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Students getting more time off

ISD trustees tweak school calendar, add teacher work days

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Students in the Big Spring Independent School District will be getting a little more time off this academic year thanks to changes at the state level in student attendance policy.

Big Spring ISD board members approved changes in the 2015-2016 school district calendar adding two more professional development days for teachers and four more flex days — days used for student instructional remediation — during their monthly meeting Thursday night.

“Students now have to have 75,600 minutes in school instead of a 175 days so we’re in school much more than those 75,600 minutes,” explained BSISD Superintendent Chris Wigington. “We are using those extra days to help our teachers with some professional development days and

our some of our kiddos who needed extra help.”

In other business, trustees met for about 45 minutes in closed session to consult with their lawyers over two ongoing litigation issues — a lawsuit filed by local residents Ronnie and Tammy Landis and a contract dispute

and possible litigation with AT&T.

The Landis, owners of a residence near Goliad Elementary School, filed a law suit on Aug. 1, 2013 in the 118th District Court against Big Spring Independent School District.

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Town hall tonight

Candidate to meet public at 6 p.m.

Congressional candidate and conservative Republican Greg Garrett will be in Big Spring on Friday, Jan. 15 to host a town hall forum to discuss his background as well as topics ranging from immigration and national security to religious liberty and Second Amendment rights.

Garrett’s forum is part of a district tour to visit all 29 counties in congressional district



Garrett

19.

“As a lifelong conservative and a successful businessman, I feel I have the experience and values necessary to represent West Texas in Congress,” said Garrett in a press release.

Garrett is a native West Texan as well as president and CEO of

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Jim Ingle of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Inland Fisheries Division releases a netful of rainbow trout into Comanche Trail Lake Thursday morning.

4K trout released into city lake

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

If you don’t mind the cool temperatures, the fish are biting at Comanche Trail Lake.

Officials with the Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department’s Inland Fisheries Division completed their second local rainbow trout release Thursday, bringing the number of scaly new inhabitants at the lake to more than 4,000.

TPW’s John Ingle said the release is

aimed at increasing winter fishing opportunities for local families.

“A lot of fish breeds aren’t really biting during the winter, but these rainbow trout are much more susceptible

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Meet the new doc



Courtesy photo

Dr. Vernon Johnson addresses the crowd during a meet-and-greet event at the Hotel Settles Thursday. Dr. Johnson is one of five new Family Medical Center healthcare providers introduced at the event. See related story, Page 3.

Ag luncheon pulls curtain on stock show

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The community will come together Saturday to thank those who work hard to feed and clothe us at the Big Spring Chamber Ag Appreciation Day luncheon.

This year the luncheon has been combined with the Howard County Junior Livestock Show buyers barbecue dinner and will be held at 11 a.m. in the GC Broughton Ag Complex located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The luncheon is free to the community.

During the event, the Ag Producer and Ag Business of the Year will be announced.

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Obituaries

Hugh Leon Kerby



Hugh Leon Kerby, 88, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1927, in Howard County, Texas and married Nellie Mae Moorhead on October 16, 1954. She was the love of his life for 61 years. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was the youngest son of Hugh Smith Kerby and Edna Carter Kerby. He was a member of the Vincent Baptist Church. He played fast pitch softball for many years and mentored many young students on how to pitch and bat in his backyard as well as his own children. He loved to bowl for many years. He won many tournaments in the Champion Southwest Amateur Bowlers Association. His first perfect game of 300 was on Sept. 10, 1989.

He worked for Flemming Oil Company which later became Walsh and Watts Oil Company for 37 years.

He always had a garden. He built the Midway Beauty Shop and was always building and fixing everything. He built his own gas cement mixer and

a tractor. If he needed it, he built it. For many, many years people would call on Leon.

He loved to go to his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids ballgames. Everyone, even coaches were thankful that he was always video taping the games.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Hugh S. and Edna Carter Kerby; four sisters; three brothers; many nieces and nephews; and one grandson: Wesley Kerby.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie Mae Kerby of Howard County; son, Troy Leon Kerby and his wife Cindy of Coahoma; daughter, Gayla Jane Coleman and her husband Reggie of Oklahoma City; his grandchildren, Hiliary Kolb and her husband Michael, Dana Lamon and her husband Jay, Misty Baker, Aaron Coleman and his wife Sarah, Angel Tschetter and her husband Mark, Blaine Kerby, Krista Carson and her husband Lee, Bryson Kerby and Nevaeh Kerby; and seven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be William Latimer, Guy Hodnett, Blaine Kerby, Reggie Coleman, Craig Wallace, and Dicky Stone. Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Morehead, Bryson Kerby, Glen Hughes, Steve Newton, and Ron Westbrook.

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

Paid Obit

Marylou Lankford



Marylou Lankford, 74, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Spring Creek Fellowship.

She was born Dec. 21, 1941 in Alliance, Ohio to Mary and William Davidson. She moved to Big Spring in 2008 from Midland. She had a bachelor's

degree in general business and accounting. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by six children: Brenda Beckstine; Dennis Temple, John Stiffler, Oscar Stiffler, Scott Stiffler, and Janet Milburn; three sisters: June Bugara, Dorothy Richards and April Dyer; one brother: Bud Davidson; and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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

Wanda Horton



Wanda Horton, 94, of Georgetown, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel in Big Spring.

She was born April 1, 1921 in Madill, Okla. and married James Horton May 11, 1940 in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death March 27, 2005.

She survived by one son, Jimmy Horton and wife, Samantha of Big Spring; two daughters, Nora

Boiles and husband, Troy of San Angelo, and Jo Ann Armstrong of Georgetown; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Cecil Pearce, R. C. Pearce, Clyde Pearce and Leonard Pearce; and three sisters, Quita Shryack, Billie Bullock and Lela Mae Davidson.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org or to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program %Vicki Stewart, 6 Coachman Circle, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Police / Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **WALTER BRYCE-JAURHON GREEN**, 22, of 110 E. 11th Place was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **TONY LYNN MODISETTE**, 51, of 2608 Albrook Dr. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL PACE**, 43, of 3405 Hali Rd. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated - 2nd offense.
- **AUDREY JOAN LICON**, 37, of 1607 E. 17th St. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, more than 3 grams but less than 28 grams; possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of a dangerous drug and a warrant from another agency.
- **JOHN CARLOS LOPEZ**, 28, of 1301 Settles St. was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention and four warrants from other agencies.
- **DAVID GONZALES JR.**, 19, of 102 N.W. 4th St. was arrested on a warrant for speeding.
- **RICHARD LEONARD MOYA**, 41, of 1218 E. 15th St. was arrested on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **BRODY ERIC GUTIERREZ**, 23, of 109 Wildfire Rd. was arrested on three warrants from another agency.
- **DEREK PATRICK WARD**, 23, of 2005 Morrison Dr. was arrested on a charge of possession of mari-

juana, less than 2 ounces.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook Dr.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 3400 block of Airport St. and the 1400 block of Nolan St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, the 1000 block of S. Gregg St. and the 200 block of Pine Rd.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd Ave.

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

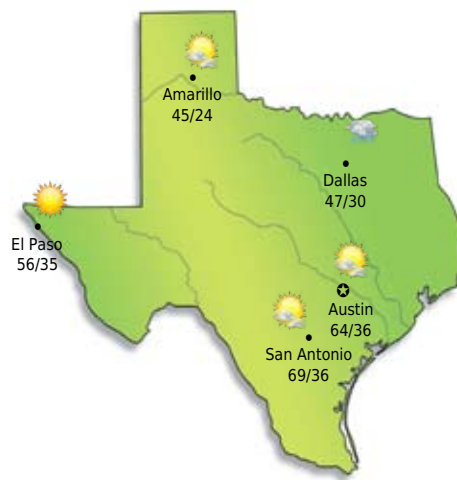
Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DAVID GONZALES JR.**, 22, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for speeding over the limit.
- **WALTER BRYCE GREEN**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant of theft of services, more than \$20 but less than \$500.
- **BRODY ERIC GUTIERREZ**, 23, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for speeding, failure to control speed, violate promise to appear and a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **JOAN AUDREY LICON**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for fraud and charges of posses-

