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Texas Department of Transportation crews were busy replacing light poles along the Owens Street overpass Thursday morning.

*Let there be light*

## Ex trooper dies in lake accident

HERALD Staff Report

Retired Big Spring Department of Safety Trooper Weldon Jones was found dead at Lake Alan Henry, located in Garza County, an apparent drowning victim.

According to news reports, Jones' body was found next to his capsized kayak in the Gobbler Creek area of Lake Allen Henry.

Jones lived in Big Spring, where he had a 25-year career with the Texas Department of Public Safety as a state trooper until his retirement in 2009. He was born Jan. 8, 1961, in Anchor-



Jones

age, Alaska.

As a member in an Air Force family, Mr. Jones travelled the world during his childhood and youth. He graduated from Cooper High School in Abilene, Texas and attended Angelo State University and Texas Tech University.

He married Deborah Boren on July 12, 1985 in Lubbock, Texas. He and Deborah moved to Big Spring in 1987 and raised their two girls, Caitlin and Jodi. In

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## St. Lawrence Fall Festival Saturday

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Lawrence Fall Festival will take place Sunday.

Organizers invite everyone to come relax with the family, enjoy a community meal and soak up the culture of the St. Lawrence farmlands.

Mass will be held at 9 a.m., followed by lunch from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Lunch will consist of barbecue brisket, homemade German sau-

sage with all of the trimmings and finishing with dessert. Plates to go will be available from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Adult meal tickets are \$12 each and children, 12 and under, are \$10 each and will be sold from 10:45 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

There will be reserved seating for senior citizens and guests who need extra assistance. These guests will be served so they do not have to wait in line. Tickets for this service will be available

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## Bikers plan barbecue to aid family of ill baby

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

A baby born with a serious medical problem has rallied a motorcycle club to help the family.

The Xiled Motorcycle Club is hosting a barbecue fundraiser Saturday at the Big Spring Eagles Lodge to raise funds for the Forshee family.

On May 26, 2015, little Daegun Clark Forshee was born and immediately diagnosed with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). When he was 18 hours old, Forshee had his first balloon heart surgery and at 9 days old, he had his first open heart surgery. He is currently awaiting another surgery.

Due to the seriousness of his health problems, Forshee has lived his life at the Dallas Children's Hospital. His parents, Jeff Forshee Jr. and Randi, gave up their jobs and home and packed up their one and a half year old daughter to be

in Dallas with their son. They have been staying at the Ronald McDonald House so that they can be closer to their son.

Forshee is scheduled for his next surgery on Monday.

"The baby has only left the hospital once, for a weekend. Once he has this surgery, the hope is that he will not need another one until he is four or five years old," said David Pope, Xiled member known as Woodstock. "The family is running out of funds, every bit of money we raise will go straight to them."

The barbecue plates are \$10 and will be served starting at 1 p.m. A live auction will begin at 3 p.m. There will be other fundraising activities and a chance to win a 50 inch television. There will also be a live band, the Ferrell Catz, which is a local band who volunteered to play at no cost.

"Kenneth Carson, great-

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HERALD Photo/Julie Bass

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## Obituaries

### Johnnie A. Hobbs Jr.



Johnnie Alvin Hobbs Jr. was born July 6, 1926 in Aspermont, Texas to Johnnie Alvin and Jewell Harrison Hobbs. The eldest child and only son was soon joined by four sisters, Mildred, Mary, Juanita and Beatrice. Johnnie moved to Big Spring, Texas, where he would reside for the rest of his life, as a young man.

At the age of 17, Johnnie began working for the Cosden Refinery. He joined the United States Army during World War II and was honorably discharged. Upon returning to Big Spring, he met Frances Faye Vincent and they married on Aug. 14, 1948. Johnnie and Faye had three children, Leon, Anita and Karen.

After Johnnie met the first love of his life, he soon met the second, Little League Baseball. He began coaching as an assistant before any of his own children were born. His first team as a head coach was the Coca-Cola Cubs. The name was soon changed to the Coca-Cola Colts. Johnnie became the standard by which little league was measured in the city of Big Spring. He loved his second family just like they were his first. The boys of summer were too numerous to count in the 40 years he spent pitching batting practice, but even at the end of his life, he was able to replay games and call out the names of his players. After four decades of dedicating himself to the American Little League and the Coca-Cola Colts, he packed up his glove and the team you wanted to be on was now only a beautiful memory and enduring legacy.

Johnnie retired from the Cosden Refinery in 1981. He spent most mornings after that at the donut shop with his buddies. After several years in retirement, he became the owner and "howdy, pardner" greeter at Cowboy's Steakhouse, which he owned until passing it on to his son in 2004.

Johnnie headed home on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015,

under the watchful and loving care of the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care and Home Hospice. Services will be Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, at 2 p.m. at Family Faith Victory Center, 810 E. 11th Place in Big Spring. The family will receive visitors from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, October 2, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Johnnie is survived by his three beloved children and their spouses, Johnnie Leon Hobbs and wife, Frances; Anita Faye Cline and husband, John; and Karen Kay Leonard and husband, Mike. He also had eight adoring grandchildren, Kimberly Pierce and husband, Greg; Derek Hobbs and wife, Krystal; Stephanie Gilbert and husband, Garland; Whitney Henderson and Johnny, Krystal Walden; Aaron Henderson and wife, Brittany; and Kristan Sweatt and husband, Brandon. He was also blessed with 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandsons. Johnnie also has his loving sisters, Mary Dunbar and Beatrice Weaver and husband, James, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Johnnie was preceded in death by his father and mother, as well as his wife, Faye. He was also preceded by his sisters, Juanita Lee and Mildred Lea.

Pallbearers will be Bill Burchett, Jack Bowen, Harlen Morgan, Amanda Solis, David Agee, Jimmy Wilson, Ricky Robertson and Dwight Perkins and honorary pallbearers include every former Coca-Cola Colt, American League player and All-Star member.

The family suggests memorial be made to Little League International at [www.littleleague.org/learn/about/donations.htm](http://www.littleleague.org/learn/about/donations.htm)

Johnnie has now completed his turn at bat. His life was truly a grand slam. Heaven is his home plate with his Savior, Jesus Christ waiting to welcome him with open arms. Heaven has found its coach!

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

*Paid obituary*

### Weldon Jones



Weldon Russell Jones 54, passed away Sept. 30, 2015. He lived in Big Spring, where he had a 25-year career with the Texas Department of Public Safety as a State Trooper until his retirement in 2009. He was born Jan. 8, 1961, in Anchorage, Alaska. Weldon lived in numerous places around the world as the son of an Air Force family. He graduated from Cooper High School in Abilene, Texas and attended Angelo State University and Texas Tech University.

He married Deborah Boren on July 12, 1985 in Lubbock, Texas. He and Deborah moved to Big Spring in 1987 and raised their two girls, Caitlin and Jodi.

In 1993, he became a Master Mason of the Masonic Lodge in Coahoma. He was baptized in and was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring.

Weldon spent his days spoiling his new grandson Connor from San Angelo. He was happiest surrounded by his family and friends at their cabin at Lake Alan Henry, cooking fish and ribs and telling fish stories. His family was blessed by his generous spirit and caring nature. He would do anything for anybody in need even if you didn't know you were in need. He was the best breakfast cook and looked forward to being the first one up in the morning so he could cook the loudest to get everyone up to eat.

He and Deborah spent many hours growing vegetables in their garden and sharing the bounty with family and friends. They looked forward to spending time with their daughters on the numerous family vacation trips to Mexico, ski trips to Colorado and fishing trips to the Texas coast.

Weldon is survived by his wife of 30 years, Deborah; daughters, Caitlin and husband Chris of San Angelo and Jodi Jones of Lubbock. He had two brothers, Mickey Jones of San Angelo and Teddy Jones of Houston, and a sister, Linda Neill of Abilene. He had numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces, and special relationships with Deborah's parents; Jim and Bebe Boren of Justiceburg and Deborah's extended family. He especially loved his new grandson, Connor Griffin of San Angelo, the son of Caitlin and Chris Griffin.

Weldon was preceded in death by his parents, William Allen Jones and Dorothy Lee Jones.

Pallbearers will be Bruce Boren, John C. Boren Jr., David Boren, Dan O'Hara, Micky Jones, Ted Jones and Albert Carlile.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church with Craig Holstedt, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Terrace Cemetery in Post.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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### Shirley Ann Stewart

Shirley Ann Stewart, 68, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, in a Lubbock hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 24, 1946, in Big Spring. Shirley graduated from Big Spring High School in 1965 and attended Howard College for two years. She worked at various jobs throughout her life and enjoyed photography, gardening, painting and reading.

She is survived by her mother, Anna Lou Stewart

of Big Spring; one brother, Wendell Stewart of Denton; three sisters, Linda Davis of Joshua, Betty Roberts and husband, Terry, and Karen Avant and husband, Dale, all of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

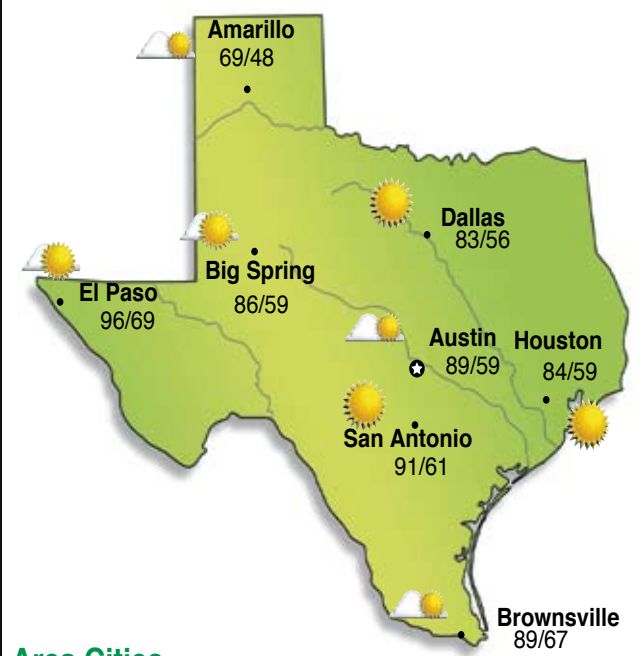
She was preceded in death by her father, Henry Earl Stewart.

