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Cousins Isabella Sykes, 4, and J'aila Wingo, 8, pose for a picture with the man in red Thursday, along with Santa's assistants and Howard College students Alyssa Williams, left, and Ruth Pena. The event was the college's annual Christmas gift to the community.

# **United Way makes final push** to solicit campaign pledges

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

With 70 percent of its goal obtained, officials with the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County are making a last push to encourage the community to turn in those pledges before the campaign wraps up.

"Even if we do not make our goal this year, we want to get close to continue to help these agencies," said Sandy Stewart, United Way executive director.

This year's campaign goal is \$330,000 which will be distributed among 16 area

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agencies that provide a variety of services to the community. UW board members will head

process

has

donation to the campaign to



Stewart

they can certainly be more effective to provide these services to the community," Stewart said.

"Even coming close to our

goal, we are able to do so much

to help our agencies, and

United Way of Big Spring providesfundstothefollowing American Red agencies: Cross West Texas Chapter; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CWJC, Casa of West Texas; Council Aging/Mobile; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Emergency Services Chaplain Corp.; Girl Scouts

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# into the allocation

second week of January, Stewart

Stewart courages anyone not returned a pledge

card or who would like to make a

come by the office, 215 West Third St., or call her to make an appointment to pick up the donation. The United Way office number is 267-5201.

# **Boys dial 911 in search of Santa**

MAYVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Two young brothers from southeastern Wisconsin are likely hoping they haven't landed on Santa's naughty list after police showed up at their doorstep.

The boys, ages 3 and 6, thought the best way to get in touch with the North Pole was by phone. And for youngsters of that age, their Christmas lists could be considered an emergency. So, the brothers used their Dad's cellphone to place a 911

call, hoping to be connected with the North Pole and the big guy himself. The Beaver





home where officers gave the boys some advice. If you want to talk to Santa, do it in person.

Dam Daily Cit-

izen reported

that brought

police to their

Mayville

# Interstate 20 detour near Big Spring to begin today Special to the Herald

Travelers along Interstate 20 through Big Spring will see a significant change in traffic flow beginning today. East and west bound lanes between mile markers 172 and 174

will be reduced to one lane each in order to begin construction on the IH 20 underpass that is part of the Texas Department of Transportation's ongoing truck relief route project. The traffic switch will take one to two days to complete and should be wrapped up this weekend. Once the two-mile stretch

is fully converted, drivers can expect the one-lane configuration to be in place for approximately two years while the underpass is constructed. TxDOT encourages drivers to allow extra time when traveling through this area, or to find an alternate route if possible. Delays could be possible during peak travel times such as rush

hour or holidays. For real-time traffic conditions in this area and all state roadways, drivers can visit DriveTexas.org.

# Holiday happenings

Herald Staff Report

The Christmas season is in full spirit in the Crossroads. Here is a list of upcoming activites.

#### **TONIGHT VAMC Lighting** of the Lights

The first of these events will be Friday evening. when the local VA Medical Center hosts its annual tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m.

Officials said the fun doesn't stop with the lights, which will not only illuminate the Christmas tree located inside the medical center's lobby,

but also much of the facility's outside, as well.

Santa Claus will be there to visit with children. Refreshments will be served, as well.

For more information, call 264-4824.

#### SATURDAY, Dec. 6 **Breakfast**

With Santa

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be stopping at the Heritage Museum Saturday.

This won't just be a normal stop though, the Claus' will be having breakfast with the children of Big Spring, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Later that day, the museum will hold a gingerbread house decorating lesson at 2 p.m. and its annual Parade Watching Party beginning at 4:30 p.m.

To make reservations, call the museum at 267-8255 or send an email to heritagemus@gmail.com.

#### **Springtown Santa** Santa will be at Springtown Plaza from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to

have cookies and cocoa with good little boys and girls. Forsan 'Boomtown'

# **Parade**

The Forsan parade — the first in a number of years but an event organizers plan to hold on an annual basis — will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Forsan High School cafeteria parking lot.

The route will be south on Avenue H, left on First Street, left on Rex and left on Main, stopping at the Baptist Church. Entries will be accepted until the parade begins. Participants are encouraged to arrive by 9:30. For questions, call Jenny Sayles at 816-6168.

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# **Obituaries**

# Betty Daratt



Betty Daratt, 90, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Rick Wilson, pastor of Baptist Temple, officiating.

She was born July 23, 1924, in Denver, Colo., to Ruby and John Cadzow. She married Melvin Daratt on Feb. 2, 1942, at Sedan,

Texas died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014,

in a Lubbock nursing home.

Funeral services will be held at 2

p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at the

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood

Chapel, Big Spring. Interment

will follow at Trinity Memorial

Betty was born Sept. 14, 1935, in

Sudan, Texas. She graduated from

Big Spring High School in May

Kan. They moved to Big Spring in 1948 from Kansas. She was chief supervisor of the PBX operators at Webb Air Force Base. After Webb closed, she worked for two years at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. She then transferred to the VAMC in Big Spring until retirement. She was a member of Baptist Temple. Betty's hobbies included cross stitching, sewing, and crocheting. She is survived by one son, Ron Daratt of

Muleshoe, Texas; one daughter, Peggy Daratt and her husband, David Campbel, l of Big Spring; sonin-law, Tom Bost of Mooresville, N.C.; two grandsons, John Bost and Jamie Bost; one brother, Ray Menges and his wife, Olnee, of Big Spring; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was

preceded in death by one daughter, Pam Bost; two granddaughters, Jennifer Dominguez and Tonya Shelby; one brother, Bud Cadzow; and two sisters, Marrietta Crenshaw and Margaret Easter.

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ly, traveling, and riding horses. She truly loved her time at the lake and water skiing.

Survivors include sons, Michael Glen Madry and wife, Lori, of Lubbock and Jeffrey Paul Madry and wife, Michelle, of Lubbock; eight grandchildren, Landon, Clay, Morgan, Zach, Jacey, Alice, Bonnie and Rocky; and 11 great grandchildren; a brother, Doyle Ford and wife, Carol, of Odessa; along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Coy and Pearl Ford and a brother, Coy "Belve" Ford.

The family suggests memorials and donations be made to Tanglewood Village Senior Fund in memory of Betty Madry, 5501 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79407 or Alzheimers Association.

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

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Betty F. Madry Betty F. Madry, 79, of Lubbock,



She worked in civil service at Webb AFB in Big Spring from 1973-1979 and completed her 24 years of service at Reese AFB in Lubbock in the 64th Logistic Squadron.

Park, Big Spring.

Betty was a longtime member of the Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her fami-

#### Jo Hazel Dawson



Jo Hazel Dawson, 80, of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, in Arlington, Texas. A wake will be from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Jo Hazel Dawson was born June

27, 1934, in Frankston, Texas to the late Rev. Nelson C. Williams and Willie V. Hamner-Williams. She was married

to Erauster Dawson, who preceded her in death, to this union one son Reginald Karl Dawson, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Dawson attended public schools in Tyler, Texas — Pete Elementary and Emmit Scott High School. She graduated from Butler College, Tyler, Texas with her bachelor's degree in music, and she began teaching at the age of 18 in 1952. She later moved to Big Spring were she taught school for more than forty years. She was one of the first black teachers to integrate in all white schools during integration after the 1954 ruling on segregation. Mrs. Dawson taught music to many students in her life time in the Big Spring I.S.D.

She was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church where she was a musician for 50 years. She was later under watch care at Spiritual Temple Powerhouse COGIC in Frankston, Texas, while in East Texas where she was one of the church mothers. She has helped many singers and preachers become better with her expert ear for notes and keys in music. Mrs. Dawson started playing at the age of 16 for College Hill B.C. in Tyler, Texas, showing her love for God as a youth. She loved church and would go when she didn't feel like going. She just didn't go, but she made a statement with her church attire always dressing to matching from head to toe. She loved dressing and buying hats that made her sharp every day at school and Sunday mornings with her Sunday best. She was a "Lady of Class" and taught others to be the best they could be. She will be missed by her family, all of her special friends, too many to name, and students and coworkers she taught in Big Spring ISD.

Jo Hazel leaves to cherish her memory, three nieces and five nephews, Pamela R. Baker-Dennis, Pauline Baker and Rhonda C. Baker-Coleman (Fredrick) all of Jacksonville, Texas, Minister Bennie L. Baker, Malakoff, Texas, Pastor Johnny Ray Baker (Oleta) Tyler, Texas, Willie Joe Baker (Violet) Jacksonville, Texas, Thomas Edward Baker (Letisha) Frankston, Texas, Samuel Dewayne Baker (D'Onnettera) and many many friends and cousins; and three special cousins, Floyda Collins, Ella B. Anderson and Willie Ecter Rockmore.

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

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Kirk McKnight



Kirk McKnight, 58, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Brad Daniels and Chaplain Lynn Robertson officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 2, 1956 in El Paso, Texas ,to Verna Lee (Maulden) and Kermit McKnight. He married Ann Olson on May 20, 1989. She preceded him in death on Dec. 11, 2007. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County, graduating from Coahoma High School. He received his RN degree from Howard College. Kirk was a graduate of Texas

A&M. He had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital, Home Hospice, and Compass Hospice at the time of his death. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, John Olson and his wife, Kelli, of Beaumont, Texas, and Tommy Olson and his wife, Nikki, of Punta Gorda, Fla.; two brothers, James McKnight of Conway, Ark., and Scott McKnight of Romania; one sister, Linda Vigil of N.M.; step-mother, Edna McKnight of Clinton, Ark.; four step-brothers, Malcolm Soles, Roy Soles, Wayne Soles, and Lonnie Soles; and eight grandchildren, Seth Cooper, Ashley Olson, and Chelsea Olson, all of College Station, Texas, Kayley Olson of Beaumont, Christopher Olson, Michael Olson, Zachary Olson, and Matthew Olson, all of Punta Gorda, Fla.