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 1/16	Sun 1/17	Mon 1/18	Tue 1/19	Wed 1/20
46/30 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 46F. Winds N at 15 to 25 mph.	59/28 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	54/36 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	64/34 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	62/38 Cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:07 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:08 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	62	40	Sunny	Kingsville	76	47	Sunny
Amarillo	51	28	Sunny	Livingston	67	43	Sunny
Austin	68	44	Sunny	Longview	63	39	Sunny
Beaumont	70	44	P Cloudy	Lubbock	59	29	Sunny
Brownsville	79	56	Sunny	Lufkin	66	41	Sunny
Brownwood	66	39	M Sunny	Midland	65	42	Sunny
Corpus Christi	72	52	Sunny	Raymondville	80	55	M Sunny
Corsicana	63	41	Sunny	Rosenberg	69	45	P Cloudy
Dallas	62	39	P Cloudy	San Antonio	72	44	Sunny
Del Rio	72	44	Sunny	San Marcos	68	42	Sunny
El Paso	61	39	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	61	37	Sunny
Fort Stockton	68	44	Sunny	Sweetwater	60	39	Sunny
Gainesville	58	36	Sunny	Tyler	63	37	Sunny
Greenville	61	36	Sunny	Weatherford	61	38	Sunny
Houston	71	45	M Sunny	Wichita Falls	58	38	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	51	44	Showers	Miami	77	64	Cloudy
Boston	39	38	Cloudy	Minneapolis	20	-5	Cloudy
Chicago	42	24	Showers	New York	49	42	Sunny
Dallas	62	39	P Cloudy	Phoenix	63	42	Cloudy
Denver	37	14	M Cloudy	San Francisco	58	51	Cloudy
Houston	47	22	M Cloudy	Seattle	49	41	Cloudy
Los Angeles	64	49	Cloudy	Saint Louis	47	22	Light Rain

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 16	Jan 24	Feb 1	Feb 8

UV Index

Sat 1/16	Sun 1/17	Mon 1/18	Tue 1/19	Wed 1/20
3	4	4	4	2
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low

sion of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, more than 3 grams but less than 28 grams and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **JOHN CARLOS LOPEZ**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for bondsman off bond - evading arrest/detention, failure to appear and bondsman off bond - possession of marijuana; charges of evading arrest/detention and bondsman off bond - unlawful possession of a firearm.

• **RICHARD LEONARD MOYA**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **BRANDON EUGENE OWENS**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for bondsman off bond - driving while intoxicated - open container and bail jumping and failure to appear.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 23:
Silver Wings Ball:
Hotel Settles.
Contact 432-264-1999 or
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Feb. 13:
Run 2 to Love 2
Run 5k:
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Feb. 16:
Big Spring Chamber
Annual Banquet:
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Take note

Big Spring Little League will be holding signups for the upcoming season each Saturday on Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6 at the Springtown Plaza right next to the movie theater from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also Monday – Friday, Feb. 1 to Feb. 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$90 per child, ages 4 – 16 and you must provide a birth certificate.

MLK Walk

A march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan 18 on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The march will commence at the corner of Gregg St. and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Youth organization and other groups are welcome. Please bring your favorite lighting devices to light your path.

Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

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

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6

p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Volunteer opportunities

• 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.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best

interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

Silver Wings Ball

• The largest fundraiser for the Hangar 25 Air Museum, the Silver Wings Ball will be held at the Hotel Settles, Jan. 23, 2016. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from any board member. To find out more information or to become a sponsor for the event, contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

How to help

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

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

Youth activities

• 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.

FMC hosts meet-and-greet

Family Medical Center hosted a Meet and Greet Thursday night at the Hotel Settles for eight primary care providers.

"We are excited to see our family practice base grow and are ready to introduce our new providers to the community," Mitzi Knight, FMC Practice Manager said. "We grew from having 13 providers to 18 providers throughout the total FMC family."

New providers include: Family Nurse Practitioners Leslie Berry, Brandi Webb and Tommy Chang; Dr. Vernon Johnson and Dr. Clark McDaniel also joined the FMC group.

"All of the providers — new and existing — have a strong desire to help the community maintain a healthy lifestyle and are looking forward to getting involved in the community," Knight said.

— Julie Bass

ISD

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Lee Lewis Construction, and John Doe Nos. 1-5. The original petition claims the "defendants were negligent in the design of the school ground (Goliad Elementary School) by failing to design the school property to prevent flooding."

That petition was dismissed by the court against Big Spring ISD on April 9, 2014, and the Landis have appealed the decision. According to BSISD officials, a trial date has been not been set.

Also during the meeting, trustees approved:

• An agreement with the city to hold joint council and trustee elections in May.

• A contract with the Howard County Election Administrator's office to conduct the school board trustee election for May 7, 2016.

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

TROUT

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to being caught in the winter months," Ingle said. "We call it 'put in and take out' fishing: We put the fish in the lake so that people can take them out."

Now that the fish are there, just how do you go about getting them to bite on your line this winter?

Ingle said the best

time to fish for the trout is under low-light conditions, "but they can be caught throughout the day."

Small inline spinners are popular among trout fishermen, as are salmon eggs and trout power bait, he added.

There is no length limit, although fishermen cannot bag more than five trout at a time. And, of course, adults are required to purchase a fishing license (those aged 17 and under aren't

required to have a license).

TPW partnered with the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau for the fish release — CVB financed roughly half of the fish purchase, while the state department provided for the other half.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

GARRETT

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Platinum Bank and a local realtor in Lubbock.

Garrett joins nine other Republican candidates who have filed to run for Texas' 19th congressional district seat. Other candidates include Glen Robertson, Jodey Arrington, Donald May, Michael Bob

Starr, Derenda Warren, Don Parrish, Jason Corley, and John Key.

Last summer, Congressman Randy Neugebauer announced he would not be seeking reelection in November.

The town hall forum will be held in the Howard College Cactus Room at 1001 Birdwell Lane from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15.

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Opinion

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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All across America last weekend, panicked drug users rushed to their dealers to stock up on marijuana, heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine for fear of running out. The arrest of Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman, head of the biggest drug cartel in Mexico, was sure to cause a sudden shortage of illegal substances in this country.



STEVE CHAPMAN

That’s right. And I’m Queen Latifah.

In reality, the capture of the narcotics kingpin is likely to have about as much impact on drug supplies as Martian solar storms do. You wouldn’t expect long lines at the gas pump if the CEO of Exxon Mobil were suddenly unavailable, because the company, its retailers and its suppliers would go on functioning.

The same holds for the Sinaloa drug operation. It no doubt has a succession plan -- Guzman was in prison for more than a year before he made a notorious escape last year -- and plenty of experience in dealing with the loss of key managers to murder and other unwanted events. Not many people in the drug trade last long enough to collect a gold watch.

The cartel’s vast network of growers, smugglers and retail sellers will continue their operations largely unimpeded. “I have a fleet of submarines, airplanes, trucks and boats,” Guzman told Sean Penn shortly before being caught, and they are not going to be parked for the duration.

A bad man who has allegedly killed thousands of people in the course of business is now in custody, where his opportunities for murder will be far more limited. But anyone who expects

this welcome development to mark a turning point in the war on drugs has to be smoking something. Fighting this trade is like mowing dandelions. It makes the lawn look better for the moment, but they grow back and keep spreading.

The current issue of The Atlantic has a sobering article by David Epstein, published before Guzman’s arrest, on how, in 2005, the Drug Enforcement Administration managed to capture Javier Arellano, who ran another Mexican drug cartel, the Arellano Felix Organization (AFO).

“Javier’s arrest would be hailed by officials in the (United) States as a decisive victory in what may have been the longest active case in the DEA’s history -- a rare triumph in the War on Drugs,” he writes. “We feel like we’ve taken the head off the snake,” the agency’s chief of operations announced.

But there were plenty more serpents under that rock. “Far from stopping the flow of

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drugs, taking out the AFO only cleared territory for” (where have I heard this name before?) “Joaquin Guzman Loera -- aka ‘El Chapo’ -- and his now nearly unstoppable Sinaloa cartel,” Epstein reports. “One agent who spent years on the case told me, ‘There are more drugs coming across the border than ever.’”

The supply of drugs in the United States is not likely to change because Guzman was caught. The volume of bloodshed in Mexico, however, may -- and not for the better. Anything that disrupts the operations of one

cartel creates an opportunity for others to snatch some of its business -- a process that often involves killing rivals in the sadistic ways that distinguish Mexican drug traffickers.

Ted Galen Carpenter, a foreign policy analyst for the libertarian Cato Institute and author of “The Fire Next Door: Mexico’s Drug Violence and the Danger to America,” tells me, “It could lead to greater disorder and an upsurge of violence after a few years of relative stability.”

If we truly want to hurt the major drug traffickers, there is a simple way: legalize the use, sale and production of marijuana.

A large share of their revenue comes from cannabis, and the United States is their biggest market. The legalization of recreational weed in Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and the District of Columbia, Carpenter says, “has already put a dent in the revenue flows of the Mexican cartels.”

California, which already allows marijuana for medical purposes, is expected to have a ballot initiative in November to legalize it for mere pleasure. If it were to be approved, says Carpenter, the effect on the drug cartels “would be the equivalent of sinking the Titanic.” Who would buy illegal pot from El Chapo if they could buy the legal stuff from a reputable American company -- or grow it themselves without fear of going to jail?

El Chapo is someone the Sinaloa cartel can replace. American consumers? Losing those could be fatal.

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DAILY PRAYER

You, Lord, can make our life successful.

Amen

Ambassador is a dangerous job

When Thomas E. McNamara arrived in Colombia as U.S. ambassador in 1988,

he encountered a hit list issued by narco-terrorist Pablo Escobar. “I was No. 1,” he recalls. “Ambassadors tend to get that kind of attention.”

