

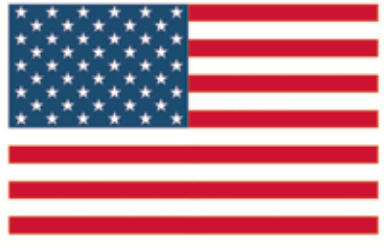
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United Way's last push

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is gearing up for one last push as they will present "The Big Push," on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at the United Way, Chamber of Commerce and EDC parking lot, located at 215 W. 3rd St. Join United Way for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and fundraising! KBST will be on site with great music and lots of laughs. The delicious Double LBBQ food truck will be in attendance, as well as Santa and several other familiar faces. "We are super excited about our first Big Push," said Christian Fair, Executive Director of United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. "It's going to be a lot fun, and hopefully it will bring in some funds. KBST will be here doing a live remote broadcast, Double L BBQ will have their food truck here, and Santa will be here! There will be a couple of other surprise guests. We will have donation



Christian Fair

buckets available at the stop light on 3rd and Gregg, and we will even offer curb service so you won't even have to get out of your car." United Way strives to improve the quality of life within our community by supporting the health and human service organizations in Howard County. "We are winding down our campaign and this is a great chance for you to stop by and bring your donations. We are trying for one last push, or 'The Big Push for our 2019 Goal of \$300,000.' We are trending a little behind for our goal, but I know our community will pull together and make this the best year yet for United Way," said Fair. "The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is a charitable cornerstone in our community with the ability to reach so many people. We provide financial support and advocacy for our health

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Commissioners to approve new JP appointee in Wednesday meeting

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will consider confirming their appointment of a replacement for Justice of the Peace Bennie Green at their meeting Wednesday afternoon. The commissioners will meet at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the second-floor conference room of the Howard County Courthouse. Judge Green, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Place 1 in Howard County, is retiring Dec. 31 after 37 years of service with the county. Green began his work for the county with the Sheriff's Department, where he spent 18 years in law enforcement. He was appointed as a justice of the peace in 1999, taking over from Judge China Long.

Commissioners have selected Angela Griffin as Green's replacement, and plan to officially ratify that decision at Wednesday's meeting. Griffin has served in County Attorney Josh Hamby's office for the last 10 years. In other business, commissioners will:

- Consider acceptance of donated funds.
- Consider approving the County Information Resources Agency

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BSISD Athletic Director McLemore reassigned to BSI campus

The following is a statement received from the Big Spring Independed School District Superintendent, Jay McWilliams, on Tuesday morning: "Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Mitch McLemore has been reassigned to the Big Spring Intermediate campus where he will serve as an administrator. Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey will serve as the Big Spring ISD Interim Athletic Director while the Central Office administration thoroughly evaluates how it should address the need for an Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. The district is grateful to coach McLemore for his contributions to our school district, our students, and to the greater community, and we look forward to benefitting from his service in his new role."



Jay McWilliams

Jay McWilliams
 BSISD Superintendent

Luminaria and Santa in the SUB



HERALD file photo

The photo above shows the Howard College Big Spring campus.

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

Christmas time is in full swing, and Howard College has just the event to kick off the merry season. Howard College is inviting Howard County residents, adults and kids, to come to "Luminaria and Santa", which will take place in the SUB (Student Union Building) inside the college. Luminaria and Santa in The Sub will take place today, Nov. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All children are welcome to stop by and talk with the holly jolly man himself, Santa Claus, and enjoy some refreshments that will for sure raise Christmas spirits. "Luminaria and Santa in the Sub is a community event. It gives families the opportunity to meet with Santa and have their picture taken with him," said Elisa Alvarado, Coordinator of Student Life/Marketing at Big Spring Howard College. "We will also be handing out free cookies and hot chocolate all night!" Alvarado also stated that guests get to partake in a Christmas tradition of lighting Luminarias, which are Christmas lanterns

consisting of a votive candle set in a small paper bag, weighted with sand and typically placed with others along a driveway, sidewalk, or rooftop as a holiday decoration. According to Wikipedia, luminarias are beginning to gain popularity here in the United States, and are seen more as a secular decoration, akin to Christmas lights. Strings of artificial luminarias, with plastic bags illuminated by small light bulbs and connected by an electrical cord, are typically displayed throughout the year-end holiday season. "This event will take place today, and we encourage anyone and everyone to come out and celebrate Christmas with Howard College," said Alvarado. "Also, be sure to come out the next day, Wednesday, and join the Music Department in their one of a kind fundraiser called "Piano Smash" from 11:30 a.m. To 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building. I can't give away any details, but just know you won't want to miss it. It's going to be a smashing good time." For additional information or questions regarding these two events, please call the Student Union Building at 432-264-5027.

Temporary relocation of SMMG Gregg Street providers

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Group Gregg Street providers - Leslie Berry, FNP; Sheri Nichols, FNP and Brandi Webb, FNP - will be seeing patients at alternate locations until further notice.

Appointments with Sheri Nichols, FNP, will take place in the West Texas Medical Plaza in Suite 101. This is also the location for Orthopedic Surgeon Tom Ewing, M.D. until Dec. 17. To schedule an appointment with Nichols, please call 432-466-2053.

Leslie Berry and Brandi Webb will see patients at 1503 W. Eleventh Place, the current MRI building and previously Dr. Kuprianowicz office. To schedule an appointment, please call 432-268-5366 or 432-268-5360.

"We appreciate our patients for bearing with us as we repair the damage caused from a flood at the Gregg Street location earlier this month," Amanda Duforat, SMMC Marketing Mgr., said. "We are working diligently to get the providers back in their offices as quickly as possible."

SMMC appologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. Appointments can also be made online at ScenicMountainAnytime.com.



Amanda Duforat

Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



Sandra says
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(Sandra Green, Ad Designer)

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Obituaries

Doris Florene Lewis Gordon

Doris Florene Lewis Gordon, 97, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, peacefully left us on Saturday, November 24, 2018. Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at Trinity Memorial Park with Clark Tatum officiating.

Flo, as she was known to all, was born to Erda and Lillie Lewis on May 8, 1921. She graduated from Forsan High School at age 16, and cosmetology school at age 18, in Dallas, Texas. That's where she met the love of her life, Paul W. Gordon, and they were married on September 5, 1939. They moved back to Forsan, where she opened her beauty shop while Paul went into the Army. They lived in several places where she always worked as a beautician. They shared 42 loving years together until his death in 1982. They raised two very loved children, Paula and Steve. Flo lived many years in the house they built on Moss Creek Road. She loved her family and enjoyed taking care of everyone she knew. She continued her passion for helping her customers feel beautiful until she was 85. At 90, she moved to Manor Park in Midland and resided there

for seven years. She was loved and taken wonderful care of by the people there.

She is survived by her children, Paula Wash and husband Dan of Waco, and Steve Gordon and wife Shauna of Kermit; seven grandchildren, Terri Wash, Jonathan Wash and wife Jessica, Merryl Jones and husband Will, Leandra Humphreys and husband Lee, Steve Gordon and wife Sara, Jennifer Carpenter and husband Craig, and Lucas Gordon; 10 great-grandchildren, McKenzie, Evan, Grant, Reid, Clark, Caitlyn, Connor, Thomas, Tiffany and Stephanie.

Flo was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Arthur Leon Lewis.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons: Jonathan, Steve, Lucas, Will, Craig, Evan, Grant, Connor, Reid, Clark and Thomas.

Flo touched so many people and left a loving memory to all. Her kindness and compassion for others was a constant and a foundation for her family. Flo (Mama Flo) was loved and cherished by all and will be missed every day.

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

Paid obituary

Geneva Honeycutt

Geneva Honeycutt, 85, of Coahoma died Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, November 29, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Jim Binnix officiating.

Geneva was born May 30, 1933, in Johnson County, Texas, to Janie and Henry Anderson. She had lived most of her life split between Texas and Virginia, but had lived in Howard County the last 23 years. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church, and was a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

She is survived by three sons, Fred Gipson and wife Kim of Big Spring, Ricky Gipson and wife Ronda of Farmington, Ark., and Rusty Honeycutt and wife Tina of Pontiac, Ill.; three sisters, Jean Hanvey, Nellavee Kendall and June Bowman, all of Virginia; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Honeycutt; and two brothers, Charles Anderson and Michael Anderson.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MERVIN KALANIKOA SIMMONS**, 61, of 1201 E. 17th St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TERENCE QUINTEN CROSS JR.**, 19, of 3313 E. 11th Place was arrested on a duty on striking a fixture or landscaping (more than \$200 damage).
- **HUMBERTO BARRIETO JR.**, 19, of 701 Pine St. was arrested on a warrant for assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).
- **ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA**, 32, of 1510 S. Nolan St. was

arrested on warrants for assault causing bodily injury to a family member and parent contributing to nonattendance.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of North Lamesa Highway, at the intersection of Third Street and Birdwell Lane, and in the 2000 block of East FM 700.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite St., and in an alley behind Oriole St.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 100 block of Northwest Second St. and in the 1700 block of West Interstate 20.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of West Interstate 20.
- **MISSING CHILD** was reported in the 500 block of North Lancaster St.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of West 16th St.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of West Seventh Street. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of West Sixth Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Harding. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

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

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

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Bill Patterson



Bill Patterson, 88, of Big Spring died Saturday, November 24, 2018.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at Trinity Memorial Park with Pastor Doug Shelley officiating.

