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## Feds to phase out use of private prisons

GEO Group, which operates facilities in Big Spring, to be affected by decision

**Staff and wire reports**

Officials with GEO Group expressed disappointment at an Obama administration decision to begin phasing out federal use of private prisons. In a memo to the Bureau of Prisons, Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates told the bureau to start reducing "and ultimately ending" the Justice Department's use of private prisons. The announcement follows a recent Justice Department audit that found that the private facilities have more safety and security problems than government-run ones.

The Obama administration says the declining federal prison population justifies the decision to eventually close privately run prisons. The federal prison population — now at about 193,000 — has been dropping due to changes in federal sentencing policies over the past three years.

Officials at GEO, one of three companies which oversee private prisons affected by the announcement, said in a statement that they expect no immediate impact from Thursday's announcement. "While our company was disappointed by today's DOJ announcement, the impact of this decision on GEO is not imminent," the statement read. "As acknowledged in

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## One last tuneup



HERALD photo/Drew Williams

A Forsan ballcarrier is brought down during the Buffaloes' scrimmage against Colorado City Thursday evening. The Buffs open the 2016 regular season in the annual Howard County Bowl showdown with Coahoma at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring next Thursday. For more on the scrimmage, see Page 9.

## Local man wounded in shooting

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Police are searching for the person they believe is responsible for the shooting of a 37-year-old Big Spring man.

Michael Nall is in an Odessa hospital after being wounded outside a residence in the 1000 block of N. Scurry Street Wednesday evening, according to information released by the Big Spring Police Department.

"Upon arrival, (Nall)... was located outside of the residence with an apparent gunshot wound to the torso," the statement read. "EMS personnel provided medical aid and transported Nall to the VA Hospital landing zone to meet with an Air Evac helicopter. From the VA Hospital Nall was flown to Odessa Medical for treatment to his injuries sustained."

Based on preliminary reports, authorities believe the shooter is known to the residents of the house where the shooting occurred. Additionally, they believe the suspect went to the residence with the intent to shoot Nall, according to the statement.

The statement gave no indication as to the identity of the suspect.

"The Big Spring Police Department Investigations Division is actively investigating this incident and are following up on leads," the statement concluded.

Persons with any information regarding this incident are urged to call CrimeStoppers at (432) 263-TIPS (8477). You can also leave an anonymous tip using the "P3 Tips" mobile application or from the Big Spring Police Department website [www.bigspringpd.net](http://www.bigspringpd.net)

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or email report-

## Two arrested in Thursday drug bust



By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Two men are in jail after being arrested in a Thursday morning drug sting, local law enforcement officials announced.

Jessie Jay Hernandez, 31, and Theodore Diaz, 43, were jailed on multiple felony drug charges, according to a news release from the Big Spring Police Department.

The arrests came after the BSPD/

Howard County Sheriff's Office SWAT team executed a search warrant in the 1000 block of N.W. Second Street shortly after 10 a.m. Thursday.

"After the residence was secured, two firearms and a quantity of cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin was located throughout the (home)," the statement



Diaz      Hernandez

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## Sexual assault convict gets nearly 700 years

**The Associated Press**

MIDLAND, Texas — A jury that convicted a Texas man of repeatedly sexually assaulting a child has decided he should serve nearly 700 years in prison.

Jurors on Thursday gave Kelley Alexander Lewis 99 years in prison for each of seven counts of sexual assault of a child. Prosecutors say the attacks on a family member under the age of 14 took place over a nearly four-month period in 2014.

The range of punishment on each count was five to 99 years in prison. Midland County prosecutors say jurors decided Lewis, of Midland, deserved the maximum punishment, totaling 693 years.

**Texas lawyer acquitted of fraud**  
 JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A Texas lawyer accused of making up fake clients to sue BP after the 2010 Gulf of Mexico Oil spill said after his acquittal Thursday that the government's case against him "fell apart under its own weight of ridiculousness."

Attorney Mikal Watts of San Antonio and four others were acquitted Thursday by a federal jury in Gulfport, Miss.,

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## Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RENE SALAZAR-PEREZ**, 30, of 610 Douglas was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **WHISKEY DALE READ**, 19, of 610 S Douglas was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor and two warrants from other agencies.
- **JESSIE JAY HERNANDEZ**, 31, of 1911 Southmore in Pasadena, Texas, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (greater than one gram but less than four grams), possession of a controlled substance (greater than four grams but less than 200 grams), unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, and driving while intoxicated.
- **THEODORE JUAREZ DIAZ JR**, 43, of 2311 Brent Drive was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (greater than four grams but less than 200 grams).
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 33, transient, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **ALEXANDER CALDERON QUINTANA**, 35, of 1505 Robin Street was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTOPHER JERROD TURNER**, 23, of 406 Martin Luther King Blvd. was arrested on a warrant for evading arrest/detention.
- **ROBERT KYLE HESS**, 27, of 4216 Parkway Road was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **JON ASHLEY WHITE**, 40, of POB 10 in Coahoma was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **MARSHALL L COKER**, 33, of 904 S Goliad was arrested on warrants for expired registration, bail jumping, and manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance (less than one gram).
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3200 block of Duke.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Runnels and the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Owens.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of E FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3300 block of E FM 700.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2000 block of Barksdale Drive.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 300 block of E 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported on Bluebird.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- **COURTNEY FELICIA AUSBIE**, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for forgery/financial instrument.
- **MARSHALL LOUIS COKER**, 33, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for manufacturing/delivering of a controlled substance (less than one gram), failure to appear, and displaying expired registration.
- **THEODORE JUAREZ DIAZ JR**, 43, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (greater than four grams but less than 200 grams).
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **ROBERT KYLE HESS**, 27, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- **JESSE JAY JUAREZ**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while intoxicated, possession of a controlled substance (greater than one gram but less than four grams), possession of a controlled substance (greater than four grams but less than 200 grams), and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **ALEXANDER QUINTANA**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **WHISKEY DALE READ**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding (10 percent or more above posted limit), no driver's license when unlicensed, and a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- **RENE SALAZAR-PEREZ**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTOPHER JERROD TURNER**, 23, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest/detention.
- **VERONICA ROBLES WALLACE**, 44, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of terroristic threat.
- **JON ASHLEY WHITE**, 49m was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for theft by check.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4400 block of Elder. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200

block of N. Midway.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at MM 180 on I-20.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on CR 8.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of NW 2<sup>nd</sup>. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **HAZARDOUS CONDITION** was reported in the 3200 block of Duke.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway.