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

Paid obituary

# Harold 'Preston' Yarbrough



EASTLAND - Harold "Preston" Yarbrough, age 73, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014. Services for Preston will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Lake Leon Baptist Church with Bro. Craig Rhoton officiating under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland. A visitation will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday before the service. Burial will be at the Staff Cemetery.

Preston was born Sept. 1, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas, to Elmer and Thelma Merworth Yarbrough. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School and in

1960 married Norma Ann McMurray. In April 1966, he joined the US Air Force. After his military service, Preston went to work for Dean Hagler Inc. as a purchasing agent and safety officer.

Preston was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Lee Yarbrough.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Norma Ann Yarbrough of Eastland; one daughter, Melissa Boucher and her husband, Brian; and two grandchildren. Preston is also survived by two sisters, Laverne Dean and her husband, A.J., and Barbara Morgan; and one brother, Leslie Yarbrough and his wife Cathy, and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family request memorial be made to the Alma Ministries, India Church Fund, Lake Leon Baptist Church, 401 Hwy 570, Eastland, TX 76448

Craig Sparks



Craig Sparks, 72, of Garden City, Texas, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, in San Angelo, Texas. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at the First Baptist Church in Garden City with Pastor Danny Whitehead officiat-Craig was born July 5, 1942, in

San Angelo to Jake and Vivian Sparks. He moved from Sterling City, Texas, to Garden City in 1971. He worked 17 years for the Texas Department

of Transportation and 25 years for Wagner and Brown Ltd. He retired in 2005. Craig is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rita Sparks of Garden City; daughter, Lynn Gough of

Midland, Texas; three grandchildren and three

great grandchildren; one sister, Glenda Miller of Eden, Texas; one brother: Speedy Sparks of Sterling City; two nephews; one niece; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. In addition to his parents, Craig was preceded in death by his daughter, Nadine Sparks Geddes on

Sept. 16, 2014. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.

#### Charlotte Smith



Charlotte Smith, 79, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014, at her residence. Graveside services will be at noon on Saturday at Trinity Memorial

She was born Oct. 7, 1935, in

Angerburg, East Prussia, to

Elisabeth and Johannes Podehl. She married John Calvin Smith on Nov. 19, 1955, in Germany. He preceded her in death in 1998. They came to Big Spring in 1967. She was a homemaker and worked with her husband in American

Floor Service. She was a Lutheran. She is survived by one daughter, Jane Harrell and her husband, Richard, of San Antonio, Texas; two sons, John Smith Jr. and his wife, Shanna, and James Smith and his wife, Sherry, all of Big Spring; one sister, Rosemarie Pilaud and her husband, William, of Sommerville, S.C.; seven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Hardwood Floor Service, later Smith Hardwood

In addition to her parents and husband, Charlotte was preceded in death by one daughter, Julie

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## Sabrina Cuviello

Sabrina Cuviello, 46, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 4, in an Abilene hospital. Her services are

pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

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December 6 **Big Spring Herald Lighted Christmas** Parade 5:30

December 6

**Breakfast with Santa** and Parade Watch: Heritage Museum

December 6

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## NASA's Orion craft hits high point of 3,600 miles

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - NASA's new Orion spacecraft has hit its intended high point of 3,600 miles above Earth, the farthest a spacecraft built for humans has traveled in four decades.

Now its dramatic trip back to the planet awaits. The capsule reached peak altitude of 3,604 miles three hours after Friday morning's liftoff from Cape Canaveral on an unmanned test flight. It's the farthest a spacecraft designed for humans has flown since Apollo 17 - NASA's final moon shot flew 42 years ago.

NASA needed to send Orion that high in order to set the capsule up for a 20,000-mph, 4,000-degree entry over the Pacific. Engineers want to see how the heat shield holds up before putting humans on

## Attorney: Unrest could impact Austin ex-cop's case

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An attorney says a national uproar over grand jury decisions on police killings in Missouri and New York could influence the prosecution of a former Austin police detective charged with fatally shooting an unarmed man during a robbery investigation.

Charles Kleinert is charged with manslaughter in the July 2013 death of Larry Jackson Jr.

In recent weeks, grand juries have declined to indict white police officers who killed unarmed, black residents of Ferguson and New York, sparking protests nationwide.

Kleinert, who resigned after Jackson's killing, is white. Jackson was black. The Austin American-Statesman reports that at-

torney Jason Nassour believes prosecutors won't be inclined to offer Kleinert a plea deal because of the recent unrest.

Nassour is not involved in Kleinert's defense. Kleinert's attorney declined to comment to the

#### 3rd suspect arrested over slaying of Kilgore man ALPINE, Texas (AP) — A third suspect has been

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north to Fourth, east to

Main, then north before

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the public, but tickets

must be obtained at the

church office. Unlike

previous years, there

will be no dress rehears-

The Living Christmas

Tree, for the uniniti-

ated, is exactly that -a

2,000-pound Christmas

tree populated by more

than 130 singers dressed

as ornaments.

of a Kilgore man whose body was found at a West Texas Ranch.

The Brewster County Sheriff's Office says Charles Levi Morrow of Benbrook was being held without bond Friday in the death of Walter "Trey" Sands

The sheriff's office on Thursday announced Morrow's arrest in Stanton. Keith McWilliams of Alpine and Rhonda Joy Bloom of Terlingua remain jailed after being arrested earlier this week.

Sheriff Ronny Dodson says Sands was staying with a friend in Terlingua and allegedly argued with the suspects. Officials are trying to determine what prompted the disagreement.

The sheriff says McWilliams on Wednesday led him to the body buried under some rocks.

No attorneys were listed for the suspects.

## Texan accused in shoes-based money laundering case

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A West Texas business owner has been accused of money laundering and fraud in what prosecutors call a \$100 million trade scam involving shoes. Officials say 52-year-old Jose Luis Rodriguez was

being held Friday pending a detention hearing next week in El Paso. A 61-count indictment unsealed Thursday names

Rodriguez and two employees of El Paso-based ERENE Inc. Investigators say ERENE operated several com-

panies to smuggle shoes from the U.S. into Mexico for sales and to avoid paying tariffs and other fees.

The suspects are charged with money laundering conspiracy, smuggling goods from the U.S., engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity, conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, mail fraud and wire

## Fundraiser set for lone Hobbs survivor of crash

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — The family of a 14-year old Hobbs boy who was the lone survivor in a deadly Texas Panhandle crash is holding an online fundraising campaign.

Torres are trying to raise funds for pending funeral

and hospital expenses.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says 30-year-old Ryan Painter of Corpus Christi died when his pickup crossed the center line shortly before midnight Saturday north of Vega and struck an oncoming Chevy van. The van was carrying the boy's father, 43-year-old

Louis David Torres Sr.; his mother, 43-year-old Dalila Torres; 20-year-old sister Rebecca; and 10-yearold sister Demaris. Doctors say Luis suffered multiple injuries in-

cluding a broken left femur, spinal injuries, severe lung contusions and small heart and brain contu-

The campaign is on gofundme.com.

#### Police: Texas woman attacks husband with hammer

WACO, Texas (AP) — Waco police have arrested a 33-year-old woman who they say attacked her estranged husband with a Molotov cocktail and a hammer.

Angela Alexandor was being held Friday morning at the McLennan County jail on \$41,000 bond. She is charged with aggravated assault of a family member, attempted arson and criminal mischief.

Police say Alexandor went to the victim's house on Wednesday night and unsuccessfully tried to light the cocktail. They say the husband confronted her and she then doused him with gasoline and tried to set him on fire. Officers say when that didn't work she hit him in the head with the hammer.

The husband suffered minor injuries and refused treatment at the scene.

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Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

#### MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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The Hobbs News-Sun reports relatives for Luis

be familiar to those who have attended before, the program is tweaked every year to provide something new. Aside from long-time classics, newerholidaystandards will be performed.

While the event will

For more information, contact the church office at 267-6394.

## SUNDAY, Dec. 7

Big Spring High School band will perform its annual Christmas Concert at 2:30 p.m. in the high schol auditorium. Admission is a canned good, which will be donated to the Salvation Army.

## THURSDAY, Dec. 11

Big Spring Junior High School band students perform Christmas music. The program will be divide into performances by three bands and begins at 6

We Are All Your

p.m. in the school gym. 624 E. Sixth St.

#### SATURDAY, Dec. 13 The Big Spring Sym-

phony Orchestra will present its annual Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church sanctuary. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. All students are admitted free.

#### **UPCOMING** Drive-Through **Nativity**

For the 28th year, First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, will put on its living nativity. This year, the evening will be held Dec. 12-14, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each evening. There are live

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# Opinion

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

# **Get ready** to celebrate

anta, Santa and more Santa. Santa was at Howard College on Thursday. If you go to the VA Medical Center tonight, you'll see St. Nick. If you go to Saturday, you'll see Santa Claus. The jolly old man will be at Forsan's "Christmas in Boomtown" parade, the Springtown Plaza, the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade and goodness knows where else — all on Saturday.

We're worried Rudolph's nose will be burned out before the day's end. That's assuming, of course, it's lit during the day.

Still, those are going to be some tired rangifer

We're guessing it will be a long but fun day for many Crossroads residents, too. Most will get to pick and choose what activities they want to spectate at. A bunch of folks — parade goers and Living Christmas Tree participants, in particular, will be expending quite of bit of

As supporters of the Crossroads area, we at the Herald hope you get to partake of as many activities as you'd like.

That's one of the great things about our niche of West Texas. We don't skimp on the most important holiday of the year. Howard County does Christmas right.

It doesn't end this weekend, either, though we might see a little less of Santa. Mr. Claus is, of course, the "ho, ho, ho" reason to celebrate. But for most of us, there are more important reasons to celebrate this blessed time.

So let the celebration begin, Crossroads people! Have a great time. Be good to your neighbor and remember the reason you are here.

# How to contact us

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# Daily Prayer

We are all brothers and sisters, dear Lord. Let us act that way.

