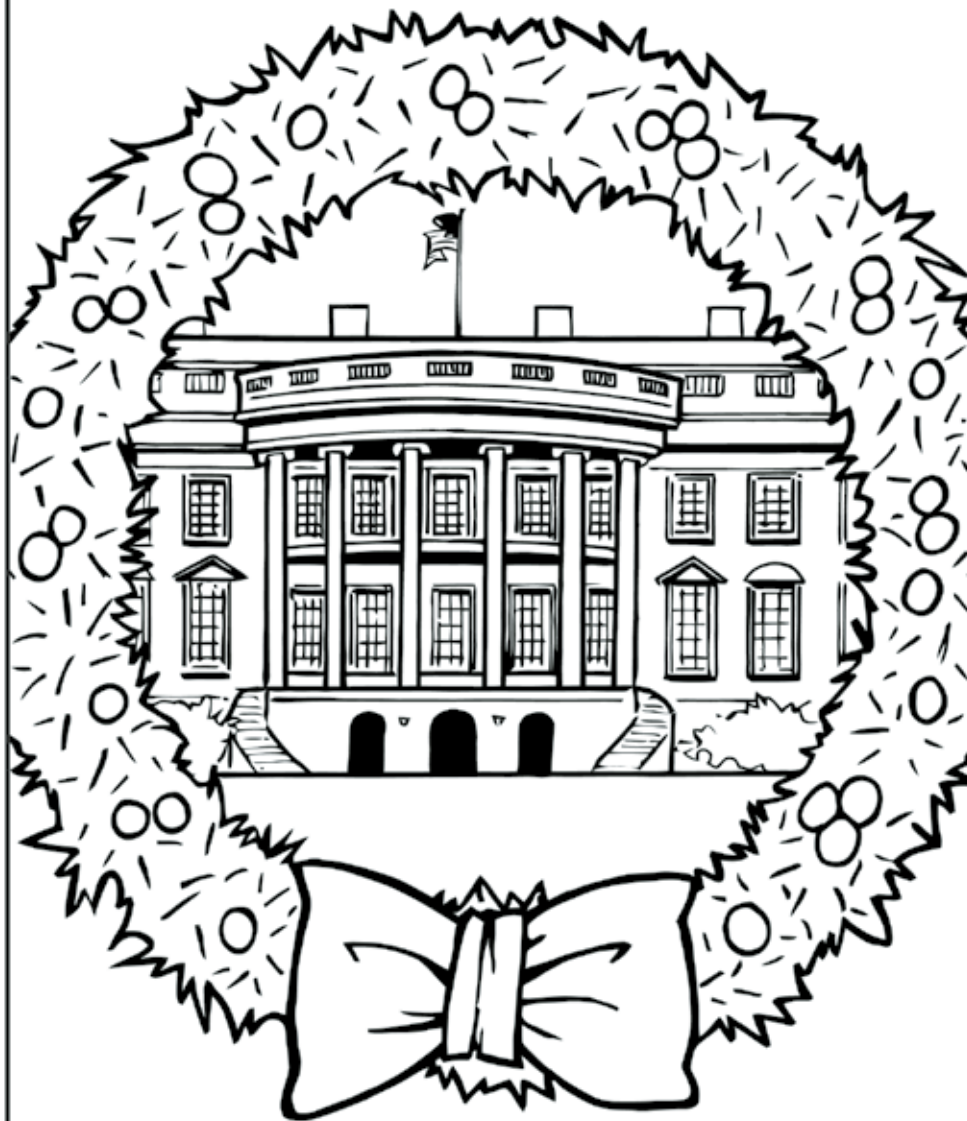
They are always dropping their needles.
Answer:

Question:
How much did Santa
pay for his sleigh?

Nothing. It was on the house!
Answer:



COLORING PICTURE



O Christmas Tree

Each year, volunteers decorate the White House from top to bottom for Christmas. The centerpiece is the official White House tree. Since 1929, the First Lady has been in charge of decorating the tree.

The tree is much too large for the First Lady to decorate all by herself. A lot of volunteers help her.

Some make ornaments to go with the theme she has chosen. Others hang the ornaments on the tree. When First Lady Pat Nixon decided to have an American Flower Tree in 1969, a group of disabled workers in Florida made the state flower ornaments.

It takes hundreds of volunteers to turn the White House into a holiday showcase. Every year, they give it their all, as the First Lady looks on with pride.



Fact or Fiction?