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

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 10/3	Sun 10/4	Mon 10/5	Tue 10/6	Wed 10/7
86/59 Sunshine. High 86F. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph.	85/60 Showers ending by midday. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	84/60 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	79/60 Cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	85/63 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:29 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:28 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:41 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:26 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:42 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:25 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:43 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:24 PM

### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	82	58	pt sunny	Kingsville	94	64	sunny
Amarillo	69	48	pt sunny	Livingston	80	52	sunny
Austin	89	59	pt sunny	Longview	80	51	sunny
Beaumont	78	54	sunny	Lubbock	79	56	mst sunny
Brownsville	89	67	pt sunny	Lufkin	81	51	sunny
Brownwood	84	55	mst sunny	Midland	91	64	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	90	67	sunny	Raymondville	92	67	mst sunny
Corsicana	83	54	sunny	Rosenberg	85	57	sunny
Dallas	83	56	sunny	San Antonio	91	61	sunny
Del Rio	97	68	mst sunny	San Marcos	89	59	sunny
El Paso	96	69	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	79	52	sunny
Fort Stockton	95	68	mst sunny	Sweetwater	83	59	pt sunny
Gainesville	79	51	sunny	Tyler	82	53	sunny
Greenville	79	51	sunny	Weatherford	82	54	sunny
Houston	84	59	sunny	Wichita Falls	78	52	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	55	rain	Minneapolis	62	41	sunny
Boston	54	49	rain	New York	67	51	rain
Chicago	59	49	windy	Phoenix	94	64	sunny
Dallas	83	56	sunny	San Francisco	71	56	sunny
Denver	76	46	pt sunny	Seattle	64	51	cloudy
Houston	84	59	sunny	St. Louis	68	50	mst sunny
Los Angeles	84	65	sunny	Washington, DC	55	51	rain
Miami	92	73	cloudy				

### James Begley

Tsgt (Retired) James (Jim) Begley, 76, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

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**Take note**

Coahoma Lions Club will host a Trade Days event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7, 2015, at the old gin lot in Coahoma. The event will feature arts and crafts, food, antiques, collectibles, clothing, jewelry and other gift or garage sale items. Vendor lots are available for \$15 (10-foot-square) or \$25 (10-by-20-foot). For more information, contact Tammy or Lisa at Coahoma City Hall, 432-394-4287.

• **Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You!** It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Nov. 2-3; Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym

located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• **The Howard College Music program** is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recit-

als, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano.

To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145, e-mailing Kiley at dkiley@howardcollege.edu or e-mailing Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu.

• **Home Hospice** is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• **Mobile meals** is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• **Crossroads Hospice** needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blatyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seri-

ously injured in an accident.

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

• **The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors** meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• **Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• **Spring Tabernacle Ministries**, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspira-

tional 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 meeting.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a sledding accident.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• **Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598** meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• **The Crossroads Young Marines** is 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.

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
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**XILED**

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grandfather of the baby, is the one who alerted us (Xiled) to the baby. Carson used to work at the Ford house and

he was part of the motorcycle ministries. He always comes to events and blesses our bikes," said Woodstock

All proceeds will go to the Forshee family. Checks can be made payable to Jeff Forshee Jr. or to Xiled.

"If someone can't make it Saturday, but they want to help, they can drop off donations at the Eagles Lodge. We will continue to accept donations for this family and see that it gets to them," said Woodstock. The Eagles Lodge is

located at 703 W. 3rd St. For more information or to help contact Xiled Woodstock at 432-816-8462, Xiled Sparky at 432-268-3861 or Xiled "The Kid" at 432-664-7090.

**FALL**

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outside the front door of the Parish Hall.

Sausage sandwiches and other food concessions will be available for purchase after 4 p.m.

"Uncooked, homemade German sausage will be sold for \$7 per pound in the Sausage Haus with a minimum of five pounds please,"

said the press release.

There will be a variety of game booths and activities throughout the grounds such as grab bag, coke ring toss, jump house, duck pond and more from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Kounty Kitchen will be stocked with local handcrafts, baked goods and canned goods. The Religious Booth will feature a wide variety of Religious items for purchase and will open at 10:30 a.m. The Balloon

artist, Harlin Rhodes, will be showcasing his balloon creations as well.

Booth tickets at 50 cents each and will be sold from 10:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.

The concession stand will serve refreshments throughout the day and event t-shirts will be available for purchase.

At Noon, Bingo will start under the church pavilion and continue through 4 p.m.

A Silent auction will

occur from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and the live auction will begin at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

*The St. Lawrence Church and Parish Hall are located at 2400 FM 2401. Go 10 miles south of Garden City on Highway 33 and 5 miles west on Highway 2401.*

**JONES**

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1993, he became a Master Mason of the Masonic Lodge in Coahoma. He was baptized in and

was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church with Craig Holstedt, pastor of First

Presbyterian Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Terrace Cemetery in Post. Funeral arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Police/Sheriff**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- KEVIN SALAZAR, 18, of 407 W. 5th St. was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- JUSTIN ALMAZAN, 20, of 2602 Barksdale Dr. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1800 block of Owens St. and the 3300 block of E. 11th Place.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of S. Gregg St., the 200 block of W. FM 700 and the 1800 block of Alabama St.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 17000 block of Alabama St.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following ac-

tivity:

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.
- JUSTIN ANTHONY ALMAZAN, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- JOSE ALFREDO JIMENEZ, 35, was booked by the BSPD on charges of expired registration, no driver's license, fail to maintain financial responsibility, disregard stop sign, failed to drive in single lane and fail to obtain Texas driver's license.
- KEVIN SALAZAR, 18, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- THADDEUS O. STRAUGHTER, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear - robbery.

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# A relationship built upon lies: part 3

**1** John 1:8-10, *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us* (ESV). The Apostle John is making the connection between walking in darkness (v 6, see previous articles) and sinning. Later in this letter, he will further explain in 3:4 that *sin is lawlessness*



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(ESV) or *sin is the transgression of the law* (KJV). The word transgress means to go beyond an established limit or boundary. The origin of the word is Latin and literally means to step across (Dictionary.com). God has established boundaries and we must live our lives within those boundaries if we want to have a relationship with Him. But John also knows that we all “step across” those boundaries sometimes. Who me?! I haven’t killed anybody! What about *everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment* (Matthew 5:22, ESV)? But I don’t cheat on my wife. What about *everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed*

*adultery with her in his heart* (Matthew 5:28, ESV)? We try to justify our behavior by saying that we haven’t done anything really, really bad. Or we try to rationalize the sin in our lives by comparing ourselves to others. If I tell myself that I am not as bad as the majority of people, then I can make myself feel better about my sin (and surely God is going to grade on a curve, right?). John says those Christians are lying to themselves and when we start to believe our own lies, we are, in essence, calling God a liar. God has established the boundaries for a righteous life. We must know what those boundaries are and we can only know because He has told

us in His word. No matter what you think or feel is right, no matter what someone might tell you is okay, if it is not within the Lord’s boundaries, then it is sin. Stop living a lie and have an honest relationship with the Father and with Jesus Christ. *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones* (Proverbs 3:5-8, ESV).

*Greg Surles is the preacher at Birdwell Lane church of Christ*

## Church News

### First Presbytrian Church - Big Spring

The Children’s Sunday School Class is continuing the study of the Ten Commandments, using DVD, games, science, and cooking. Some of the objectives of this study include 1. learning the Ten Commandments, 2. learning that laws and rules are a part of everyday life and are intended to improve our lives and make us safe, and 3. learning that following the Commandments helps us make choices about what we say and do.

John Ferguson’s adult Covenant Class is involved in studying The Christian Community Comes Alive, based on the book of Acts. Unit II is entitled “Giving Bold Testimony.”

The adult Discovery Class continues the John Ortberg DVD study “Soul Keeping – Caring for the Most Important Part of You.” Ortberg contends that the health of one’s soul is not just a matter of “saved” or “unsaved,” but it is the hinge on which the rest of one’s life hangs.

The Youth Group schedule for Sunday evening is Male Chorus at 5:15 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Handbell Choir and Youth Group.

Jenn Patterson is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers for October are Buddy Cochran, Lane Reynolds, Vicki McLean, and Mark McLean. Jenn Patterson is Lector for the month. Communion servers are Lucy Odom, Paschal Odom, Paula Farquhar, John Yater, and Jim Little.

The lectionary is Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and celebrate Communion. The Chancel Choir will offer “We Come with Joyful Hearts” by Michael Bedford as the anthem and present “One at the Feast” by Craig Courtney as the offertory.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what’s happening at the church by visiting our website: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt.

The regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; Children’s Choir, 4:30 p.m. and Young Women’s Choir, 5:15 p.m.; and at 6 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal.

We have regretfully received the resignation of Mike Mitchell, our music director/organist/interior decoration consultant, effective the end of October. Mike has been driving from Lubbock twice weekly for 20 years to offer his unique talents while also pursuing his work as realtor/capital investor. Anyone who has missed sharing Mike’s outstanding musical talent should come to our services during the month to be blessed. The last Sunday of October our worship service will be a service of music, and we will have a lunch.

### Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday our message is titled, “Picture Perfect,” and comes from Psalm 119:89-96.

We will continue our study series on Sunday evenings called, “Heaven: Now and Then.” This study will focus on what Heaven may be like as we enter it now, and what it will be like when Jesus returns. This Sunday evening our topic of discussion will be, “The Tribulation, Part VII: The Sixth Trumpet.”

Regular youth and children’s activities are in full swing on Wednesdays with special afternoon classes at 4 p.m. Anyone who comes to the church at that time must participate in the classes. The next classes being offered are Art and Pinewood Derby. Youth and children’s meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., and age-appropriate classes will begin at 6 p.m. We will be offering CHAOS for youth, GA’s for girls, RA’s for boys, and Heroes in Training for kids age 3-5.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. 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.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

Our offices have moved to our new facility location at Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Phone numbers are still the same.

If you are a musician or singer and would be interested in being a part of our Worship Team, contact Clint Bratcher.

Tom Word is looking for volunteers for Prison Ministry. Anyone interested in going into the prisons in our area and sharing the Bible with them may contact Tom or the church office.