Bill was born June 12, 1930, in Canton, Ohio, to Virgie Lucille Bailey Patterson and James Franklin Patterson. He married Billie Maurene Seymore on July 30, 1948, in Abilene, Texas. She preceded him in death on August 19, 2010. They came to Howard County in 1954 from Avoca, Texas. Bill worked in the oil field for over 40 years. He had also worked in an airplane factory. He built and flew remote control airplanes, was an avid reader and loved to play dominoes. He was a Methodist.

Bill is survived by two daughters, Vicki Walker of Big Spring and Pam Beal and husband Roland of Gardendale; one son, Ricky Patterson and wife LaDon of Midland; seven grandchildren, Christi Self and husband Michael, Shane Walker and wife Becky, Jamie Pitkin and husband Jeremy, Michael Beal and wife Jennifer, Garrick Patterson, Jennifer Dickerson and husband Dale and Landon Patterson; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Zachary Pitkin.

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

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- **HUMBERTO BARRIETO JR.**, 19, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).
- **ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA**, 32, was booked by HCSO on warrants for assault causing bodily injury to a family member and parent contributing to nonattendance.
- **TERENCE QUINTEN CROSS JR.**, 19, was booked by BSPD on a duty on striking a fixture or landscaping (more than \$200 damage).
- **ANSELMO VICENTE RANGEL**, 22, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **MERVIN KALANIKOA SIMMONS**, 61, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. FIRST GENE-EDITED BABIES CLAIMED IN CHINA

A Chinese researcher claims that he helped make the world's first genetically edited babies — DNA he says he altered with a powerful new tool, AP learns.

2. MEXICO TO TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST MIGRANTS

Mexican officials pledge to shore up security near its border with the U.S. after some migrants "violently" tried to breach the border at Tijuana and U.S. agents fired tear gas into Mexico to stop them.

3. UKRAINE LAWMAKERS MULL MARTIAL LAW

President Petro Poroshenko demands that Russia immediately release Ukrainian sailors and ships Moscow seized in a standoff around Crimea.

4. WHERE TRUMP IS HEADED

Trump is bound for Mississippi for two rallies to try to keep the Senate seat held by Cindy Hyde-Smith in Republican hands.

5. FDA DEEMED LAX ON MEDICAL DEVICES

An AP investigation into the \$400 billion global market finds that more than 1.7 million people have been injured and nearly 83,000 killed.

6. INSIGHT LANDER POISED FOR TOUCHDOWN ON MARS

A NASA spacecraft's six-month journey to the red planet nears its dramatic grand finale in what experts hope will be a soft precision landing.

7. WINTRY STORM BATTERS MIDWEST

Hundreds of flights are grounded, major highways closed and schools in several states shuttered after a snowstorm blankets much of the region.

8. APPLE HEADS TO WASHINGTON

The iPhone maker is at the Supreme Court to defend the way it sells apps against claims by consumers that the company has unfairly monopolized the market.

9. FEDS TRY TO MEASURE AUTISM IN CHILDREN

A new U.S. government estimate on the developmental disorder doesn't necessarily mean the numbers of kids affected is rising.

10. VIKINGS BEAT PACKERS IN NFC NORTH SHOWDOWN

Kirk Cousins bounces back from his worst game of the season with 342 passing yards and three touchdowns and Minnesota beats Green Bay 24-17.

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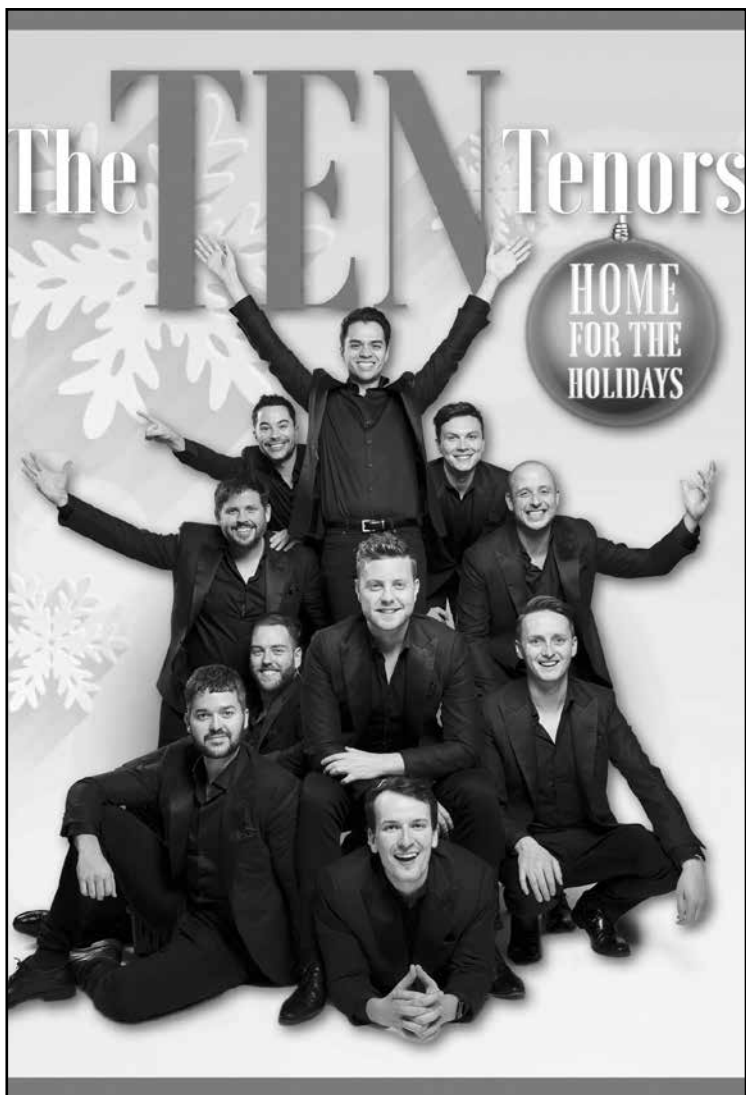
and human service Partner Agencies in Howard County, while being a platform for encouraging philanthropy and economic development in the community. What is raised here, stays here to help those who need help."

United Way has a purpose to encourage, advocate and fundraise for partner agencies who in turn serve the needs of every facet of our community without discrimination.

"We address the critical challenges our community faces by encouraging philanthropy and supporting our partner agencies. That's why we need all the help we can get, and we CANNOT do it alone. We stand together, and we do that by helping each other," said Fair. "There are going to be so many different fun on goings to go along with the Holidays. People can come have fun and give back at the same time."

Do you want to donate but won't be able to make The Big Push on Dec. 12? No worries, United Way has got you covered. Just text bigspringunited to 40403. Help Untied Way help others. Live United.

MOSC's Annual Fundraiser to feature The TEN Tenors



Special to the Herald

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale is pleased to announce their annual fundraising event featuring The TEN Tenors "Home for the Holidays" on December 19th at 7:30pm at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Ticket sales for this concert will benefit the MOSC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

All the way from their native Australia, The TEN Tenors are excited to ring in the holiday season with residents of the Permian Basin! "Home for the Holidays" is a magical experience for the whole family that will dazzle, delight and captivate! The group will amaze and enthrall with their unique selection of traditional and contemporary seasonal favorites. Enjoy soaring versions of Joy to the World, White Christmas, Amazing Grace, Winter Wonderland, Feliz Navidad and many more.

Known as "Australia's rock stars of the opera" The TEN Tenors are undoubtedly one of Australia's greatest entertainment success stories. Following 20 years of performing across the globe, they are celebrated for their colorful repertoire, breathtaking arrangements and powerful live performances.

Amidst their own explosive live concert experiences and remarkable achievements including six platinum and gold records and over 3.5 million concert tickets sold, The TEN Tenors have also performed alongside countless music legends including Andrea Bocelli, André Rieu, John Travolta, Nicole Kidman, Geoffrey Rush, Keith Urban, Rod Stewart, Alanis Morissette, Sarah Brightman, Willie Nelson, Katherine Jenkins and Christina Aguilera.