Gingerbread House Challenge

Each year pastry chefs at the White House make a gingerbread house for the holiday season. Here are some questions about the gingerbread house. How many can you answer correctly?

- Plans for the gingerbread house begin in the summer. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The First Lady must approve the plans. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Pastry chefs take about a week to make the gingerbread house. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The gingerbread house is always white. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The gingerbread house is big, often weighing over a hundred pounds. **Fact or Fiction?**
- Sometimes the gingerbread house has pets that look like the First Family's pets. **Fact or Fiction?**
- No one in the First Family is supposed to see the gingerbread house until it is finished. **Fact or Fiction?**
- When it is finished, the gingerbread house is placed in the state dining room. **Fact or Fiction?**
- No one ever nibbles on the gingerbread house. **Fact or Fiction?**
- The 2012 gingerbread house was made to look like the White House before 1798 when it had not yet been painted white. **Fact or Fiction?**



Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, it takes pastry chefs several weeks to make the gingerbread house, 4) Fiction, the gingerbread house has been brown, white and off-white, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, although some families have tried to sneak a peek of the house before it was done, 8) Fact, 9) Fiction, some of the Presidents' kids have admitted to nibbling on the gingerbread house, 10) Fact

NAME THAT FIRST LADY

Many First Ladies have overseen the holiday decorating of the White House. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

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Answers: 1) Michelle Obama, 2) Nancy Reagan, 3) Pat Nixon, 4) Rosalynn Carter, 5) Betty Ford, 6) Laura Bush, 7) Hillary Clinton



Owls defeat Bulldogs in boys b-ball Coahoma varsity girls emerge victorious



Junior high 'Dogs split vs. Stanton



Courtesy photos

Above, No. 31 Jonah Rayford battles against a Stanton player during the Junior High B team game held Monday at Coahoma High School. Below, Coahoma Junior High A team No. 4 Kobe Cervantes battles it out with a pack of Stanton Buffaloes during a game in the CES competition gym. The A Team emerged victorious, while B Team fell to Stanton.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs fell to the Reagan County Owls Tuesday night 62-37 in high school boys basketball action in Big Lake.

Reagan County started out strong, racking up 14 points in the first quarter of play compared to the Bulldogs' 8; and continued to keep control of the game, adding another 13 points to the first half 27-16 in favor of the Owls. The Bulldogs came back strong early on in the second half, narrowing the score to a

5-point game by the end of the third quarter with the score at 36-31. Unfortunately for Bulldog fans, the Owls surged back both offensively and defensively in the fourth, dropping in 26 points to Coahoma's 6.

Individual game stats:
Brice Martin, 3 points, 1 assist, 1 rebound
Adam Clark, 1 rebound, 1 steal
Joe Manning, 2 points, 3 assists, 7 rebounds, 2 steals

Mason Moore, 18 points, 2 assists, 10 rebounds, 3 three-pointers
Gage Hill, 1 point, 1 assist, 1 rebound, 1 steal

Bryson Cline, 2 assists, 3 rebounds,
Gauge Clark, 13 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 three-pointers

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No. 9 Baylor wins 90-63 over No. 20 Kentucky with 0-fer 3rd



AP photo

Baylor guard Alexis Morris reacts to a 3-point shot against Kentucky during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, in Waco, Texas.

WACO, Texas (AP) — With the size and skill No. 9 Baylor has in the post, anything it gets from the outside is a bonus.

When its guards are making nearly everything they put up from the outside, there isn't much opponents can do.

Kristy Wallace scored 15 of her 20 points in the first half and the Lady Bears held No. 20 Kentucky without a field goal in the third quarter on way to a 90-63 victory Thursday night in the Big 12/SEC Challenge.

The Lady Bears outscored the Wildcats 23-6 in that decisive quarter, with Kentucky (6-1) missing all 13 of its shots from the floor while losing for the first time.

"We haven't played quarters for but a few years, but that's pretty impressive to defend a whole quarter and hold them to zero field goals," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "That's impressive. We'll watch film, and

those kids that were on the floor and contributed to that will be acknowledged."

Wallace led six players in double figures for Lady Bears (6-1), who shot 54 percent (35 for 65) from the floor and 53 percent (9 for 17) on 3-pointers. The senior guard had plenty of help in the backcourt, with Alexis Morris scoring 15 points and Juicy Landrum 14. Landrum made all four of her 3-point tries.

Maci Morris had a game-high 22 points for Kentucky, which had four players in double figures and made 11 of 19 3-pointers (58 percent). But the Wildcats shot only 32 percent overall after making only 8 for 40 inside the arc.