**Amen** suits and other measures might

# On the menu, government meddling

ast Thursday, hundreds of millions of Americans risked obesity, heart disease and indigestion by eating large quantities of food with no precise knowledge of the caloric content. If many of them felt regret on Friday, it was not because they

were duped into overeating by the absence of nutritional data. This may seem

odd to the federal government, which has decreed that chain restaurants, convenience stores, vending machines and groceries shall provide informa-



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tion that most people don't care about and won't heed. The Food and Drug Administration acted on a provision of the Affordable Care Act mandating more nutritional labeling, and it took an aggressive interpretation of its authority: The mandate also includes movie theaters, vending machines and bars.

Even supporters were stunned by the FDA's ambition. "I'm amazed," New York University nutrition professor Marion Nestle told The New York Times. "It never occurred to me that alcohol would make it in." Now when you start knocking back mojitos during happy hour, you'll be able to calculate the exact impact on your waistline.

The FDA rule rests on a faith that the truth will make you slim. Advocates of this approach, the most notable being former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, think unwise eating habits stem from insufficient transparency on the part of food providers, which can be overcome by rules forcing them to lift the veil.

Let the agency speak for itself, in a parody of bureaucratic logic worthy of The Onion. "Consumers can systematically make suboptimal dietary choices because they discount future health consequences relative to immediate benefits more than they would

if they chose according to their underlying or true preferences. leading them to regret their choices at a later date," it says.

Interference from Washington is essential, the FDA argues, because "changes in labeling may increase internalization of future costs into current decision-making by making the long-term health consequences of consumer food choices more salient and by providing contextual cues of food consumption."

A simpler way to put this is that people often eat and drink things they find appealing and only later wish they hadn't — which doesn't mean they wouldn't do exactly the same thing if they had to do it over again.

Or, for that matter, if they had more information.

Under Bloomberg, chain restaurants in New York had to put calorie information on menus. but consumers mostly tuned it

Sara Bleich, a professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health — yes, that Bloomberg — says the latest research indicates that most customers at these restaurants don't even notice the calorie counts. Of those who do, she says, "a lot are not changing behavior."

"Some studies show a positive effect" — meaning diners consume fewer calories — "some show no effect, and some show a negative effect," she told me. How does Bleich (who favors the new rule) explain this? "When people make choices about food, they're focusing on price, convenience and taste. Health is a secondary concern."

But more information is always good, right? Not necessarily. Complying with the regulations will cost businesses money. The Food Marketing Institute (FMI), which represents grocery stores, puts the tab at \$1 billion in the first year alone. Those costs will eventually be borne by consumers.

It's not the only price they'll pay. "This is going to take away from anything that's freshly made in the store because the

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costs involved will be so high," the FMI's Robert Rosado told The Wall Street Journal. "You're going to lose fresh choices."

In 2011, opposing the mandate for grocery stores, the Kroger Company said its chefs often "use different ingredients based on what is seasonal or in stock. It is not unusual for ingredients to change regularly. The restaurant menu labeling rule would render that nearly impossible."

The need for federal intervention is nonexistent because diners already have an array of options in where to get their food. Some restaurants already provide these calorie counts because they think consumers want them. The food sellers that don't apparently think their customers are not interested.

The FDA could confirm their hypothesis is correct by noting that these establishments do, after all, still have customers. Instead it and Congress have decided to foist information on people who show no desire to acquire it or pay for it.

The agency has fantasies that its rule will curb the appetites of American diners. The appetites of government, meanwhile, will not be restrained.

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# Racial discrimination, really?

n the medical profession, there is the admonition primum non nocere, the Latin expression for "first, do no harm." In order not to do harm, at the minimum, requires accurate diagnostics. Suppose a patient presents with abdominal pains, and the physician diag-

noses it as caused by the patient's ingrown toenails. If that isn't the cause, the physician can spend all the resources he patient's ingrown toenails and not remedy the patient's abdominal pains.

The decency of



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accurate diagnosis should be given to analyzing the problems of a large segment of the black community. Very often, major problems are erroneously seen as being caused by racial discrimination. No one argues that racial discrimination does not exist or does not have effects. The question that's relevant to policy, as well as resource allocation, is: How much of what we see is caused by discrimination?

Let's apply this question to tion. According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, sometimes called the nation's report card, the average black 12th-grader has the academic achievement level of the average white seventh- or eighth-grader. In some cities, there's even a larger achievement gap. If, as some people assert, this is the result of racially discriminatory education funding, then demonstrations, legal

be taken to promote funding equity. Also, resources could be spent to politically organize and elect black people as mayors, city councilors and school superintendents.

If the cause of the black/white achievement gap has little to do with racial discrimination. then focusing on discrimination will lead us to ignore or downplay factors that do affect black education. In some school districts, 700 teachers are annually assaulted and threatened. At one time, Philadelphia employed 500 school police officers. Similar stories of school violence can be told in other cities with large black populations, such as Chicago, Baltimore, Detroit, Cleveland, Oakland, California, and Newark, New Jersey.

How useful is it to spend resources on discrimination while allowing unsafe and chaotic educational environments to exist? Whether a student is black,

white, orange or polka-dot and whether he's poor or rich, there are some minimum requirements that must be met in order for him to do well in school. Someone must make the student do his homework. Someone must see to it that he gets eight to nine hours of sleep. Someone has to fix him a wholesome breakfast and ensure that he gets to school on time and respects and obeys teachers. Here's my question: Which one of those basic requirements can be accomplished through a presidential executive order, a congressional mandate or the edict of a mayor, a superintendent of schools or a teacher? If those basic requirements aren't met, whatever else that is done in the name of education is for naught.

Spending more money on education is not a substitute. If

it were, black academic achievement wouldn't be a problem. For example, in 2012, Washington, D.C., public schools led the nation in spending per pupil, at \$29,409 (tinyurl.com/mpc82dq). In terms of academic performance, "the nation's report card" shows that over 80 percent of D.C.'s predominantly black eighth-graders scored either "basic" or "below basic" in reading and math. "Basic" indicates only partial mastery of the knowledge and skills fundamental for proficient work at grade level, and "below basic" means that the student doesn't even have partial mastery.

Other devastating problems that are faced by many blacks and cannot be attributed to racial discrimination are a high crime rate — featured by a homicide victimization rate of 51 percent — over 70 percent of blacks being born to single females and only slightly more than 30 percent of black children being raised in two-parent households.

Solutions to these truly challenging problems will not be found in the political arena or in government programs. For black politicians, civil rights leaders, the intellectual elite and others to blame racial discrimination for the problems of today is dereliction. If a medical practitioner made the same kind of incorrect diagnosis, we'd indict him for malpractice.

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# **Obituaries**

#### Don H. Mitchell

Don H. Mitchell, 85, a west Texas native and Big Spring resident, died Nov. 24. A veteran of the Korean War, he served with the 634th Armored Infantry Battalion at the "Frozen Chosin".

He attended McMurry on a football scholarship before the war, finishing college at West Texas State prior to careers in insurance in Midland, Corpus Christi, and Dallas; and restoration contracting in Dallas.

He married and divorced three times: Jane, Betty, and Lois. He had three children with Jane — Nan, Tom, and Laurie. He has five grandchildren.

He is survived by former third wife, Lois Matchett of Hereford, Texas; daughter Nanette Mitchell of Richardson, Texas; son, Thomas Don Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Neva Mason Mitchell; father, Lee Mitchell; brother, Douglas Mitchell of Brownfield, Texas; sister, Margaret Stroh of Midland; first wife, Jane Keen Mitchell of Dallas, Texas; second wife, Betty Mitchell of Garland, Texas; and a daughter, Laurie Mitchell Russell.

A memorial reception in his honor will take place Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. at Canterbury South.

Condolences may be sent to the family at Myers and Smith Funeral Home at www.myersandsmith. com or in care of Nanette Mitchell, 721 Gaylewood Dr., Richardson, TX 75080

# Police blotter

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

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1500 block of Lincoln and the 500 block of Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1500 block of E. 4th St.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1500 block of E. 17th St.
- THEFT was reported at the 1600 block of Gregg. ASSAULT was reported at the Neighbors park-
- ing lot.

# Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 at the time of this report. CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ was booked

by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest deten-

• DOUGLAS RAY YEAGER was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

# **Support Groups**

# **FRIDAY**

- 7 p.m. The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

# **SATURDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY**

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

#### **MONDAY**

301 E. 24th

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-

# **Take Note**

Hometown Christmas, a local organization that helps provide underpriviledged children with Christmas gifts, is accepting donations immediately. The organization tries to supply eligible boys and girls with one to two toys and a set of clothes each. If you would like to donate funds, toys or clothes, bring them to Wells Fargo Bank during regular business hours. The bank is located at Fourth and Main

• A farewell reception honoring outgoing County Judge Mark and County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Donnie Baker will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, in County Commissioner's Courtroom of the Third Floor Courthouse.

downtown. For more

information, contact

Beverly Johnson at 264-

- The Howard County Republican Club will meet on Monday, Dec. 8 at noon in the Fireplace Room at Howard College.
- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids -Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school

year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www. Facebook.com/ Food2Kids

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual toy drive through Dec. 12. The chamber is accepting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2-18 at 215 W. Third. The toys collected will assist CASA, Cossacks Motorcycle Club Permian Basin Chapter, the Salvation Army and Spring Tabernacle. For more information, call 432-263-7641.
- Family Faith Center, 810 E. 11th, will hold a shoe giveaway for area children in grades pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 13. For more information, contact the church at 267-
- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.
- The Cross Roads Young Marines are taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

based addictions program helping people find free-

dom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mon-

days at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients,

For more information about the support group or

VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and

about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at

meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across

at the main entrance of the church.

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

spouses and caregivers.

**TUESDAY** 

from the movie box office, next to Sears).