#### Weekly Happenings:

##### Sunday-

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- “Holy Grounds Café” is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-Noon-Worship Service

##### Tuesday-

Noon-2 p.m.-Prayer Team

Noon- Narcotics Anonymous

6 p.m.-Pain Management Group

##### Friday-

7 p.m.-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous

##### Saturday-

7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men’s Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship

10 a.m.-“Sowing Seeds of Hope” Crafting fellowship

##### Sunday

4 p.m.- “Grief Share”

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

### Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as we continue in to our series entitled “Freedom Experienced”.

Tuesday at 6 p.m., The Soul Sisters woman’s small group will be getting together at 1709 Yale Ave (Katharine Lane’s home). All ages are welcome to come.

Tuesday at 7 p.m. Our men’s ministry will be gathering in the Green Room at 7 p.m. for the “Brigade Meeting”.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. join us for mid-week Bible study, CCC offers classes for all ages. Also our, Chosen Generation, youth ministry meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Youth Sanctuary located in the downstairs portion of the east wing.

Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. our S.U.R.G.E- single’s ministry will be gathering at Bean’s World Cafe, 100 South Main Street for a night of fellowship and encouragement for single’s who love the Lord.

We serve a free fellowship breakfast each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Misfits Lounge.

Join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services.

We are located at 706 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street. For office hours contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015. You can also find us on Facebook: [facebook.com /CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring); or visit us at [www.ccbig-spring.org](http://www.ccbig-spring.org) if you would like more information.

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of BHDC invite you to Sunday worship

services at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Join us as we lift our hearts to God in adoration and praise for His love, mercy, and grace. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about BHDC contact Pastor Jim at: [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

### First Baptist Church

You’re invited to join us Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. as we gather to praise God for His faithfulness and unending love. We will partake in The Lord’s Supper during the service. Pastor Mark Lindsey will lead us in thanking God for the newness of life He offers through Jesus’ Resurrection. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: [fcbig-spring.org](http://fcbig-spring.org).

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday school groups meet throughout the building, with children’s classes on the first floor and youth, college students, and Adults on the second floor. Pastor Lindsey will start the ‘New Beginnings’ class this week during the Sunday school hour. Greeters can assist you in finding your class.

All area grade school children are invited to AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) at 5:30 p.m. This Bible based program is a fun time of games, stories, and songs; there is no fee to attend.

Also at 5:30 p.m., the acclaimed study ‘Financial Peace’ meets in the second floor youth department. Childcare is provided at the church.

Youth will gather at the Raffini’s at 6 p.m. for a time of fellowship, food, and Bible study. If you need a ride, the bus will leave the church at 5:50 p.m.

Evening worship service starts at 6 p.m. Tuesday you’re invited to join the Triple LLL (Living Longer and Loving It) group at noon in the church dining room. Enter through the east kitchen doors and bring a friend for a time of fellowship and a tasty lunch.

Tuesday night from 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. is the Bible study “Experiencing God” led by Pastor Lindsey. Enter through the west doors and turn right to find room 201.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., followed by children’s mission groups, Saturate Youth group, prayer time and adult Bible study; as well as Adult Choir practice.

For more information call 267-8223 or go to [fcbig-spring.org](http://fcbig-spring.org). FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

### Church of the Nazarene

Join us on Sunday morning as Pastor Cal leads the way on revolutionizing how church is being done.

During this Sunday’s message on movement, we will discuss being welcoming and welcoming people. Checkout #movement

You can also listen to any of our previous Sunday services by going to our webpage at [nazfamily.org](http://nazfamily.org). Look for the service notes on the YouVersion Bible app under live events.

We invite you to come check out all the remodeling that has taken place. If you would like to help with donations, please visit our website.

Sunday morning youth, adult and children’s classes at 9 a.m. throughout the campus. Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children’s church is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening youth activities begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesday nights we have weekly prayer starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children

# Did you ever wonder: Pharaoh's heart is hardened

God told Aaron to stretch out his staff and strike the dust of the land and the dust became a lice infestation. Remember that this lasted for seven days.

When it was over, the sorcerers tried, but they could not produce lice. The sorcerers said, "It is the finger of god!" But they used a generic word for god, for even Pharaoh believed there was a Creator of nature. This was the third plague.

For seven days they endured the lice; then for three weeks Moses warned that another plague was coming.

God told Moses, "Go to Pharaoh early tomorrow morning while he is at the River for his morning ritual." (Consider this... God knows your

most private thoughts and deeds.) "Tell Pharaoh to let My people go that they may serve Me. Or else tomorrow I will send a swarm of beasts on the land of Egypt." (This is the first time God told Moses when the plague would begin.)

"But I will make a distinction between My people and your people. I will set apart the land of Goshen and My people; there will be no swarm there."

This is the first time Scripture says that the Hebrew people are protected from God's plagues on Egypt.

We are not told that they escaped the first three plagues. We are not given a reason why.

Could it be that after 200 years of slavery in Egypt, some of the Hebrews had given up on God? Or that they had begun to divide their allegiance between God and the gods of the Egyptians? Did they need to experience a little of the wrath of God to

reaffirm that they worshipped God Almighty? Consider us! Have we divided our allegiance?

The next day a large swarm of wild beasts covered Egypt and the land was ruined. The animals also came into houses.

Let's stop again and consider. Scripture calls this a 'swarm of beasts,' we usually think of a 'swarm' as a dense infestation of insects. But insects are not called beasts.

But what kind of animals could this have been? The Hebrew words describe the destruction as trees stripped bare and crops destroyed, even infants snatched from their cradles.

Could it be that Scripture uses the term 'a swarm' because it was many kinds of animals, meat-eating as well as plant-eating?

After one day of this Pharaoh wanted to negotiate!

He would allow them to make offerings to their God, but the Hebrews

must remain where they were to do it.

Moses said it was not proper to worship their God in Egypt because the offering to Hashem was a lamb. The Egyptians worshipped a sheep-god! They would have mobbed the Hebrews for such a sacrifice! Moses referred to it as a deity of Egypt, literally 'abomination' of Egypt.

Then Pharaoh decided he would send the Children of Israel out into the wilderness. He wanted them to pray to their God for him, but they were not to leave Egypt!

Did you remember that in the beginning, God only asked Pharaoh to let His people make a three-day journey into the wilderness?

Moses said, "I will pray to God and the swarm will leave tomorrow." Again, Moses set it up so that Pharaoh could not say that a quirk of nature caused them to leave. This was the fourth plague.



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## First Presbyterian Church bidding farewell to long-time music director



Courtesy Photo

Michael Mitchell will be leaving the First Presbyterian Church after more than 20 years as the music director and organist.

Long-time First Presbyterian Church music director and organist will be leaving his position at the end of the month.

Michael D. Mitchell he has held since spring of 1994

traveling from Lubbock bi-weekly but his business is now requiring more of his attention so he tenured his registration to the church last month.

"His title does not give ade-

quate description of the many roles that he has played in the life of the church," said Nancy Koger, public relations representative for First Presbyterian Church. "He has guided in the making of the sanctuary into an acoustically vibrant room, in finding and restoring the chapel organ, in consulting on many of the liturgical and decorative items throughout the church, and in working to make worship services and music a compatible whole. Pastor Craig Holstedt, as well as former pastors, has said, 'Mike is not only our musician; he is like an associate pastor.'"

Mitchell graduated from Texas Tech in 1990 with a degree in architecture and a minor in music studies. He served as

musician; however, soon after college, he was hired as Interim Associate Director of Music at First Presbyterian in Midland. That led to his learning about the job in Big Spring and being introduced to our unique Petty-Madden organ.

While working part time as a musician, Mike designed residences and worked on selecting interior colors and furnishings. In 2005, he began renovating a few "starter" homes, which he sold and carried the financing for buyers, with the mission of helping people get out of the rent cycle and become able to own their own family home. This real estate business has grown, is now active in several states, and is now primarily involved in the acquisition of mortgage notes originated by other parties.

During his years of service, the architect/realtor/musician has made approximately 2,200 trips between Lubbock and Big Spring this last two decades.

"First Presbyterian has a dignified and meaningful service which has kept me engaged all of these years," he said. "The organ is simply amazing, with its size allowing for a huge dynamic range along with a tonal color palette found in very few instruments in the world. It has definitely been an extension

of my spirit."

The pressure of working at an expanding business and also planning and preparing music for worship every week has become overwhelming," Mitchell said.

"I like for things to be very well-planned and prepared and feel that I can't continue to offer that to the church," he states.

He plans to keep his organ skills available for use on a limited basis but expects to travel more than has been possible for the past 20 years.

"My years in Big Spring have been filled with joy, excitement, growth, learning, and beautiful worship experiences," Mitchell said. "This has been a fabulous congregation to work for, and I'm very grateful that God saw reason for our paths to cross. I wish amazing blessing for this church."

The last Sunday in October, the worship service will be a service of music to honor Mike, followed by a catered meal, as a tribute to him who has fed the church so well musically, Koger said.

"His playing and directing have encouraged the congregation to sing its praises," she added. "As the ancient proverb states, 'He who sings prays twice.' We pray God's blessings on Mike as we bid him a thankful farewell."

## CHURCH NEWS

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## 59th Annual St. Lawrence Fall Festival

Sunday, October 4, 2015

St. Lawrence Church ~ St. Thomas Mission

Diocese of San Angelo

Pastor ~ Father Raj

2400 FM 2401 ~ Garden City, Texas 79739

**Mass:** Will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in the church

**Location:** The St. Lawrence Church & Parish Hall are located 10 miles south of Garden City on Hwy. 33 then 5 miles West on Hwy. 2401 OR from Midland, travel east (toward Garden City/San Angelo on Hwy. 158 for 22 miles then turn south (right) at the blinking light onto Hwy. 137 (toward Big Lake), continue driving South for 14 miles, then turn East (left) onto Hwy. 2401 at the blinking light, continue driving East for 6 miles, the St. Lawrence Church Hall will be on the North (left) side of the highway.

**Meal:** Lunch will be served from 11:00-2:00 p.m. ONLY. The menu features Barbeque Brisket, Homemade German Sausage and all of the trimmings including homemade desserts (as well as diabetic desserts), tea, coffee or water. Sausage sandwiches and other food concessions will be available after 4:00 p.m. for purchase.

**Plates To Go:** Will also be available from 11-2.

**Meal Tickets:** Noon meal tickets can be purchased from 10:45 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. (Adult tickets will be \$12.00 each and tickets for children 12 and under will be \$10.00 each.

**Sausage:** Uncooked, Homemade German Sausage will be sold for \$7.00 per pound in the Sausage Haus with a minimum of 5 pounds please.