"The snowball just got too big rolling down the hill. We couldn't stop it," Kentucky coach Matt Mitchell said. "We're going to have a very good team. We weren't ready to beat Baylor tonight. But my spirits are buoyed be-

cause of the way the players show up every day and work and what they're capable of doing."

Baylor was up only 25-21 in the second quarter when Maci Morris was called for a flagrant foul on Wallace's drive to the basket. Wallace made the two free throws, Alexis Morris added a layup to make it a four-point trip and start a 12-2 run.

"I thought when the girl went to swat (Wallace's shot), she gave one of those windmill swats and hit Kristy in the head," Mulkey said. "I don't think she intentionally meant to do that, but when you have the intention or not, if you come across the head that hard, it can be upgraded. He did go, I'll give him credit for that."

Kentucky was back within seven before Landrum made two 3s and Wallace added one from long range in a 67-second span just before halftime for a 50-34 lead.

Jaida Roper added 12 points for Ken-

tucky, while Taylor Murray and Makenzie Cann had 10 each.

"I think as the score started to separate, we - like a lot of teams do - panicked trying to get it all back quickly," Mitchell said. "But, that's all the things you learn from that. We just defensively aren't sophisticated enough to try to take something away."

BIG PICTURE

Kentucky: This was the Wildcats' first Top 25 test of the season, and they showed how far they have to go. The lane was closed off nearly the entire night by Baylor's height inside, so the offense all but dried up at times when they were missing shots and unable to get to the foul line.

Baylor: With the way the Lady Bears shot from the outside, that meant Kentucky couldn't gang up on them inside. Baylor took advantage with a 46-12 advantage in the paint, with Wallace Brown, Lauren Cox and Dekeiya Cohen all scoring in double figures. Brown and Cox both had 13 points, while Cohen had 10 points with nine rebounds.

POLL IMPLICATION

Kentucky: Usually losing on the road against a top-10 team doesn't cause much of a fall, but the margin of the defeat is glaring. The Wildcats have plenty of meat on the non-conference schedule, including home games against No. 4 Louisville, No. 24 California and No. 12 Tennessee.

Baylor: A win Sunday against No. 16 Stanford would all but guarantee a move up, especially after No. 8 Ohio State's loss to No. 14 Duke on Thursday night.

UP NEXT

Kentucky will return home for a two-game stretch, beginning with Tennessee Tech on Sunday.

Baylor will play its second straight ranked opponent Sunday when it hosts No. 16 Stanford.



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The simple solution is to bank everything on East's having the king of clubs, and take a straightforward finesse against it. But this is only an even-money shot, and declarer should want to do better than that. There are two other ways to try to make the contract, and it costs nothing to investigate both of them before attempting the club finesse.
First, West may have the ace of diamonds. If he does, South can lead twice toward dummy's K-Q and establish a high card on which to discard a club. A diamond is therefore led at trick three. East takes the king with the ace, and that chance goes down the drain.
Declarer ruffs East's spade return and draws two rounds of trump, ending in dummy. A club is led, and when East plays low, South inserts the nine, forcing West's king. Declarer's second chance — that East was dealt the J-10 of clubs — thus comes through, and the contract is home.
Observe that it does East no good to split his J-10 when the first club is led from dummy. If he does, the queen is played, losing to the king, but South later picks up East's remaining club honor by leading a club toward the A-9 and finessing if East follows low.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Retrograde Advice

It's said that sadness is about the past, anxiety is about the future and the present is only peace. Maybe for the enlightened masters. For the rest, some degree of sadness and anxiety will be present throughout the early stages of Mercury retrograde -- and simplistic platitudes don't help. Accepting the complicated nature of life might, though.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one has all the answers. This will come as a relief to you now, because it means that you don't have to offer a turnkey solution for your people. Instead, introduce them to the issues and invite them to work together to solve this.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What's more important than being right? Understanding. This isn't about knowing more. Knowledge and understanding are not precisely the same thing. The former is more akin to facts, the latter to processes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've already survived your worst days, so even if this one isn't unfolding ideally, there's still enormous potential here if you keep your attitude buoyant. Positive people around you will help.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everything is moving quickly, and you'll get plenty of participation points over the next three days. You'll win a few and lose a few -- and don't worry, because anything you lose will come back around.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's something you want to accomplish that seems not to be in the cards. It's like for every push you make, life pushes back. Don't give up. These pushes from life are just trying to guide you to a better way.

VIRGO (Aug.