The group's producer, D-J Wendt adds, "... be ready to have fun and party with ten very good looking Aussie blokes that know how to have fun, but more than that, know how to create an ensemble sound like no other group can achieve".

You can support MOSC and music education in our community by attending The TEN Tenors "Home for the Holidays" concert. Tickets are \$25 - \$70 and can be purchased by calling 800-514-3849, online at MOSC.ORG, or by visiting

MEETING

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services agreement (CIRA).

- Consider changes in fees for the GovDeal online auction program.

- Consider approving invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments, and the monthly financial report.

- Consider approving payroll, personnel considerations, and the treasurer's monthly payroll report.

- Consider roadway maintenance updates.

If you would like to address the commissioners during the meeting, plan to arrive a few minutes early to fill out a brief form alerting them to your intent to speak.

Contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman at 432-264-2202 for more information.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Odessa Police warns public about package theft during holiday season

The Odessa Police Department is aware of thefts of delivered packages during the holiday season and would like to share the following tips:

- 1) Track your packages and retrieve them as soon as they arrive.
- 2) If you know that you will not be home during the expected delivery time, have your packages sent to a trusted friend, relative or to your place of business.
- 3) Ask the package

delivery company to hold the package at their delivery center if you know that you will not be home.

- 4) Request that your package requires a signature before receiving it.

- 5) Install a security camera at your house and use it if necessary.

- 6) Report all suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles and suspicious activity to your local Police Department.

Local Residents can get help with Health Insurance Marketplace

Scenic Mountain Medical Center co-hosting free event as a community service

Special to the Herald

If you're interested in signing-up for health coverage on the Health Insurance Marketplace—but you find the information overwhelming or confusing—Scenic Mountain Medical Center is ready to help.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will have Certified Assistants on-site at the YMCA on Dec. 4 from Noon to 1 p.m. and again Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. to share information, answer questions, and to schedule free appointments for application assistance.

Open Enrollment runs through December 15. This marks the federal government's sixth annual campaign to extend health-care coverage to more Americans, specifically to those who otherwise wouldn't have access to services or who would face a financial crisis due to medical bills.

"We have been able to provide assistance to a good number of individuals who qualified to enroll in the

Healthcare Marketplace since it first launched five years ago," Amanda Duforat, SMMC Marketing Mgr., said. "It's very gratifying to help individuals enroll knowing they will be able to access healthcare when they need it and not have to worry too much about being hit with a financial hardship. It's a relief for so many people."

Scenic Mountain Medical Center also offers free one-on-one assistance throughout the Open Enrollment period at the hospital. Throughout the year, representatives can also assist those who have questions about Medicare or Medicaid qualifications. Residents can schedule appointments by calling 432-268-4855 or 432-268-4971. Certified assistants will help with plan comparisons, determining any tax credits or discounts, and filling-out applications.

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Grand jury weighs Dallas officer shooting of black neighbor



AP photo
This file photo provided by the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office shows Amber Guyger.

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury is hearing evidence in the case of a former Dallas police officer who fatally shot her unarmed black neighbor in his own apartment after she said she mistook it for hers.

Daryl Washington,

an attorney for the family of the slain man, said the grand jury began hearing the case Monday. Amber Guyger was arrested on a manslaughter charge after the Sept. 6 shooting of Botham Jean, a 26-year-old native of St. Lucia.

Guyger, who is white, was later fired from the Dallas Police Department.

The grand jury will hear evidence and decide whether to indict Guyger. It could also decide on a more serious charge.

Jean's family has filed a lawsuit against Guyger and the city of Dallas in the shooting.

NASA spacecraft lands on red planet after six-month journey

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A NASA spacecraft designed to burrow beneath the surface of Mars landed on the red planet Monday after a six-month, 300 million-mile (482 million-kilometer) journey and a perilous, six-minute descent through the rose-hued atmosphere.

Flight controllers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, leaped out of their seats and erupted in screams, applause and laughter as the news came in. People hugged, shook hands, exchanged high-fives, pumped their fists, wiped away tears and danced in the aisles.

"Flawless," declared JPL's chief engineer, Rob Manning.

"This is what we really hoped and imagined in our mind's eye," he said. "Sometimes things work out in your favor."

A pair of mini satellites trailing InSight since their May liftoff provided practically real-time

updates of the spacecraft's supersonic descent through the reddish skies. The satellite also shot back a quick photo from Mars' surface.

The image was marred by specks of debris on the camera cover. But the quick look at the vista showed a flat surface with few if any rocks — just what scientists were hoping for. Much better pictures will arrive in the hours and days ahead.

"What a relief," Manning said. "This is really fantastic." He added: "Wow! This never gets old."

The three-legged InSight spacecraft reached the surface after going from 12,300 mph (19,800 kph) to zero in six minutes flat, using a parachute and braking engines to slow down. Radio signals confirming the landing took more than eight minutes to cross the nearly 100 million miles (160 million kilometers) between Mars and Earth.

It was NASA's ninth attempt to land at Mars since the 1976 Viking probes. All but one of the previous



AP photo
People at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., celebrate as the InSight lander touches down on Mars on Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

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Chevron: Oil, gas flowing at mile-deep field off New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Chevron Corp. says it is now getting oil and natural gas from a floating platform tethered in nearly a mile (1.6 kilometers) of water off of New Orleans.

The company says the tension-leg drilling and production platform is in the deepest water of any such facility. The well is in the Big Foot field about 225 miles (360 kilometers) south of New Orleans.

Chevron estimates that it can get the equivalent of more than 8.4 billion gallons (31.8 billion liters) of oil from the field over 35 years.

It announced last week that production had begun at the platform, which is designed to extract up to 3.1 million gallons (11.7 million liters) of oil and 25 million cubic feet 25 (708,000 cubic meters) of natural gas a day.

Chevron USA Inc. owns 60 percent of the project, Equinor Gulf of Mexico LLC owns 27.5 percent and Marubeni Oil & Gas (USA) LLC 12.5 percent. Equinor and Marubeni are Houston subsidiaries of foreign companies. Equinor — formerly Statoil SA — is based in Stavanger, Norway. Marubeni Corp. is based in Tokyo.

Global trade is at stake as Trump and Xi come face to face

By **PAUL WISEMAN**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — To hear President Donald Trump tell it, he was made for a moment like this: A high-stakes face-off. A ticking clock. A cagey adversary.

The man who calls himself a supreme dealmaker will have the opportunity this week to put himself to the test. The question is whether he can defuse a trade war with China that is shaking financial markets and threatening the global economy — and perhaps achieve something approximating a breakthrough.

Trump is to meet with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, during the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Friday and Saturday. Unless the two leaders can achieve a truce of sorts, their conflicts will likely escalate: On Jan. 1, the tariffs Trump has imposed on many Chinese goods are set to rise from 10 percent to 25 percent, and Beijing would likely retaliate.

Most analysts have said they doubt Trump and Xi will reach any overarch-

ing deal that would settle the dispute for good. The optimistic view is that the two sides may agree to a ceasefire that would buy time for more substantive talks and postpone the scheduled escalation in U.S. import taxes.

Yet no one really knows. Each side seems prepared to wait out the other in a conflict that could persist indefinitely.

In advance of the meeting, Trump has sounded his usual note of boastful confidence. Speaking to reporters on Thanksgiving Day, he said:

"I'm very prepared. You know, it's not like, 'Oh, gee, I'm going to sit down and study.' I know it better than anybody knows it. And my gut has always been right."

Most trade analysts are skeptical that any significant agreement is likely this week.

"Expectations should be very low," said Wendy Cutler, vice president of the Asia Society Institute and a former U.S. trade official who negotiated with China.



AP photo
In this Nov. 9, 2017, file photo, U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping participate in a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China. Trump is to meet with Xi at the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1.

"We need to be very clear-eyed. It's going to be a very difficult negotiation. The issues at hand don't lend themselves to quick solutions."

The trade war erupted last fall after Trump imposed import taxes on \$250 billion of Chinese goods, and Beijing retaliated with tariffs on U.S. exports. The justification for the U.S. move, according to Trump, is that Beijing has long

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Ex-Trump campaign adviser Papadopoulos reports to prison



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In this Oct. 25, 2018, file photo, George Papadopoulos, the former Trump campaign adviser who triggered the Russia investigation, arrives for his first appearance before congressional investigators, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

By MICHAEL BALSAMO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos began serving his two-week prison sentence on Monday after a judge rejected his last-minute bid to remain free.

Papadopoulos arrived at a minimum-security camp in Oxford, Wisconsin, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Papadopoulos, the first campaign aide sentenced in Mueller's investigation, triggered the Russia investigation two years ago. He was sentenced in September for lying to the FBI about his interactions with Russian intermediaries during the 2016 presidential campaign.