**Activities:** Various game booths including Grab Bag, Coke Ring Toss, Jumpy Houses, Duck Pond and many others will be open from 11:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. The **County Kitchen** will be stocked with local handcrafts, baked and canned goods, the **Religious Booth** will feature a wide variety of Religious Items for purchase and will open at 10:30 a.m. Balloon Artist, **Harlin Rhodes**, will be there showcasing his wonderful balloon creations. The booth tickets are \$.50 each and those tickets will be sold from 10:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m. The **Concession Stand** will be available throughout the day for refreshments. **Event T-Shirts** will be available for purchase as will the event decor.

**Bingo:** Will begin at 12 noon and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. under the church pavilion.

**Auctions:** There will be a **Silent Auction** from 10:30-2:30. The Live Auction will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. in the **Parish Hall**. Each auction will feature a wide array of unique items for purchase to the highest bidder.

**Reserved Parking:** Several handicap parking spaces will be available near the front entrance of the **Parish Hall**.

**Reserved Seating:** There will be reserved meal seating for our guests who need extra assistance as well as Senior Citizens.

We will be serving these visitors so they do not have to wait in line. Tickets for this service will be available outside the front door of the **Parish Hall**.

In the tradition of celebrating our community and heritage, we would like to extend a sincere invitation to all the join us in the farmlands of St. Lawrence for our annual Fall Festival!!! Please come see us as you enjoy a relaxing day with family and friends while experiencing the local cuisine and hospitality!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON  
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## REFLECTIONS: A Place To Rest

We live in a time-crunched world where life is lived on the run. Millions pull out of their driveways in the pre-dawn dark, grab a last-minute breakfast burrito and merge onto freeways while listening to the morning news and traffic reports between cell phone calls. It is a frenzied start to a frenzied day. Weary from long hours at work, the same drivers re-enter the stream of traffic making their way home past memorized billboards. Weekends are filled with a hundred errands, second jobs, T-ball, soccer, football. Church is squeezed into an already full schedule that has no



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margins. Richard Foster analyzed it like this: "We are trapped in a rat race, not just of acquiring money, but also of meeting family and business obligations. We pant through an endless series of appointments and duties. This problem is especially acute for those who want to do what is right. With frantic fidelity we respond to all calls to service, distressingly unable to distinguish the voice of Christ from that of human manipulators." We are increasingly depressed and suicidal. We have turned to alcohol and drugs in a desperate effort to cope. We know deep down that something isn't working. There must be a better way. Most people recognize the Ten Commandments as foundational to human conduct and life. But somewhere along the way we reduced the Ten Commandments

to nine. We eliminated the fourth commandment as irrelevant and archaic: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." A half-century ago, businesses were closed on Sunday and sporting events recognized Sunday as a day for worship. All that has changed. Today our calendars are filled up to a 24/7 frenzy. When Jesus said that man was not made for the Sabbath but the Sabbath was made for man, he affirmed the need for the Sabbath in our lives. He underscored the importance of the Sabbath to all of us for mental, emotional, spiritual and physical health. In his book, *Living the Sabbath, Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight*, Norman Wirzba writes, "Put simply, Sabbath discipline introduces us to God's own ways of joy and delight. ... When our work and our play, our exertion and our rest flow seamlessly from this deep desire to give thanks to

God, the totality of our living -- cooking, eating, cleaning, preaching, parenting, building, repairing, healing, creating -- becomes one sustained and ever expanding act of worship." Sabbath requires time for rest, silence, solitude and worship, but it is more than a day of rest. It is a way of life that is filled with wonder, worship, awe and delight. When Jesus declared himself the Lord of the Sabbath, he offered to us a better way. He said, "Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest to your souls."

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*

## Christian evangelicals in Jerusalem show love for Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) – Thousands of evangelical Christians from more than 80 countries descended upon Jerusalem this week to show their support for the Jewish state, including pilgrims and politicians from countries with a history of hostility toward Israel. The celebratory summit reflects evangelical Christianity's dramatic growth worldwide and gives a boost to Israel at a time when the country is increasingly isolated internationally.

Attitudes in Israel toward evangelicals are evolving, from skepticism about Christian Zionist motives, to the realization that Israel cannot survive on the support of diaspora Jewish communities alone and is in no position to turn down the potential political and tourism boost the Christians can provide. "Israel has no better friends throughout the world," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a videotaped address that was beamed to a Jerusalem basketball stadium packed with cheering pilgrims Tuesday. The gatherers waved flags from home countries such as Angola, Brazil, China, Germany, Italy and the U.S. There was even a small delegation from Egypt, a country that shares a cold peace with Israel.

Evangelical Christianity is one of the world's fastest growing religious movements. Of the world's estimated 2 billion Christians, some 700 million are evangelicals, according to the

pro-Israel International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, which organized the Jerusalem summit. Evangelical movements are expanding most prominently in Latin America, Africa and Asia regions that "hold great potential for the nation of Israel in political, diplomatic and economic terms," according to a position paper the group presented last year to Israel's Foreign Ministry.

The annual weeklong summit is billed as the Feast of Tabernacles, the Christian term for the weeklong Jewish holiday of Sukkot, which in biblical times was marked by a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. This year's gathering included rock concert prayer rallies in which believers sang Hebrew songs and an annual flag-waving parade through the streets of Jerusalem.

Evangelicals say their affinity for Israel stems from Christianity's Jewish roots and an anticipated Messianic age when all nations of the earth will flock to Jerusalem. Jews and Christians both believe in a future Messianic age, though Jews do not accept the Christian belief that Jesus is the Messiah.

"Jesus is Jewish. He's coming again," said Marilyn Henretty, 77, of Annandale, Virginia, from the bleachers of one of the week's prayer rallies, clasping a tambourine and wearing a 12-gemstone ring representing the 12 tribes of Israel. "We believe it's going to be soon. All signs point to that."

There has long been

suspicion in Israel that the evangelical bear hug is connected to a belief that the modern Jewish state is a precursor to the apocalypse when Jesus will return and Jews will either accept Christianity or die. Israel's Chief Rabbinate called on Jews to boycott an evangelical rally open to local Israelis this week, calling it "spiritually dangerous" and warning that evangelicals were trying to convert Jews to Christianity.

Israeli liberals are also uncomfortable with evangelicals because of their ties to America's political right and their support for Israel's settlement enterprise in the West Bank, a major sticking point in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Some evangelicals, particularly from the U.S., work as volunteers on Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

But suspicions are diminishing in Israel, especially as evangelical groups funnel hefty donations to Israel and evangelical representatives in Israel downplay the apocalypse, saying it is not a central tenant of faith for most of the world's evangelicals. "Or what makes them love Israel."

"We feel that their support is genuine and not deriving from any ulterior motive," said Akiva Tor of Israel's Foreign Ministry.

Israel has long depended on diaspora Jewish communities to send donations and lobby their local governments on its behalf, but evangelical communities are becoming increasingly important bases of support.

## The Latest: Women thrown off train say they were humiliated

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – The latest on a group of black women filing a lawsuit over their ejection from a Napa Valley Wine Train (All times local):

11:10 a.m. Nearly a dozen black women who were ejected from a Northern California wine country train this summer say they felt humiliated and can't believe they were treated that way in 2015.

Some of the women, tears in their eyes, spoke at a news conference Thursday, shortly after filing a racial discrimination lawsuit against the Napa Valley Wine Train.

The women say they were accused of being too loud and escorted off the train in August. They say they were paraded through rail cars and suffered the humiliation of having other passengers stare at them.

Their lawsuit says as they left the train, they saw white passengers who were loud and inebriated but had not been asked to leave.

Owners of the train say they've hired a retired FBI agent to investigate the women's claims.

9:30 a.m. Nearly a dozen black women ejected from a Northern California wine country train have filed a racial discrimination lawsuit.

The women say they were ejected from the Napa Valley Wine Train for laughing too loud during an afternoon excursion in August. The lawsuit seeks \$1 million each for the 11 women who claim they were humiliated and discriminated against when staff ordered them from the train after warning them several times to lower their voices.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday in San Francisco federal court.

"The number of Jewish communities is limited," Tor said. "When there are large numbers of Christians who are interested in visiting Israel and understanding Israel that of course is very, very helpful toward improving our international standing."

Evangelicals at the summit boasted of their success at lobbying on Israel's behalf in the halls of parliaments around the world.

There are currently 32 pro-Israeli caucuses in parliaments worldwide, according to the Israel Allies Foundation, a Jewish-Christian pro-Israel political group that brought two dozen lawmakers from 18 countries to Jerusalem this week to meet with Israeli lawmakers and officials.

The Israeli parliament's Christian Allies Caucus, formed in 2004 to forge ties between

Israeli lawmakers and Christian leaders, officially relaunched this summer after a period of dormancy. International Christian Embassy Jerusalem director Jurgen Buhler called it a "miracle."

At a prayer rally, Buhler introduced a group of 20 lawmakers from the Ivory Coast, which like most African nations broke ties with Israel in the 1970s but later restored them. The lawmakers flew to the Jerusalem summit on the Ivory Coast parliament's expense, Buhler said. The smiling lawmakers received a 12-ram's horn salute from a group of Taiwanese evangelicals blasting shofars, an ancient Jewish instrument.

Also in attendance was Rev. Mosy Madugba of Nigeria, head of a network of Christian ministers, who said his close

ties to Nigerian leaders helped change the country's traditional pro-Palestinian stance at the U.N. In recent years, Nigeria has abstained from supporting U.N. resolutions supporting Palestinian statehood.

Kenneth Meshoe, an evangelical South African lawmaker who heads the African Christian Democratic Party, said he has helped block anti-Israel motions in South Africa's parliament, including a recent effort to label Israeli products made in the West Bank as settlement products. His wife, Lydia, wore a bright yellow headdress and a Jewish Star of David necklace. Both said they hoped Jews would accept Jesus when the apocalypse comes.

"God will bless those who bless Israel," he added.

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# Rangers in playoffs, near AL West title after edging Angels

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The music was a little louder in the Texas clubhouse, and there was the faint smell of champagne.

Otherwise, the Rangers were still waiting on a bigger celebration — for winning the AL West.

Texas clinched a wildcard spot and moved to the cusp of the division title, with Adrian Beltre's three-run double backing Derek Holland in a 5-3 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Thursday night.