23-Sept. 22). Your creativity is not going away just because you happen not to be using it much lately. It's actually swelling up, eager for an outlet. Schedule time for exploration of this side of you in the near future. You're long overdue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Tenacity, in its less appealing form, is called stubbornness. You'll have this sort of stick-to-it-ness to work with now. Be careful what you agree to, because it won't be so easy to back out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Develop your plans on paper. This will help you order your thoughts and take stock of your resources, as well as the resources you'll have to acquire to make your wishes a reality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Still worried about what to give the important people in your life who seem to already have everything? Actually, what you write in the card will be more important. Put time and thought into this and you'll be a hit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Changing your brain chemistry isn't so mysterious really. There's very little you can do that (SET ITAL) won't(END ITAL) alter it. Ways to get the good chemistry flowing: hugs, music, exercise, learning, laughter and so much more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll look for the drama, humor and general human-interest aspect of life with the zeal of someone who's been invited to a very important dinner party. It just feels better to have a few good sto-

ries in your arsenal.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). We all talk too much now and then. But one who's proven to be a habitual conversation bully will have you running and hiding in avoidance today. Sad, really, but a good lesson in the importance of generous communication.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 7). You'll get the attention you deserve with one stipulation: that you don't settle for less. Stick with those who celebrate and support you and you'll rise past their high expectations and up to your own even-higher ones. Get help in setting up processes that will earn you the extra money and satisfaction you've lacked. Aquarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 38, 1, 42 and 25.

PUPPY PROFILE: If you know when your pet was born, check out his or her sun sign and the personality that goes with it.

SCORPIO: This intriguing pup's magnetic personality will reel you in and his or her choices will surprise you. That's not to say these choices will always be what you want. Scorpio dogs have been known to chase skunks, steal pies, tear down wallpaper and the like. They've also been known to save lives, Lassie-style. Whatever your Scorpio dog does, it will be legendary.

This water-sign dog is the ideal beach or lake companion. Scorpio loves fun in the sun followed by a cool swim. Another gift of Scorpio dog's water-sign energy is a deeply feeling, empathetic nature.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

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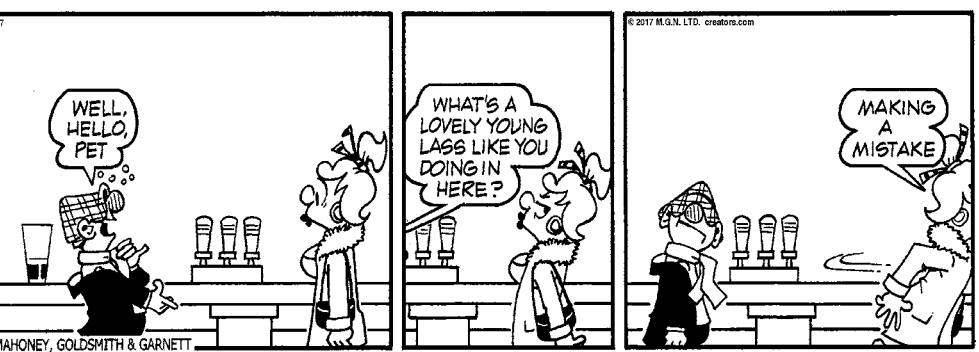
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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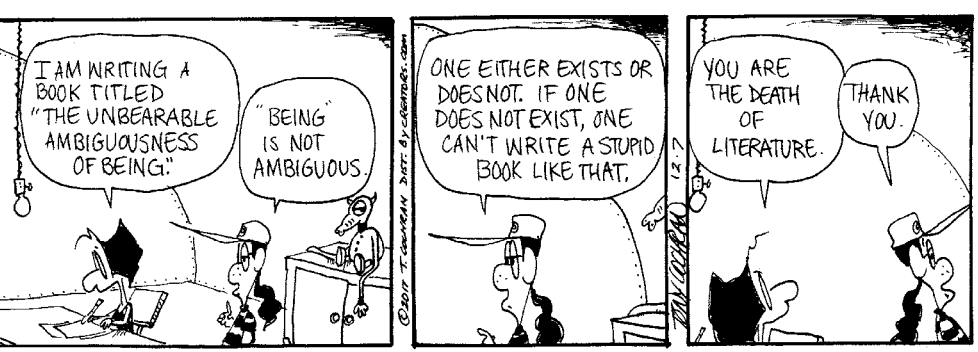
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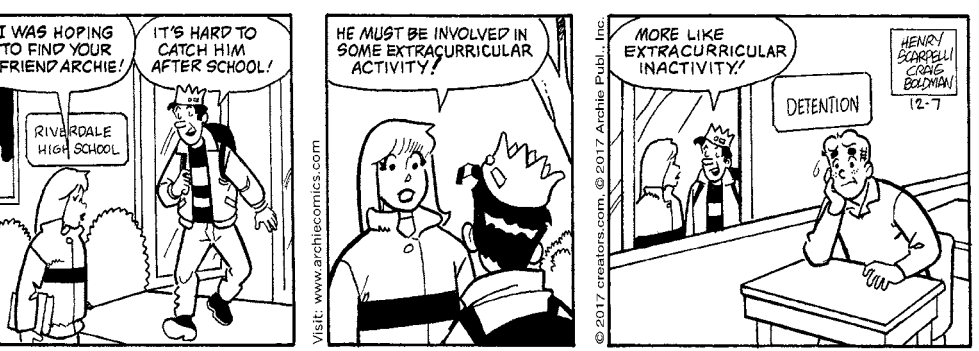
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2017. There are 24 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 7, 1941, during a series of raids in the Pacific, Imperial Japan's navy launched a pre-emptive attack on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, killing 2,400 people, about half of them on the battleship USS Arizona. (The United States declared war against Japan the next day.) On this date: In 43 B.C., Roman statesman and scholar Marcus Tullius Cicero was slain at the order of the Second Triumvirate. In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1842, the New York Philharmonic performed its first concert. In 1909, chemist Leo H. Baekeland received a U.S. patent for Bakelite (BAY'-kuh-lyt), the first synthetic plastic. In 1917, during World War I, the United States declared war on Austria-Hungary. In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff (WYN'-kahf) Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff. In 1967, the Beatles opened the Apple Boutique in London; the venture proved disastrous, and the shop closed the following July. In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral. Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was shot dead by her bodyguards. In 1987, 43 people were killed after a gunman aboard a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger, the pilots and himself, causing the plane to crash. Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a Washington summit with President Ronald Reagan. In 1993, a gunman opened fire on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train, killing six people and wounding 19. (The shooter was later sentenced to a minimum of 200 years in prison.) In 1995, a 746-pound probe from the Galileo spacecraft hurtled into Jupiter's atmo-