He had sought a postponement of his prison term until an appeals court ruled in a separate case challenging the constitutionality of special counsel Robert Mueller's appointment.

But U.S. District Court Judge Randolph Moss said Papadopoulos had waited too long to contest his sentence.

The White House has said Papadopoulos, 31, was a low-level volunteer on the campaign. But he's been a central figure in the Russia investigation dating before Mueller's May 2017 appointment.

According to an indictment handed up this summer, Russian intelligence had stolen emails from Hillary Clinton's campaign and other Democratic groups by April 2016, the same month Papadopoulos was informed by a professor that Rus-

sian officials had told him they had "dirt" on Clinton in the form of "thousands of emails."

Papadopoulos later used his connections with the Maltese professor, Joseph Mifsud, and other Russian nationals in an attempt to broker a meeting between then-candidate Donald and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Papadopoulos admitted last year to lying to the FBI about those contacts with Russians and Russian intermediaries.

In recent months, Papadopoulos has spent many nights posting on Twitter, venting anger about the FBI and insisting he was framed by the government. He also has offered to testify before the Senate intelligence committee, which is investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election, if he's granted immunity or other conditions.

"The truth will all be out. Not even a prison sentence can stop that momentum," Papadopoulos tweeted Sunday. "Looking forward to testifying publicly shortly after. The wool isn't going to be pulled over America's eyes forever."

Papadopoulos' sentence, issued by Moss on Sept. 7, was far less than the maximum six-month sentence sought by the government but more than the probation that Papadopoulos and his lawyers had asked for. Moss at the time noted that many similar cases resulted in probation but said he imposed a sentence of incarceration partly to send a message to the public that people can't lie to the FBI.

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deployed predatory tactics in its drive to supplant America's technological dominance. The administration alleges — and many trade experts agree — that Beijing hacks into U.S. companies' networks to steal trade secrets and forces American and other foreign companies to hand over sensitive technology as the price of access to China's market.

Beijing disputes those allegations and asserts that Trump's sanctions are merely an effort to hinder an ambitious rival.

Besides the scheduled escalation in U.S. tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese goods — an additional \$50 billion in Chinese imports already face the higher tax — another threat looms: Trump has threatened to tax \$267 billion more in Chinese imports. At that point, just about everything Beijing ships to the United States would face a higher import tax.

Growing concerns that the trade war will increasingly hurt corporate earnings and the U.S. economy are a key reason why U.S. stock prices have been sinking. As of Friday's close, the Standard & Poor's 500 index has shed roughly 10 of its value since setting a record high Sept. 20.

Joining other forecasters, economists at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development last week downgraded their outlook for global economic growth next year to 3.5 percent from a previous 3.7 percent. In doing so, they cited the trade conflict as well as political uncertainty.

Some big U.S. companies, in reporting quarterly earnings in October, warned that they were absorbing higher costs from Trump's increased tariffs, which have been imposed not only on Chinese goods but also on imported steel and other goods from other countries.

"We need some certainty," said Craig Allen, president of the U.S.-China Business Council and a former American diplomat. "The U.S. and China cannot go into a trade war and not affect global markets ... We need to resolve our differences."

Yet as Trump and Xi prepare to meet, the backdrop is hardly encouraging. Acrimony between the two sides disrupted this month's Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Papua New Guinea. The 21 APEC countries, torn by differences between Beijing and Washington, failed to agree on a declaration on world trade

for the first time in nearly three decades. Vice President Mike Pence and Xi sniped at each other in speeches.

Then last week, U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer issued a report charging China's efforts to steal U.S. trade secrets have "increased in frequency and sophistication" this year despite American sanctions.

"China fundamentally has not altered its acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation, and indeed appears to have taken further unreasonable actions in recent months," the report concluded.

The tenor of the report suggested that the United States would take a hard line into this week's talks. In the meantime, "the amount of uncertainty is unprecedented and very disquieting to the markets," said Allen of the U.S.-China Business Council.

Clouding the outlook is a mixed messages from the Trump administration itself. The White House appears divided between hawks like Trump's trade adviser, Peter Navarro, and free traders like the top White House economic adviser, Larry Kudlow. On Nov. 9, Navarro delivered a combative speech suggesting that Trump didn't care what Wall Street thought of his confrontational China policy.

Four days later, Kudlow went on CNBC and dismissed Navarro's remarks as "way off base."

"They were not authorized by anybody," Kudlow said. "I actually think he did the president a great disservice."

Regardless of which approach Trump takes to Buenos Aires, Trump and Xi don't have to resolve their differences this week. A cease-fire that suspends any further escalation of the U.S. tariffs wouldn't be unprecedented. The administration and the European Union, for instance, reached a truce last summer that suspended threatened U.S. tariffs on European auto imports.

"My personal guess — and I'm sticking my neck out here — is that there will be some kind of cease-fire agreed to," said Matthew Goodman, a senior adviser on Asian economics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Goodman noted that Trump appears concerned about tumbling stock prices, and Xi is contending with a decelerating Chinese economy. A truce would bring at least a temporary calm.

"No one is expecting they will come out with a solid agreement," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. "What the market wants — what the market needs — is a sense that they are negotiating and that the negotiations will continue."

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U.S. touchdowns were successful.

NASA last landed on Mars in 2012 with the Curiosity rover.

Viewings were held coast to coast at museums, planetariums and libraries, as well as New York's Times Square.

"Landing on Mars is one of the hardest single jobs that people have to do in planetary exploration," InSight's lead scientist, Bruce Banerdt, said before the landing. "It's such a difficult thing, it's such a dangerous thing that there's always a fairly uncomfortable large chance that something could go wrong."

Mars has been the graveyard for a multitude of space missions. Up to now, the success rate at the red planet was only 40 percent, counting every attempted flyby,

orbital flight and landing by the U.S., Russia and other countries since 1960.

The U.S., however, has pulled off seven successful Mars landings in the past four decades, not counting InSight, with only one failed touchdown. No other country has managed to set and operate a spacecraft on the dusty red surface.

InSight was shooting for Elysium Planitia, a plain near the Martian equator that the InSight team hopes is as flat as a parking lot in Kansas with few, if any, rocks.

This is no rock-collecting expedition. Instead, the stationary 800-pound (360-kilogram) lander will use its 6-foot (1.8-meter) robotic arm to place a mechanical mole and seismometer on the ground. The self-hammering mole will burrow 16 feet (5 meters) down to measure the planet's internal

heat, while the seismometer listens for possible quakes.

Nothing like this has been attempted before at our next-door neighbor, nearly 100 million miles (160 million kilometers) away. No lander has dug deeper than several inches, and no seismometer has ever worked on Mars.

By examining the interior of Mars, scientists hope to understand how our solar system's rocky planets formed 4.5 billion years ago and why they turned out so different — Mars cold and dry, Venus and Mercury burning hot, and Earth hospitable to life.

InSight has no life-detecting capability, however. That will be left to future rovers. NASA's Mars 2020 mission, for instance, will collect rocks that will eventually be brought back to Earth and analyzed for evidence of ancient life.



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After dispute with Russia, Ukraine imposes martial law



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Ukrainian lawmakers argue between each other during a parliament session in Kiev, Ukraine, Monday, Nov. 26, 2018. Ukrainian parliament has voted to impose martial law for 30 days in wake of Russian seizure of Ukrainian vessels.

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Ukraine's parliament voted Monday to impose martial law in the country to fight what its president called "growing aggression" from Moscow after a weekend naval confrontation off the disputed Crimean Peninsula in which Russia fired on and seized three Ukrainian vessels amid renewed tensions between the neighbors.

Western leaders and diplomats urged both sides to de-escalate the conflict, and the U.S. blamed Russia for what it called "unlawful conduct" over Sunday's incident in the Black Sea.

Russia and Ukraine blamed each other in the dispute that further ratcheted up tensions ever since Moscow annexed Crimea in 2014 and threw its weight behind separatists in eastern Ukraine with clandestine support, including troops and weapons.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko asked lawmakers in Kiev to institute martial law, something the country has not done even during the worst of the fighting in the east that killed about 10,000 people.

After a five-hour debate, parliament overwhelmingly approved his proposal, voting to impose martial law for 30 days.

Poroshenko said it was necessary because of intelligence about "a highly serious threat of a ground operation against Ukraine." He did not elaborate.

"Martial law doesn't mean declaring a war," he said. "It is introduced with the sole purpose of boosting Ukraine's defense in the light of a growing aggression from Russia."

Ukraine's Defense Ministry

already announced earlier in the day that its troops were on full combat alert in the country.

The approved measures included a partial mobilization and strengthening the country's air defense. It also contained vaguely worded steps such as "strengthening" anti-terrorism measures and "information security" that could curtail certain rights and freedoms.