## Support Groups

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY






• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until

## Obituaries

### Sheri Wilson

Sheri Wilson died Friday, August 19, 2016, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 8/20	Sun 8/21	Mon 8/22	Tue 8/23	Wed 8/24
 <b>87/68</b> Variable clouds with t-storms, especially in the afternoon. High 87F. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40%.	 <b>85/66</b> A few t-storms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	 <b>81/68</b> Scattered t-storms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	 <b>87/71</b> Scattered t-storms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	 <b>89/71</b> Afternoon showers and t-storms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM

### Texas at a Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	84	73	Cloudy	Kingsville	94	77	M Cloudy
Amarillo	89	60	P Cloudy	Livingston	86	74	Cloudy
Austin	89	76	Cloudy	Longview	84	74	Cloudy
Beaumont	87	76	M Sunny	Lubbock	92	67	P Cloudy
Brownsville	95	79	M Cloudy	Lufkin	88	74	Cloudy
Brownwood	86	74	Cloudy	Midland	91	72	Cloudy
Corpus Christi	93	80	M Cloudy	Raymondville	98	76	Sunny
Corsicana	88	76	Iso T-Storms	Rosenberg	88	75	M Sunny
Dallas	84	76	Cloudy	San Antonio	91	77	Cloudy
Del Rio	87	75	Sct T-Storms	San Marcos	88	75	Cloudy
El Paso	95	72	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	85	75	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	87	68	M Cloudy	Sweetwater	86	71	Cloudy
Gainesville	81	72	M Cloudy	Tyler	86	76	Cloudy
Greenville	84	75	Cloudy	Weatherford	83	74	Sct T-Storms
Houston	91	78	M Cloudy	Wichita Falls	88	74	Sct T-Storms

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	72	P Cloudy	Miami	89	77	P Cloudy
Boston	79	67	M Sunny	Minneapolis	78	63	Cloudy
Chicago	87	71	Cloudy	New York	88	74	P Cloudy
Dallas	84	76	Cloudy	Phoenix	103	83	P Cloudy
Denver	75	49	M Cloudy	San Francisco	63	55	M Cloudy
Houston	91	78	M Cloudy	Seattle	94	63	Clear
Los Angeles	79	62	Clear	Saint Louis	84	72	P Cloudy

### Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 10	Aug 18	Aug 25	Sep 1

### UV Index

Sat 8/20	Sun 8/21	Mon 8/22	Tue 8/23	Wed 8/24
9	10	8	8	9
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost is \$8 per person.

- The Howard County Fair quilters for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

## Meetings

- 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 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard

"Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

## Volunteer opportunities

- The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or [danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

- 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](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

## 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.

## Need help?

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now.

## DRUGS

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read.

Hernandez was arrested on two charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of a firearm by a felon and a warrant for driving while intoxicated. Diaz was arrested

and charged with third-degree felony possession of a controlled substance.

More arrests are forthcoming, officials said.

"Narcotics investigators expect to file additional charges on another resident who was not home at the time of the search," the BSPD statement concluded.

## FRAUD

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of 66 charges of mail fraud, wire fraud and identity theft. They had been accused by prosecutors of making up names or stealing personal information for a list of 40,000 people with claims against the energy giant following the massive spill.

Two people were convicted of the 66 charges — Gregory Warren of Lafayette, Louisiana,

and Thi Houng "Kristy" Le of Grand Bay, Alabama.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Watts said he and those closest with him were not criminals but victims of a fraud perpetrated by the two convicted, whom he hired to sign up clients. Blaming them was part of his defense.

Earlier Thursday, Watts and the six other defendants sat in the courtroom as jurors plowed through the long

list of charges, taking 15 minutes or more to render a complete verdict for each person.

"It was pretty stressful, 66 counts," Watts said.

Authorities said Watts and other investors had spent nearly \$11 million to compile the massive list, but it was riddled with errors, including names of the dead, people who never gave permission for Watts to represent them and even a dog's name.

Prosecutors said

Watts, his brother David Watts and law firm employee Wynter Lee saw on plenty of occasions that the list was full of problems, but pressed on toward the prospect of a big legal payday. The claimants were supposed to be paid from a \$2.3 billion fund BP set aside to compensate fishermen.

Watts and others denied that they intended to commit fraud, a requirement for a conviction, saying they were relying on the legal

process to shake out which plaintiffs had real claims and which didn't. Michael McCrum, who represented David Watts, said he believed jurors saw the government's case "just didn't make sense at its core."

Watts has been a prominent plaintiff's lawyer representing thousands of clients in other cases and raising millions of dollars for President Barack Obama and other Democrats.

Representing himself as he had throughout the trial, Watts on Wednesday had asked jurors in closing arguments to help repair his reputation by fully exonerating him.

"I think it helps a lot," Watts said.

U.S. Attorney Gregory Davis said in a statement that prosecutors respected the verdict, and declined further comment. Lawyers for Le and Warren couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

BP had initially sued Watts in 2013 after complaining about his client list, and the Secret Service and other federal agencies launched a multiyear investigation. Watts said he thought the Secret Service's investigation has been "reckless" and said the government was "bewitched" by BP's allegations, repeating many of them in its own indictment.

## PRISONS

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the announcement, the BOP will continue, on a case-by-case basis, to determine whether to extend contracts at the end of their contract period.

"Notwithstanding today's announcement, we will continue to work with the BOP, as well as all of our government partners, in order to ensure safe and secure operations at all of our facilities," the statement added. "Additionally, we will continue its efforts to provide industry-leading offender rehabilitation programs and reentry services with the objective of reducing recidivism and ensuring individuals successfully transition back into local communities. Our company provides high-quality, diversified services across all segments of

the correctional and community reentry services spectrum in the United States as well as internationally."