10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.
- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.
- 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.
- 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 volunteercontact Sara ing, Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www. BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meet-
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.
- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.
- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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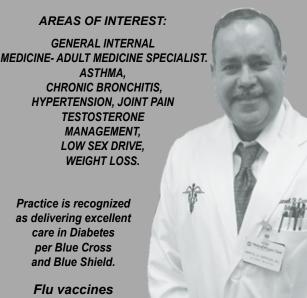


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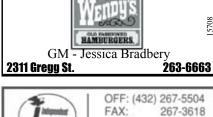
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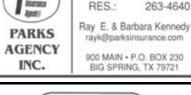
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# **Church News**

Spring Creek Fellowship

We will be participating in the Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade on Saturday. Look for our float. Join us Sunday immediately after service for a fundraiser for the Hart family. This will help raise funds for transportation they will need while on their mission trip to Africa later this year. They will be serving chicken spaghetti with all the sides and dessert. If you would like to help with the sides, contact Lauren Hart. Donations welcome and greatly appreciated.

We will be celebrating Christmas with our annual Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at the church.

"Chicks at the Creek," our ladies group, will be celebrating the holidays with a "Christmas Shindig" on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the church. Bring your favorite holiday treat and an ornament to exchange. And just to make it a little more fun, dress up as your favorite Christmas song.

A new session of "Grief Share," a grief support group, will begin Sunday, Jan. 7, from 4-6 p.m. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. The number of classes will depend on the number of people who sign up. We hope to have groups for men and youth as well as for women. For more info on "Grief Share." visit www.griefshare.org or contact the of-

"Sowing Seeds of Hope" fiber crafts and prayer shawl ministry meets at the church Saturdays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learning a fiber craft (crochet, knitting, weaving, felting, etc.) or have projects you would like to share or just to have some fellowship while crafting, come join us.

Big Spring Classical Academy website at bigspringclassical.org for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

The Big Spring Christian Academy is a two day per week preschool and will eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months through 4 years old. For more information, go to www. bscapreschool.org.

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

Connection groups are at 9:15 a.m. Sunday followed by worship at 10:45.

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

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

#### First Presbyterian Church

The children's music program begins at 4:15 p.m. Wednesdays. The Lectionary Bible study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. and the Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6

Youth group meetings will resume the second week of January. This Sunday at 5:15 p.m., the men's chorus will practice. That practice will be followed by the Youth Bell Choir practice from 6 to

The children's Sunday school classes have begun an Advent unit called "Journey to Bethlehem," based on Luke 2 and Micah 5. This study, which will continue through Jan. 11, will be taught by: Kay Kennemur, art, Dec. 7; Ellen Austin, cookery, Dec. 21; Sarah Salinas, video, Dec. 28; Paula Farquhar, storytelling, Jan. 4; and Jenn Patterson, music, Jan. 11.

The youth continue to meet with Don and Christine Boling to examine scripture and topics of their

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# Did you ever wonder?

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# lsaac's children

id you men realize just how important it is for you to pray for your wife? If you speak over her blessings or cursings, God

is listening. She will react as you speak. For twenty

years after Isaac and Rebecca married, she was barren. Gen 25:21 says that Isaac entreated Hashem on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. Elohim is the Hebrew name for

God when we ask for or if we deserve Justice. Hashem is the Hebrew name for God when we ask for His Mercy. So Isaac prayed that God would be merciful and give Rebecca a child. Indeed, He gave her twins!

And in her womb, they constantly wrestled with each other, making Rebecca very uncomfortable. She went to the Torah school of Shem (Noah's youngest son) in Salem (Jerusalem) and asked, "What is happening to me?" Through Shem, God explained

that her unborn sons were the patriarchs of two nations with conflicting ideologies. Already they struggled for domination over the other.

You must understand that God gave this information to Rebecca. He did not tell Isaac, nor did He direct her to tell Isaac. So she held it in her heart. Remember this concept. It will help clear up things that happened later. God's words to Rebecca were,

"Two nations are in your womb; two regimes from your insides shall be separated; the might shall pass from one regime to the other, and the elder shall serve the younger."

Within the womb, the babies were fighting to be the firstborn. Esau was born first with Jacob grasping his heel; this seems to indicate that Jacob was trying to prevent Esau from being born first. Do you remember that the firstborn son would be the next head of the family with double the inheritance of his brothers? Along with it he received much responsibility.

The first son to be born had a ruddy complexion and had red hair on his body similar to the hair on a man's arms and legs. They called him Esau, which means 'completely developed,' because he looked like a child several years older.

The second son was called Jacob, which is a derivative of the word for 'heel.' The name Jacob also became synonymous with the term 'usurper' because Jacob ended up with both Esau's birth right as firstborn with its double inheritance. He also received Esau's blessing of the firstborn.

And Isaac was 60 years old when his sons were born.

This is a cliff-hanger ... in next week's issue we will explore the personalities of these twins and their many conflicts.

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? fillereunice@yahoo.com.

choice and enjoy songs of praise.

The adult Discovery Class began a special Advent DVD study by Adam Hamilton entitled "Not a Silent Night," which explores the meaning of Christmas through the lens of Mary, the mother of Jesus, seeking to give the learners a new perspective on the beloved Christmas story and its connection to Christ's life, death and resurrection.

The adult Covenant Class has begun a study called "Acts of Worship," based on the Gospel of John, Acts, Mark, I Corinthians, I, II and III John. John Ferguson is leader.

The Session will meet at 10 a.m. this Saturday in the church library to study the report of the committee on the New Beginnings program and make some decisions based on those findings.

Sunday, Dec. 14, we will have our Advent/Christmas Music Service. All of our various choirs will be singing or playing in that service.

Christmas dinner for the youth group will be at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Jenn Patterson is in charge of Take Ten this Sun-

The lectionary for the Second Sunday of Advent is Isiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:815; Mark 1:1-8. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "A Prayer for Advent" by Williams/Nolan for the anthem and "Shout the Glad Tidings" by David Williams as the offertory.

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

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's

happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

## **Forsan Baptist** Church

Sunday morning we will begin a two-part Christmas message about trusting God. This weeks' message is titled,

"Trust: The Male Perspective," and comes from Matthew 1:18-25.

On Dec. 14, Brandon Gartman will be bringing our Sunday morning message.

We will have a community-wide Christmas parade Saturday at 10. The event is called, "Christmas in Boomtown," and will begin at the school, turn east on Three-Mile Road, come back up Rex Avenue, and conclude coming west on Main to the church. Join us as we celebrate this as a community event.

Wednesday evenings we are currently involved in a Bible study in the Book of Exodus, tracing back the elements of God's plan that got us to this point in history. On Sunday evenings we are doing an Inquiry Study based upon open questions about the Bible. Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through Scripture and can be emailed, called in, asked in person, or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

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

#### First Baptist Church

Come refresh your soul by joining us for worship services Sunday morning at 10:45. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "And His Name Shall Be Called" which focuses on the names of Jesus as written in Isaiah 9:6. Sunday's message "Mighty God" causes us to focus on this title given to Christ which is one of many instances in scripture in which the name God is applied to the Messiah, and emphasizes another fundamental virtue of our divine ruler: power and energy of a superhuman measure and depth. Interact with the sermon through You Version on your iPad, smart phone, or kindle fire, or go to fbcbigspring.org and enjoy the service through our web stream if you are unable

Sunday school groups are a great way to get acquainted while studying the Bible. Classes meet at 9:30 and are available for all ages.

AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) begins at 5:30, and is open to all area children grades K-6. Sunday evening will be a special Christmas activity time so be sure to bring several friends.

Evening worship starts at 6, and a surprise blessing is planned during this week's service.

Also, youth meet at 6 for a time of fellowship and Bible study; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for location and details.

Saturday, we will gather to decorate the sanctuary and church for Christmas. This will be a fun time of honoring Jesus in the season celebrating

A reception from 2-4 is planned for Dec. 14 which will honor Betty Downey for her 30 years of faithful service as church pianist. Also on Dec. 14, will be a Christmas program by our choir.

The youth will hold their Christmas party the evening of Dec. 14, so get your ugliest Christmas sweater ready and start shopping for a gag gift. Now is the time to start practicing for the New Year's Dodgeball Tournament, and all area teens are invited to sign up for D-Now which will be held Jan. 23-25. Contact Jonathan at 270-8332 for additional

information about all youth happenings. Upward Basketball practices are going on now in preparation for the games beginning in January. If you would like to offer your support to this wonderful Gospel centered program, call the church





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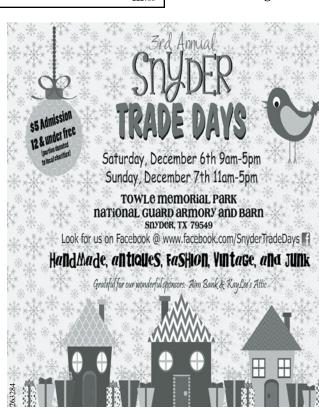
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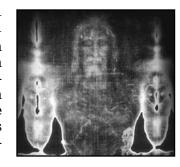
# Is it the face of Jesus, or a hoax?

SAN ANTONIO The Shroud of Turin a centuries old length of blood-stained linen cloth that bears the image of a mutilated man millions believe to be Jesus of Nazareth — has long been the topic of de-It is arguably the most

studied artifact in history — and one that was fiercely guarded by the Knights Templar in the 11th century. Some maintain it is a

medieval hoax. Others believe it is burial cloth of Jesus, and the countenance is that of the Son of God.

An exhibition on dis-



play in San Antonio invites the public to decide for themselves.

A piece of the 14-foot cloth, which belonged to Pope Clement XII, is on display at San, 416 Dolorosa St.

The Shroud of Turin Expo consists of a selfguided, audio-guided tour with 12 chambers containing more than 50 artifacts dating back to 14 AD.

The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday through January.

Tickets are \$10-\$18, and there are discounts available for groups of 12 or more, seniors and active and veteran military available.