sphere, sending back data to the mothership before it was presumably destroyed. In 2004, Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAHR'-zey) was sworn in as Afghanistan's first popularly elected president. Ten years ago: Congressional Democrats demanded a full Justice Department investigation into whether the CIA had obstructed justice by destroying videotapes documenting the harsh 2002 interrogations of two alleged terrorists. Two window washers fell 47 stories from a Manhattan skyscraper when their scaffolding failed; Edgar Moreno was killed, but his brother, Alcides (ahl-SEE'-days), miraculously survived (and is still alive). Five years ago: President Barack Obama asked Congress for \$60.4 billion in federal aid for New York, New Jersey and other states hit by Superstorm Sandy (lawmakers ended up passing a \$9.7 billion bill to replenish the National Flood Insurance Program). One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump selected retired Marine Gen. John Kelly to head the Department of Homeland Security, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, the former chief executive of World Wrestling Entertainment, Linda McMahon, to run the Small Business Administration and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad to be the new U.S. ambassador to China. Time magazine named Donald Trump its Person of the Year. A Pakistan International Airlines commuter plane crashed in the north of the country, killing all 47 people on board. A magnitude 6.5 earthquake struck Indonesia's Aceh (ah-cheh) Province, killing more than 100 people. NBC broadcast a live, three-hour production of the musical "Hairspray." Today's Birthdays: Linguist and political philosopher Noam Chomsky is 89. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 86. Actress Ellen

Burstyn is 85. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 80. Broadcast journalist Carole Simpson is 77. Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench is 70. Actor-director-producer James Keach is 70. Country singer Gary Morris is 69. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 68. Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer Larry Bird is 61. Actress Priscilla Barnes is

60. Former "Tonight Show" announcer Edd (cq) Hall is 59. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychedelic Furs) is 59. Actor Patrick Fabian is 53. Actor Jeffrey Wright is 52. Actor C. Thomas Howell is 51. Actress Kimberly Hebert Gregory (TV: "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World") is 45. Producer-director Jason Winer is 45. Former NFL player/Terrell Owens is 44. Rapper-

producer Kon Artis is 43. Pop singer Nicole Appleton (All Saints) is 42. Latin singer Frankie J is 41. Country singer Sunny Sweeney is 41. Actor Chris Chalk is 40. Actress Shiri Appleby is 39. Pop-rock singer/celebrity judge Sara Bareilles (bah-REHL'-es) is 38. Actress Jennifer Carpenter is 38. Actor Jack Huston is 35. Singer Aaron Carter is 30.