The policy change does not cover private prisons used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which hold up to 34,000 immigrants awaiting deportation.

"Private prisons served an important role during a difficult period, but time has shown that they compare poorly to our own Bureau facilities," Yates wrote in a memo to the acting director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. As private prison contracts come to an end, the bureau is not to renew the contract or it should at least "substantially" reduce its scope, Yates wrote. She did not specify a timeline for when all federal inmates would be in government-owned facilities.

Democratic presiden-

tial candidate Hillary Clinton says the country should move away from using private facilities to house inmates. The Clinton campaign has said it no longer accepts contributions from private prison interests, and if it receives such a contribution, it will donate that money to charity. The private prison industry is a major contributor to Republican political campaigns, particularly in recent years. GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump has said he supports the use of private prisons.

The private prisons on the chopping block are operated by three private companies — Corrections Corporation of America, GEO Group Inc., and Management and Training Corporation. After the announcement Thursday, Corrections Corp. stock dropped \$13.22, or 48.6 percent, to \$14 and Geo Group tumbled \$13.80,

or 42.7 percent, to \$18.49. Both companies get about half their revenue from the federal government.

The Management and Training Corporation and Corrections Corporation of America issued statements saying they were disappointed with the decision. They also said they disagreed with the conclusions of an inspector general's audit that preceded the Justice Department's decision.

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## DAILY PRAYER

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Your expected and unexpected  
blessings. Amen.

## Trump and blacks

Who would have thought that Donald Trump, of all people, would be addressing the fact that the black community suffers the most from a breakdown of law and order? But sanity on racial issues is sufficiently rare that it must be welcomed, from whatever source it comes.

When establishment Republicans have addressed the problems of blacks at all, it has too often been in terms of what earmarked benefits can be offered in exchange for their votes. And there was very little that Republicans could offer to compete with the Democrats' whole universe of welfare state earmarks.

Law and order, however, is not an earmarked benefit for any special group. It is a policy for all that is especially needed by law-abiding blacks, who are the principal victims of those who are not law-abiding.

Education is another area where something that is needed by all segments of the population is especially needed by blacks and other low-income minorities. In other words, here again there is no need for a divisive policy of earmarked benefits, in order to attract new voters into a "big tent."

No matter what policy Republicans follow, they are not going to win a majority of the black votes this year, nor perhaps even this decade.

Nor is that necessary. Just an erosion of the Democrats'

monopoly of the black votes can benefit both Republicans and the black community, who are currently taken for granted by the Democrats. Republicans may also get more white votes if they are no longer seen by some as racists.

Education is a slam dunk issue for Republicans trying to appeal to black parents with school-age children, as distinguished from trying to appeal to all black voters, as if all blacks are the same.

Education is an issue with little, if any, down side for the Republicans, because the teachers' unions are the single biggest obstacle to black youngsters getting a decent education — and among the biggest donors to the Democrats.

Among the few signs of educational success for low-income minority children in the public schools are the KIPP and Success Academy charter schools. But teachers' unions are bitterly opposed to increases in the number of such schools, and Democrats do what the teachers' unions want, because money talks.

As long as blacks vote automatically for Democrats, while the teachers' unions insist on getting their money's worth, it is all but inevitable that the education of black children will be sacrificed in the public schools, wherever Democrats are in control.

Republicans have nothing to lose by taking on the teachers' unions, which donate more than 90 percent of their money to Democrats. Again, Republicans may not win a majority of the votes of even those parents who have children in the public schools. But that is where any

inroads into the black vote can begin.

Here, as elsewhere, a journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. That step should include appeals not only to black parents with children in successful charter schools, but also the larger number of black parents on waiting lists for charter schools, and anyone else in the black community who understands that a good education is the key for the next generation to advance.

The black vote has not always been a monopoly of the Democrats. From the time of Abraham Lincoln to that of President Herbert Hoover the black vote was Republican. Even in the depths of the Great Depression of the 1930s, the black vote was one of the few that went to President Hoover in 1932.

Even after President Franklin D. Roosevelt won over black voters in FDR's 1936 landslide, Republicans continued to get a significant share of the black vote over the next 20 years. But not in recent elections.

Someone on CNN said that if Trump were serious about wanting the black vote, he would address groups like the NAACP. That was in fact a big mistake that even President Reagan made.

Blacks voters are not the property of the NAACP, and they need to be addressed directly as individuals, over the heads of special interest organizations that have led blacks into the blind alley of being a voting bloc that has been taken for granted far too long.

Whether other Republicans will re-think their approach to attracting minority voters is a big unanswered question.



## Is the left really wary of Clinton?

The hard left can be an unforgiving crowd, not always mindful of the give-and-take required to get things done. Donald Trump's fascist-lite ravings are anathema to them, but with moderate Republicans migrating to Hillary Clinton, some on the left worry that a President Clinton might feel less obliged to push a vigorous liberal program. Or perhaps not.

The political media thrives on a boiling pot. Clinton's widening lead in the polls drains some drama from the big story. The political punditry needs to drum up conflict, so why not revisit the alleged schism between Clinton and archliberals? The result is a largely fictional trend resting on a cherry-picked quote or two, but there you have it.

If the alliance between Clinton and moderate conservatives means finding common ground with reasonable Republicans, that would be a positive development, would it not? It would be a throwback to the era when the two parties made war but also made legislation.

Some of our friends on the right are saying, "Don't get your hopes up too high. This support for Clinton is a one-time deal." Once we bury the candidacy of

the appalling Trump, it's back to the races.

That's one possibility. Another is that Trump spreads his collapse down the ballot and a party (Republican or a new one) emerges from the rubble creating a right-of-center coalition able to work with the left-of-center one.

It's hard to imagine sophisticated liberals doubting Clinton's devotion to the cause after her recent speech on economic policy. Unless it's been forgotten. (Clinton gave it a whole week ago.)

So let's refresh memories. Clinton called for raising taxes on the rich and adding new taxes on high-frequency traders and companies moving overseas. She would gradually raise the federal minimum wage from today's paltry \$7.25 an hour to \$12 an hour.