"The expo's main purpose is to display all the controversies from both the believer and nonbeliever's point of view, so they may make their own mind up about the Shroud," said expo organizer Jose Juan Garrigo, CEO of Immersive Planet. "The expo includes an immersive storyline, where visitors are surrounded by historical, scientific and forensic evidence provided in a movie-like experience."

The first direct examination of the shroud was in the 1970s by a team of scientists led by physicist John P. Jackson of the University of Colorado. The study concluded that the markings on the cloth were consistent with those of a crucifixion, with an

additional wound in the side similar to the one inflicted on Jesus when he was on the cross, as described in John 19:34.

The stains were determined to be human blood and that the shadings indicated a threedimensional pattern.

Scientists were, however, stumped as to how the imprint of the human form came to be on the linen. Other scientific re-

search followed, including a study in 1988 that utilized state-of-the-art radiocarbon dating that suggested the shroud could date back to the time of Christ. Garrigo said he under-

stands some people are skeptics regarding the authenticity of a piece of linen said to have survived 2,000 years and which bears the image of Jesus Christ — but science bears it out.

"The controversy for those that do not want to believe in the shroud only provides more weight that the pieces in the expo point to the resurrection of Jesus Christ through its scientific research."

# Prayer of desperation

## **Psalm 42**

ometimes in life we may suffer because of circumstances beyond our control. This could be caused by the death of a loved one or injury or illness or possibly because of someone's wrongdoing.

Where do we turn and what do we do during these times? The writer of Psalm 42 was in great distress and, in the midst of his turmoil, turned

> to the only true source of comfort and peace.

Like a deer traveling through the barren wilderness longs for a cool drink of water, in the same way we should seek the Lord as if our lives depended on it (and they do).

In Jeremiah 2:13, God describes Himself as the fountain of living waters. When we are depressed or going through difficult times, it can be hard to focus on God. We may feel like we are in the middle of a storm and barely able to keep our head above the water. We must

remind ourselves, like the psalmist did, to hope in God because He is our salvation.

When my soul is cast down (v 6), I must be mindful that God's love is with me each and every day (v 8), even when it feels like everyone, including God, has forgotten me (v 9).

Do not let your soul be cast down and do not allow the turmoil to roll unchecked within you. Remember the words of that great hymn:

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you feel discouraged thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Greg Surles is the pastor at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

# **Sudoku Answer on Page 3**

# sudoku

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

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# **CHURCH NEWS**

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at 267-8223.

Wednesday evening's schedule starts with a meal served in the Family Life Center, followed by activities for all age groups. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Join us Dec. 10 for beef enchilada casserole.

If you are looking for a church home or desire to get back into church, we invite you to come and check us out Sunday. We'll do our best to welcome you, and share the love of Christ with you as we offer praises to God through music, prayers, and studying His Word.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

#### **Blessed Hands Deaf Church**

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, and wife Debbie invite you to be part of this dynamic congregation as they gather for worship services Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2

Stewardship is the message focus, as Pas-Walterhouse reminds us that we are to use all our resources for the glory of God. Currently, Sunday worship

services are held inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. Wednesday evening at

6, join us for Bible study at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. Contact Pastor Walterhouse with any questions at jwalterhouse@ gmail.com.

Come hear from God with us this Sunday.

#### Alive in Christ **Lutheran Church LCMS**

"Celebrating Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives." We are located at 2805

Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. To connect with us 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.

Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or

in a while, accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. The adult class began a new Bible study. We are studying the books "James & Jude." The youth are studying "120 Bible Sto-

Seth Bailey will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew's sermon is titled "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

Our Wednesday night Bible study began on Sept. 17. Everyone is invited to attend.

A meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Classes begin at 6 p.m. The Bible study will resume be soup for the Advent

Our Advent services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The series is titled, "John the Baptist Testifies About The Messiah." Come join us.

On Thursday, Nov. 27 we had our 6th Annual Thanksgiving Meal. It was a huge success. Thank you to all members and non-members of Alive In Christ who helped to prepare, serve and deliver the meals. We would like to thank the media and business that participated. Without all of you we could not do this year after year. Thank you.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts.'

# **Bidding Quiz**

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

East South West Dble Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ♠ AKQ62 ♥ J74 ♦ AJ6 ♣ K8

2. ♠ AJ98 ♥ QJ86 ♦ AKJ2 ♣ 10 3. ♠ AJ6 ♥ KQ93 ♦ AQ52 ♣ 74 4. ♠ AQ54 ♥ J5 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ AJ8 1. One spade. This might appear

to be an enormous underbid, but it isn't, since partner's one-heart response to your takeout double does not guarantee anything at all. By doubling one club and then bidding one spade, you've told partner that you were too strong for a simple onespade overcall of one club. Your delayed one-spade bid also tells him that game is possible if he has something of value to contribute. If partner passes one spade, it's extremely unlikely that there's a game in the

2. Three hearts. With a good trump fit plus excellent distribution, you don't need much from partner to have a reasonable chance for game. If partner has as little as K-10-x-x-x

of hearts (with which he should carry on to game), he should have a good play for 10 tricks. A raise to two hearts would be too pessimistic, while four hearts would be too optimistic. Three is just about right.

high-card points, but they're not distributed as well as they were in the preceding hand. There's no singleton club here, and that makes a world of difference. Furthermore, the raise to two hearts is a positive move forward; it tells partner you had more than a minimum double, as well as a trump fit, which is really all you have. Three hearts would be overstating your values a bit too much.

will surely bid again.

**Tomorrow:** Beyond the shadow of a doubt. ©2014 King Features Syndicate Inc.

# By Steve Becker

3. Two hearts. Again you have 16

4. One notrump. Again, this might seem very conservative, but, as before, you have no guarantee that partner has anything at all. If you were to jump to two notrump instead, which is admittedly tempting, you'd be single-handedly undertaking to make 62 percent of the tricks with only 45 percent of the high-card points. Your one-notrump bid indicates at least the strength for an opening notrump bid; if partner has what you need to make a game, he

#### **Birdwell Lane** Church of Christ At the southwest

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Please join us to study the Bible and worship God together.Sunday: Bible Study – 9 a.m.

Worship - 10 a.m. and Wednesday:

Ladies Class - 9:30

Bible Study and devotions -7 p.m.

# SPRING HERALD

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Fmail results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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# Murray, Romo lead Cowboys over Bears

CHICAGO (AP) — Tony Romo has bigger goals for the Dallas Cowboys so he wasn't about to get too excited over securing a winning season.

To him, that was just one

DeMarco Murray ran for a season-high 179 yards and a touchdown, Romo threw for three scores and the Cowboys beat the Chicago Bears 41-28 on Thursday night.

The Cowboys (9-4) made it look easy for most of the night against a struggling team that lost star receiver Brandon

Marshall to a rib injury. Dallas ray, Dallas rebounded from clinched its first winning season since 2009 and guaranteed it will finish above .500 after three straight 8-8 finishes. But the Cowboys are looking for more, with an NFC East title and first playoff appearance in five years in sight.

"Other than the fact we still have all our goals in front of us," Romo said when asked about clearing the eight-win mark. "I think that that's more for you guys to do your 8-8 stuff."

Led by Romo and Mur-

a blowout loss to the Eagles on Thanksgiving and pulled within a half-game of them with another showdown in Philadelphia next week.

The Cowboys took a 14-7 halftime lead and scored 21 unanswered in the third quarter before the Bears (5-8) rallied in the fourth.

With that, the Cowboys improved to a league-best 6-0 on the road, where they have won seven straight since a blowout loss at Soldier Field on a bonechilling night last December.

Romo, who has been bothered by a bad back, kept checking down and completed 21 of 26 passes for 205 yards. His rating for the game was 138 coming off a rough outing against the Eagles.

Murray, the league's leading rusher, carried 32 times. He also had 49 yards receiving on nine catches.

"Like a lot of great backs through the years in this league, oftentimes these guys get better the more touches they get," coach Jason Garrett said. "I think he's demonstrating that. He just has such a good feel for running the football."

Dez Bryant had six receptions for 82 yards. Cole Beasley caught two touchdowns, and the Cowboys converted 7 of 14 third downs along with 2 of 2 fourth downs.

For the Bears, it was just another rough night in a disappointing season that will likely end with them missing the playoffs for the seventh time in eight years.

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Big Spring JV coach Byron Seal talks with members of his team during a timeout in the their opening round game of the BSHS Junior Varsity Tournament on Thursday. The Lady Steers will face off against Forsan today, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

# Lady Steers open JV tourney with romp over Colorado City

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Addie Jimenez scored 11 points and Cierra Martinez added eight more on Thursday evening and helped spur the Big Spring High School Lady Steers to a 38-11 win over the Colorado City Lady Wolves in the first round of the 2014 Big Spring Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament.

Overall, Big Spring collected points from all eight players on its roster.

The Lady Steers got their offense going quickly against Colorado City. Jimenez, Martinez and Janisha Smith pushed in back-to-back-to-back shots in the first three minutes of play and helped Big Spring reel off a 5-0 run.

After the Lady Wolves had sank a shot from inside the paint to cut the BSHS lead to three, at 5-2, Kiowa Lesser and Kiana Ramsey responded. The two knocked down a couple of short jumpers and helped the Lady Steers roll into the second quarter with an

#### 2014 Big Spring **Junior Varsity Tournament** Thursday's Results

Midland High 51, Forsan 11 Big Spring 38, Colorado City 11 Friday's Games

Midland High vs. Colorado City, 5 p.m. Forsan vs. Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games Big Spring vs. Midland High, 1 p.m.

Colorado City vs. Forsan, 2:30 p.m.

The BSHS defense stepped up from there. The Lady Steers held Colorado City to one basket in the second and ballooned its lead to a 19=-6 margin at the half.

Jimenez provided much of the offensive spark in the second for Big Spring. She scored half of the team's points in the stanza with a coast-tocoast layup off a steal and a pair of free throws.

Krystelle Michaels and Ramsey also added shots in the frame.