Poroshenko's critics reacted to his call for martial law with suspicion, wondering why Sunday's incident merited such a response. Poroshenko's approval ratings have been plunging, and there were concerns that he would postpone a presidential election scheduled for March.

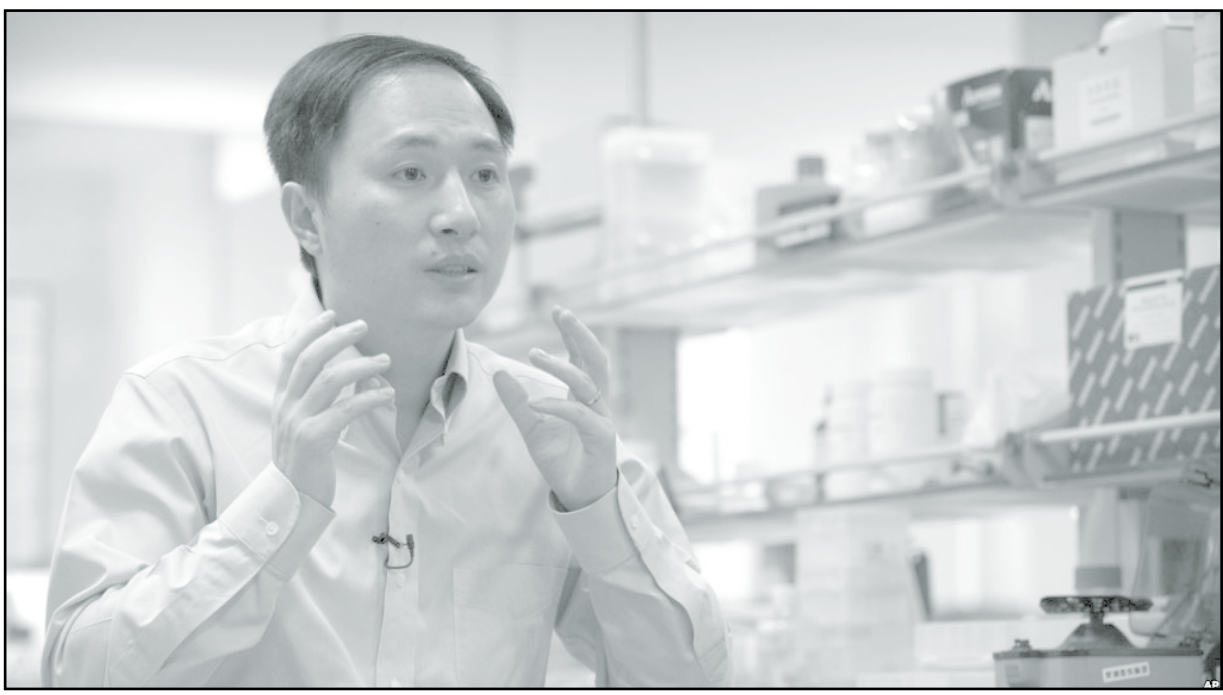
Just before the parliament met to vote, Poroshenko sought to allay those fears by releasing a statement revising his original martial law proposal from 60 days to just 30 days, in order to "do away with the pretexts for political speculation."

Oksana Syroid, a deputy speaker of parliament, noted that martial law was not introduced in 2014 or 2015 despite large-scale fighting in the east. A state of emergency "would present a wonderful chance to manipulate the presidential elections," she said.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Poroshenko assured him that martial law would not have a negative impact on the election.

Poroshenko's call also outraged far-right groups in Ukraine that have advocated severing diplomatic ties with Russia. Hundreds of protesters from the National Corps party waved flares in the snowy streets of Kiev outside parliament and accused the president of using martial law to his own ends.

Gene-edited baby claim by Chinese scientist sparks outrage



AP photo

In this Oct. 10, 2018 photo, He Jiankui speaks during an interview at a laboratory in Shenzhen in southern China's Guangdong province.

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

AP Chief Medical Writer

HONG KONG — Scientists and bioethics experts reacted with shock, anger and alarm Monday to a Chinese researcher's claim that he helped make the world's first genetically edited babies.

He Jiankui of Southern University of Science and Technology of China said he altered the DNA of twin girls born earlier this month to try to help them resist possible future infection with the AIDS virus — a dubious goal, ethically and scientifically.

There is no independent confirmation of what He says he did, and it has not been published in a journal where other experts could review it. He revealed it Monday in Hong Kong where a gene editing conference is getting underway, and previously in exclusive interviews with The Associated Press.

Reaction to the claim was swift and harsh.

More than 100 scientists signed a petition calling for greater oversight on gene editing experiments.

The university where He is based said it will hire experts to investigate, saying the work "seriously violated academic ethics and standards."

A spokesman for He said he has been on leave from teaching since early this year but remains on the faculty and has a lab at the university.

Authorities in Shenzhen, the city where He's lab is situated, also launched an investigation.

And Rice University in the United States said it will investigate the involvement of physics professor Michael Deem. This sort of gene editing is banned in the U.S., though Deem said he worked with He on the project in China.

"Regardless of where it was conducted, this work as described in press reports violates scientific conduct guidelines and is inconsistent with

ethical norms of the scientific community and Rice University," the school said in a statement.

Gene editing is a way to rewrite DNA, the code of life, to try to supply a missing gene that is needed or disable one that is causing problems. It has only recently been tried in adults to treat serious diseases.

Editing eggs, sperm or embryos is different, because it makes permanent changes that can pass to future generations. Its risks are unknown, and leading scientists have called for a moratorium on its use except in lab studies until more is learned.

They include Feng Zhang and Jennifer Doudna, inventors of a powerful but simple new tool called CRISPR-cas9 that reportedly was used on the Chinese babies during fertility treatments when they were conceived.

"Not only do I see this as risky, but I am also deeply concerned about the lack of transparency" around the work, Zhang, a scientist at MIT's Broad Institute, said in a statement. Medical advances need to be openly discussed with patients, doctors, scientists and society, he wrote.

Doudna, a scientist at the University of California, Berkeley and one of the Hong Kong conference organizers, said that He met with her Monday to tell her of his work, and that she and others plan to let him speak at the conference Wednesday as originally planned.

"None of the reported work has gone through the peer review process," and the conference

is aimed at hashing out important issues such as whether and when gene editing is appropriate,

she said.

Another conference leader, Harvard Medical School dean Dr. George Daley, said he worries about other scientists trying this in the absence of regulations or a ban.

"I would be concerned if this initial report opened the floodgates to broader practice," Daley said.

Notre Dame Law School professor O. Carter Snead, a former presidential adviser on bioethics, called the report "deeply troubling, if true."

"No matter how well intentioned, this intervention is dangerous, unethical, and represents a perilous new moment in human history," he wrote in an email. "These children, and their children's children, have had their futures irrevocably changed without consent, ethical review or meaningful deliberation."

Concerns have been raised about how He says he proceeded, and whether participants truly understood the potential risks and benefits before signing up to attempt pregnancy with edited embryos. He says he began the work in 2017, but he only gave notice of it earlier this month on a Chinese registry of clinical trials.

The secrecy concerns have been compounded by lack of proof for his claims. He has said the parents involved declined to be identified or interviewed, and he would not say where they live or where the work was done.

One independent expert even questioned whether the claim could be a hoax. Deem, the Rice scientist who says he took part in the work, called that ridiculous.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

All-Inclusive Transit of Mercury

It's a vacation con-
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ing and entertainment
for one price, so guests
go unfettered by finan-
cial transactions. Today,
Mercury lines up with
the sun and then Jupiter,
condensing the number of
necessary decisions and
transactions and making
life feel a little more free
and easy.

**ARIES (March
21-April 19).** When
people mean well but
don't make the impact
they hope to, it's usually
a function of misreading
the situation or simply not
knowing enough about it.
The best move you can
make now is to sit tight
and learn all you can.

**TAURUS (April
20-May 20).** In nature,
the bull goes with the

herd; it suits the bull and
it suits the herd. But if it
doesn't suit the bull, the
bull leaves. Be the same.
Only stick with the herd if
it is what's in your heart.

**GEMINI (May 21-
June 21).** There you go
again, moving forward as
if unafraid. What the on-
lookers don't know is your
internal dialogue and how
you quiver inside your
boots. And that's what
makes you truly brave.
You feel the fear and do it
anyway.

**CANCER (June 22-
July 22).** Public speaking
is easier for some than
others. There will be shy
ones who aren't sure if it's
worth the trouble to stand
and be counted. You've
felt like that in the past,
which is why you'll be a
most encouraging pres-
ence.