Clinton would also hike spending on roads, airports and other infrastructure — and on green energy — by nearly \$300 billion, creating some 7 million jobs. She'd make state and community colleges tuition-free for middle-class families.

These are core progressive proposals, some inspired or pushed along by Bernie Sanders' campaign. The Democratic Party platform, meanwhile, is being called the most progressive in history.

So what would liberals complain about? It can't be that she welcomes the support of officials from the George W. Bush and Ronald Reagan administrations.

The "we can't shake hands with the other party" is vulgar tea party militarism. (The Trump team would be doing backflips if prominent Democrats were defecting to its side.)

We get it. Some liberals would prefer that the race center more on their good proposals and less on what's so horrifying about Trump.

That could explain why Adam Green of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee framed Clinton's desire to do big-tent politics as a "double-edged sword." Green also noted that revulsion toward Trump could bring more progressives into Washington, and that would be a good thing.

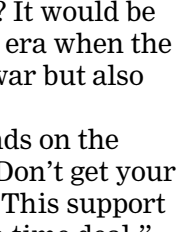
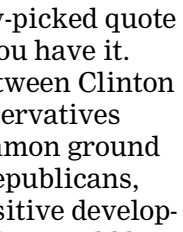
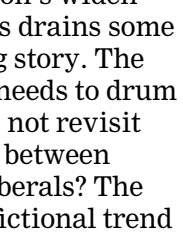
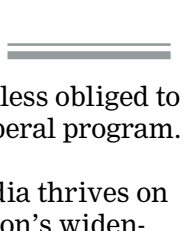
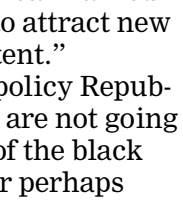
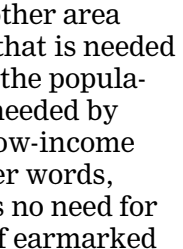
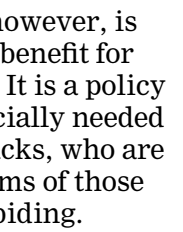
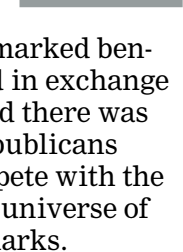
By the way, "moderate" is not a dirty word, but "mandate" may be becoming one. Some on the right are already saying, in the words of a former Ted Cruz aide, "Clinton is not likely to emerge with a legislative mandate."

Let us recall that in the election of 2000, George W. won by 537 votes in Florida while losing the popular vote by a half-million.

Nonetheless, he claimed a mandate, pushing through deep tax cuts for the rich, among other radical policies.

The mandate is whatever the winner decides it is. And if you want to win the presidency in this highly divided country of ours, two blades are better than one.

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# Ballinger theater offers food, entertainment, and community

By **RONALD W. ERDRICH**

Abilene Reporter-News  
BALLINGER, Texas — Things have been up and down for the Old Texas Theater over the years. Now, the venue is coming back once again.

Originally known as The Palace, the neon sign was moved from across the street after the original Texas Theater burned down in 1962. Since the blaze had started in the back of the building, only the sign had been spared.

The Texas continued to show movies for about a decade and a half until closing in the late 1970s. It stood idle for decades until 2012, when it was by bought Paul and Katy Morrow.

"The owner, he re-did this thing for Ballinger residents to have something to do," Brian Hallmark, the manager of the theater, told the Abilene Reporter-News (<http://bit.ly/2bcaeJU>). "Because there are a lot of small towns — you've got Miles, Winters, Paint Rock — that don't have a whole lot to do and they don't want to go to the big city."

A major renovation of the theater was undertaken. The accumulated trash of 40 years was removed, along with the seats, and the walls were taken down to the exposed limestone rock. The stage was extended and a kitchen was installed.

The original history of the theater is on display around the former auditorium. Spanish movie posters dot the wall, and old movie reels and lengths of film can be seen in cabinets beside the stage.

Originally, the plan was to have a private club in the balcony area for those wishing to have alcohol, and then to serve food on the main floor. Box seating and tables allowed diners to eat and watch movies or other entertainment.

But the concept didn't work out as well as hoped. The theater closed briefly, then reopened in January with a new plan.

"We'd done the movie thing but everybody's got Netflix they can watch at their house in bed," Hallmark said. "So we show sporting events; Rangers, football games, possibly the Olympics. Stuff like that."

Live entertainment is still a cornerstone of the venue, however. A big challenge after the renovation was installing an audio system that would work well within the historical building.

"Achieving that was very difficult with all the hard surfaces," Hallmark said. "It took some ingenuity, a lot of scratching our heads and trial-and-error, but we did it."

It's an honest observation that Americans seem to have forgotten about everything else there was to do before the advent of movies and television. Comedians, plays, musicians,

skits and all kinds of other entertainment also meant a chance to get out of the house and join the community.

Reinforcing a sense of community is part of why the Old Texas Theater was renovated in the first place.

"On Friday nights, after our home football games, we're going to have a Fifth Quarter," Hallmark said. "After the football game we're going to have live music and then at 11 we'll show (local television) scores and highlights, and then the music will go back on."

Getting a restaurant off the ground is a difficult endeavor, especially when you're in a small town. Hallmark said word-of-mouth has been their greatest ally, but so has social media.

"We're steady," he said of their business. "You don't want to go full-speed-ahead and spend 10 grand on marketing and stuff."

Yelp is an online service where users can find businesses and share ratings. It's free for business owners who can add photos, upload menus and respond to inquiries.

For travelers looking for a good place to eat, it's the internet equivalent of driving past all the cafes and seeing whose parking lot has the most cars. Hallmark said a large portion of their customers have come from folks passing through using that service, Facebook, TripAdvisor, and others.

Currently, the Texas is open Friday and Saturday for lunch, and then again in the evening. Joe Fuentes, who runs the kitchen, might be remembered as Smokey Joe, who was invited to American Royal KC Masterpiece Invitational Contest in Kansas City, Missouri, known as the World Series of Barbecue.