"We had a toast, yes," first-year manager Jeff Banister said. "We still have a mission to accomplish. And something that as a group of players we all talked about in spring training, when nobody else was talking about it but us."

The Rangers (87-72), in the playoffs for the first time since 2012 after an AL-worst 95 losses last season, are a win or a Houston loss away from their first division title since winning two straight and going to the World Series in 2010-11.

Texas, which fell to Tampa Bay in a playoff for a wildcard spot in 2013, lost ace Yu Darvish to season-ending elbow surgery in spring training and went 7-14 in April.

The Rangers were still eight games out on Aug. 2 but are now on the verge of becoming the fifth team in 40 years — and the first since the Twins in 2006 — to win

a division after trailing by that many games in August.

"We knew it was going to be a chance," said shortstop Elvis Andrus, who had a couple of tough plays among five straight balls late to help preserve the lead. "We talked to everybody, we've got 60-something games ahead. Baseball is so crazy. You don't know what's going to happen."

The Angels can't defend their AL West championship, but still have a shot at the second wildcard with three games left. Los Angeles (83-76) is a game behind the Astros and tied with Minnesota, which beat Cleveland 4-2.

Beltre, who had the second-most RBIs in the majors in September with 29, broke a 1-all tie with a bases-clearing double off Andrew Heaney (6-4) in the fifth. Beltre scored an insurance run after a leadoff single in the seventh.

"We obviously knew coming in we needed to win every game," said Heaney, who walked a career-high five and has just one win since July 26. "Obviously, that's frustrating for me to feel like I didn't give the team a chance to win."

Holland (4-3), who



Shawn Tolleson smiles as Elvis Andrus (center) and Rongned Odor prepare to soak him after Texas clinched a playoff spot.

missed most of the season with a left shoulder strain, allowed three hits and three runs in 6 1-3 innings for his first win since Sept. 5. The left-hander struck out six, including Kole Calhoun three times.

Calhoun also grounded out to Andrus against reliever Jake Diekmann with the tying run at third to end the seventh.

Sam Dyson pitched a perfect eighth with help from two strong defensive plays by Andrus, and closer Shawn Tolleson did the same in

the ninth for his 35th save in 37 chances.

Albert Pujols hit his 39th home run off Holland in the sixth. He doubled and scored the first run in the second.

### HOW ABOUT HAMILTON

Josh Hamilton made a running over-the-shoulder catch in left field as he went to his knees and crashed into the wall. The Texas slugger had arthroscopic surgery to clean up the meniscus in his left knee Sept. 11. It was his third game in the outfield since surgery.

The second-inning play turned what looked like an extra-base hit into a sacrifice fly for Shane Victorino, and Hamilton scrambled to his feet to get the ball back in. Pujols had to run in to third to tag up and barely beat the relay throw.

"It hurt, but it's fine," Hamilton said.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: Manager Mike Scioscia said closer Huston Street (groin) was still unavailable.

Rangers: Chirinos (left shoulder) started at catcher for the first

time since late July.

### UP NEXT

Angels: RHP Jered Weaver (7-12, 4.76 ERA) makes his second start of the season against the Rangers. He allowed one run on four hits in six innings in a no-decision when Texas won 2-1 on Sept. 5.

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (3-6, 4.77) has three straight wins over four starts at home, with a 2.28 ERA in those starts. He gave up two unearned runs in six innings of a 4-2 loss at start.

## Scoreboard

### BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	92	67	.579	—
y-New York	87	72	.547	5
Baltimore	78	81	.491	14
Boston	78	81	.491	14
Tampa Bay	78	81	.491	14

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Kansas City	92	67	.579	—
Minnesota	83	76	.522	9
Cleveland	78	80	.494	13½
Chicago	74	85	.465	18
Detroit	73	85	.462	18½

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Texas	87	72	.547	—
Houston	84	75	.528	3
Los Angeles	83	76	.522	4
Seattle	75	84	.472	12
Oakland	66	93	.415	21

z-clinched playoff berth

x-clinched division

y-clinched wild card

#### Wednesday's Games

Toronto 15, Baltimore 2, 1st game  
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 1, 1st game  
Boston 9, N.Y. Yankees 5, 11 innings

Oakland 8, L.A. Angels 7

Tampa Bay 6, Miami 4

Baltimore 8, Toronto 1, 2nd game

Cleveland 10, Minnesota 2, 2nd game

Texas 6, Detroit 2

Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 3, 10 innings

Houston 7, Seattle 6

#### Thursday's Games

Baltimore 6, Toronto 4

N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 1

Tampa Bay 4, Miami 1

Minnesota 4, Cleveland 2

Texas 5, L.A. Angels 3

Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 4

#### Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (L. Severino 5-3) at Baltimore (W. Chen 10-8), 7:05 p.m.

Boston (Owens 4-3) at Cleveland (Tomlin 6-2), 7:10 p.m.

Toronto (Buehrle 14-7) at Tampa Bay (E. Ramirez 11-6), 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Weaver 7-12) at Texas (M. Perez 3-6), 8:05 p.m.

Detroit (Simon 13-11) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 12-11), 8:10 p.m.

Kansas City (C. Young 11-6) at Minnesota (E. Santana 7-4), 8:10 p.m.

Houston (Keuchel 19-8) at Arizona (R. De La Rosa 14-8), 9:40 p.m.

Oakland (Brooks 2-4) at Seattle (Iwakuma 9-5), 10:10 p.m.

#### Saturday's Games

Kansas City (Ventura 12-8) at Minnesota (Milone 9-5), 1:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Santiago 9-9) at Texas (Lewis 17-9), 1:05 p.m.

Toronto (Estrada 13-8) at Tampa Bay (Archer 12-13), 6:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Undecided) at Baltimore (U. Jimenez 12-10), 7:05 p.m.

Boston (Undecided) at Cleveland (Kluber 8-16), 7:10 p.m.

Detroit (Verlander 5-8) at Chicago White Sox (E. Johnson 3-1), 7:10 p.m.

Houston (McHugh 18-7) at Arizona (Hellickson 9-11), 8:10 p.m.

Oakland (Nolin 1-2) at Seattle (Elias 5-8), 9:10 p.m.

#### Sunday's Games

L.A. Angels (Tropeano 3-2) at Texas (Hamels 6-1), 3:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 12-9) at Baltimore (Tillman 10-11), 3:05 p.m.

Boston (Porcello 9-14) at Cleveland (Salazar 13-10), 3:10 p.m.

Detroit (Da. Norris 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Montas 0-1), 3:10 p.m.

Houston (McCullers 6-7) at Arizona (Chacin 2-1), 3:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Cueto 3-7) at Minnesota (Undecided), 3:10 p.m.

Oakland (Doubtront 3-3) at Seattle (Nuno 1-4), 3:10 p.m.

Toronto (Undecided) at Tampa Bay (M. Moore 2-4), 3:10 p.m.

End of Regular Season

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### East Division

x-New York 89 70 .560 —

Washington 81 78 .509 8

Miami 69 90 .434 20

Atlanta 64 95 .403 25

Philadelphia 62 97 .390 27

#### Central Division

x-St. Louis 100 59 .629 —

y-Pittsburgh 96 63 .604 4

y-Chicago 94 65 .591 6

Milwaukee 68 91 .428 32

Cincinnati 63 96 .396 37

#### West Division

x-Los Angeles 89 70 .560 —

San Francisco 83 76 .522 6

Arizona 78 81 .491 11

San Diego 74 85 .465 15

Colorado 66 93 .415 23

21-6) at Milwaukee (A. Pena 2-0), 8:10 p.m.

Houston (Keuchel 19-8) at Arizona (R. De La Rosa 14-8), 9:40 p.m.

San Diego (C. Kelly 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (A. Wood 11-12), 10:10 p.m.

Colorado (K. Kendrick 6-13) at San Francisco (Heston 12-10), 10:15 p.m.

#### Saturday's Games

Colorado (Rusin 6-9) at San Francisco (Peavy 7-6), 4:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Finnegan 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 9-6), 7:05 p.m.

Miami (Koehler 11-14) at Philadelphia (Undecided), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 7-7) at Milwaukee (Wagner 0-1), 7:10 p.m.

St. Louis (Lacey 13-9) at Atlanta (S. Miller 5-17), 7:10 p.m.

Washington (Scherzer 13-12) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 13-7), 7:10 p.m.

Houston (McHugh 18-7) at Arizona (Hellickson 9-11), 8:10 p.m.

San Diego (Erlin 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 18-3), 9:10 p.m.

#### Sunday's Games

Cincinnati (Jos. Smith 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Happ 6-2), 3:05 p.m.

Colorado (Bergman 3-1) at San Francisco (Y. Petit 1-1), 3:05 p.m.

Miami (Conley 4-1) at Philadelphia (D. Buchanan 2-9), 3:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Lynn 12-10) at Atlanta (Wisler 7-8), 3:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Haren 10-9) at Milwaukee (Jo. Lopez 1-0), 3:10 p.m.

Houston (McCullers 6-7) at Arizona (Chacin 2-1), 3:10 p.m.

San Diego (Shields 13-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 16-7), 3:10 p.m.

Washington (Roark 4-7) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 4-0), 3:10 p.m.

End of Regular Season

#### Transactions

##### BASEBALL

MLB — Suspended New York Mets RHP Hansel Robles three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch in the head area of Philadelphia's Cameron Rupp during a Sept. 30 game.

##### National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Promoted John Coppolella to general manager.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Announced the retirement of LHP Jeremy Affeldt.

##### Atlantic League

AL — Approved a franchise based in New Britain, Conn. to begin play in April, 2016.

##### BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS — Signed G Steffon Hannah.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Announced coach Steve Kerr will take a leave of absence to recover from back surgery. Named Luke Walton interim coach.

Women's National Basketball Association

CONNECTICUT SUN — Announced the resignation of coach Anne Donovan.

##### FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Paul Dunn assistant offensive line coach. Signed OL Erle Ladson to the practice squad. Released QB Matt Blanchard from the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS — Agreed to terms with OT Tyler Polumbus a one-year contract. Released S Josh Bush.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released WR Fred Williams from the practice squad. Signed WR Kenny Cook to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — S Brock Vereen to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Acquired DL Akiem Hicks from New Orleans for

TE Michael Hoomanawanui.

Signed DL Khyri Thornton from the practice squad.