On a different mission to confer with Lebanese government officials, McNamara was greeted with “a welcome-to-Beirut mortar and artillery barrage,” which landed in the parking lot outside the building. “We picked up papers and went to the basement, where there was a secure bunker,” McNamara, later named ambassador-at-large for counterterrorism, told me.

No, being a professional foreign service officer is not all about cocktails in Paris, London and Rome. In fact, little of it is. Most members of the U.S. foreign service serve in harsh parts of the world. And much of their job centers on going into dangerous countryside where they’re exposed to some who would do them harm.

Since World War II, at least eight ambassadors have died from hostile action, as opposed to three flag officers — that is, generals and admirals. From 1979 to 2009, some 96 American foreign service members died in attacks.

Which brings us to the Sept. 11, 2012, murders of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans in Benghazi, Libya. The attacks on our diplomatic compound in Benghazi were a tragedy for everyone, but to professional foreign service officers, the politicization of

them was a disgrace.

Blaming then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for security lapses in Benghazi is outrageous, McNamara said, emphasizing that he never worked for her. The secretary of state is not personally involved in such matters.

“Those congressmen wouldn’t give a damn about the death of Americans in Benghazi if they didn’t think they could make political capital out of it,” McNamara angrily added.

Many Americans still regard formal diplomacy as a frilly European thing.

That’s partly a hangover from the 18th and 19th centuries, when only the wealthy were

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sent to foreign posts because the pay was so low. Since then, the foreign service has become a meritocracy, dependent on tough entrance exams.

A new PBS documentary, “America’s Diplomats,” tries to explain the history and mission of the foreign service.

“It’s easy to understand the 101st Airborne when they go out and they win a big battle for America,” former Secretary of State James Baker says in the film. “It’s not as easy to understand the battles that are won every day in the field by America’s diplomats abroad.”

Thousands of those battles



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involve helping Americans do business abroad. Example: Some years ago, the European Union issued new rules governing the size of motorcycle engines. Purportedly intended to make motorcycling safer, the regulations had the effect of freezing out one U.S. manufacturer, Harley-Davidson. American diplomats who had developed relationships with European officials negotiated for some minor technical changes in the rules. Harley was in.

And there were major humanitarian breakthroughs. As a special envoy, the late Richard Holbrooke led a tireless campaign to end the bloodshed in Bosnia. When Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic wouldn’t let Holbrooke and his team securely land in Sarajevo, the group drove a perilous mountain road to get there. One vehicle transporting team members rolled down a mountainside. All aboard died.

But American diplomacy eventually won out. The 1995 Dayton Accords ended Europe’s worst human calamity since World War II.

Many worry that the political circus around Benghazi will deter American officials from taking risks in the name of diplomacy. That would deny America its first line of defense. The best way to honor Stevens would be as a patriot-diplomat who accepted risk in service to his country.

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The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."
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Did you ever wonder: Who is Amalek?

Last week did you have to search to find who Amalek was? Amalek was a strong leader of Esau's tribe.

In Ex 17:14 God said, "I will surely erase the memory of Amalek from under the heavens." But He didn't say when! Amalek's descendants are recorded in the Bible many times as enemies of Israel - attacking, betraying, harassing.

In Num 24:20 Balaam prophesied that Amalek is the first among nations; but its end will be eternal destruction." The scholars understand this to mean "first to attack Israel; first in military power; first in intense evil."



EUNICE
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Deut 25:17 - 19 records Moses' charge to the Israelites when they were about to cross the Jordan River to conquer the Canaanites.

"Remember what Amalek did to you (at Rehidim) - wipe out the memory of Amalek from under the heaven - you shall not forget!"

This sounds to me as if Amalek had decidedly rejected God in his heart and had already been judged.

In the Book of Judges, when Gideon was judging Israel, the people strayed from worshipping God alone. God used the Amalekites to punish them.

In I Samuel 15 God sent Samuel, the Prophet, to tell King Saul to make war on Amalek and destroy every living thing in his camp. Saul destroyed almost all the people. But Agag king of Amalek, and the best of the livestock he kept alive. Samuel killed Agag as God had ordered, but

God rejected Saul as king of Israel because of his disobedience.

Years later Saul received a deadly wound in battle and was in the agony of death. Ironically it was a young Amalekite who delivered the death blow that ended his pain.

Amalekites were among the people defeated by David in his battles when he conquered the land that God had promised to Abraham.

First Chronicles 4:43 says that during the time of Hezekiah, King of Israel, the tribe of Simeon attacked the remnant of Amalek who had escaped.

In the Book of Esther, Israel was conquered by the Babylonians, and many captives were taken to Persia. Several years later, the young Hebrew maiden, named Esther, became Queen. Haman, an advisor to the King, hated the Hebrews. He contrived a plan to dupe the king

into having them all killed. Haman was a descendant of Agag, the Amalekite! Haman did not know that Queen Esther was a Jew; he just hated Jews!

This hatred of Jews or Hebrews could be traced back to Amalek's rejection of God. If God has claimed a people to be His Children, God's enemy would naturally hate them. Harassing God's people was sort of like shaking a stick toward Heaven... like saying to God, "See what I did to your children!"

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Church News

First Baptist Church - Big Spring

Psalm 65:11 tells us 'God has crowned the year with His goodness and abundance', and we invite you to join us Sunday at 10:50 a.m. as we worship and thank God for His unceasing kindness. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "New Year's Revolution" which challenges us to trust God's power, ability, and strength to transform our lives rather than 'resolving' to bring about change by trusting in ourselves. Drawn from 1 Corinthians 15:17, the message is titled "Restore Us Again", and we will marvel at the source of all hope which is found in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to attend, please worship with us through the live stream on our website at: fcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. come be a part of a Sunday school group, which is a great way to study God's Word and form friendships. Children gather in the Good News Garage on the first floor, while youth, college students, and adults meet throughout the second floor. Greeters are available to help you find your class and direct you to coffee.

Sunday night service begins at 6 p.m., and Pastor Lindsey's evening message is titled "The Life and Ministry of Jesus". This series focuses on the parables and miracles of Jesus as told through the eyes of (His disciple) Matthew.

We're excited to see what God is doing through our Children's Ministry under the direction of Justin Green who recently joined the FBC staff. Justin encourages you to contact him at 267-8223 with questions or to find out how you can support this program. All area children (and their families) are invited.

Jan. 29-31 is Discipleship Now (DNOW) weekend retreat for youth. All area teens are encouraged to sign up for this special time of spiritual growth and fellowship. Total cost is 25.00; scholarships are available through the church. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for more information.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5-6 p.m., followed by prayer time and adult Bible study, adult worship choir, saturate youth group, and children's mission groups. Come in the east kitchen doors, and join us Jan. 20 for meatloaf.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church encourage you to gather with them in worship of The Living Hope,

Jesus Christ. Sunday service is at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Select the time that is best for you and join BHDC in a blessed time of praising God and learning from His Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

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Sunday service begins at 10:50 a.m. so that concerns and announcements can be taken care of before the radio broadcast.

The lectionary for Sunday is Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 36: 5-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will offer "Come, Let Us Sing: by Jody Lindh as the offertory anthem.

During worship last Sunday, Paula Farquhar, Tom Koger and Mark Morgan were installed as elders and Louise Hitch was ordained and installed. John Yater will be installed at a later date.

Claudie Patterson is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. January ushers are Susan Holstedt, Lane Reynolds, David Wilson and Paxchal Odom. Rip Patterson and Jim Little are Lectors for the month.

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, will meet at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. The Children's Choir rehearsal is at 4:30 p.m., the Young Women's choir is at 5:15 p.m., the Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m.

The Youth Handbells will practice at 6 p.m. on Sunday, but the Male Chorus will not resume rehearsals until Jan. 24.

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 at www.bpcbs.org. Our website has a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. Like us on Facebook.

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Cornerstone Covenant Church invites you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship, praise and worship, and the Word of God.

In January, we ask that each day for the first 21

days you take a portion of your day for a time of fasting and prayer.

Monday at 6 p.m. The Soul Sisters woman's small group will be starting "The Armor of God series" by Pricilla Shirer at 1709 Yale Ave (Kathryn Lane's home). All ages are welcome.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. Join us for our mid-week worship service in the main sanctuary as we worship, fellowship and spend time in the word and in prayer.

Sunday, Jan. 31 at 10:30 a.m. Join CCC for the Bountiful Blessings Sunday.

On Sundays from Feb. 7 -28 at 9 a.m. our "Receiving the Vision Course" will start a new class. If you would like to attend or know more about this course and/or about Cornerstone Covenant Church and the vision for this ministry, contact the member services/Human Resource director, Valerie, at 432-264-0015.

Monday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. Our Far above Rubies woman's small group will gather in the Green Room. Bring a dish to share.