"It was all right, we had a good time but it was a learning experience," Fuentes said. He's been invited to go again this year in October, but he said with getting the Texas up and running, and another barbecue restaurant he's helping to open soon in Blackwell, making it up to Kansas City might be a bridge too far.

"I'm not too interested in doing too many cook-offs, we're going to do maybe two or three a year," he said. "Before it was fun, but now we don't have time for it. We work."



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The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Maintenance Tax** \$ 1.04 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

**School Debt Service Tax**  
**Approved by Local Voters** \$ 0.08 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	<u>31</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ % increase	or	<u>15</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase	or	<u>29</u> % (decrease)

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	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>2,877,635,054</u>	\$ <u>2,923,395,697</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>145,742,756</u>	\$ <u>1,192,531</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>2,397,632,455</u>	\$ <u>2,326,39,341</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>145,648,433</u>	\$ <u>1,051,496</u>

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 26,566,298.00

\* Outstanding principal.

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### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ 1.03710	\$ 0.08000*	\$ 1.12710	\$ 24,919	\$ 15,598
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ 1.20004	\$ 0.08607*	\$ 1.28611	\$ 23,140	\$ 474
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 1.03710	\$ 0.08000*	\$ 1.11710	\$ 23,038	\$ 474

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 107,056	\$ 70,277
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 85,645	\$ 56,221
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.127100	\$ 1.120000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 965.30	\$ 629.67
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (335.63)

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**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.04 (M&O). This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04 (M&O).

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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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."

**Psalm 91: 14-16**

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Did you ever wonder?

# What was "Lashon Hara"?

Do you remember when we studied about Moses's early life? Do you remember that as a young Egyptian general, Moses married a Cushite princess as part of conquering the country? This was in name only; the marriage was not consummated. So in effect, when Moses left, the marriage was annulled.



EUNICE FILLER

Later Moses married Zipporah of Midian. She bore him two sons. But his workload in leading the Israelites was so heavy that Moses sent her home with her father, Jethro. In Numbers 12, Miriam and Aaron spoke in private con-

cerning Moses. "Was it only to Moses that Hashem spoke? Did He not speak to us as well?" And God heard!!

Numbers 12:1 says they spoke concerning the Cushite woman he had married. The sages have speculated on several things that could have caused this.

Some say Miriam and Aaron were jealous of Moses' elevated position with God. Miriam had been a prophetess since childhood... even before Moses was born. God had appointed Aaron to be the High Priest to minister before God in the Tabernacle. Why should Moses be favored over them?

Delving into ancient priestly customs, we are told that when God wanted to speak to Miriam or Aaron, He told them three days ahead of time. This gave them time to cleanse their bodies and minds to be holy enough for

God to visit them. They could not have family relations with their husband or wife.

However, God spoke to Moses almost on a daily basis.

He had to remain in a holy state all the time. This meant that Zipporah was forced to live a life of seclusion. Maybe Moses lived in a separate tent to help insulate himself from desire.

Thus it seemed smart to send Zipporah home to her father's house.

It almost seems that Miriam might say, "Poor Zipporah! Why should Moses send her away? Is Moses so holy? After all, he married the Cushite woman!" (My supposition.)

God spoke to Aaron and Miriam from the Pillar of Cloud, "I speak to prophets in a vision or a dream. Not so is My servant Moses; in My entire house he is the trusted one. Mouth to mouth (face to face) do I speak to him, in a

clear vision and not in riddles. Why do you not fear to speak against My servant Moses?"

Then the wrath of God flared against them, and He left.

When the cloud departed, Miriam's skin was white as snow with a skin disease, formerly identified as leprosy. This skin disease was from God and was reserved for the punishment of 'lashon hara,' meaning evil tongue. Speaking evil of another person is called 'lashon hara,' evil speech or slander. This is caused by envy.

Aaron immediately confessed that they had sinned and pleaded with God to heal Miriam. Moses, too, pleaded with God to heal her now.

God answered Moses, "If her father spit in her face, she would be humiliated for seven days! Let her be quarantined outside the camp for

seven days, then she may be brought into the camp."

Let's put ourselves in Miriam's place. What kind of words come out of our mouth when someone hurts our feelings or is chosen instead of us? If challenged about it later, we say, "Well, I was just mad! I didn't mean any of it!"

Luke 6:45 says, "For his mouth speaks out of the overflow of his heart." If the evil were not in the heart, the mouth would not have found the evil words!

*Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.*

## Church News

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

### First Baptist Church

Rejoice in the Lord with the congregation of FBC Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.. The message from God's Word will be brought by John Long, and is titled "God's Heart for Lost Things". Drawn from Luke 15:1-24, this passage shows the compassionate and particular care that God demonstrates for all people.

If you have mobility issues, use the circle drive by the west doors, and someone will be happy to assist you into the building and park your vehi-

cle. If you are unable to attend, please join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday School groups meet throughout the building; Children gather in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and youth, college students, and adults meet in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class and direct you to coffee.

At 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, the evening schedule begins with a time of worship followed by a meal, then small group discussion of the study "I Will" by Thom Ranier. The groups are intergenerational and change weekly. You can join the study at any time, and there is no fee for the meal or materials. Children will be involved in separate activities led by Children's Minister Justin Green.

The church thanks everyone who donated and supported the recent "Backpack Blessings" event. More than 130 children and their families

received essential educational supplies through this program.

Ladies, save the date of Sept. 10 for a day of fellowship and time out from your routine. The fun will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will feature "Greater Than Rubies" blogger, style coach, and columnist Caitlin Skidmore. In addition to the speaker, there will be a tasty lunch and door prizes. Tickets are \$15 and available at the church office.

FBC Mother's Day Out program begins the fall term Aug 23. MDO is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening activities begin with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by adult prayer time and Bible study, adult choir practice, Saturate Youth group, and Real LYF for children. On the menu for Aug. 24 are barbecue sandwiches.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700.

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### First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring.

Each Sunday morning, the 9 a.m. Traditions service features the church's pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge service at 11 a.m. is led by the church's worship band, and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio and many others. The Bridge service is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday during both services, Pastor Ivins will share a message entitled "For This You Were Called." The message is taken from Jeremiah 1:4-10.