Big Spring all but put the game on ice with another impressive defensive effort in the third. The BSHS girls posted an 8-2 run in the first seven minutes of the second half and

raced to a 27-8 lead. Haylena Davidson, Smith, Martinez and Michaels all pushed in points for the Lady Steers in the third.

As a team, Big Spring held Colorado City to just two field goals in the final 21 minutes of the contest.

The Lady Steers, sparked by a threepoint shot by Jimenez, finished off the game with a 11-3 spree in the final period.

Smith finished the game with five points for BSHS. Michaels and Ramsey added four each, while Yzzy Solis, Lesser and Davidson all added two.

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes weren't as fortunate of ensively in their firstround matchup with Midland High School. Midland opened the game with a 13-0 run and never looked back en route to a 51-11 decision.

The Big Spring JV Tournament is scheduled to run through Saturday in the Steer Gym.

# **BSHS** girls drop opener in Monahans

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Midland Christian High School Lady Mustangs used a 14-6 run in the final eight minutes of play on Thursday to rally for a 44-40 victory over the Big Spring Lady Steers in the first round of the Sandhills Basketball Tournament at the Jerry Larned Sports Complex in Monahans.

Big Spring had entered the fourth quarter with a four point advantage.

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Lady had **Steers** plenty of offense early in the contest. Lady The Steers pounded out 14 points in the first eight minutes of the game and took

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a 14-13 lead . Midland Christian, which advances to face Fort Stockton Friday's semi-

finals, rallied in the second. The MC girls outscored Big Spring by a 10-7 clip in the period and took a slim 23-21 lead into the half.

The Lady Steers looked as if they took complete control in the third. The BSHS girls posted a 13-7 run in the third and went into the fourth with a

34-30 cushion. Despite the loss, the Lady Steers were led in the contest by Diamonique Mayes and Jackie Castillo. Mayes finished the game with 12 points, while

Castillo added 10. Julianna Rodriguez also played well, tallying eight points, including two three-point shots.

# **Huskers hire Riley** as new head coach

(AP) - Mike Riley said his goodbyes to the Oregon State Beavers at an emotional team meeting on Thursday

Riley, who is the longest-tenured coach in the Pac-12 and has coached at Oregon State for 14 seasons, will be introduced as Nebraska's head coach on Friday morning. He replaces Bo Pelini, who was dismissed after the Huskers finished the regular season 9-3.

In a statement, Riley called the Nebraska job a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity, but the move stunned many in Corvallis, where Riley's ties to the community date back to when his father, Bud, was an assistant coach under Dee Andros.

starts last season, but had a 3.86 ERA with two complete games while averaging 62-3 innings his last 13 starts af-"You saw what he did in the second

half, pretty consistent to what he's always done when he's been here," Dan-

Lewis was a first-round supplemental choice of the Rangers during the 1999 draft and made his big league debut in 2002. He pitched for Detroit and

before returning to Texas in 2010.

# Cisco, Sonora to play at Memorial The Cisco High School Loboes

will face off against Sonora tonight, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium in a Class 3A state quarterfinal playoff show-

Cisco, 13-0 overall, is the defending Class 3A state champion.

#### Lewis signs \$4M, one-year deal with Rangers ARLINGTON (AP) — Colby Lewis full hip replacement.

and his surgically repaired hip are staying in the Texas Rangers rota-The Rangers on Thursday finalized

a \$4 million, one-year deal with the 35-year-old right-hander who finished strong last season after his unprecedented hip surgery for a major league

Lewis, their most successful postseason pitcher, had surgery in July 2012 to repair a torn flexor tendon in his right elbow. His comeback from that was thwarted by the troublesome hip that had bothered him for some time before he had a resurfacing procedure in August 2013 that was just short of a

"I just feel like it's back to normal. There's no pain, there's no consciously thinking about it," Lewis said. "It kind of came together in the second half. ... I was able to go deeper in ball games, and a lot more quality starts. That's all I want to do this next year."

His return gives the Rangers three expected starters, with Lewis joining Japanese ace Yu Darvish and lefthander Derek Holland.

With baseball's winter meetings upcoming next week, general manager Jon Daniels would like to add another proven starter, through free agency or a trade. The fifth spot will be left open for competition among several young pitchers in the system, some who have already made a number of starts for the Rangers. Lewis was 10-14 with a 5.18 ERA in 29

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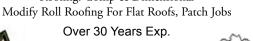
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p.m. in the High School Board At the public hearing, the following Targeted Improvement Plans (TIP)

will be shared. If you would like to preview these plans ahead of time, they are available on the BSISD website and on the subsequent campus webpages. Paper copies may be obtained at the district office at 708 East 11th Place. 2014-15 District Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) 2014-15 Goliad Elementary TIP. 2014-15 Marcy Elementary TIP 2014-15 Washington Elementary #8544 December 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10,

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you're not entirely comfortable in your skin right now, don't be too quick to force things in another direction. Maybe it's not about changing yourself so much as creating a hospitable space for change to happen.

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about suicide the first

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her that she was

her she had made

who, instead of telling

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

about to go solo, a small group begins to form around you. Your enthusiasm will attract offbeat people who are up for the kind of quirky adventures you've been known to dream up.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). This morning, be early and be ready. You'll be the quiet leader who sets the tone for the rest. Tonight is an ideal night for making a romantic connection -- a low-key group setting is the ideal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being happy will trump trying to make others happy, because a) your happy energy is contagious, and b) you can't make them happy. Let this guide your decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Instead of looking to relationships to make you happy, look to them to make you conscious of what has been weighing heavily inside you at an unconscious level.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some of your relationships seem defined by stereotypical role-play. This would work if it weren't for the fact that you no longer believe in certain stereotypical roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a phenomenon that will happen. It will happen while reading articles,

tasting food, witnessing interactions, living daily life. Something inside you simply says, "Blech." That's when you know to turn and walk.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While doing things you love, you will find people to love, and by finding people to love, you start doing things you love. Sometimes the people come first. sometimes the activities. So be open to both.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You sense something is not meant for you, and yet you still may have a tough time letting go of it. That's because you haven't seen the way-better gift coming your way. You will see it soon, but you have to let go first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Finding out what the heart wants isn't always so easy, because the heart doesn't speak your native verbal language. In order to understand it, close your eves and feel.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You must admit that jealousy, as unpleasant as it may be, has an invigorating energy to it. Jealousy can be a positive emotion, too, if you let it help you claim your unclaimed desire.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 5). Good fortune rains on you when you

show up and do what you said you would do. Children and creative types will inspire you, and this changes your plan. Financially, February and August bring the funds to make a substantial investment by your next birthday. Benevolent action will attract kindred souls. Libra and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 28, 12 and 18.

WEEKEND LOVE

**FORECAST:** ARIES:

Even though you appreciate the villains and antagonists in movies and books, the warm-hearted people are more attractive in person. TAURUS: Take the time to relax before you head into the social world. Rid yourself of the tension that stops your true powers of attraction from shining through. GEMINI: Those who call you only when they need you are not true friends and certainly are not worthy of your romantic interest. CANCER: Your voice is making someone fall in love with you. LEO: Though a touch of drama may be part of your Leo charm, it's important not to overreact now. Play it cool. VIRGO: Being too agreeable will backfire. Do what you want to do, because you have the best plan. LIBRA: You like the

SCORPIO: The unanswered questions finally get answered, not because you were persistent but because it was time. SAGITTARIUS: Creativity and romance go hand-in-hand. CAPRICORN: Just because you can doesn't mean you have to. It's a good time to stay within comfortable boundaries. AQUARIUS: If a person is important to your sweetheart, you make that person important to you, too. PISCES: Don't try to fit the other person's world. Make a new world together.

**COUPLE OF THE** WEEKEND: The Sagittarian sun reflects from the full Gemini moon this weekend, helping these two signs see each other for who they really are. The games become unnecessary. This is straightforward, honest communication, and it's refreshing. If Sagittarius plots the adventure, Gemini will make it most pleasant. A setting that's foreign to both will be conducive to memorable relationship moments.

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about what to do with old

#### Annie's Mailbox ®

only decreased her already low self-esteem. Now she thinks she's a coward. My friend is also painfully lonely and convinced that everyone hates her. I do not trust the school

to help, and neither does she. Everyone says she's just being dramatic. I have no idea what I am supposed to do. --Powerless

Dear Powerless: First understand that harassing someone for her religious beliefs (or lack thereof) is bullying and should be reported to the school authorities. It is very difficult when a student doesn't conform to the dominant attitudes of the school, and it takes a great deal of courage to stand your ground. She is fortunate to have you on her side. Is there a sympathetic teacher or coach she can talk to? If the bullying continues, her parents should speak to the school board and even the local police. We assume her parents are aware of the bullying. If not, please tell them immediately. Your

friend's well-being is at stake.

Dear Annie: Our extended family is relatively small, and we all live nearby. We gather for annual holiday dinners.

Four of the seven women have a very close relationship, with frequent telephone calls, personal contacts and shared vacations. When the family gathers for the holiday dinners, these four women separate themselves from the remaining family and have a raucous time together with their private jokes, etc. They go to another room and make no attempt to include others in their "clique," so the other three women and the remaining family are left out of this merriment. The men don't seem to mind. However, we, the three excluded women, feel this behavior is rude. It makes us feel isolated and offended. After one such holiday, a comment was made to a clique member that they should attempt to socialize

outside their group, but their behavior hasn't changed. One of the offended females is questioning why she and her spouse should even attend these gatherings.

one who doesn't always

agree with you, but who

debates you with humor.

Do you have any suggestions as to how to handle this situation? --On the Outside Looking

Dear Outside: Are the parents around? Mom or Dad should make it clear that this rude, exclusive behavior is inappropriate for family gatherings and will not be tolerated. If there is no authority figure whom these women will listen to, your best option is to ignore them. It would be a shame for these family gatherings to disintegrate because a few people are terminal adolescents. Don't treat them as if they are the cool kids in high school. Talk to the other family members. Have the interesting and amusing conversations they will be jealous to have missed.