Signed DB Brandon Dixon, OL Sean Hickey, WR Austin Hill and LB Eric Martin to the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed RB Mike James to the practice squad. Released LB Orle Lemon from the practice squad.

##### HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled F Brandon Mashinter and D Ville Pokka from Rockford (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned G Jared Coreau to Grand Rapids (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Claimed LW Chris Porter off waivers from Philadelphia.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Assigned F Cody Bass to Milwaukee (AHL).

##### SOCCER

Major League Soccer

FC DALLAS — Promoted Luchi Gonzalez to academy director.

##### North American Soccer League

NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed F Kharlton Belmar on loan from Portland (USL).

##### COLLEGE

ALBANY (NY) — Announced the resignation

men's associate head basketball coach Chad O'Donnell.

HOLY CROSS — Named Parker Hansen director of ticket sales and operations.

IOWA — Signed wrestling coach Tom Brands to a three-year contract extension through 2019-20.

LEES-MCRAE — Named Brian Jorgensen assistant cycling coach.

NORTH CAROLINA — Announced junior LB Joe Jackson has decided to stop playing football because of a neck injury.

TCU — Reinstated senior DE Mike Tuaua and freshman WR Andre Petties-Wilson from suspension.



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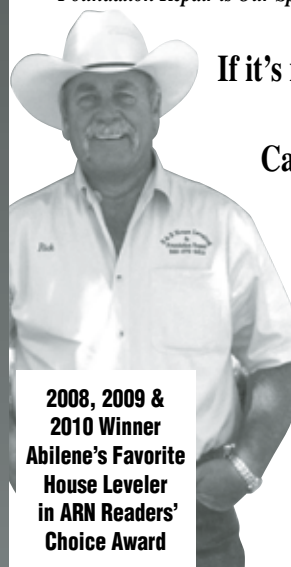
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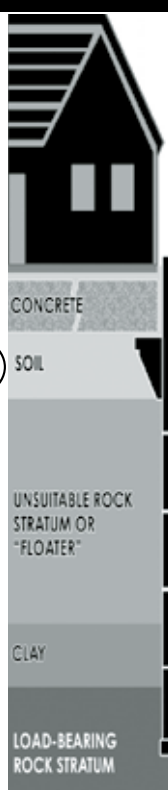
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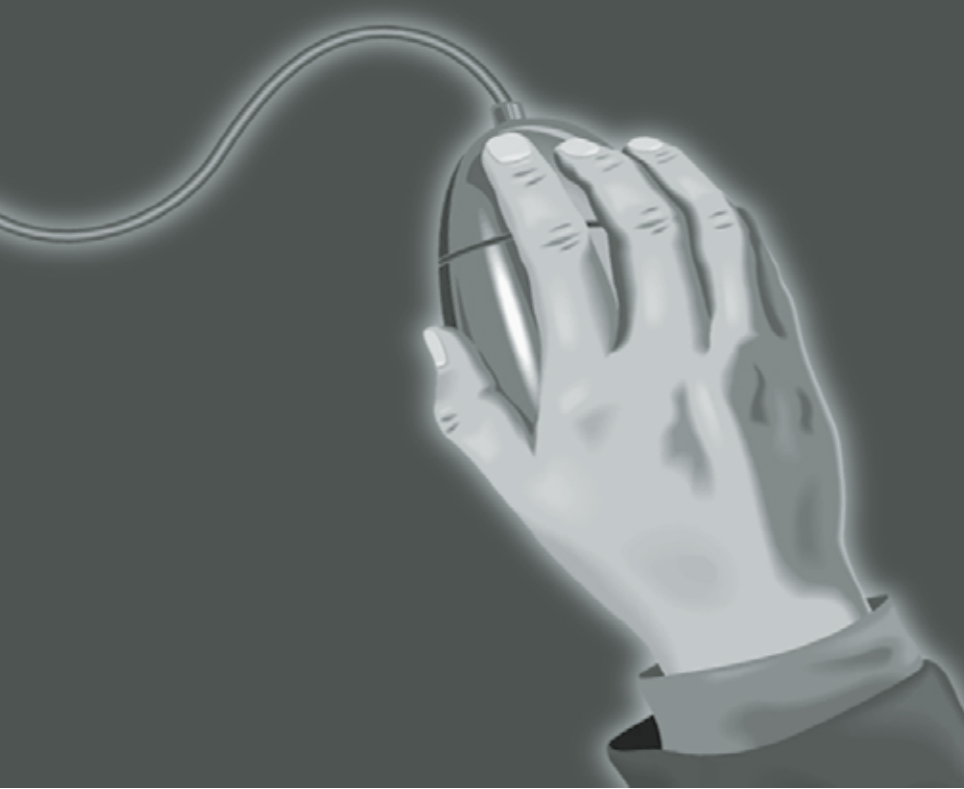
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**Air-Sign Levity**

The moon and the sun auspiciously angling each other in air signs

lends a levity to the atmosphere fitting for a Friday night. Dates, football games, forays into the fantasy world of movies -- all are favored activities under these social stars. Forget your worries and cares, and remember the importance of fun.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your current inner circle is so demanding that you're hesitant to make efforts to establish new friendships. However, the benefits to widening that circle will be numerous and definite.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Retrospect makes the good times seem better and the bad times seem worse. However you're thinking about it now, don't act on those sentimental feelings you're having.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You think

you're not ready, but it's time, so just do it. Maybe it's something to do with your gravity-defying air-signness, but quite often, when you fail, you fail upward. That will happen again today.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Yes, what happens to you is far less important than what you take from the experience. Then again, the take-away has a tendency to get delayed like mismarked mail. In the meantime, talk about what happened.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). While the benefits to working with a crack team are enormous, the best way to earn a place in such a group is by putting in the kind of solitary practice and study time that you'll put in today.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Too much generosity and agreeableness can actually work against a relationship. It is possible to take too much responsibility or give way more than the other person, thus stunting the relationship. Lopsided wheels don't roll.

**LIBRA** (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). The need for balance and justice will once again compel you to make gestures of diplomacy. This will include defusing a tense situation and/or helping a group find their common goals.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Learning to be a leader who can inspire and motivate others is among the most valuable skills you can pick up these days. That way, when you rebel against your own authority, you'll know how to handle it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Recent changes that your loved one has made will really take some getting used to. Then again, others have had to get used to all the changes you've made along the way, too. This is just a matter of taking turns.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some have a loneliness about them that never seems to abate. Even through smiles, conversation and laughter, loneliness remains the ghosted image over their being.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). The critics are out today, and they'll join the trolls under the bridge to add just enough validity to comments to make for a barbed landing. But if you never take it personally, you'll never get hurt.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You might notice that you've come full circle, and though it comes with a twinge of mixed emotion, you can take heart that it's not the end of the journey. That's the thing about circles.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 2). You're becoming like the person you admired way back. Starting in January, the road to success might jiggle your bones and rattle your teeth, but that won't stop you from arriving in March, road-weary and yet victorious, at success's gate. Push through and accept the destiny that has always been yours. Virgo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 14, 38, 21 and 9.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES:

Your unconscious efforts may be even more effective than your conscious ones. Trust yourself. **TAURUS:** What's happening in your love life is a reflection of what's going on inside you. **GEMINI:** The know-it-all who is trying to impress you is probably turning you off instead. **CANCER:** What is the thing that triggered your waning enthusiasm for another? Make note of it; it will be on the test later. **LEO:** The love gods are entranced by your passion. That is why they favor you. **VIRGO:** Brilliant friendships don't necessarily make brilliant love connections. **LIBRA:** If you can see past the big talkers, your eyes will likely land on the modest, under-confident someone who could really help you most now. **SCORPIO:** Instead of trying to help people, focus your efforts on one person. The rest of the world will be better for it. **SAGITTARIUS:** Stand in the pretty light both figuratively and actually. **CAPRICORN:** As for that person who keeps messing up,

at least he or she is unlikely to pass judgment when it's your turn to make mistakes. **AQUARIUS:** You're no stranger to the pleasure of being in the right. **PISCES:** A nice time just isn't enough for you these days. If you don't have a blast, you'll be unlikely to try it again.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The dance of Gemini and Libra is choreographed in the moment, a spontaneous exchange of equally skilled social creatures whose exchange is the stuff of birds, happening midflight. Without binoculars, the outsider would find it hard to tell the difference between fighting and flirting, but these two aren't the least bit worried about what outsiders think. Their shared connection is too intoxicating.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I are in our late 50s and have been married for 26 years. I have had the privilege of not needing to hold an outside job since I married, allowing me to be a stay-at-home mom and raise our kids, who are now grown and out of the house.

My husband and I have always been careful with our money, eating out perhaps once a month. We are easily entertained at home. His parents, who have now passed on, lived like paupers. However, upon their passing, they were able to distribute a lot of their wealth to their two sons and five grandkids. The money allowed us to pay off our mortgage and buy some stocks.

My parents, on the other hand, have blown through retirement payouts and the reverse mortgage they took out on their home. My mom has always demanded the best, whether it is fine linens or a pair of jeans. It is beneath her to shop at a discount store. I now face their failing health and am angry about their poor financial planning. Whatever extra money my husband and I have come from his parents' estate, and I agree with him that

this money should not be spent on my parents.

Am I a bad daughter not to help them financially? They dug their own hole. My dad won't even file the paperwork for being a veteran. Having them live with us when their money runs out is not an option. My mother has tried to make me feel guilty saying, "Well, I got a job to provide for MY mother." Her other saying is "The Lord will provide." I think the Lord will provide a state-run nursing home. What do you say? -- Not My Parents' Savior

**Dear Not:** You do not have to use your in-laws' money to provide for your profligate parents. Nonetheless, that doesn't mean you should abandon them altogether. If Dad needs help (or encouragement) to fill out forms, surely you can do that for him. You might also offer financial advice, helping them take steps to put away any remaining income. But you are fortunate that there are facilities that will accept and care for your parents when they are infirm and run out of money, and you can visit often.

**Dear Annie:** I have a friend who, after using her dinner knife

to cut salad or other items with dressing, sauce, gravy, etc., wipes the knife with her mouth. I have seen her do this in fine restaurants and I cringe every time.