During the 11 a.m. modern service, the congregation will hear testimonies from children and youth about how Christ touched their lives during summer camp. The church will also have a time of blessing for all children, teachers, and school administrators as they prepare to head back to school. New Bibles will be given to all children and youth present, and a special gift will be presented to every teacher and administrator.

On Wednesday, Pastor Ivins will continue his study in the Gospel of Mark at Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall. A meal will be served beginning at 11:50 a.m. for a small fee. All are welcome.

The music ministry is in full swing on Wednesdays. The Bridge Worship Band gathers for rehearsal each Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and the Celebration Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Suite on the second floor.

To close out the summer before kids head back to School, the church's children's ministry is hosting "Water-Slide Kick Ball" at the home of Mark and Stacy Barr on Friday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. Hot dogs and chips will be provided. Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, the church will hold a Preview Party for Financial Peace University (FPU). The party will take place in Garrett Hall at 6 p.m. Childcare will be provided. Those in attendance will be provided with more information regarding FPU. The official Fall launch of FPU will be Wednesday, Sept. 14.

The Church's Fall Rally Day will be Sunday, Sept. 11. The church will also honor First Responders in Howard County during a combined worship service at 11 a.m. First Responders and their families will be guests of honor during a meal to follow the service at noon.

For more information on any activity, visit the church website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church

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### First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Office hours are usually Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may contact the office at 432-517-4821 anytime.

A fellowship hour is hosted at 9:15 a.m., Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., and worship starts at 10:50 a.m. each Sunday.

This Sunday guest minister Mr. Dan Miracle will be preaching on Luke 13:10 to 17; Jesus finds a crippled woman who has been afflicted for 18 years. As Jesus does, he finds compassion and heals her. The leader of the synagogue isn't pleased with Jesus healing the woman on the Sabbath. Come join them for worship to hear what Mr. Miracle has to say on this topic.

Wanda Brock will be a greeter, while liturgist this week will be Shirley Burgess. Shelane Roberts and Mary Beth Johnson will serve at the Lord's table.

Choir practice has resumed after a short summer break. Choir director Tara Trowbridge and music director Lawrence Thibeault are hard at work along with the choir to bring some beautiful music together. A couple of the selections for this Sunday will be "Come, Thou Almighty King" and "Let All Things Now Living." For more information call 432-517-



# Reflections: Living like an Olympian of faith

All eyes are focused on Rio de Janeiro for the Olympics, where the best athletes of the world compete at the limit of their talent and determination.

Michael Phelps boosted his all time gold medal count to 23, far and away the most by any athlete since the modern Olympic Games commenced in 1896. Simone Biles was gold in women's gymnastics, and Usain Bolt proved himself the fastest man on Earth for the third Olympics in a row.

The Olympic Games date back to 770 B.C. and were expanded in the first century by Augustus Caesar, the emperor of record at Jesus'

birth. Writing to Greeks in the first century, the Apostle Paul drew on Olympic metaphors to help them understand how to live the Christian life: "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win" (1 Corinthians 9:24).

Christianity is not a spectator religion. We all must run! In spite of the fact that our churches are arranged so that most of us appear to be sitting in the stands watching a few performers on the stage, the truth is that we must compete in the race. Sunday services are more like team meetings in the locker room to get us ready for the main event that starts on Monday.

The Academy Award winning movie "Chariots of Fire" depicted the 1924 Olympic competition between Eric Liddell and Harold

Abrahams, the two fastest men of their day. Abrahams had never lost a race until Eric Liddell beat him in the 100-meter dash by a single step. Mortified by the loss, he later sat in the empty stands with his fiancée. She kept trying to encourage him, but he finally snapped at her, "You don't understand. If I can't win, I won't run." Stunned, she paused for a moment then responded with typical feminine insight: "If you don't run," she said, "you can't win!" That is the Apostle's point. If we don't run, we can't win. We must all live out our faith in Christ in such a way that we "run to win!"

This requires discipline. Paul continues, "Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable" (1 Cor. 9:25). The athletes we are watching in Rio

must exercise great discipline in diet and training. Only by imposing discipline upon their bodies can they compete for the gold.

Too many Christians think that once they accept Christ by faith and receive the assurance of heaven that they can live however they wish. They are like someone who has been accepted to the Olympics and chooses to train for their event by eating Blue Bell ice cream and watching others compete on TV. They might be at the Olympics, but they won't win the prize. The Apostle concludes, "I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified" (1 Cor. 9:27).

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



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## CHURCH

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office at 267-6394.

### First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, meets in the library at 5:17 p.m., and the Chancel Choir meets for practice at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Service Committee thanks everyone who donated to the School Supplies drive. They were able to deliver a very generous donation of supplies to the Salvation Army to be distributed to school children in our community.

Susan Holstedt is in charge of refreshments for "Take Ten" for Sunday. Ushers for the month are Ellen Austin, Susan Holstedt, Jim Little, and Sarah Salinas. Lector is Buddy Cochrane.

Lectionary for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost (or 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time) is Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will offer "O Lord Most Holy" by Caesar Franck as the anthem, and present "Holy, Holy" from Streetcorner Spirituals by Alice Parker as the offertory anthem.

Please note that Sunday worship begins at 10:50 a.m. to give time for announcements and parish concerns before the radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you

can listen in on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for the service, please call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On the website, you can find a link to audio of several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

### Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning the message comes from Acts 6:1-6, and is called "Diakonos."

The Sunday evening study is called "Does This Mean Me?" It deals with discerning which passages in the Bible are descriptive stories, which are instructions for believers in the modern day, and which are examples for everyday Christians. This Sunday the study will encompass Acts 6:1-7.

Children's activities on Wednesday afternoons will begin Aug. 31 with a Back to School Bash. This event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. that Wednesday afternoon. Please note that the following week, GA, RA, and Heroes in Training classes will begin at 4 p.m. rather than 6. A light snack will be served directly after school for elementary kids, and transportation will run when those classes are over at 5 p.m.. Youth (junior high and high school) will begin at its usual time with a meal at 5:30 and class at 6. There is also a Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. throughout the year.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship ser-

vices at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

New Connection Groups will begin Sept. 11. The new offerings include "Blending Families", "The Heart of Parenting" and "Hebrews".