**LEO (July 23-Aug.
22).** There are some
decisions you'll make that

you'll
never re-
ally know
the con-
sequenc-
es of.
That's
why today
it will be
most satisfy-
ing to get evi-
dence that a
choice you
made long
ago was the
right one.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-
Sept. 22).** Bringing
people together will be
your specialty today,
though you may not be
consciously aware that it's
what you're doing. Your
inclusiveness starts a
ripple of happy effects.



It will be way easier to
set things on track in the
early stages of an ar-
rangement.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-
Nov. 21).** The best ones
to spend time with today
will fall into one of two
categories. Either they
are people you're sure

to have fun with, or they
are people who genuinely
need you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21).** For some,
loneliness is a palpable
problem, an actual chill
that your fire sign energy
can thaw with the stretch
of a smile. Don't under-
estimate the good a little
warmth and kindness can
do.

**CAPRICORN (Dec.
22-Jan. 19).** They're bet-
ter because of you, and
this much they'll tell you.
Nothing could be more
soul-fortifying than know-
ing you improved the lives
of those closest to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18).** People make
mistakes, but people
are not their mistakes.
For learning purposes,
separate the person from
the deed. Examine each
factor separately and then
reassemble and recon-
sider.

**PISCES (Feb.
19-March 20).** Before you
leave the house, or go
into any dealings at all,
consciously set an expecta-
tion for what's to come.
In doing so, you'll take a
more assertive, conscious
role and get clearer out-
comes as a result.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(Nov. 27).** This solar re-
turn, you ride in on a bub-
ble of freedom and then
bounce along for months
working your advantages.
The hard work begins in
February. But don't worry;
this will actually be your
favorite part of the year.
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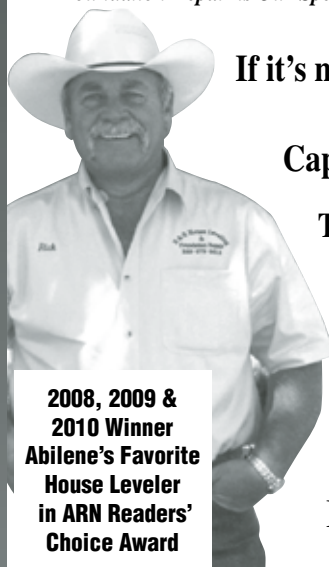
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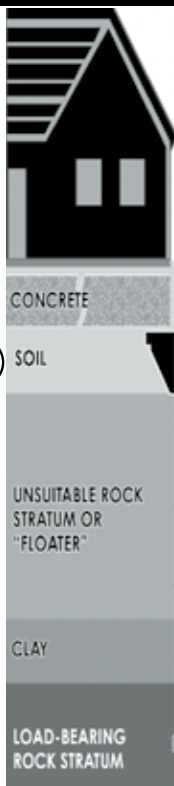
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children like their new stepsiblings and step-mother. Because of the children, Renee and Matt will be stuck with each other for the rest of their lives. Why not try to make the best of an unfortunate situation? Isn't it better to maintain friendliness? Are we betraying Renee by being nice to Matt? -- Baffled Stepmother

Dear Baffled Stepmother: You are not betraying your stepdaughter by continuing to be friendly with her ex-husband, who was your son-in-law for many years. That said, try empathizing with her. You did not state the circumstances of the divorce, but if Matt left Renee to be with his new wife, her sourness is understandable, even if it's not constructive. In any case, if you show her that she's loved, too, by spending more time with her, she may worry less about the time you're spending with Matt. There's also a chance she will stay angry no matter what. In that event, recognize that her emotions are valid, and encourage her to seek counseling to work through and past the hurt.

Dear Annie: My husband's son came to live

with us when he started high school. His mother lived in another state, so when she came to visit him, she stayed with us. I had friends who thought I was crazy to "allow" the "ex" to stay with us. I really liked my stepson's mother. She was a funny, caring woman who brought a lot of joy to our family gatherings. I did not break up their marriage, and I really loved the way that the two could co-parent their son and include me in the mix. We attended her wedding when she remarried. We were Facebook friends. When the grandchildren came along, we shared many holidays and birthday celebrations together. Sadly, she passed away earlier this year. We all miss her so much. Please suggest to "Ex-Wife Issues" that she may be missing an opportunity for a great friendship that she could treasure for years to come. -- Missing My Friend

Dear Missing My Friend: Your letter touched my heart. What a beautiful message. Thank you for sharing it with the world.

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6	8	9	1	5	3	7	2	4
3	7	4	8	6	2	5	1	9
7	6	1	5	2	8	3	4	9
4	5	3	8	7	9	1	2	6
8	7	1	6	3	2	9	5	4
6	9	2	5	1	4	3	8	7
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By Steve Becker

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♥ A 7 3
♦ A J 6 4
♣ Q 9 5

WEST
♠ Q J 10 5 3
♥ K
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 8 7 4 3

EAST
♠ A 7 4
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ Q 9 3 2
♣ 10 6

SOUTH
♠ 9 6
♥ Q J 5 4 2
♦ K 8
♣ A K J 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.

Assume you're declarer at four hearts and West leads the spade queen through dummy's king. You ruff the third round of spades, and the only question is how to handle the trump suit.

Let's say you lead the queen, which is covered by the king and ace. When you now play another trump to your jack, West shows out, and you go down one.

It isn't difficult to prove that if you played the hand this way, you mishandled the trumps. The correct play at trick four is a low heart, not the queen. As it happens, the low-heart play catches West's king and you make the contract, but that's only one of the reasons you should lead low to the ace at trick four.

In considering how to initiate the suit, you should first picture the various ways the opposing trumps can be divided. If they are split 3-2, it makes no difference how you start the suit, since you can't lose more than one trump trick whatever you do.

If you assume a 4-1 trump division, though, it is clear that leading low to the ace is the correct play. Why? Because leading the queen first guarantees that you will lose two trump tricks regardless of which opponent has the king!

Leading low to the ace wins whenever either opponent has the singleton king, and also in most cases where East has four hearts headed by the king. It is true that if West has four trumps headed by the king, you will go down if you lead low to the ace, but you'd suffer exactly the same fate if you began by leading the queen.

Tomorrow: An expensive signal.
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ANDY CAPP

Panel 1: I'M HOME, PET, I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU

Panel 2: FLOWERS? CHOCOLATES?

Panel 3: BERT AND HARRY HAVE COME BACK FOR A NIGHTCAP

AGNES

Panel 1: WHOOOEE! DID YOU SEE THAT BOY-O? CUTIE PIE!

Panel 2: STINKY CARBON-BASED LIFE FORM.

Panel 3: YOO-HOO! HELLOOO THERE! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, COWBOY?

Panel 4: PAY ATTENTION! I'M SHOWING YOU HOW TO DO THIS THING!

Panel 5: IF I DON'T HAVE NO COWS, I DON'T NEED NO COWBOYS.

ARCHIE

Panel 1: I TURNED DOWN MS. BEAZLY'S REQUEST FOR NEW TABLES! NOT IN THE BUDGET!

Panel 2: YOU'LL GET ON HER BAD SIDE!

Panel 3: NOT AT ALL! LOOK HOW SHE'S SERVING ME AN EXTRA-BIG HELPING OF SOUP!

Panel 4: THERE! SEE HOW UNEVEN THE LEGS ARE?

ONE BIG HAPPY

Panel 1: MOM, SINCE THERE'S NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, CAN I GO TO APRIL MAE'S SLEEPOVER?

Panel 2: I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.

Panel 3: IS THAT A YES OR A NO?

Panel 4: YIPPEEE!

Panel 5: RUTHIE, YOU DON'T KNOW NOTHING!

Panel 6: UH, THANKS, JOE!

MOMMA

Panel 1: LET'S SEE WHAT MY HOROSCOPE SAYS... "LIBRA: GIVE YOUR CHILDREN SPACE SO THAT THEY MAY GROW."

Panel 2: HMMM... ARIES SAYS: "KEEP A FIRM GRIP ON THE FAMILY REINS."

Panel 3: I WONDER IF WE'RE ALLOWED TO CONVERT?

NEST HEAD

Panel 1: ALBERT, WHY DO YOU ONLY SEEM TO CALL WHEN YOU NEED MONEY?

Panel 2: DAD, I'LL MAKE YOU A DEAL.

Panel 3: I'LL START CALLING FOR NO REASON IF YOU START SENDING ME MONEY FOR NO REASON.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2018. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 27, 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade — billed as a "Christmas Parade" — took place in New York.

On this date: In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station officially opened.

In 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy scuttled its ships and submarines in Toulon (too-LOHN) to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1945, General George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China by President Harry S. Truman to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant.

In 1967, the Beatles album "Magical Mystery Tour" was released in the United States by Capitol Records.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH-nee) and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White. (White served five years for manslaughter; he committed suicide in Oct. 1985.)