Please join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other question about the ministry contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015. Find us on Facebook at Facebook.com/cccbigspring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship

A new session of our Chronic Pain Management group begin Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Join us for a "United Night of Worship" Sunday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the City Auditorium. This is a combined effort between Spring Creek Fellowship, Family Faith Center, Cornerstone Church and Life Church coming together to provide an amazing night of worship for the whole community.

If you are interested in attending the Marriage Conference at Gateway Church February 12-13, contact Lloyd or Chelsea Wells for more information.

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. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreek-fellowship.org.

First Church of the Nazarene

We are continuing the series this week called "Church & Culture." Sunday, Pastor Cal will be talking about using culture to help us understand our need for God using Acts 17:16-34. It's going to be a fun series.

Check out all of our small groups by visiting our website at nazfamily.org. We have a lot of exciting groups for you to choose from throughout the week.

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.



Courtesy Photo

Local teens and sponsors enjoy a fun game at (2015) 'Discipleship-Now' youth retreat. First Baptist Church invites all area youth to attend D-NOW 2016 January 29-31. Call FBC at 267-8223 to register your teenagers.

United we stand ...

You know the rest of it, don't you? We all understand the importance of unity in many aspects of our lives. On the job, if everyone is not working toward the same goal, then it makes it harder to fulfill the expectations of the company. In our families, when parents are not "on the same page," it makes it more difficult on everyone, especially the kids.

Our country is not as united as it used to be either. Many of the principles within the founding documents have been abandoned or changed. The principle is found within the name of our country, the United States of America. We began as a group of colonies/states that joined together for a common cause and a shared goal. That unity was sometimes strained and it was understood that there must be a foundation and a standard upon which unity must be based.

What about when it comes to religion? Is the world united on religious beliefs? If you watch

any news at all, you know how ridiculous that question is. Of course not! Well, why not? Because the various religious groups do not stand upon the same foundation and follow the same standard.

In Psalm 133, David wrote, *Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore* (ESV).

David understood the peace and the blessings that come with unity. In his poem he alludes to the standard of unity at that time. The standard was God's law. Aaron was the first high priest under the old covenant. David knew that God's people must be united in God's word in order to fully realize that peace and blessing.

For those of us who profess to follow Jesus, what is the foundation and standard that we should be united upon? Jesus said that he came to fulfill the Law of Moses (Matthew 5:17). The writer of Hebrews states that Jesus came to do the will of God which involved doing away with the first (Law of Moses) in order to establish the second

(Hebrews 10:9). God's word, specifically the Law of Christ, should be the standard for the Christian.

But as we see in "Christendom" that is easier said than done. We must build upon the same foundation. We must look to the same standard. Christians need to look at their beliefs and their practices and compare them to the Scriptures, especially the last will and testament of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hebrews 9:15-17). What if one or more of my traditions contradicts Scripture? Does God's word change? 1 Peter 1:24-25, for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you (ESV).

Unity is possible! Jesus prayed that all his followers would be united (John 17:20-21). Paul urged Christians not to be divided (1 Corinthians 1:10-13) and to strive and endeavor to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). May our prayer be the Lord's prayer and may our actions be towards the unity of the saints and not division.

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



GREG SURLES

CHURCH NEWS

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Children's Church at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday nights we have weekly prayer starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of our service.

Contact the church office at 432-267-7015 if you have any questions, or visit us in the glass class following Sunday Service to sit and visit.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Sunday:
Bible study - 9 a.m.
Worship - 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies class - 9:30 a.m.
Bible study and devotional - 7 p.m.
Birdwell Lane Church of Christ is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will begin a new message series on the topic of salvation. We will be going back to basics and will begin with asking the

question, "How Am I Saved?" The message comes from Luke 23:39-43.

Sunday School begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m.

Our new Sunday evening study is called "Does This Mean Me?" It will deal with discerning which passages in the Bible are descriptive stories, which are instructions for us in the modern day, and which are exemplary to apply to our lives.

Regular youth and children's activities have resumed on Wednesday afternoons. 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. We also have a Bible study geared toward adults.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Christian Church

Our church doors open every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for Fellowship with coffee and donuts. Our Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and our Worship begins at 10:50

a.m.

This Sunday we will hear from our Guest Minister, Joel Miller who will tell us about Jesus being the "Good Shepherd". Our Liturgist will be Joyce Davis who will read our Scripture, John 10:11 - 18.

Enhancing our worship with hymns like "I Love To Tell The Story" and "Love Divine" are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and accompanist Lawrence Thibeault.

At First Christian Church we celebrate an open table at communion and all are welcomed to partake. Serving at our table will be Shelane Robert and Dan Miracle as our Elders and Shirley Lee and Ken Johnson will serve as Deacons. Each are very loyal and faithful members whom we invite you to meet.

If you have any questions regarding our services Isaiah 58, or if you just need someone to pray with you, please call our office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday 432-517-4821.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Golia Street, Big Spring.

Average age of new US moms at all-time high, now over 26

NEW YORK (AP)—The average age of first-time mothers is at an all-time high in the U.S., over 26.

The change is largely due to a big drop in teen births. But more first births to older women also are tugging the number up, said T.J. Mathews of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

He's the lead author of a report released Thursday that put the average age at 26 years, 4 months for women who had their first child in 2014. The government began tracking the age of new mothers around 1970 when the average was 21. It's been mostly climbing ever since, and spiked in about the last five years.

The number rocketed immediately after a 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion, which is used mostly by young unmarried women. Also fueling the rise were improvements in birth control and greater opportunities for women, experts said.

"Women are staying in school longer, they're going into the workforce, they're waiting to get married, and they're waiting to have kids," said John Santelli, a Columbia University professor of population and family health.

"It's been going on in the U.S. since the 1950s," and in many other countries as well, he added. Overall, the average

age of first-time moms has been rising in every racial and ethnic group, and in every state. Since 2000, some of the most dramatic increases were for black mothers and for moms living along the West Coast. However, the Northeast still has the highest average ages.


Topping the list are Massachusetts and the District of Columbia, each at about 29, and Connecticut and New York, at or near 28.

In New York's Park Slope neighborhood in Brooklyn - an enclave for families with young children - older moms are common.

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We invite you to join us for a morning of uplifting music and timely messages from God's word.

Spring Creek Fellowship is located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT						
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE						
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015						
Data	10	50	60	Total		
Control	General	Debt Service	Capital	Other	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Fund	Projects	Funds	Funds	
REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 40,345,947	\$ 2,776,330	\$ 49,046	\$ 68,863	\$ 43,240,186
5800	State Program Revenues	392,978	-	-	24,092	418,070
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	-	-	160,218	160,218
5020	Total Revenues	40,738,925	2,776,330	49,046	253,173	43,818,474
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	2,914,006	-	-	94,546	3,008,552
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	46,714	-	-	-	46,714
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,614	-	-	-	3,614
0023	School Leadership	268,704	-	-	-	268,704
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	46,616	-	-	-	46,616
0033	Health Services	45,383	-	-	-	45,383
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	500,960	-	-	-	500,960
0035	Food Services	5,808	-	-	371,651	377,459
0036	Extracurricular Activities	300,590	-	-	-	300,590
0041	General Administration	438,593	-	-	-	438,593
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	937,321	-	-	-	937,321
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	1,410	-	-	-	1,410
0053	Data Processing Services	114,803	-	-	-	114,803
Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long Term Debt	-	1,645,000	-	-	1,645,000
0072	Interest on Long Term Debt	-	841,685	-	-	841,685
Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	11,863	-	4,685,619	-	4,697,482
Intergovernmental:						
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	32,648,292	-	-	-	32,648,292
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	60,148	-	-	-	60,148
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	337,321	-	-	-	337,321
6030	Total Expenditures	38,722,150	2,486,685	4,685,619	466,197	46,360,651
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,017,775	289,645	(4,636,573)	(213,024)	(2,542,177)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	160,400	-	-	-	160,400
7915	Transfers In	-	-	-	213,024	213,024
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(213,024)	-	-	-	(213,024)
8949	Other (Uses)	(120,342)	-	-	-	(120,342)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(172,966)	-	-	213,024	40,058
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	1,844,809	289,645	(4,636,573)	-	(2,502,119)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,304,154	54,875	17,756,554	-	22,115,583
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 6,148,963	\$ 344,520	\$ 13,119,981	\$ -	\$ 19,613,464

Reflections: Scars

We have a rocking horse in our attic that we bought for our son on his first birthday, 36 years ago. It is simple and sturdy, made of unfinished wood. Although it still raises its head proudly, the tail droops between its legs. I am sure we intended to paint it someday, but that day never came.

Instead our son decorated it with crayons, pens and markers.

We passed it down to his little sister, born eight years later, and then to our grandchildren. It is covered with scratches and scribbles, dents and dings.

The little rocking horse sits silently in our attic, ready to give rides to a generation yet to be born. It has

little value. But it is priceless to us because of the scratches, dents, dings and scribbled drawings left behind by our children and grandchildren. We treasure it because of its scars.