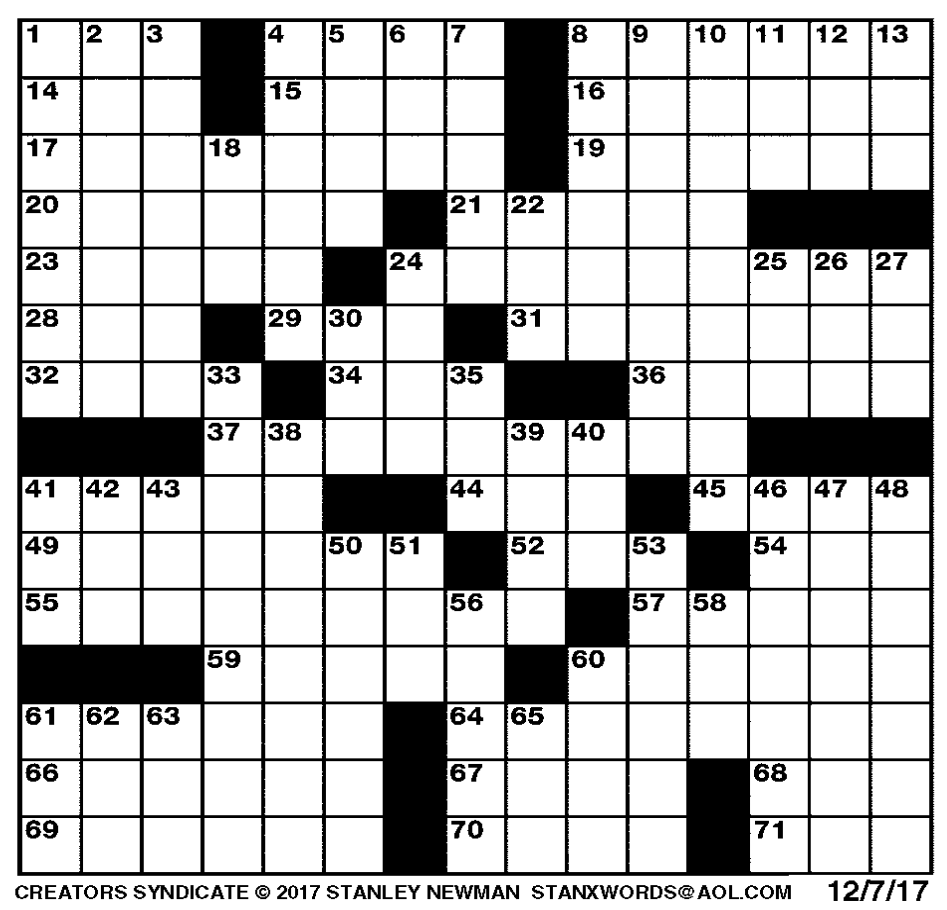
Thought for Today: "The highest tribute to the dead is not grief but gratitude." Thornton Wilder American playwright and author (born 1897, died this date in 1975). © 2017 The Associated Press.

Newsday Crossword

TOO TO TWO by Greg Johnson Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Criticize, so to speak 4 Monomaniacal mariner of fiction 8 Span supporters 14 Go wrong 15 Formal denial 16 Star Trek director J.J. 17 Too ___ to ___ 19 Playful knuckle rub 20 Evolve, as events 21 Opera house exclamation 23 Half of a "game" pair 24 Too ___ to ___ 28 Where some MDs work 29 Smart TV brand 31 Industrious ones 32 Gets it 34 Certain drive-thru convenience 36 Ankara cash 37 Too ___ to ___ 41 One with billing issues, perhaps 44 Witty bit 45 Ride with the air 49 Collected abundantly 52 Important physics equation 54 Part of TNT 55 Too ___ to ___ 57 City near Düsseldorf 59 Fuming 60 Very generous gratuities 61 Whole Foods buyer (2017) 64 Too ___ to ___ 66 Group cry for help