In 1989, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground.

In 1999, Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists, cleared the way for the speedy formation of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration.

In 2000, a day after George W. Bush was certified the winner of Florida's presidential vote, Al Gore laid out his case for letting the courts settle the nation's long-count election.

In 2005, doctors in France performed the world's first partial face transplant on a woman disfigured by a dog bite; Isabelle Dinoire received the lips, nose and chin of a brain-dead woman in a 15-hour operation.

Ten years ago: Indian commandos fought to wrest con-

Thought for Today:

"Pioneers are seldom from the nobility. There were no Dukes on the Mayflower."

Mack Sennett
Canadian-born American movie producer (1880-1960).

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Gelatin garnish for meat
- Money dispensers: Abbr.
- Tax experts, briefly
- Hair entanglement
- "Go ahead!"
- Corned beef dish
- Good judgment
- "This ___ sudden!"
- Smartphone download
- Ghostly image
- Get stuck in a rut
- Glide on ice
- Most prudent
- Forgetful moment
- Subside
- Small snack
- Sgts. and cpls.
- Office note
- Conductor's wand
- Meet head-on
- "Don't rub ___"
- Hat's edge
- Backyard border
- Makes simpler
- Fade away, as a fire
- Taco topping
- How a pendulum swings
- Bodybuilder's gear
- Hunters' org.
- "It will come ___ surprise..."

DOWN ON THE FARM

by Billie Truitt
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DOWN

- Barbecue residue
- ___-Cone (summer treat)
- Standard score in golf
- Tax org.
- Remove grime from
- Highly capable
- 2,000 pounds
- Fail to hit
- Escalator surface
- Paltry sum
- Macaroni or ravioli
- Strong point
- Seaside
- Minor quarrel
- Double-curve letter
- Hindu sage
- Himalayan region
- "Just like me"
- Irritate somebody
- Snob
- Particle with protons
- Writing tool
- Unadorned
- Open a ___ worms
- Happen
- Take care of
- Air rifle pellets
- Obtain by trickery
- Sigh of contentment
- Repair, as a sock
- Smacks hard
- Source of ancient fables
- Jargon
- Burger garnish
- The one right here
- Prudent
- Org. for former soldiers
- Very thin battery
- Use scissors
- Mine product
- Pale

Answer to previous puzzle

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Texans beat Titans 34-17 for team-record 8th straight win

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans wanted to honor their late owner and founder Robert "Bob" McNair, who died last week at age 81.

They knew the perfect way to do that Monday night was to keep their winning streak going.

Deshawn Watson threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score as the Texans set a franchise record with their eighth straight victory, 34-17 over the Tennessee Titans.

"The one thing Mr. McNair wanted was a winner," J.J. Watt said. "All he wanted was a winner. He wanted to win every week. He wanted a team that could win and bring a championship to this city. So to be able to win eight straight and to be able to win tonight for him was good, and we're going to try to keep doing that for him."

Demaryius Thomas scored his first two touchdowns with Houston and Lamar Miller ran for 162 yards, including a 97-yard TD.

The Texans (8-3) also saluted McNair by wearing decals in the shape of a football with white block letters bearing his initials of "RCM." With that tribute on the back of their helmets, they became the first team in NFL history to win eight games in a row after starting 0-3. They lead the AFC South by two games over Indianapolis.

"We need to try and keep getting better," coach Bill O'Brien said. "We need to take the mantra that we're going to improve every day."

The Texans trailed by 10 early before reeling off 27 straight points.

Houston receiver DeAndre Hopkins said there was no panic after the team fell behind in the first quarter.

"We've been down 0-3 as a record, so being down 10-0 on the board is nothing to this team," he said.

Tennessee (5-6) finally scored again on a 48-yard reception by Corey Davis



AP photo

Houston Texans running back Lamar Miller (26) runs past Tennessee Titans outside linebacker Brian Orakpo (98) during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 26, 2018, in Houston.

late in the third quarter, but the second TD by Thomas — this one for 10 yards — made it 34-17 with just more than eight minutes left.

Marcus Mariota, who missed the second half of last week's game with a stinger, was 22 of 23 for 303 yards and two touchdowns. He completed his first 19 passes before an incompleting with just more than a minute remaining.

Miller's 97-yard breakaway in the second quarter made it 21-10. It was the longest run in franchise history and the longest in the NFL since his dash of the same length for a touchdown on Dec. 28, 2014, with the Dolphins. He's the only player in league history with two career rushing touchdowns of 95 yards or longer.

The Titans went ahead 3-0 on their first possession, and Jonnu Smith had a career-long 61-yard catch-and-run touchdown that extended their

lead less than halfway through the first quarter.

Houston got going after that, cutting the lead to 10-7 when Thomas grabbed his first touchdown since being traded from Denver on Oct. 30, a 12-yard grab with about six minutes left in the quarter.

Watson put the Texans on top when he scrambled 15 yards for a score on the first play of the second quarter.

The Titans went for it on fourth-and-inches from the 3 later in the second, but tight end Luke Stocker was stopped for no gain.

"If you look at their goal-line defense and having a lot of good knowledge of what they do on the goal line, that's one play that had worked," Tennessee coach Mike Vrabel said. "It didn't work tonight and that's not the reason that we lost. That's a bad play."

Miller's long TD, which helped Houston set a franchise record with

281 yards rushing, came on the next play. He took the handoff in the end zone and darted through a crowd of Titans before shedding one tackle and simply outrunning the rest of the defense.

"My whole mindset is just, don't get caught," Miller said. "Because ... when we played the Dolphins, I got caught, so all the guys were giving me a hard time. So that was the only thing on my mind."

The Texans kicked a field goal as time expired in the second quarter to take a 24-10 lead into halftime.

MCNAIR REMEMBERED

The Texans honored McNair in a pregame ceremony, which included a video tribute to him while the Texas A&M Singing Cadets sang "Amazing Grace." While the video was played, one side of the video board displayed the words: "Faith, Family, Philanthropy, Football."

Painted on both 25-yard lines was a football with his initials that looked just like the decals on the players' helmets.

Television cameras panned to several fans with signs honoring the late owner. One read: "McNair Never Forgotten."

WATSON'S WORK

Watson has thrown 39 touchdown passes in his first 18 career games, which is third in NFL history behind Hall of Famers Kurt Warner (44) and Dan Marino (40). His 70 yards rushing on Monday were a career best and he tied Matt Schaub's franchise record by throwing a TD pass in his 16th straight game.

INJURIES

Titans cornerback Malcolm Butler left in the second quarter to be evaluated for a concussion and did not return. ... Houston WR Keke Coutee didn't return after injuring his hamstring in the third quarter.

UP NEXT

Titans: Host the New York Jets on Sunday.

Texans: Host the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

'A long 2 years,' and Texas back contending for Big 12 title

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — The last time Texas played in the Big 12 championship, the Longhorns were wrapping a decade of 10 wins every season and appeared set for a future of winning a whole lot more.

The decade that followed included a whole lot of losing and got two head coaches — Mack Brown and Charlie Strong — shoved out the door.

Second-year coach Tom Herman promised in 2016 the Longhorns would again play for championships, but even he admitted Monday the program has taken a leap faster than he expected when he took over before the 2017 season. No. 9 Texas (9-3) returns to the Big 12 title game Saturday against No. 4 Oklahoma (11-1) in a rematch of the Longhorns' 48-45 win back in October.

In a way, Texas is indeed "back" after years of despair.

Back to championships? To be determined.

"It's been a long two years," said Herman, who has called his team a bunch of overachievers. "The progress that has been made throughout our program, and not just on the field on Saturdays, our program, and what's in our DNA, is different."

No one was asking about the DNA of a blue-blood program in 2009 when Colt McCoy led Texas to an undefeated regular season, its second Big 12 title in five years and a berth in the national championship game.

Everything quickly unraveled when McCoy got hurt in the first quarter of a loss to Alabama — a game that started Nick Saban's dynasty with the Crimson Tide — and the malaise rolled over into 2010 when Texas went 5-6, Brown's only losing season in Austin.

Brown bailed enough water to keep Texas from sinking completely, but a succession of four- and five-loss seasons followed. And he couldn't stop a growing sense of frustration that Texas no longer was considered elite. Brown got pushed out after the 2013 season despite taking the Longhorns to within half a game of winning at least a share of the Big 12 title. After losing to Baylor in the season finale, Brown was gone and Texas lost its bowl game to finish

8-5.

The Longhorns wouldn't win eight games again for five years. Turmoil raged throughout three straight losing seasons. The school parted ways with unpopular athletic director Steve Patterson and seemed adrift.