Life is much like that. We start out youthful and unblemished, unmarred by the world. But, over time, we become scarred with age. Cuts, abrasions and burns leave their marks on our bodies. And, at a deeper level, the setbacks and disappointments, the sorrows of separation and loss add up. We find ourselves scarred and wounded.

But, like our little wooden horse, those scars make us all the more precious in our Father's eyes.

Imagine how precious the scars that Jesus endured appear to the Father. The nail prints in His hands, the sword riven side and the lashings upon His back are the marks of His sacrifice and love. Isaiah says, "But He was pierced through for our

transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5). And, again Peter says, "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24).

Few have suffered as many hardships as the Apostle Paul. Of these he wrote, "Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea ... I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ... But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weak-

ness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Cor. 11:24-27, 12:9-10).

In like manner, we also suffer, just as Peter tells us: "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed." (1 Peter 4:12-13)

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Texas Muslims criticize terrorism rhetoric from both parties

FORT WORTH — President Obama did not name billionaire businessman Donald Trump when he urged Americans to reject politics that demonize people because of their religion. But his target during Tuesday night's State of the Union speech was clear.

"When politicians insult Muslims, whether abroad or our fellow citizens, when a mosque is vandalized, or a kid is called names, that doesn't make us safer," Obama said. "It makes it harder to achieve our goals. And it betrays who we are as a country."

But Trump isn't the only presidential candidate whose rhetoric has touched a nerve with Texas Muslims, however.

Democrat Hillary Clinton's recent suggestion that Islamic America should police itself against home-grown terrorism also discriminates, even if the statement is less inflammatory, say some members of the Islamic community.

"The question is, 'What more can they really do?' The answer is, not much," said Emran El-Badawi, director of the University of Houston's

Arab studies program.

El-Badawi, who watched the State of the Union speech, said many Muslims enthusiastically shared Obama's remarks via social media.

"That was picked up on, and it went over (well)," he said. "People tapped into that."

Trump's call to temporarily halt Muslims from immigrating to the United States until security is tightened has been much discussed and even decried by some of his fellow Republicans.

Some of more than 422,000 Muslims living in Texas, including those who attend mosques that routinely attract anti-Islamic demonstrators, say they've grown weary of such rhetoric - including less fiery statements like Clinton's.

Yasir Qadhi, a Houston native and Islamic studies professor at Rhodes College, said Muslims clearly must be at the forefront of watching for members of their community who radicalize.

Yet, he said, it isn't fair that Muslims are asked to fix such problems.

"We do not call for white Americans to find solutions to the gun

violence undertaken by some white Americans," said Qadhi, who is also a Muslim cleric.

El-Badawi said stopping terrorism in the United States will start with changing policies in the Middle East.

Qadhi agreed that Americans should understand the sources of anger in large portions of the Muslim world. "We did oppress millions of people because we wanted cheap oil," he said.

Anger is not just stoked by historic controversies, he added, but also more recent U.S. moves including the invasion of Iraq and widespread use of military drones.

Roots of the Middle East conflict also transcend religion, he said.

"That rage is expressed in religious language because the people are religious," he said. "Rarely it's so simplistic as, 'Oh, they hate us for our freedoms.'"

In Texas, the fury over Islamic terrorism after attacks that killed 130 people in Paris and 14 people in San Bernardino, California has made life for some Muslim communities.

Two mosques in Irving were targeted by death threats and armed dem-

onstrators. Some Muslims stopped wearing religious garments during the week, less they become targets.

Khalid Hamideh, a spokesman for the Islamic Association of North Texas, said the tensions aren't universal, and a number of Christian and Jewish communities offered support.

In some cases, non-Muslims offered to accompany Muslim women to the market because they worried their head scarves would attract unwelcome attention, Hamideh said.

Such connections across religions can help lessen others' tendency to demonize the Islamic community, said the Rev. Neil G. Cazares-Thomas, senior pastor at Dallas' Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ.

Cazares-Thomas marched in a rally in Fair Park in Dallas organized by supporters of an Irving mosque. They moved their event to the park when anti-Islam picketers arrived at the mosque with guns.

But, Cazares-Thomas said, not all politicians are interested in ratcheting down tensions.

"They have a different agenda," he said.

Faith and family, keys to a healthy culture

There is much confusion in our society today as to what is real and true and important. I share with you this important quote I read recently. "We live in a pluralistic society where values, goodness, truth, and beauty are up for debate."

So where do our young people who are growing up in such a culture get their values? The answer, I believe, is from a solid Christian home where Christian parents take seriously the instilling of what is really true and important for a healthy life, in the context of a serious participation in a community of faith — the church. The two most important things for the perpetuation of a viable healthy nation and culture are faith and family.

R.R. Reno wrote in a recent issue of First Things Magazine, "Given our fallen nature, only a community without a history can be pure. But a community without a history is artificial, not organic, and thus not a community at all."

The family and the church are communities with a history.

Malcolm Rivers, also in First Things, wrote these powerful and poignant words: "Students may learn from a given teacher for a month or several years, but the people with whom the student will learn and grow into maturity are in their families. Families raise their children, are familiar with relevant cultural contexts, and deal most directly with the consequences of the child's decisions, making them better suited to serve as moral agents based on their higher degree of investment and knowledge."

Pope Francis affirmed this truth with this statement: "The fam-

ily is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of a society."

In the Old Testament Book of Leviticus, parents are admonished to "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Strong families in strong communities of faith are key to a strong and healthy society.

Parents, if you have been careless in these matters, isn't the New Year a good time to give this some serious thought and resolve? A good place to start is to attend church together as a family next Sunday.

David Tritenbach is a retired Presbyterian minister.



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Having fun at the end

Bryant enjoying farewell tour

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — At every stop, in every road arena, Kobe Bryant is reflecting on 20 years of memories and many great games.

He's enjoying every second of this farewell ride, despite the losing, which isn't exactly how he intended to go into retirement.

The 37-year-old Bryant returned to Oracle Arena on Thursday night and the site of his first career 50-point game, but his Los Angeles Lakers lost 116-98 to the defending NBA champion Golden State Warriors.

"This place has always been a special place to play," Bryant said. "They've always been great for us. To have that appreciation from them tonight was pretty awesome. I was really stiff, but I thought it was the right thing to do, go back in the game and play and try to enjoy it one more time."

During pregame introductions, the Warriors showed a tribute from Lakers Hall of Famer and Golden State executive Jerry West with a highlight video on the main scoreboard. Fans in the sellout crowd — including retiring Raiders defensive back Charles Woodson, Oakland quarterback Derek Carr and Athletics manager Bob Melvin — chanted "Kobe! Kobe!" before a rousing ovation when his name was called.

Bryant waved, tipped his head and clapped his hands in appreciation.

"It's really cool. This has been 20 years coming," Bryant said before the game. "It's fun to go to these arenas for the last time and be able to soak it all in and really appreciate the arenas and appreciate the fans and the players from a different perspective versus having blinders on and really just focusing on one thing."

Bryant left to a warm ovation with 3:04 to play, saying "thank you" and waving after scoring eight points on 4-for-15 shooting to go with six rebounds in 27 1/2 min-

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Howard College's Dominique Carpenter (13) attempts a shot during a game earlier this season. Carpenter and the Lady Hawks claimed a 63-59 victory over South Plains Thursday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

File photo

Home stays sweet for San Antonio

Spurs keep winning streak alive by downing Cleveland

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Cleveland Cavaliers gave San Antonio another tense test at home before the Spurs rose up on defense for what they deemed their biggest win of the season.

Tony Parker had 24 points and San Antonio used a furious start to the fourth quarter to beat Cleveland 99-95 on Thursday night, remaining undefeated at home and avenging their previous loss in their own arena.

"Coming into this building, they're never going to make many mistakes," said Cavaliers star LeBron James, who had 22 points. "(Spurs coach Gregg Popovich) definitely puts those guys in the right position every single possession to be successful for their team."

San Antonio (35-6) extended its home winning streak to 23 games to begin the season. The Spurs have won 32 straight at home dating to 2015 and became the first team in NBA history with a 10-game winning streak in six consecutive seasons.

The team's last loss in San Antonio came against the Cavaliers on March 12 last year when Kyrie Irving scored an NBA season-high and career-high 57 points in a 128-125 overtime victory.

Irving was limited to 16 points on 6-for-16 shooting this time, but the game was just as intense.

Instead of folding on defense in the fourth period as they did in their previous home loss to Cleveland, San Antonio rallied in the final quarter Thursday.

"One of the best opponents we can play against. It gave us so many mismatches."

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Howard College's Srdjan Budimir (31) rebounds a shot during a game earlier this season. The Hawks dropped a close 74-71 decision to South Plains College in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday night.