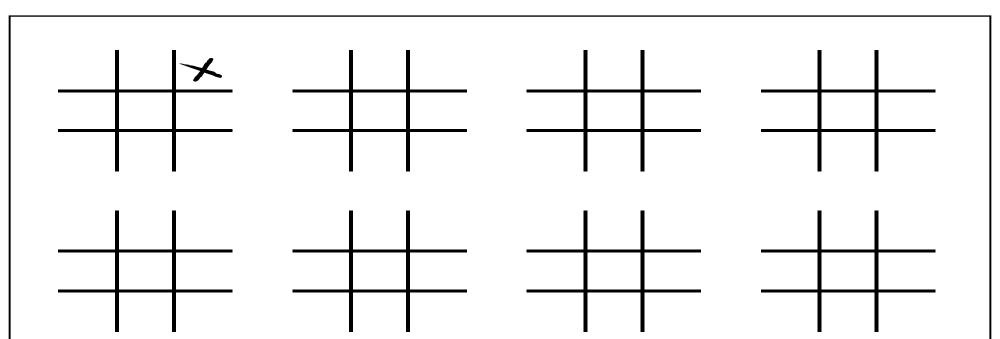
**Dear Annie:** You've printed several letters

photographs. Every photo has a meaning to someone. And all those photos are history to a family. As a hobby, I scan all family photos and put them into a separate folder on my computer. I then edit them and burn them to a CD.

If the family has five members, I burn five CDs. The best part is, I do a family movie with music and burn that to a DVD so the family can watch it on TV. I also tell everyone to put the CDs and DVDs in a safe so they are protected from water or fire damage. --Mesa, Ariz.

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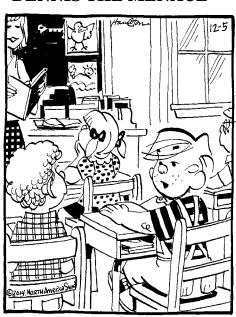
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"Aren't you glad we're here to help you eat all these cookies you baked, Grandma?"

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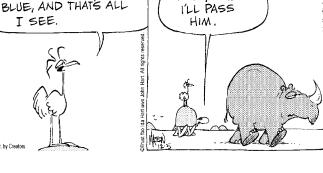






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# This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2014. There are 26 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 5, 2013, Nelson Mandela, the antiapartheid leader who became South Africa's first black president and was a global symbol of sacrifice and reconciliation, died at age 95. On this date: In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and

Virginia. In 1782, the eighth

Mary in Williamsburg,

president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, New York; he was the first chief executive to be born after American independence. In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35. In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1848, President James K. Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California. In 1932, German physi-

cist Albert Einstein was

granted a visa, mak-

ing it possible for him

to travel to the United States. In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment. In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

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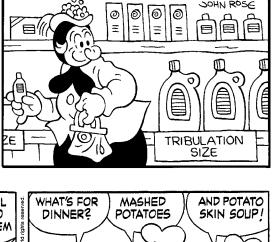


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# **Newsday Crossword**

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#### **DOWN**

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- **62** Home-office device

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  - - 67 Awful mess

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- education grp. 26 Say 27 Down,
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- 32 Sonic assault **34** 1980s top-10
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- 36 Academic retiree

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# Judge halts Oklahoma semifinal pending protest

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — There's still hope for Douglass High School.

An Oklahoma judge says a high school football semifinal will not be played Friday so he can consider whether Douglass, which lost to Locust Grove in controversial fashion in the quarterfinals, is entitled to a replay. Locust Grove's Class 3A semifinal against Heritage Hall was postponed until next week at the earliest. The state board that oversees

high school athletics rejected a Douglass protest Wednesday, so the school district went to court on Douglass' behalf Thursday. Judge Bernard M.

Jones said he wouldn't rule a touchdown that had given do, we followed the rules and on Douglass' complaint until next Thursday.

"We've jumped one hurdle," Brandon Carey, general counsel for Oklahoma City Public Schools, said. "We've got an even bigger hurdle coming

The other 3A semifinal between Cushing and Kingfisher will be played this Friday as Locust Grove, a small school

in northeastern Oklahoma, beat Oklahoma City's Douglass High last week after game officials misapplied a penalty with about a minute to go. The crew mistakenly erased Douglass a 25-20 lead.

Douglass wants to replay the entire game or the final 64 seconds, from the point of the touchdown.

Earlier in the day, Locust Grove football coach Matt Hennesy was confident the ruling would go his way. "Football is football," he

said. "You fight all kinds of conditions. You fight the weather, you fight injuries, you fight turnovers, you fight the officials and, at the end of the game, when the clock goes off, whatever the score is, is the score. And we did everything we were supposed to

now we're moving on the next round.'

Jones said during Thursday's proceedings that he was skeptical of being involved and he doesn't "know if this is the role for courts to play." He said making such a decision to replay all or part of the game would be "extraordinary." "I know of no other court

that has been asked to do what has been asked here," Jones Jones said the burden of

proof was with Oklahoma City Public Schools to prove there had been "irreparable harm" to Douglass' players.

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Mark Grossman, attorney for the Oklahoma School Activities Association, said he is concerned about the ripple effects of replaying the game in any form — on time, money, convenience and the start of other seasons. He said he felt for the kids at Locust Grove, who have been practicing all week to play Heritage Hall. "I'm the father of three kids,"

he said. "They have a lot invested in certain activities, and they're very disappointed when they have to be delayed for whatever reason, whether it's weather, whether it's a situation like this. I would not want to be in that situation."

# Scoreboard

Memphis

Houston

#### **FOOTBALL** National Football League American Conference W L T Pct PF PA

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San Diego Kansas City Oakland **National Conference** Philadelphia

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Dallas N.Y. Giants Washington Atlanta New Orleans Carolina Tampa Bay

Detroit Minnesota

Arizona San Francisco St. Louis

Thursday, Dec. 4 Dallas 41, Chicago 28 Sunday, Dec. 7

N.Y. Giants at Tennessee, 1 p.m. Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Minnesota, 1 p.m. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. St. Louis at Washington, 1 p.m. **1972** 

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Indianapolis at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m. Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m Buffalo at Denver 4:05 p.m. Kansas City at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. San Francisco at Oakland, 4:25 p.m. Seattle at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m. New England at San Diego, 8:30

Baltimore at Miami, 1 p.m.

#### NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff Glance Second Round Saturday, Dec. 6 Fordham (11-2) at New Hampshire

(10-1), 1 p.m. Indiana St. (8-5) at Chattanooga (9-3), 1 p.m. Richmond (9-4) at Coastal Carolina

(11-1), 1 p.m. Northern Iowa (9-4) at Illinois St. (10-1), 2 p.m.

Sam Houston St. (9-4) at Jacksonville St. (10-1), 2 p.m. South Dakota St. (9-4) at North Dakota St. (11-1), 3:30 p.m

Montana (9-4) at Fastern Washington

(10-2), 4:30 p.m. Liberty (9-4) at Villanova (10-2), 4:30

Quarterfinals

Friday, Dec. 12 or Saturday, Dec.

Fordham-New Hampshire winner vs. Indiana St.-Chattanooga winner, TBA Northern Iowa-Illinois St. winner vs Montana-Eastern Washington winner,

Sam Houston St.-Jacksonville St. winner vs. Liberty-Villanova winner, Richmond-Coastal Carolina winne

vs. South Dakota St.-North Dakota St. winner, TBA Semifinals

#### Friday, Dec. 19 **TBD** Saturday, Dec. 20

Championship Saturday, Jan. 10

At FC Dallas Stadium Frisco, Texas Semifinal winners, 1 p.m **NAIA Football Playoff Glance** 

Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 6 Marian (Ind.) (10-2) at Morningside

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#### (lowa) (11-1), 1 p.m. Southern Oregon (11-2) at Saint Xavier (III.) (10-2), 2 p.m. Championship Friday, Dec. 19 At Municipal Stadium Daytona Beach, Fla. Semifinal winners, 3 p.m. NCAA Division II Football Playoff

# Quarterfinals

Saturday, Dec. 6 Bloomsburg (11-1) at Concord (W.Va.) (12-0), Noon

Georgia (11-2) at Valdosta State (10-2), Noon Minnesota-Duluth (13-0)Minnesota State-(Mankato) (12-0), 1 Ohio Dominican (11-1) at Colorado

State-Pueblo (11-1), 2 p.m. Semifinals

## Saturday, Dec. 13

Concord (W.Va.)-Bloomsburg winner vs. Minnesota State-(Mankato)-Minnesota-Duluth winner, TBA Valdosta State-West Georgia winner Colorado State-Pueblo--Ohio

Dominican winner, TBA Championship Saturday, Dec. 20 At Sporting Park

Semifinal winners, 4 p.m.

#### NCAA Division III **Football Playoff Glance** Quarterfinals Saturday, Dec. 6

Kansas City, Kan.

Hobart (12-0) at Wesley (11-1) Noon Linfield (10-1) at Widener (12-0) Noon

John Carroll (11-1) at Mount Union (12-0), Noon

Wartburg (12-0) at Wisconsin-Whitewater (12-0), 1 p.m. Semifinals

Saturday, Dec. 13 Wisconsin-Whitewater--Wartburg vs. Widener-Linfield winner,

Wesley-Hobart winner vs. Carroll-Mount Union winner, TBA Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl

Friday, Dec. 19 At Salem Stadium Salem, Va. Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

#### BASKETBALL **National Basketball Association** Eastern Conference **Atlantic Division**

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Western Conference

Southwest Division

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Cleveland 90, New York 87 Portland 88. Indiana 82 Golden State 112, New Orleans 85 Friday's Games

Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Denver at Washington, 7 p.m. New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7:30 p.m Atlanta at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m. Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Miami at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m. Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m. Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m

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Texas

Thursday's Games Maine 110, Fort Wayne 106 Texas 117, Rio Grande Valley 109 Friday's Games Sioux Falls at Erie, 7 p.m. Westchester at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m. Oklahoma City at Texas, 8 p.m. Idaho at Austin, 8:30 p.m. Santa Cruz at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

#### HOCKEY National Hockey League Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

Reno at Bakersfield, 10 p.m.