How can I tell her how crude this is without offending her? -- Anonymous, Please

**Dear Anonymous:** Correcting another adult's manners is problematic. Being able to do so without offense depends upon your friend's sense of humor and willingness to accept criticism. You can say, "Judy, aren't you afraid you will cut your tongue doing that? Please stop, for my sake. I cringe every time for fear there

will be blood." But if you don't think she will be amenable, we recommend you grit your teeth and ignore it as best you can.

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MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY READING



By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South in each of the following three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

- 1. ♠ KQ1095 ♥ Q83 ♦ 4 ♣ KJ83  
East South West North  
Pass Pass Pass 1♥  
Pass ?
- 2. ♠ 5 ♥ K76432 ♦ KQ643 ♣ 10  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass  
3♥ Pass ?
- 3. ♠ 96 ♥ KQ52 ♦ A943 ♣ 874  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass  
2NT Pass ?

**1. Two spades.** The partner of a player who passed originally is not bound by the rules that govern most bidding sequences. For example, if South responds with only one spade after passing initially, North is not forced to bid again, since he knows South lacked the values for an opening bid. North may therefore decide that game is impossible and pass.  
For this reason, it is best to jump-shift to two spades with the given hand to inform partner that there is a good chance for game despite your previous pass. A one-spade response would be correct if partner had opened with one diamond, which would diminish the value of your hand, but opposite a one-heart opening, your chances for game rise tremendously. The two-spade bid,

which can be passed if partner has minimal values, shows five very good spades and implies some heart support, since with poor heart support your hand could not have improved enough for a jump-response. Partner then does whatever his hand calls for.

**2. Four notrump.** The number of tricks you can make depends solely on how many aces partner has, so this is an ideal time for Blackwood. If partner bids five hearts, showing two aces, you will pass. If he bids five spades, showing three aces, you'll bid six hearts. And if he happens to bid five clubs, which in this sequence would indicate all four aces, you'll bid a grand slam.

Partner's actual point count (or yours, for that matter) is not the critical factor in unbalanced hands. Once he indicates four trumps by jumping to three hearts, the number of aces he has will tell you just how far to go.

**3. Three notrump.** It is not necessary or desirable to show your diamond support by bidding three diamonds. You have a notrump type of hand and partner has one also, so the best thing to do is to take the short route to game in notrump. Five diamonds would probably be harder to make than three notrump, and a slam is very unlikely, so no effort in that direction should be made by bidding three diamonds.

Tomorrow: It's so easy to go wrong.  
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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 box.

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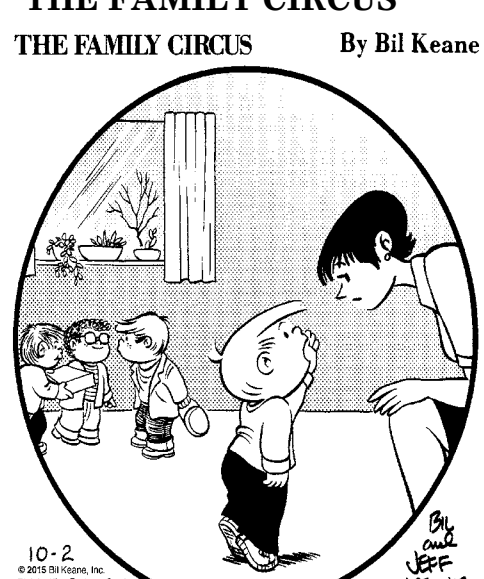
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5 :PM	News	Hotel	Two Men	News	Tele	News	Zola Lev.	PBS News-Hour	CHiPs	American	Seinfeld	Uimon Hounsou (DVS)	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	Tailgate Texas	Law & Order: SVU	Criminal Minds	Edge of Alaska
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1 :AM	Last Man Standing	Corona de lágrimas	Paid	Insider	Paid	Ent	Paid											

DENNIS THE MENACE



"BUT JUST THINK OF ALL THE WATER WE'RE SAVIN'!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



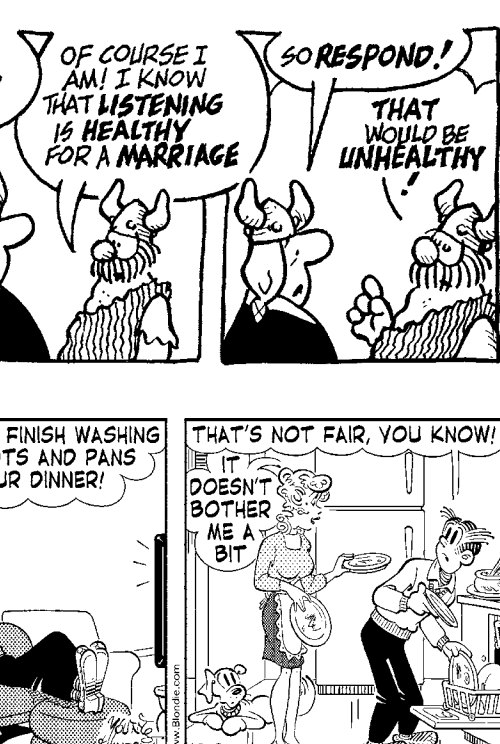
"Mommy, don't call me 'sweetheart' or 'love' while the guys are here. Just call me 'Big Bill,' okay?"

HAGAR



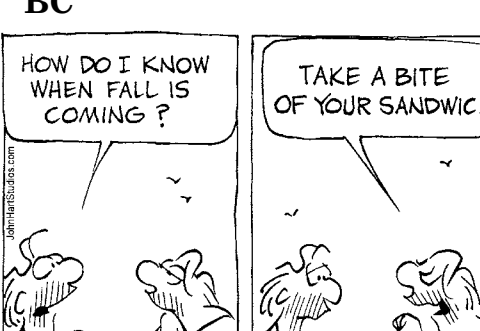
DO YOU THINK I'M BEAUTIFUL? HAGAR! YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME! OF COURSE I AM! I KNOW THAT LISTENING IS HEALTHY FOR A MARRIAGE SO RESPOND! THAT WOULD BE UNHEALTHY

BLONDIE



HONEY! HAVE YOU SEEN THE REMOTE?! AS SOON AS I FINISH WASHING ALL THE POTS AND PANS FROM OUR DINNER! THAT'S NOT FAIR, YOU KNOW! IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME A BIT

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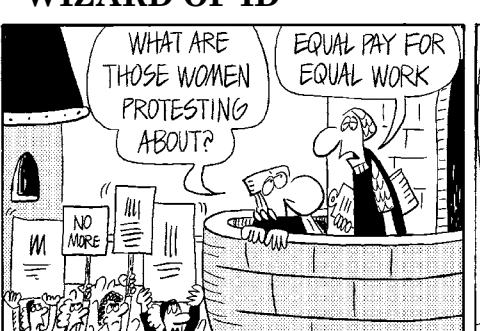


HOW DO I KNOW WHEN FALL IS COMING? TAKE A BITE OF YOUR SANDWICH.



IS IT PUMPKIN FLAVORED? NO. YOU STILL GOT A FEW WEEKS.

WIZARD OF ID



WHAT ARE THOSE WOMEN PROTESTING ABOUT? EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK



WE STILL DON'T GIVE WOMEN EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK? NOPE. WHAT IS THIS, THE DARK AGES?

AGNES

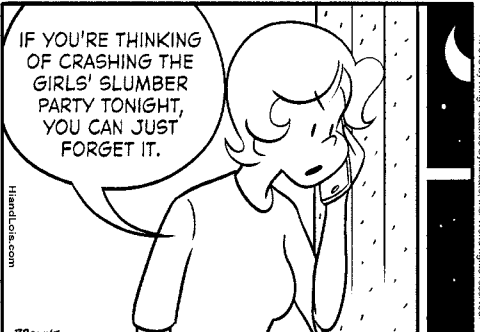


IS THAT A BIRDHOUSE? IT WAS GOING TO BE.



BUT WITH NO COHESIVE PLAN AND NO APPRECIABLE TOOLS, IT IS NOW A ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG-STYLE "ASSEMBLY"... QUIRKY AND WONDERFULLY WHIMSICAL. OK... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE A PRETTY COOL BIRDHOUSE. YES, IT'S A BIRDHOUSE.

HI AND LOIS

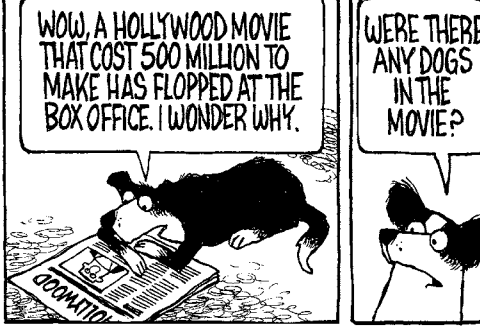


IF YOU'RE THINKING OF CRASHING THE GIRLS' SLUMBER PARTY TONIGHT, YOU CAN JUST FORGET IT.

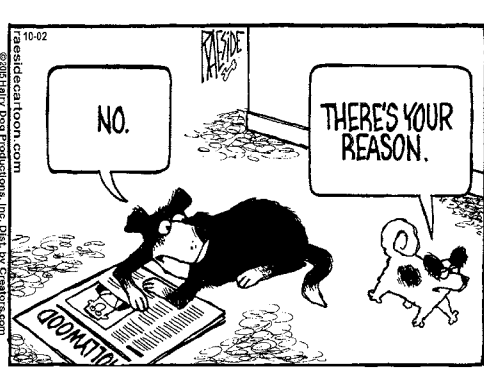


BIG MOTHER IS WATCHING ME.

THE OTHER COAST

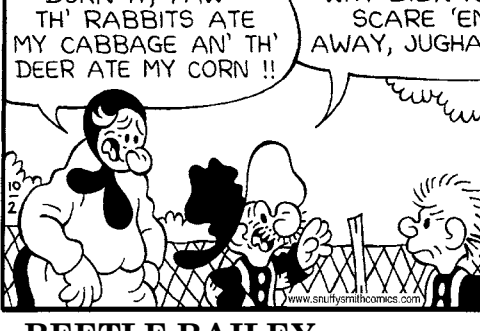


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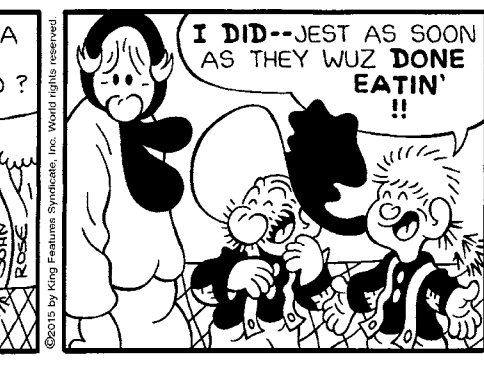


WERE THERE ANY DOGS IN THE MOVIE? NO. THERE'S YOUR REASON.