File photo

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Girls basketball

Levelland at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Sonora, 6:30 p.m.
Christoval at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
Paint Rock at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Levelland at Big Spring, 8 p.m.
Coahoma at Sonora, 8 p.m.
Christoval at Forsan, 8 p.m.
Paint Rock at Garden City, 8 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

Comeback changes Manning's narrative

DENVER (AP) — No one ever really rooted for Peyton Manning to fail, but boy, did some folks like to point out his flaws.

Take the Super Bowl, for example. It wasn't that he couldn't win the big one, but that he didn't win enough of them.

Yet in the span of a few short weeks, dating to his relief appearance for the Broncos on Jan. 3, the narrative about the 39-year-old's trials and travails has shifted. The quarterback, sometimes derided as an over-prepared perfectionist and too-clever-by-half pitchman, is now portrayed as the grizzled veteran trying to coax his team to a title more on grit than talent.

Sports fans love that sort of story.

"A lot of people have looked at him the last few weeks and said, 'Wow, this guy is not who I thought he was,'" said retired receiver Brandon Stokley, a longtime favorite of Manning's. "It's great for people to see who he really is. He'll do anything to help the team."

Manning's entry into the regular-season finale against the Chargers conjured images we've seen before in sports: Willis Reed limping onto the court for Game 7 of the NBA Finals. Jack Nicklaus winning the Masters at age 46. Serena Williams making a run at the Grand Slam at 33.

each star once he or she had been humbled — and grown a bit older. Reed got hurt when his team needed him most; Nicklaus was considered washed up; Williams got upset on the doorstep of a Grand Slam. Just as those stories softened, Manning's is softening now.

"I still hear whispers of the usual, but far more of the, 'Maybe we shouldn't take this guy for granted,'" said Sean Salisbury, the former NFL quarterback who now hosts a pair of sports talk shows. "We've got to enjoy this."

With the Broncos preparing for the Steelers on Sunday, there's been far less discussion

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You are the dealer, both sides vul-
nerable. What would you bid with
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1. ♠KJ1063 ♥AQ ♦KQ5 ♣AJ7
2. ♠K9842 ♥AKQ93 ♦9 ♣85
3. ♠AK943 ♥— ♦864 ♣KQ875

1. **Two notrump.** The only bids
that can seriously be considered are
one spade and two notrump. There
are several objections to a one-spade
bid. First, there is the danger that
partner might pass with four or five
points, and a good game contract
might be missed. Then there is the
possibility that partner might
respond one notrump, which you
would have to raise to three notrump
— a contract that would probably be
better placed with the strong hand as
declarer rather than as dummy.

Also, there is the natural ambiguity
associated with any opening of one
of a suit, a bid that can run the gamut
of high-card values and distribution.
As opposed to this, the two-
notrump bid delivers a precise mes-
sage all in one breath. It shows 20 or
21 points, balanced distribution and
usually stoppers in all four suits —
which is exactly what you have.

2. **One spade.** After opening with
one spade, you intend to bid your
hearts twice, thereby describing at
least a 5-5 distribution. You do this
even though the hearts are much
stronger than the spades.

If you were to bid hearts first and
then follow up by bidding spades


twice, you would mislead partner on
two counts: first, he would assume
that you had six hearts and five
spades. Secondly, because such a
sequence would constitute a
“reverse,” indicating 17 points or
more, partner would assume you had
a much stronger hand than you actu-
ally have.

3. **One club.** While it is true that
the higher ranking of two five-card
suits is ordinarily named first when
opening the bidding, as in the previ-
ous problem, an exception is often
made when the two suits are spades
and clubs.

The reason for the exception
becomes apparent when the rebid
problem is considered. If you opened
one spade, you would have to go into
the three-level to show your clubs if
partner responded two hearts or two
diamonds, and this might easily get
you overboard or result in your end-
ing up in the wrong suit.

Opening one club allows you to
bid spades next on the one-level if
partner makes the expected response
of one diamond or one heart. It is true
that at that moment, partner will
think you have only four spades, but
you plan to bid spades again at your
next turn, thereby informing him that
you have five spades rather than
four. At the same time, this will tell
him that you have five or six clubs,
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Feisty Moon

Well-come to a feisty Aries moon, made even more

interesting by a lunar conjunction with Uranus in Aries. Among other things, Uranus is the planet of revolution, surprise, explosion and radical change. The moon will push emotional buttons, so expect a few volcanic eruptions of feelings and get ready to direct the flow of that hot lava.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While it may be easier to get angry than it is to work out a solution, there is little to be gained from losing control. Remove yourself from the situation to think it through. A walk around the block will produce brilliance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Part of the "homework" you need to do will involve getting a second (and third and fourth and seventh) opinion. Your keen mind will sort through this data and home in

on the golden ticket. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Before you go counting that admired someone among the glorious, consider where the person came from and how he or she got to the current position. You're glorious in your own way, too, you know.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you have to give up a little money and some of your time to make a partner happy, it will be worth it. What's even harder may be the part where you have to compromise on a preference. You're up to this!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). At times there is simply nothing left to do but give an ultimatum. These times are few and far between and, however dramatic today's circumstances may seem, this is not one of them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Dish out compliments -- to your friends, to strangers, your boss, your loved ones, etc. Everyone could use your brand of ego-inflation. Even people you think would be above flattery will eat yours up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What used to seem romantic may now get on your nerves; such is the bane of familiarity. The answer is to go off in separate directions for a while and gather new influences so you'll be mentally fresh again when you reunite.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you can't change the way things are, you may still be able to change how you experience the way things are. Detachment is the key. This will be made much easier by today's delicious distraction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those moments when you first wake up and right before you fall asleep are potent. Don't waste this power concentrating on responsibilities and worries. Use it to project your love and envision your happy future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have enormous respect and gratitude for the one who will overlook your flaws, excuse your mistakes and generally try to see and bring out the best in you at every

conjunction. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though you may have been completely convicted in a certain belief yesterday, this is a new day with fresh evidence, different challenges and a unique set of circumstances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's time for you to assume leadership. If you followed the protocol it would only cause hesitation, doubt and confusion. Instead, swoop in and start handling things. Act, delegate, decide.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 15). One declaration having to do with who you are (or want to be) will make all of the difference in where you arrive this year. Small improvements will have outsized effects on your love life in February. In March, the trust and rapport you generate in your relationships will lead to professional advancement and financial gain. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 35, 41, 19 and 43.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:

You make someone feel safe, and that is what keeps this person coming back for more. **TAURUS:** You want connection to happen emotionally, chemically, physically, spiritually and intellectually. Pick three. **GEMINI:** Choosing the right social tool will be as much a part of your success as choosing the right place to mingle, person to approach, etc. So many variables, but you're good at this! **CANCER:** A light from your past will illuminate your present and it all starts with a beautiful smile. **LEO:** There are many ways to demonstrate your strength, almost all of which spring naturally from your exemplary character. **VIRGO:** Read the signs and symbols. A person with a clean car and a good pair of shoes is really going places. **LIBRA:** It takes a confident person to admit to being out of his or her element. It's an endearing confession. **SCORPIO:** No matter how often you win at conversation, you still have to invent it anew each and every time. **SAGITTARIUS:** Still

trying to attract that certain someone? Expand into the moment. Walk and talk at a cool, slow pace. **CAPRICORN:** If you're ready to confront your fears, love is ready to facilitate that confrontation. **AQUARIUS:** The appearance of your success will bring stars and hearts to someone's eyes. **PISCES:** You're looking for a person of integrity. Don't settle for less.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The passionate Aries moon rules much of the weekend, and with so much Capricorn energy in the sky, Aries and Capricorn become the unlikely duo that could. These two can clash in the way alpha personalities do. They are both strong leaders and there will be a scuffle at every juncture until it's sorted out exactly who is in charge of what. That said, the chemistry is off the charts.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I met my husband in college. He was outgoing, handsome and a star athlete. We now have two beautiful babies and, I thought, a perfect marriage.

A month ago, we had dinner with a couple we've known for years. One of them said something about "bisexuals," to which I replied, "There is no such thing. You are either gay or straight." Everyone looked uncomfortable.

The next day, my husband told me said that he is bisexual. He said he'd had a relationship with another man in college before he met me. But he reassured me that I had nothing to worry about because he loves me and has no desire to be with anyone else of either sex.

Annie, I wish he'd never told me. I've been upset ever since. I believe my husband when he says he is not interested in anyone else, but I have to ask, is there really such a thing as "bisexual"? My sister says that is just what people claim before they come out as gay. And second, how can I trust my husband when he kept this secret from me for so

long?

Please don't suggest counseling. My husband says there is nothing to "change" about him, although he says he will go if I insist. But what if we go and then, just like my sister says, this bisexual stuff is all bogus and he decides he is gay? I don't want to end our marriage. I just want to turn back the clock so I can think of my husband the way I did before. -- Confused Wife

Dear Confused: Your sister is giving you damaging and incorrect information. Decades ago, people may have believed that one was either gay or straight, and that bisexuals were simply hiding their true selves, but this is no longer considered accurate. We have come to understand that sexuality is more complicated and that some people are attracted to both sexes. And one's sexual orientation has nothing to do with remaining faithful to one's partner. Your husband is the same man you fell in love with. If you trust him, your marriage is solid.