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving area widows with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. The ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397. Some recent projects include a wheelchair ramp, kitchen repair/cabinet installation and minor electrical repair/outlet installation.

Check out Operation Christmas Child Store in the church foyer. Items to be placed into the Christmas shoe boxes are available for purchase, or you can make a donation towards the purchase of items. Contact Sue Smith or Dana Tompkins for more information.

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 pm. The title of the study is "To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain".

The current session of the Pain Management Group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Contact Steve Purdy for more information.

Spring Creek continues taking donations for the new Kitchen. If you would like to contribute or would like more information, please contact the church office or come by on Sunday morning.

The Mother's Day Out program is now in session on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for children of ages 6 weeks through 4 years. Contact Donna Sue Looney for more information.

With this the Spring Creek Fellowship app, you can make tithes/donations, leave mes-

sages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains, and learn about upcoming events using your smartphone. The app will also include a Bible reading plan, "Baby On Board" announcements of new babies coming to the church, Vacation Bible School information. Search your app store for "Spring Creek Fellowship" and download; be sure to allow notifications to be kept updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-  
8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service  
9:15-10:15 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.-12 p.m.-Worship Service  
Tuesday-  
12 noon- Narcotics Anonymous  
6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group  
Wednesday-  
Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday  
7 p.m.-"To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain" Men's Bible Study (begins July 28)

Friday-  
7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous  
Saturday-  
7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship  
10 a.m.-"Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

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### Bufs show their potential in scrimmage against C-City

By DREW WILLIAMS  
Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes traveled to Colorado City to take on the Wolves in their second and final scrimmage before the season kicks off next week against Coahoma. Though “playing up” against the 3A Wolves, the 2A Buffaloes made it look easy.

“It was good. A good, solid scrimmage with a good opponent. It’s good to play teams that are big and physical like Colorado City, and it was a big test for us. Overall I thought we did a good job. I thought we looked better than we did last week, and as a coach you just want to get better every week and so far we’ve done that,” Forsan head coach Jason

Phillips said.

Forsan was rolling offensively and defensively throughout the night. On offense they were able to consistently gain positive yards and make the occasional deep passes and long runs that got the fans excited. Defensively they were stout all night, and a handful of drives that saw the Wolves move the chains multiple times ended with the Buffaloes recovering a fumble or intercepting a ball in the end zone.

In the simulated fourth quarter to end the scrimmage, Forsan won 14-0 on the heels of two 50+ yard passing touchdowns. Phillips said if the offense continues to be able to throw the way they have

in the first two scrimmages, he could see his team moving from a run-heavy scheme to more of a 50-50 split.

“We’re blessed with some good speed at our skill positions and wide receivers. As an offensive coach especially, it’s fun to have. And that’s not our motto, usually we’re not a passing team and we spread it out to run,” Phillips said. “(Bryce) Hergert did a good job progressing throughout two-a-days, and if he can just continue to give our receivers a chance, those guys can go make some plays for us.”

On pitching a shutout in the simulated quarter

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Forsan intercepts a pass in the end zone by Colorado City in Thursday’s scrimmage.

### Ashton Eaton ties Olympic record, but it’s Bolt’s show again



AP Photo/Julio Cortez

Usain Bolt from Jamaica, left, wins the gold medal in the men’s 200-meter final during the athletics competitions of the 2016 Summer Olympics at the Olympic stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thursday.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Ashton Eaton retained his title as the best all-around athlete in the world by tying the decathlon Olympic record in Rio de Janeiro — but within minutes, track and field’s ultimate superstar took back the center stage again.

What more could the now two-time Olympic champion Eaton do Thursday night to get just a little sliver of the limelight that beams so brightly on Usain Bolt?

Not much. But the ever-gracious Eaton is OK with that.

“I had the pleasure of being in the same era as Usain Bolt,” Eaton said. “I mean, the guy’s last name is Bolt. He’s the fastest man ever. You can’t write a story like that.”

You can try. For his own impressive tale, the American made it back-to-back Olympic and world titles in the decathlon, an event Eaton has ruled since he rebounded from silver at the worlds in 2011 to claim the next

four major gold medals available. From throwing, to jumping, to running, Eaton can do it all.

But then Bolt — a Jamaican who just deals in speed — roared around the bend at the Olympic Stadium to win the 200 meters in 19.78 seconds, completing act two of his three-part quest for gold and history in Rio.

Maybe there was some comfort for Eaton — and loads of other athletes looking for some attention — with Bolt’s suggestion afterward that he’s nearly done.

“On the straight, my body didn’t respond. I’m getting old,” said Bolt, who was trying to break his own world record of 19.19.

Friday’s 4x100-meter relay final is all that’s left now between Bolt and an historic three-golds at three straight Olympics. Concentrating on not messing that up for Bolt, a Jamaica team led by Asafa Powell got into the final in an important moment for the big man’s legacy. They finished second in their heat behind Ja-

pan.

“There was some pressure to make it to the finals,” Powell said, relieved he didn’t have to deliver any bad news as Bolt prepared for the 200 final.

Wednesday produced an “awesome hour” for the U.S. track team, according to Tianna Bartoletta. By Thursday night, that had evolved into a pretty great 24 hours.

Alongside Eaton’s triumph, Ryan Crouser led an American one-two in the shot put, also setting a new Olympic record of 22.52 meters to win his first major title

from world champion Joe Kovacs.

Dalilah Muhammad kept the U.S. total ticking on with gold in the women’s 400-meter hurdles and Ashley Spencer added a bronze, with another American 1-2 only just thwarted by Denmark’s Sara Slott Petersen. Kerron Clement also won his first individual Olympic gold in the 400-meter hurdles.

“We are making history out here,” Muhammad said of the U.S. team’s gold rush.