Patterson made the bold move of hiring Strong, the school's first African-American head football coach, when he lured him away from a successful run at Louisville. Strong's record of 16-24 made him the first coach in program history to have three consecutive losing seasons. Texas then plucked Herman out of Houston, where he'd become one of the hottest young coach in college football.

Herman got off to an uneven start.

His introductory news conference was held in the same room where just a week earlier Texas players had publicly rallied for Strong to keep his job. Herman told his new players they might as well get on board with him, telling them "the definition of insanity is repeatedly performing the same act and expecting different results. We need to change some things."

The results on the field didn't change much. Texas went 7-6 in Herman's first season in 2017, but got its first bowl win since 2012.

This season started with a dud when Texas lost the opener at Maryland and it looked like more of the same. Herman vowed that loss wouldn't define the season and his players backed him up by winning their next six games, including a thriller over the rival Sooners.

"We had a plan, and just because we went 7-6 doesn't mean that the plan is broke. The plan just needed more time," Herman said.

The response after the Maryland loss told Herman this season could be different.

"In previous years there would have been a lot of rats scurrying, OK, same 'ol, same 'ol, whatever," Herman said. "And this team really came together."

First-year athletic director Chris Del Conte didn't hire Herman but has seen the impact winning football can have on an entire program. As soon as the season is finished, Texas will start on a \$100 million stadium and football field house renovation.

Winning football elevates the morale of the entire athletic program, Del Conte said.

"Getting back to the Big 12 title game, you can feel the momentum shift week by week," Del Conte said. "This is America. Football is the tide that floats all boats."

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Aldridge helps Spurs beat Bulls 108-107

By JAY COHEN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — LaMarcus Aldridge showed off his smooth low-post game in the fourth quarter.

He even threw down an impressive dunk for good measure.

Aldridge scored 11 of his 20 points in the final period, and the San Antonio Spurs held off the Chicago Bulls for a 108-107 victory on Monday night.

"I just got touches," Aldridge said. "I touched it a little bit more and kind of found my rhythm and once I felt good I was trying to keep going."

DeMar DeRozan had 21 points for San Antonio, and Patty Mills finished with 17. Bryn Forbes made three of the Spurs' 10 3-pointers on his way to 13 points.

San Antonio had dropped three of four, including a 135-129 loss at Milwaukee on Saturday. But the Spurs bounced back behind the clutch play of Aldridge and DeRozan.

"I like the fact that DeMar and L.A. got aggressive down the stretch and took over," coach Gregg Popovich said.

Chicago had two chances to go in front in the final seconds and came up empty each time. Zach LaVine was short on a long 3-point try from the top of the key. Ryan Arcidiacono then stole Forbes' inbound pass and missed a jumper as time expired.

"It was just a tough way to end the game," Arcidiacono said.

LaVine scored 11 of his 28 points in the fourth, but the Bulls lost for the



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs guard Patty Mills (8) and Chicago Bulls guard Shaquille Harrison (3) go for the ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 26, 2018, in Chicago.

seventh time in eight games. Arcidiacono finished with a career-high 22 points, and Jabari Parker had 18 points and 10 rebounds.

LaVine also had eight rebounds, seven assists and six of Chicago's 11 turnovers. Asked about settling for the long 3 in the final seconds of a one-point game, LaVine sounded as if he had no regrets.

"If I make it, different result. If I don't, it's a bad shot," he said. "But I don't care. I think I can make it and I will make it in the future."

LaVine's two foul shots gave Chicago a 101-98 lead with 5:58 left, but San

Antonio responded with a 10-0 run.

Aldridge started the decisive sequence with a fadeaway jumper. Derrick White made a go-ahead 3-pointer and DeRozan had a slick reverse layup before Aldridge punctuated the spurt with a three-point play on a drive and jam with 2:13 remaining.

DeRozan said Aldridge's move reminded him of the big man's college days at Texas, but Aldridge wasn't ready to go that far.

"I wouldn't say that," a chuckling Aldridge said, "but definitely a younger me. But I felt good tonight and just made it happen."

BENCH PLAY

San Antonio's reserves finished with 44 points, compared to 14 for Chicago's backups. Mills was 7 for 10 from the field and Jakob Poeltl had 10 points on 5-for-5 shooting.

"They saved us again," Popovich said. "The second unit has been great."

TIP-INS

Spurs: It was DeRozan's 16th game this season with at least 20 points. ... San Antonio earned its fourth straight win against Chicago.

Bulls: F Lauri Markkanen (sprained right elbow) has been cleared to "fully participate in practice" on Tuesday, coach Fred Hoiberg said. If that goes well, a timeline for Markkanen's return could come into focus. "Hopefully he feels great and keeps making progress and we can get him out on the floor soon," Hoiberg said. ... G Kris Dunn (left MCL sprain) and F Bobby Portis (right MCL sprain) could participate in the non-contact portions of practice on Tuesday. "So they're going to kind of get on the same path as what Lauri has gone through the last couple of weeks, to start integrating themselves back into the team," Hoiberg said. ... Rookie F Chandler Hutchison returned after missing three games because of back spasms.

UP NEXT

Spurs: Visit Minnesota on Wednesday night. The Spurs beat the Timberwolves 112-108 in their season opener on Oct. 17.

Bulls: Open a four-game trip at Milwaukee on Wednesday night.

Wizards overcome Harden's 54, beat Rockets 135-131 in OT

By RICH DUBROFF

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even the Wizards seemed surprised by the way they won.

Bradley Beal said he couldn't have imagined allowing the opposing starting guards to combine for 90 points and still get a victory.

"No sir. Absolutely not. No sir," Beal said. "Not at all. It's amazing we pulled it off still."

John Wall scored a season-high 36 points, including six in overtime, and Washington overcame James Harden's season-best 54 points to outlast the Houston Rockets 135-131 on Monday night.

Harden, the NBA's leading scorer, also had 13 assists, while Eric Gordon added a season-high 36 points.

Wall had two baskets in the extra period and finished with 11 assists. Beal equaled his season high with 32 points for the Wizards.

Otto Porter hit a runner with 4:37 to play for the first basket in overtime and the Wizards remained ahead from there. Wall followed with a jumper to make it 129-125 and later made another jumper that pushed the lead to five. Beal's dunk extended it to 133-126 with 1:50 to play.

Harden had 44 points through three quarters but missed five of his seven shots in the fourth. In overtime, Harden whose career high is 60, was 1 of 2 from the field and had two free throws. He had 11 turnovers, three in overtime, and 13 assists.

"It's not even about myself," Harden said. "It's about our entire team. We had a really good start to the game and kind of let our guard down."

Harden scored 12 points in the first quarter, 11 in the second and 21 points in the third quarter. In the fourth, he began the quarter on the bench, and scored six as the Wizards and Rockets headed to overtime with the score knotted at 125.

Houston raced to a 27-10 lead, but Washington clawed its way back. Markieff Morris had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Wizards.

Clint Capela had 17 points and 14 points for the short-handed Rockets, who played without Chris Paul for the second straight game and fell to 9-10.

TIP-INS

Rockets: Paul was listed as being out with a sore left leg, though coach Mike D'Antoni classified the injury differently. "We've just got to make sure Chris gets 100 percent well from his strained hamstring," D'Antoni said. ... G/F Gerald Green missed his third game with a sore right ankle. ... Houston added F Danuel House from the Rio Grande Valley Vipers of the G League. ... Made their first seven 3-point shots, then missed 10 straight.

Wizards: C Dwight Howard was out for the fourth straight game with a glute injury. "It's a slow process," coach Scott Brooks said. "He's doing everything he can." . Morris, F Kelly Oubre Jr. and Beal picked up technicals. ... Allowed 42 points in the first quarter, the fifth time this year they'd given up at least 40. ... Wall passed Wes Unseld for third place on the franchise career scoring list.

GUARDING HARDEN

Wall said that despite allowing 54 points to Harden, Beal did a fine job against him.

"It's what you dream of," Wall said. "It's what you live for, to be on the big stage, a big moment, going against a guy like that."

COACHING HARDEN

D'Antoni knows he's asking too much of Harden, who played a season-high 47 minutes.

"I mean, we're asking, especially James, you know what? Play (47) minutes, make every play," D'Antoni said. "There are going to be periods where he's just gassed."

HURT ROCKETS

Besides Paul and Green, the Rockets are with-

out G Brandon Knight (left knee), C Nene (right calf) and F/C Zhou Qui. Knight and Nene haven't played at all this season, and Qui has played one minute.

It hasn't gotten Gordon down.

"We definitely want to turn it into a wins," Gordon said. "We're not discouraged. We're going to get this thing rolling here soon."

UP NEXT

Rockets: Host the Mavericks on Wednesday

Wizards: Visit Pelicans on Wednesday as Washington plays six of its next seven on the road.

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