Please look into PFLAG (pflag.org) which can offer information that will help you understand

what's going on. But if you find that your marriage is floundering over this, consider counseling from someone who specializes in LGBT marriages and can address your specific concerns.

Dear Annie: Your response to "A.," about kids learning to balance a checkbook was wrong. The kids finishing school today are dumber than a box of rocks. What exactly are they being taught as "required" subjects if not exactly that? I shudder to think what schools are releasing into society. Kids can barely articulate what they want, much less formulate a complete sentence.

Obviously, common sense has been put aside. Basic math is important. We have a generation of know-nothings. -- Embarrassed About the Next Generation

Dear Embarrassed: We suggest you check out the classroom of the average 6th grader and see how well you do. And don't forget the 20 pounds of textbooks and homework in your backpack.

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DENNIS THE MENACE

1-15

"HERE'S A PICTURE OF ME WHEN I WAS YOUNGER."

"EVERY PICTURE OF YOU IS WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

1-15

"What do I use to wash the soap when it gets dirty?"

HAGAR

1-15

"I'D LIKE TO TELL THEM TO GO, HELGA, BUT IT'S NOT OUR HOUSE ANYMORE!"

BC

1-15

BLONDIE

1-15

"BOSS, I DON'T NORMALLY BRAG, BUT I THINK I REALLY NAILED THIS REPORT"

"IS THAT SO? LET OL' DOCTOR DITHERS HAVE A LOOK AT IT"

"WELL, DOC?"

"DAG, TELL ME YOU AREN'T RE-WRITING THAT ENTIRE REPORT!"

"DOCTOR'S ORDERS"

WIZARD OF ID

1-15

"I KNOW THAT THE UNDERWORLD IS MY TRUE HOME..."

"BUT I GOTTA TELL YA, I'M STARTING TO LIKE IT UP HERE."

"HADES ONLY HAS RAISIN COOKIES"

"SICKENING"

AGNES

1-15

"AGNES, I AM SOOO TIRED! I JUST WANT TO CURL UP ON THE COUCH AND EAT A COUPLE ROWS OF OREOS!"

"FINE... I WILL TALLY UP CALORIES BURNED"

"LET'S SEE... PARTIAL CRUNCH, SINCERE BUT FAILED EFFORT TO DO A PUSH UP, HANG ON A PULL-UP BAR RED FACED AND SCREAMING FOR TEN SECONDS."

"SO HOW MANY OREOS CAN I EAT?"

"LICK THIS QUICKLY AND HAND IT BACK."

HI AND LOIS

1-15

"YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL YOU HAVE A WARM HOME TO LIVE IN."

"WHY DO I HAVE TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE BY FREEZING OUTSIDE?"

THE OTHER COAST

1-15

"WOW, IT REALLY SNOWED OUT THERE LAST NIGHT."

"I'M SNOWED IN! TRAPPED INSIDE MY TREE HIDE-HOLE!"

"I HAVE TO DIG MY WAY OUT, OR I'LL STARVE TO DEATH!"

"AWRIGHT! A SQUIRRELSICLE!"

SNUFFY SMITH

1-15

"WAKE UP, PAW !! I HEARD A VARMINT ON TH' ROOF RIPPIN' UP SHINGLES !!"

"GO BACK TO SLEEP, MAW-- YO'RE DREAMIN' !!"

"THAR AIN'T BEEN NO SHINGLES ON THAT ROOF FER YEARS !!"

BEEBLE BAILEY

1-15

"SARGE, WHY IS THERE SO MUCH VIOLENCE IN THE WORLD?"

"INTERESTING QUESTION, AND A GOOD TIME TO ASK IT!"

"LET'S SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS IT"

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2016. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford in San Francisco. (Moore was released on the last day of 2007.)

On this date:

In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1862, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Abraham Lincoln's choice of Edwin M. Stanton to be the new Secretary of War, replacing Simon Cameron.

In 1865, as the Civil War neared its end, Union forces captured Fort Fisher near Wilmington, North Carolina, depriving the Confederates of their last major seaport.

In 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

In 1947, the mutilated remains of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, who came to be known as the "Black Dahlia," were found in a vacant Los Angeles lot; her slaying remains unsolved.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, known retroactively as Super Bowl I.

In 1981, the police drama series "Hill Street Blues" premiered on NBC.

In 1993, a historic disarmament ceremony ended in Paris with the last of 125 countries signing a treaty banning chemical weapons.

In 2001, President-elect George W. Bush marked the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday at an elementary school in Houston, where he promised black Americans: "My job will be to listen not only to the successful, but also to the suffering." Wikipedia, a web-based encyclopedia, made its debut.

In 2009, US Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both engines; all 155 people aboard survived.

Ten years ago: After a seven-year journey, a NASA space capsule, Stardust, returned safely to Earth with the first dust ever fetched from a comet. Michelle Bachelet (bah-cheh-LET) was elected Chile's first woman president. Kuwait's longtime ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, died; he was succeeded by the crown prince, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

Thought for Today: "A nation or civilization that continues to produce soft-minded men purchases its own spiritual death on the installment plan."

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Key near F1
- 4 Directed skyward
- 10 Whitewash, perhaps
- 14 Presidential nickname
- 15 Two-dimensional
- 16 Prefix like pan-
- 17 Santa ___ winds
- 18 Auckland's locale
- 20 Claim check
- 22 Atlanta's Main Street
- 23 Tries
- 26 Milne character
- 27 Was vanquished, à la Bonaparte
- 34 Vise gripper
- 35 Rival of Bjorn and Arthur
- 36 Camera setting
- 37 First, in a dict.
- 39 Sales talk
- 42 Vanished
- 43 Bandleader's call
- 45 Silver-tongued
- 47 Tijuana twosome
- 48 Christian pilgrimage center
- 52 Half of 47 Across
- 53 Russian known for his dogs
- 55 Bad-weather protection
- 61 Nine-Oscar musical
- 62 Mind reader
- 65 Playbill bit
- 66 111, essentially
- 67 Thirsted
- 68 YMCA night class

DOWN

- 1 Cyberbucks
- 2 15th-century flagship
- 3 Prussian author of *On War*
- 4 First *Enterprise* airer
- 5 Oslo Accords signer
- 6 Goldfish or koi
- 7 Pay (up)
- 8 Arabic word for "desert"
- 9 Knit fabric
- 10 Sam of six-guns
- 11 Persian poet
- 12 Elizabeth I's mother
- 13 Weather page topic
- 19 Pumps, for instance
- 21 Cricket implement
- 24 Telephone trio
- 25 "Essential" liquids
- 28 Flavor check
- 29 Consider carefully
- 30 D&D, e.g.
- 31 French opera composer
- 32 Port authority
- 33 Neruda works
- 34 Doe that's unknown
- 38 Diamond Grading System org.
- 40 Flydog booster
- 41 Trait of baby talk
- 44 Surpass
- 46 Grille cover
- 49 Last word
- 50 Overdone
- 51 Nothing special: Abbr.
- 54 Orchestra member
- 55 Break off
- 56 Bills due for a redesign
- 57 Castilian kudos
- 58 Place for a chin on a 54 Down
- 59 Wailer's words
- 60 Makes unfair
- 63 Get the picture
- 64 Buccaneers' successes

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SPURS

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They play different than most other teams," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "Of course, when you have a guy like LeBron, the whole team plays different. Kawhi (Leonard) did a very good job of making him play uncomfortable. As a team we were pretty sharp after that first quarter."

James shot 9 for 17 and attempted only four free throws.

The Spurs stiffened on defense and forced 18 turnovers after falling behind by 15 points in the opening quarter.

San Antonio limited Cleveland to 9-for-23 shooting in the fourth while making 58 percent of its own shots.

Leonard added 20 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio, which has won 10 straight overall.

Tristan Thompson had 18 points and 14 rebounds for Cleveland, which had won eight in a row. Kevin Love finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds, and J.R. Smith scored 17.

After a 32-point opening quarter, the Cavs were limited to 18 in the

second.

"They did a good job of taking us out of our sets, but we also had some really good looks that didn't go down for us," James said.

The Spurs looked unsure on offense early, so they went to an old standard in Parker's drives to the basket.

"We had a hard time getting it going in the first half," Parker said. "I was rolling, so they went with me. In the third quarter, we wanted to establish Kawhi and establish LaMarcus (Aldridge). So we went at them almost every single time in the third quarter. It worked out pretty good for us; we got some wide-open 3s."

Parker scored the Spurs' final 12 points to close the first half, sparking an offense that struggled against Cleveland's active hands and rugged defense.

"Tony has carried us a lot this year because of his two-way play," Popovich said. "He's working his butt off on Kyrie Irving, who is a great player. That's not easy to do, and he was still aggressive defensively. So, Tony was great at both ends."