SNUFFY SMITH

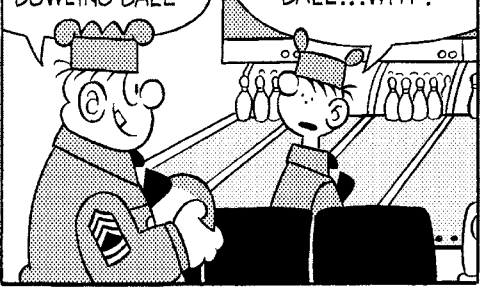


DURN IT, PAW--TH' RABBITS ATE MY CABBAGE AN' TH' DEER ATE MY CORN !!



I DID--JEST AS SOON AS THEY WUZ DONE EATIN' !!

BETLE BAILEY



I GOT A NEW BOWLING BALL. A FLESH-COLORED BALL... WHY?



I THINK IT WILL HELP ME THROW HARDER!

This Date In History

Today is Friday, October 2, the 275th day of 2015. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 2, 1885, actor Rock Hudson, 59, died at his home in Beverly Hills, California, after battling AIDS.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, New York, during the Revolutionary War.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers fought Mexican soldiers near the Guadalupe River; the Mexicans ended up withdrawing.

In 1890, comedian Groucho Marx was born Julius Marx in New York.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

In 1939, the Benny Goodman Sextet (which included Lionel Hampton) made their first recording, "Flying Home," for Columbia.

In 1944, German troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people had been killed.

In 1955, the suspense anthology "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally welcomed Japan's Emperor Hirohito to the United States during a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House.

In 1990, the Senate voted 90-9 to confirm the nomination of Judge David H. Souter to the Supreme Court.

In 2002, the Washington D.C.-area sniper attacks began, setting off a frantic manhunt lasting three weeks. (John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were finally arrested for 10 killings and three woundings; Muhammad was executed in 2009; Malvo was sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2009, the International Olympic Committee, meeting in Copenhagen, chose Rio de Janeiro to be the site of the 2016 Summer Olympics; Chicago was eliminated in the first round, despite a last-minute in-person appeal by President Barack Obama.

Ten years ago: A tour boat, the Ethan allen, capsized on New York's Lake George, killing 20 elderly passengers. Playwright August Wilson died in Seattle at age 60. Actor-comedian Nipsey Russell died in New York at age 87.

Five years ago: A coalition of progressive and civil rights groups marched by the thousands on the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., pledging to support Democrats struggling to keep power on Capitol Hill.

One year ago: President Barack Obama acknowledged his pivotal role in the midterm political campaign, arguing in a speech at Northwestern University that the November congressional elections were a referendum on his economic policies and blaming Republicans for blocking his efforts to boost wages and create more jobs. Hong Kong's embattled leader, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, refused demands by pro-democracy protesters to step down.

Thought for Today:  
"There's one way to find out if a man is honest. Ask him. If he says 'yes' you know he is a crook."  
Groucho Marx (1890-1977).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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# Ravens revitalized after 23-20 overtime win against Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — John Harbaugh considered going for it. Joe Flacco had other ideas.

Why risk extending the worst start in Baltimore Ravens' history when you've got a kicker with one of the best legs in the game waiting to go do his job?

So Harbaugh — not for the first time — listened to his quarterback. And Justin Tucker — not for the first time — sent the Ravens sprinting off the field in triumph.

Tucker drilled a 52-yard through the tricky Heinz Field winds with 5:08 left in overtime to give Baltimore its first victory of the season, 23-20 over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Thursday night. Tucker's 42-yarder with 3 seconds left sent the game to the extra period and his winner was good all the way.

"It's one of the most electric stadiums to play in in the NFL," Tucker said. "So to be able to come in and win in such a dramatic fashion with just a consummate team ef-

fort, it's really special." The Ravens, desperately trying to avoid a hole that would all but end their playoff hopes a quarter of the way into the season, responded emphatically while rallying from a 13-point second-half deficit. Justin Forsett ran for 150 yards for Baltimore. Flacco threw a touchdown pass and did just enough late, though Baltimore (1-3) got plenty of help from the Steelers (2-2).

"The finish is what counts," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "The finish is what our guys were able to accomplish."

The Steelers, not so much. Kicker Josh Scobee, acquired from Jacksonville in August after injuries to Shaun Suisham and Garrett Hartley, had two chances to give Pittsburgh some cushion late in the fourth quarter only to pull both kicks wide left.

"It's pretty frustrating," Scobee said. "I feel like I let the team down. It's not something I ever want to remember doing. It's just a bad feel-

ing." One he might not get a chance to shake with the Steelers after coach Mike Tomlin promised to "turn the stones over" in an effort to get back on track.

"We have to find ways to win games," Tomlin said. "Obviously, (kicking) is an element of it. It was an element of the outcome tonight."

Some other takeaways from one of the weirder entries in one of the league's most heated rivalries:

**FOURTH-DOWN FLUBS:** Scobee's botched kicks forced Tomlin to change tactics in overtime. Twice the Steelers faced fourth downs at the edge of Scobee's range. Twice Tomlin opted to go for it. Twice the Steelers put the ball in the hands of backup quarterback Michael Vick rather than running back Le'Veon Bell. Twice the Ravens came up with the stop

"When you lose, you're open to criticism," Tomlin said. "We lost, so I'm not going to try to justify anything

that we did." **RUN FORSETT RUN:** An inability to get anything going on the ground was a major factor in Baltimore's winless September. Forsett helped change that with his first 100-yard game of the season, including a 33-yard sprint that kickstarted the Ravens' comeback.

**VICK'S RETURN:** The four-time Pro Bowl quarterback showed brief flashes of his old self while taking over for injured Ben Roethlisberger. Vick completed 19 of 26 passes for 124 yards and a score but was also sacked four times and the Steelers converted just 2 of 13 third downs.

"I'm trying to fill in for Ben and it's a difficult task," Vick said. "I was up for it. I was excited for it. I haven't felt this pain in a long time."

**SKID STOPPED:** A loss would dropped the Ravens to 0-4, a mark only one team has ever recovered from to make the postseason. Tucker's blast gives them momentum and a few extra days to prepare for

Cleveland on Oct. 11. "We know where we're at," Harbaugh said. "We know what we have to overcome. You can't get two until you get one. This one was a long time coming."

**CHOICE WORDS:** Ravens wide receiver Steve Smith caught four passes for 24 yards before leaving in the second half with a back contusion and a bad taste in his mouth. Smith said Steelers safety Mike Mitchell — a former teammate when both players were in Carolina — started jawing at him as Smith slowly made his way to the sideline after getting hurt, something Smith didn't exactly need to hear.

"After he hit me he said 'How do you like that?'" Smith said. "The best thing I could do without threatening him and saying that I will assault you when I see him is saying I look forward to playing him again and he's on my lifetime hit list."

The rematch is in Baltimore on Dec. 27.

# Yankees clinch playoff spot after 2-year absence, top Boston

NEW YORK (AP) — CC Sabathia stood near his locker in the back of the oval Yankees clubhouse while excited teammates celebrated New York's return to the postseason.

"It feels like an eternity," the big left-hander said, not trying to hide his relief.

With some help from the one of the old guard, the next generation of Yankees will have a chance to make their mark in the playoffs.

Ending a rare two-year absence from the postseason, New York clinched a wild-card berth with three games to spare by beating the Boston Red Sox 4-1 Thursday night for the franchise's 10,000th regular-season win.

Putting behind the venerated teams of Derek Jeter and Mariano

Rivera, New York (87-72) opens its 52nd postseason with a winner-take-all game on Tuesday.

Alex Rodriguez and the Yankees most likely will face Houston (84-75) — which leads the race for the second wild card — or the Angels or Minnesota (83-76), tied a game behind the Astros.

"We'll never forget what Derek did for this organization," manager Joe Girardi said, "but you have to move on. Yogi retired. Mickey Mantle retired and Joe D retired — all these guys, they were great players, but the Yankees continued to win."

Masahiro Tanaka is lined up to pitch the wild-card game, with the winner advancing to a Division Series against East champion Toronto or Central win-

ner Kansas City.

Carlos Beltran homered along with rookies Greg Bird and Rob Refsnyder on a drizzly, chilly evening that made sultry summer days seem long ago. Sabathia (6-10) allowed one run in five innings to win for the second time since the All-Star break.

New York had failed to reach the playoffs in consecutive years for the first time since its 1982-93 drought, just before the start of a golden age that included five World Series titles and seven AL pennants from 1996-2009.

But these Yankees bear little resemblance to even their last postseason team of 36 months ago. Among the players swept by Detroit in the 2012 AL Championship Series, only Rodriguez, Brett Gardner, Mark

Teixeira and Sabathia remain, and Teixeira will miss this postseason because of a broken leg.

Now Beltran, Jacoby Ellsbury, Chase Headley, Brian McCann and Didi Gregorius support a creaky starting rotation, a strong back end of the bullpen and sputtering middle relievers. The 40-year-old Rodriguez played a big part, too, hitting 33 home runs after serving a drug suspension last season.

"It's kind of fitting that the 10,000th win clinches a postseason berth," Gardner said.

After Dellin Betances

struck out Josh Rutledge to end it, the Yankees jogged onto the field to congratulate each other, along the lines of a normal win. Rookie catcher John Ryan Murphy and Betances did a little jumping, and the crowd — which seemed less than half the 40,033 tickets sold for the first night of October baseball — stood and applauded.

Players then put on goggles in the clubhouse as they sprayed non-vintage Chandon Brut Classic.

While the Yankees poured bubbly on their navy carpet for the first

time since beating Baltimore in the 2012 Division Series, a wild card isn't what they expected. New York led the AL East by seven games before play on July 29 but has been a .500 club since then. The Yankees had never before failed to finish first in a season in which they led by more than six games.

"These guys to me did it a lot on just heart and hard work," Girardi said. "We had a lot of injuries. We have age on this team. We dealt with a lot of stuff. But they always kept fighting and they always seemed to be bounce back."

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