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Tampa Bay	27	18	6	3	39	97	69
Montreal	27	17	8	2	36	70	68
Detroit	26	15	6	5	35	82	67
Toronto	25	13	9	3	29	84	77

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Anaheim at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Colorado at Winnipeg, 8 p.m. Montreal at Chicago, 8:30 p.m

#### TRANSACTIONS **BASEBALL**

American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Luke Hochevar on a two-vear contract. SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to

terms with OF Nelson Cruz on a fouryear contract. TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to

terms with RHP Colby Lewis on a oneyear contract and LIHP Michael Kirkman on a minor league contract. Named Jason Wood manager of Round Rock (PCL); Joe Mikulik manager of Frisco (TL); Spike Owen manager and Bobby Rose hitting coach of High Desert (Cal); Jose Perez hitting coach of Hickory (SAL); Dustin Vissering trainer of Spo-kane (NWL); and Salomon Manriquez hitting coach and Alex Rodriguez trainer of the AZL Rangers.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to

terms with OF Ezequiel Carrera on a minor league contract National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — A Agreed to

terms with RHP Michael Kohn on a minor league contract CHICAGO CUBS

Martinez bench coach, Brandon Hyde first base coach and Henry Blanco major league quality assurance coach. Reassigned first base coach Doug Dascenzo to outfield and baserunning coordinator.

NEW YORK METS - Named Pat Roessler assistant hitting coach.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS —
Agreed to terms with 1B/OF Travis Ishikawa and C Hector Sanchez to oneyear contracts. **BASKETBALL National Basketball Association** 

NBA — Fined Orlando F Kyle O'Quinn \$15,000 for making excessive contact above the shoulders with L.A. Clippers F Blake Griffin during Wednesday's game. FOOTBALL

National Football League NFL — Suspended Baltimore DT Haloti Ngata four games for violating the league's policy on performance enhancing substances.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Released

TE Allen Reisner from the practice squad. Signed TE Phillip Supernaw to the practice squad. CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LB Chris Carter

DALLAS COWBOYS - Released TE Jordan Najvar with an injury settlement.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed LB Max Bullough on injured reserve. Signed TE Anthony Denham from the practice squad and WR Jace Davis to the prac-

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed OT Andrew McDonald. MIAMI DOLPHINS L'Damian Washington to the practice ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Placed WR Aaron Dobson on injured NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed G

Rishaw Johnson to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Placed WR Greg Salas on injured reserve. Signed WR Chris Owusu from the practice squad SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed

G Ryan Miller on the reserve-non-football injury list. Signed OL Jeff Baca from the practice squad Canadian Football League

CFL — Named league chairman Jim Lawson interim commissioner, effective

HOCKEY National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Re-

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled F Garrett Meurs from Fort Wayne

(ECHL) to Lake Erie (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Assigned G Anders Lindback to Texas (AHL).

FLORIDA PANTHERS - Traded D Colby Robak to Anaheim for D Jesse

Blacker and draft considerations Reassigned Blacker to San Antonio (AHL). MONTREAL CANADIENS — Assigned F Michael Bournival to Hamilton

(AHL). Recalled F Drayson Bowman from Hamilton.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Martin Havlat on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 29. Assigned D Peter Harrold to Albany (AHL). Activated D Jon Merrill from injured reserve. Recalled F Mike Sislo from Albany

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Assigned F Sebastian Collberg from Bridgeport (AHL) to Stockton (ECHL).

OTTAWA SENATORS -Daniel Alfredsson to a one-day contract and announced his retirement. Recalled G Chris Driedger from Evansville (ECHL) to Binghamton (AHL). PIŤTSBURGH PENGUINS - Re-

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**10am - 6 pm** 

The Ultimate **Howard County Fairgrounds in Big Spring** Saturday, December 6th 10am-9pm Sunday, December 7th 10am-7pm There will be a range of fun and engaging activities designed to appeal to and engage all members of the family. This event simulates what it would be like to experience the Jurassic, Triassic, and Cretaceous periods first hand. "Tracey" (a young T-Rex) greets guests and can be found walking and playing around the exhibit. The main exhibit features life size ultra-realistic animatronic dinosaurs; over 50 life

size dinosaurs in all. Visitors can interact with these creatures, learn about them and even ride a few.

Bounce" area with tons of dinosaur theme inflatable bounce houses, face painting and much more!

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It features realistic scenes, enormous dinosaurs, cute baby dinosaurs, and lots of fun activities for kids of all ages. There's a huge fossil dig where young paleontologists can dig up ancient bones, a "Dino

# Cruz, Seattle finish deal

SEATTLE (AP) — Had things come together last season, Nelson Cruz's introduction with the Seattle Mariners would have taken place a year ago.

Seattle pursued Cruz last year but when it didn't work out, he went on to lead the majors in home runs playing on a one-year deal in Baltimore. The Mariners were quick to try to find a deal that would work for both sides as soon as this offseason arrived.

"We were open and honest as we could possibly be and say, 'This is the guy that we want," Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said Thursday. "He was the guy we wanted to bring into this organization and it just came together."

Seattle landed the righthanded power bat that was a priority this offseason with a \$57 million, four-year contract that was finalized Thursday. He gets a \$1 million signing bonus payable by Dec. 31 and yearly salaries of \$14 million.

Cruz parlayed an \$8 million, one-year contract with Baltimore into a long deal with the Mariners after hitting 40 homers and driving in 108 runs for the Orioles. Zduriencik said adding a fourth year to the contract — which will take Cruz to age 38 – was critical to getting the deal done.

"With Nelson, the fact that because he's such a power guy, and in our game today it's so difficult to find," Zduriencik said. "In our league he can be a DH which will preserve him somewhat, he's in great shape, he's a really good worker. He may age very well. We had to do that to get him here and we did it."

suspension in 2013 for violations of the major league drug agreement in relation to the sport's investigation of the Biogenesis of America clinic. He again referred Thursday to making a mistake taking banned substances and said he's moved on from the suspension.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

# Back in play ...

The Forsan Lady BUffaloes' junior varsity basketball team suffered a 51-11 loss to Midland High on Thursday in the first round of the BSHS JV Tournament. Forsan will face off with Big Spring today, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Steer Gym.

# Big Spring 'B' team tourney set for Saturday

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh and eighth grade B teams will be among a handful of teams competing in the 2014 BSJHS B Team Tournament this Saturday in the junior high gyms.

The seventh grade girls will join Seminole, Andrews and Snyder in round-robin play in the East gym, while the

eighth grade Lady Steers will play in the West

The BSJHS girls will play Snyder at 9:45 a.m., Andrews at 12:15 p.m. and Seminole at 1:30 p.m.

The eighth grade squad will play Snyder at 11 a.m., Andrews at 1:30 p.m. and Seminole at 2:45 p.m.

# Racing legend A.J. Foyt released from hospital

(AP) — Four-time Indi- serious complication anapolis 500 winner A.J. Foyt has been released Cruz served a 50-game from a Houston hospital more than three weeks after triple-bypass heart surgery.

Spokeswoman Anne Fornoro said Foyt was released from Baylor-St. Luke's Medical Center on Tuesday and is recovering at home. She says the Nov. 12 surgery was successful, but he developed

and was kept on a ventilator for eight days to allow his lungs to recover.

In all, Foyt spent 25 days in the hospital after being admitted Nov. 7 with chest pains, including 10 days in intensive care. Fornoro said previously that doctors found blockages in three arteries in which Foyt previously had stents placed.

# **DALLAS**

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"This team competes hard every day to get better and it competes hard in the football game," coach Marc Trestman said. "That would be totally disrespecting our football team to think they're not going out and competing as hard as they can.'

Marshall's injury was another blow for the Bears.

He was hurt taking a knee to the right side from the Cowboys' Barry Church following a reception in the second quarter. That happened moments after he made a spectacular 42-yard catch, juggling the ball with his right hand, to help set up a touchdown.

TV cameras showed him leaving Soldier Field in an ambulance, and Marshall later posted on Twitter, "Thanks for the Prayers. .. I'm Good. #MindOverMatter."

Jay Cutler was 32 of 46 for 341 yards and two touchdowns. Martellus

Bennett had a careerhigh 12 receptions for 84 yards against his former team, but the Bears had trouble sustaining drives.

They also did not get much from the run game after managing just eight attempts in the loss at Detroit a week earlier. Matt Forte had 13 carries for 26 yards after tying a career low with five rushes against the Lions.

"You just want to be in it at the end (of the season)," Cutler said. "Unfortunately throughout the year we've done some things to not give ourselves a chance and we're upset about that."

Murray accounted for 105 yards during a busy half as Dallas, running for 65 and a touchdown and adding 40 receiving. Romo kept checking down and completed 17 of 21 passes for 123 yards, including a 13-yarder to Beasley in the closing seconds.

That sent the Cowboys to the locker room with a 14-7 lead and they added to it in the third quarter.

Romo connected with a leaping Beasley for a 24-yard TD early in the quarter after Anthony Spencer stripped Forte near midfield following a screen pass, making it 21-7. The Cowboys increased their lead to 21 minutes later when Romo found Gavin Escobar in the back of the end zone, a 43-yard catch by Bryant setting up that

Joseph Randle added a 17-yard TD run late in the quarter to make it 35-

Cowboys defensive tackle Josh Brent played for the first time this season after serving a 10-game suspension and being held out for two more following his intoxication manslaughter conviction.

He hadn't played since Dec. 2, 2012, six days before the drunken-driving crash that killed teammate Jerry Brown.

"I've been blessed to be put back in this position and I'm gonna take advantage of it," Brent