- 67 Very dark 68 Hyundai rival 69 As quickly as possible 70 Casual wear 71 Corn holder DOWN 1 Gets back to work 2 Smelter stuff 3 Extravagant 4 Part of a Bullwinkle costume 5 Ready for planting, perhaps 6 Busiest airport in the southern US 7 The Hobbit hero 8 Banquet nibble 9 First and foremost 10 Panorama 11 Video streaming delay 12 Early Beatles record label 13 GPS reading 18 Stats, for short 22 Plunder 24 Place to hike 25 According to 26 Feast-famine connector 27 Letter closers, briefly 30 Half of a "game" pair 33 Zappos stats 35 GPS display 38 Get dinner delivered 39 No longer in effect 40 CS/ specimen 41 Pendulum path 42 State school, for short 43 Ring physician's decision 46 On the line 47 Flower in herbal shampoo 48 Old West symbol 50 Boaster's assurance 51 Major leaguer with a "W" cap 53 Drive-thru operator 56 On the level 58 Sonoran sun 60 Sprite sister brand 61 Shakespearean slitherer 62 Scratch up 63 GPS display 65 Unspecified individual



Answer to previous puzzle: SARA SLIP TRADE, OVAL COMA RIGID, CEDE ROAR AGENT, CRICKETMATCH, ESS EWE DIETARY, RENAB RAINS VIE, MAC MSG COPS, BUMBLEBEE TUNA, PESO APE SIR, ALE QUIRE ADOPT, STRAUSS JAR NOR, BEETLEBAILEY, CACHE LACY NITS, ONION EMTS KNIT, STARS SAISS SECS

Aldridge helps balanced Spurs top Heat 117-105



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs center Pau Gasol (16) drives around Miami Heat center Kelly Olynyk during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, in San Antonio.

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It was quite an offensive performance for the rolling San Antonio Spurs.

And coach Gregg Popovich pointed out, it also was just one game.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 18 points and San Antonio recorded 30 assists in a 117-105 victory over the Miami Heat on Wednesday night.

"That's always wonderful," Popovich said of the balanced attack for the Spurs. "And then when you sit down and when you start feeling good about it, you realize that Golden State does that every night. Ok, we've got a ways to go, don't get too excited, but it is great to see."

The Warriors are tied with the Houston Rockets for the Western Conference's best record, but the Spurs are only

2 1/2 games back despite the season-long absence of All-Star forward Kawhi Leonard.

With Leonard's return looming from a right quadriceps injury, Aldridge led the Spurs in scoring for the 20th time in 25 games.

While Aldridge has been the team's primary offensive threat in place of Leonard, San Antonio has carved out a 17-8 record by taking advantage of its depth.

"It comes from everybody being willing to make a pass for us to be successful," said veteran Rudy Gay, who signed with the Spurs in the off-season. "We have to find the open man and pass up a good shot for a great shot. We've been doing that well these past few games. I think

that's one of the great things about this system, everybody is playing for each other and it ends up in the win column. That's part of the reason I came here."

The Spurs shot 52.9 percent from the field and had seven players score in double figures. Bryn Forbes had 17 points, and Gay finished with 16 in San Antonio's sixth win in seven games.

Tyler Johnson led Miami with 25 points, and Dion Waiters had 22.

San Antonio got off to a slow start defensively, just like it

did in its comeback victory against Detroit on Monday night. Miami shot 58 percent in the first half, including going 9 for 18 on 3-pointers.

"It was a little bit surprising that we were able to score 35 in the first quarter," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We moved the ball, knocked down some open 3s, that always helps, and then they started to get the game a little bit more to their liking."

San Antonio forced 11 turnovers and outscored Miami 60-47 in the second half.

The Spurs' reserves stepped up again, just as they have done all season. Forbes made three 3s in the third quarter, helping San Antonio to an 86-82 lead heading into the final period after they trailed by four at halftime.

TIP-INS

Heat: Starting center Hassan Whiteside missed his fourth straight game with a bruised left knee bone. ... Spoelstra has 451 career victories, three shy of tying Pat Riley for the most in franchise history. ... The Heat have not beaten the Spurs since Jan. 26, 2014, in Miami. Miami is 18-42 all-time against San Antonio in the regular season.

Spurs: Forbes made a career-high five 3-pointers. He became the fourth undrafted player to make at least five 3-pointers in a game for the Spurs, joining Bruce Bowen, Gary Neal and Jaren Jackson. ... The Spurs have made a 3-pointer in 1,000 straight games dating to April 9, 2005, the fourth-longest streak in

league history. Dallas holds the record with 1,108 straight games with a 3 from 1999-2012. ... Aldridge has 197 blocks, passing Tiago Splitter for 23rd in franchise history.