San Antonio took an 85-75 lead in the final

quarter behind a 13-2 run fueled by role players David West, Danny Green and Patty Mills.

West had 13 points as the Spurs' bench outscored the Cavaliers' reserves 35-12.

TIP-INS

Cavaliers: Cleveland is 22-5 against the Western Conference during the regular season dating to last season, including 8-4 this season. ... The Cavaliers have won four games by 25 points or more, second only to the Spurs' 10 such victories. ... Thompson has appeared in 325 straight games, making him the NBA's active leader after DeAndre Jordan sat out for the Clippers with pneumonia. Jordan had played in 360 consecutive games before missing Wednesday night's home victory over Miami.

Spurs: Entering the game, San Antonio trailed for only 54 seconds of 264 minutes played during the fourth quarter at home this season. The Spurs trailed 88-85 against the Clippers to open the fourth but went on an 11-0 run to begin the quarter in a 115-107 victory. ... Ginobili played in his 900th NBA game, all with the Spurs.

KOBE

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utes.

In honor of Bryant's five NBA titles, the Warriors gifted him with a five-day Napa Valley vacation with five wineries and five restaurants included. He also received a five-liter bottle from Amuse Bouche winery featuring a special label with his jersey.

Bryant received many a hug at midcourt from the Warriors beforehand. He started despite a sore right shoulder and a right Achilles strain, and made his first shot.

"He was fixated in not having a career. He was fixated on having an incredible career," West said during a pregame news conference, recalling the first NBA workout Bryant went through 20 years ago at age 17.

"For someone that age, it was remarkable the skill, the love that he had for the game and the desire to excel. The one thing that was very evident to me right away, this was a player at 17 years old, I had never seen someone with the skill that he had."

Interim Warriors coach Luke Walton won't get ahead of himself and think about the chance to coach Bryant in his All-Star Game finale next month, though Walton knows that would be a blast — noting, "I'm not even really a real coach. I have zero wins."

Bryant left a lasting impression on Walton with his grit to play no matter what body part was hurting or how tired he might be, and they won two NBA championships during 8 1/2 seasons together with the Lakers.

"He was incredible. I've never, still to this day, ever seen anyone play through the stuff that he's played through. Early on in my career, I would think, 'OK, well he's not going to be out there tonight and we have to step up and then after a while you just learn that he's playing no matter what unless someone takes him off the court,'" Walton recalled. "There was a game he couldn't even lift his right shoulder up above his head to shoot the ball so he started shooting it left-handed and finally that's when Phil (Jackson) pulled him out."

"That kind of hurt a little bit that he thought him shooting left-handed 3-pointers was more effective than passing me the ball. That's what made him such a great player."

Bryant certainly hoped for a better showing in Oakland this time as he departs the Bay Area. In a 111-77 loss here Nov. 24, Bryant shot 1 of 14 for just four points to match the worst-shooting performance of his career in a game when he had at least one basket.

Golden State set a record for the best start in NBA history that night, too, improving to 16-0 on the way to a 24-0 mark.

Yet this is also the place where Bryant produced his first career 50-point game, when he scored 51 on Dec. 6, 2000, at Oracle Arena — his highest output ever here. Golden State star Antawn Jamison also scored 51 that night in a 125-122 overtime win against the Lakers.

Whatever Bryant does next, West will remember what he brought to the game.

"He has left a legacy throughout the world. Millions of people love this guy," West said.

MANNING

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about Manning's record in the playoffs (11-13), his record when it's cold in the playoffs (0-5 under 40 degrees), his record against Tom Brady (5-11), and his arm strength (never elite, but good enough to laser a couple of 15-yard out patterns against the Chargers).

There's been much more talk about his gift for diagnosing defenses, for getting his team into the right play and for his willingness to do anything, including be a backup, to help the Broncos win.

For sure, the Chargers game was not Manning in his prime. He threw only nine passes. Completed only five for 69 yards. But if his arm (and foot, and shoulder, and neck) isn't what it used to be, it was clear against San Diego that his mind is still in good shape.

"You see (backup quarterback Brock Osweiler), and you can see he's a good player," Salisbury said. "But after watching him, you also gain a great appreciation of Manning's ability to keep all 11 guys on offense in sync the entire time."

Nothing new about that. But now that he's been humbled — now that fans have seen Mr. Perfect brought down to earth during a 17-interception season that included a four-pick debacle in a game he got pulled from in November — all that nitpicky attention to detail, those "one-game-at-a-time" bromides he regularly

delivers, the preparation he lives for, is being lauded, not scoffed at.

Some might say this is a culmination of a 12-month stretch that, at times, has felt a bit like piling on to an athlete who signed with Denver simply looking for the same things Broncos fans wanted — a few more Super Bowl titles.

After yet another playoff disappointment last January, Manning was asked to take a pay cut.

Gary Kubiak got the head-coaching job and his task — whether overtly communicated or not — was to build a new offense for the post-Manning era.

The season started and the Broncos won in spite of Manning, who finished 2015 second in the league in interceptions despite missing six games.

While sitting out, Manning bristled at reports suggesting he'd rather play elsewhere, or not play at all, than be a second-stringer. He then quietly went out and did the work of an injured backup. He threw on the side to equipment managers. He took the scout-team reps. He suited up to back up Osweiler on Jan. 3.

Around that time, a report linked him to a clinic that deals in banned human growth hormone. He angrily

denied doing anything wrong and said he put in the hard work and never took shortcuts to make it back.

That brought out some raw emotion that, at many times over a career that will land him in the Hall of Fame, has felt either lacking or contrived.

All that played into this new story line.

It's Manning playing the role of Nicklaus, or Reed, or, yes, Broncos fans, John Elway, whose very best moments came as he gimped (and helicoptered) his way to the finish line. Oh, sure, Manning's stats are

still gaudy (NFL-record 71,940 passing yards) and, in other respects, awful ("Only" one Super Bowl ring despite all the success).

But in a way, Manning's career record has been reset to 0-0.

The days of "Omaha! Omaha!" are nearly over, and ol' No. 18's ride into the sunset is underway.

"He didn't take the easy way out and he fought his way through" the injury, Stokley said. "He said, 'I'm ready to go, and whatever you need me to do, I'm willing to do.' It ended up being pretty cool."

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San Francisco hires Kelly as new coach

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Chip Kelly is the offensive-minded, experienced head coach the San Francisco 49ers have long sought, and now he needs to win — right away.

The 49ers hired the former Eagles coach on Thursday as their new coach, finding the man CEO Jed York is counting on to turn things around for his once-proud franchise.

Kelly faces the daunting challenge of transforming the Niners into an immediate contender again.

York announced the hiring of Kelly as the franchise's 20th head coach on Twitter and so did the team on its account.

"After a thorough search, Trent & I are thrilled to announce Chip Kelly as the new #HeadCoach of the @49ers," York wrote, referring to general manager Trent Baalke.

Kelly, who had per-

sonnel control with the Eagles and frustrated some of his players, won't be introduced in a news conference until next week based on schedules.

He replaces fired coach Jim Tomsula, promoted from his defensive line duties last January to succeed Jim Harbaugh before going 5-11 — a move Baalke has said earlier this month wound up to be the wrong one, in hindsight.

Kelly emerged as the favorite among several candidates with experience, including former Raiders, Broncos and Redskins coach Mike Shanahan, ex-Giants coach Tom Coughlin and former Raiders coach Hue Jackson, who was hired Wednesday to coach the Cleveland Browns.

The 52-year-old Kelly was fired by Philadelphia after Week 16 with one game left in his third season as coach.



AP file photo
The San Francisco 49ers have named former Philadelphia coach Chip Kelly as their new head coach, the team announced.

The former University of Oregon coach was 6-9 in 2015 following two 10-6 seasons, prompting Eagles CEO Jeffrey Lurie to make a change.

Hiring the offensive-minded Kelly could give the 49ers a reason to

keep quarterback Colin Kaepernick to work his way back into the dominant, dynamic quarterback he was a few years back with his legs and strong arm.

There has been thought that Kaep-

ernick could be the kind of mobile quarterback Kelly likes running his fast-paced offense and a good fit.

"Guess I might have to start running right now to get in shape," wide receiver Torrey Smith

posted on Twitter shortly after the announcement.

San Francisco has missed the playoffs the past two seasons, going 8-8 in 2014 in now-Michigan coach Harbaugh's final season before what the team called a "mutual decision" to part ways with one year remaining on his contract.

The 49ers reached three straight NFC championship games and a Super Bowl under Harbaugh, losing by three points to his older brother, John, and the Baltimore Ravens in the championship after the 2012 season to miss the franchise's sixth Lombardi Trophy.

On Jan. 4, a day after firing Tomsula shortly after the season-finales overtime win against St. Louis, York vowed to bring the 49ers back to prominence.

Deciding on the quarterback will be a major decision for Kelly in the coming months.

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