UP NEXT

Heat: Play Brooklyn on Saturday night in Mexico City in their first game played outside the United States or Canada in franchise history.

Spurs: Host Boston on Friday night in the finale of a three-game homestand.

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Gay is still getting acclimated to the Spurs' offense, which has led Popovich to simplify his play-calling when the 12-year veteran is on the court.

"He's just playing basketball," Popovich said.

"Every once in a while he knows the play, but we stayed in just basically a little bit of motion for a lot of the game when he was out there so he can just play basketball. Because he's a good player, he doesn't need me to coach him on how to score, he does that well."

Gay is leaning on his teammates to make sure he is in the right place on the court as he grows accustomed to San Antonio after leaving Sacramento as a free agent.

"It's great. I'm asking questions all game and I guess it's forcing me to talk so I can't be wrong," Gay said. "It's a good place to be in. They just have to be on their Ps and Qs, because if they're wrong, I'm telling Pop."

COAHOMA

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Coahoma boys JV vs Reagan County, 30-25. Game went to the Owls.

Coahoma boys freshman, 11-9. Owls win.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes bounced back from their lost last week with a win over the Reagan County Owls in Big Lake, 29-38. The win leaves the Bulldogettes with a 4-1 season.

Cassie Grant let the way in overall individual points. She racked up 16 for the game, closely followed by Makayla Overton with 14. Makayla Overton was one of the leading rebounders of the game along with Kaigen Howard. Caitlyn Corley contributed 5 points, Abilie Lopez had 2 points and Makynlee Overton had 1 point for the night.

Coahoma girls JV vs. Reagan County, 37-9. Win goes to the Lady Owls

Individual game stats:

Austyn Montgomery, 9 points

Haven Martin, 1, point

Peyton Woods, 1 point

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Steer Pride Corner



Courtesy photos

Moss students are getting the added benefit of an art period this year. Students are exposed to a 45 minute art class to work on fine motor skills and explore an opportunity to develop a creative outlet. Miss Melissa Escanuelas is in charge of planning their activities and facilitating the students' art-work. The picture showcases our second grade students creating snowmen ornaments to be hung on our school Christmas tree in the foyer. Students pictured: Maiya Yanez, Aniyah Gonzalez, Jacik Salgado, and Ehren Garza.

The Lasso

Big Spring High School's weekly update

Special to the Herald

This week has been one full of basketball for BSHS.

Last night JV and varsity Lady Steers basketball played Crane. JV fought hard and won with a score of 71-49. Varsity also put up a tough fight and won big 69-6.

"We played great with a strong defense," sophomore Kenzie Rodriques said. "We

played hard the entire time and worked to get that W."

The JV and varsity Steers basketball teams also played last night against Levelland on our home court. The Boys fought hard but fell short in both games.

"We did good and we could have won," senior John Ibanez said. "Our defense fell off and it was hard to come back."

The Lady Steers varsity and JV basketball teams have a tourna-

ment in Andrews starting tomorrow that will go on till Saturday.

The varsity Steers have a tournament in Midland starting tomorrow going through Saturday. The JV Steer have a tournament in Roscoe starting tomorrow going through Saturday as well.

Scores and updates on the tournaments will be posted, stay tuned for more!

HCSWCD poster/essay contest

Special to the Herald

The Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding a poster/essay writing contest this year.

The contest is open to all public, private and home school students ages 12 and under considered eligible under Texas UIL requirements.

Poster entries must be 22" by 14" (1/2 size of standard poster board).

Posters should be original drawings created by an individual student not a group or team.

Although young students may need help in planning posters it is encouraged that the student complete the posters by her/himself. Entries completed by student in their own handwriting and coloring usually score better than those designed by adults.

Posters can be completed in pencil, colored pencil, crayons or wa-

ter based paint that does not smear, crack or chip (No glitter or chalk).

The words "Healthy Soils Are Full of Life" must be on the front of the poster.

Student's name should be printed on the back of the poster (no name on the front please) along with the signed entry form.

Essay entries based on the theme "Healthy Soils Are Full of Life" are judged in two categories: Junior division: Ages 13 and under - Maximum of 300 words and Senior division: Ages 14 to 18 - Maximum of 500 words

All entries must be typed.

Local winners will be invited to a banquet in their honor in April.

Contact Judy at 432-267-1871 ext. 3 or howard@swcd.texas.gov or Judith.Tereletsky@tx.nacdnet.net for more information.

All entries must be submitted by Thursday, February 1, 2018

Sunday, December 17!

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