The crowd at a near-full Olympic Stadium

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AP Photo/Mark Baker

Usain Bolt from Jamaica leads the field in the men’s 200 meters final at the 2016 Summer Olympics at the Olympic stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thursday.

### Lochte lied according Brazil police and U.S. swimmers

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Two American Olympic swimmers were on their way home Friday after being pulled off a plane a day earlier to testify about an alleged robbery at the Rio Olympics that Brazilian police said was made up. The lawyer for a third U.S. swimmer said he would make a \$10,800 payment and leave Brazil later in the day.

The drama surrounding the alleged robbery of American swimmers — and their ever-changing descriptions of it — has shocked and deeply angered Brazilians, who said it cast a false negative shadow on their city and their Olympics at a time the country is eager to prove it can host the games safely. The story has also dominated Olympic headlines, overshadowing the worthy accomplishments of athletes who trained for years just to get to Rio and set records during their performances. The saga was an enormous embarrassment for the U.S. Olympic team, which has dominated in the medal count.

The rapid-fire developments early Friday came hours after police announced that Ryan Lochte and three of his team-

mates had not been held at gunpoint after a night of partying, as Lochte claimed. Instead, Brazilian police said the men, while intoxicated, vandalized a gas station bathroom and were questioned by armed guards before they paid for the damage and left.

“No robbery was committed against these athletes. They were not victims of the crimes they claimed,” Civil Police Chief Fernando Veloso told a news conference.

As two of the swimmers, Gunnar Bentz and Jack Conger, were whisked through airport security and onto a plane home Thursday night, their attorney insisted they had nothing to do with Lochte’s story. Lochte himself left the country earlier this week.

Bentz and Conger “were heard only as witnesses. This has to be made very, very clear,” lawyer Sergio Riera told The Associated Press. “They did not make any untruthful testimony. They did not lie in their statements.”

A lawyer for another swimmer, James Feigen, said early Friday that the athlete reached

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AP Photo

Houston Astros’ Joe Musgrove throws to the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of a baseball game, Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016, in Baltimore.

### Orioles hit 6 HRs in 13-5 rout of Astros

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles waited a long time to put on a power display like this one, and they relished every hit.

J.J. Hardy and Chris Davis each hit two of Baltimore’s six home runs, Hyun Soo Kim had a career-high four hits and the Orioles beat rookie Joe Musgrove and the skidding Houston Astros 13-5 on Thursday night.

Mark Trumbo and Manny Machado also homered to help the Orioles improve to 40-19 at home and climb into a second-place tie with

Boston in the AL East. The 13 runs matched a season high, set June 1 against Boston.

The Orioles had scored three runs or fewer in 20 of 32 games since the All-Star break, so this amounted to a slugfest of major proportions.

“I think there was a lot of frustration there,” manager Buck Showalter said. “I don’t know if frustration is the right word, but (they wanted to) get back to what we’re capable of doing.”

Trumbo set the tone in the first inning with his

major league-leading 35th home run, a three-run shot to left against Musgrove, who looked every bit like a 23-year-old rookie making his third major league start.

“They’re a fastball-hitting team. I like to throw fastballs,” the right-hander said. “I didn’t locate pitches very well. Got behind.”

And, for a change, the Orioles took full advantage.

“Seems like a while now, we weren’t getting many mistakes,” Showalter said. “And when we were, we

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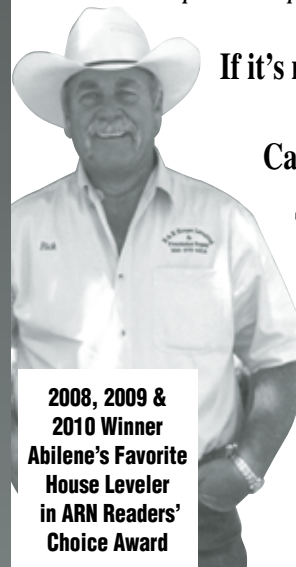
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**Fantasy Moon  
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What is the name for the particular kind of self-inflicted torture of devouring someone's super-awesome social media profile? Well, there should be a similar but opposite name for the glee of gobbling up the idiocy in the profile of someone you despise, right? The alignment of the Pisces moon and Neptune will help you think of one.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Self-centeredness is an epidemic these days, and, to some extent, we all are part of it. So before you make your presentation, pitch or explanation, make sure the others know why it's relevant to them.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** This endeavor that once ter-

rified you -- well, now as you skip past your trepidation and get straight to the rewards for taking action, you can hardly believe you were ever afraid.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** From Vito Corleone to Mike Tyson to Anjelica Huston in any role she's ever played, the ones who speak softly often have such strong intentions and methods that taxing their vocal cords seems completely unnecessary.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Even those who claim that there are no stupid questions have to admit that quality questions have the power to elevate. Someone will prove his or her intelligence by asking you a thought-provoking question.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Post an opinion; change the world! Wait... it doesn't work like that? Nope. The world still changes by making a connection, having a conversation, coming to a new understanding and making agreements that reflect that.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You know

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

where the sugar is going to come from, and you also know what leaves a bitter taste. In today's case, there will be no surprises. You'll get precisely the flavor you put into the recipe.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're someone's favorite. Does the preferential treatment make you uncomfortable? If you can handle it, your gracious reception of all this delicious attention keeps it coming your way.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Power is subjective. The one who is extremely revered in some circles is totally unknown and without influence in others. Your perception of how powerful a person is will matter, but it won't translate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The words get prettier when people are trying to impress each other. You'll find yourself on both sides of the equation, alternately throwing out the high-minded sentiments and catching them.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**

You have access to the things that will fortify your soul. Do you know what your soul needs? Because the soul nutrition maybe doesn't come in the brand-name packaging you thought it would come in.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You've a new attitude and your elevated confidence will inspire moves that you wouldn't have thought to make this time last month (or even last week).

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your good feelings about the day are warranted, as important and fortuitous happenings are likely. A strong yet effortless connection will be made with your fellow water signs, Cancer and Scorpio.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 19).** Do not miss the opportunity to travel, especially to foreign lands. Long after the expensive of this has been forgotten, the experience will continue to invigorate your life on every level, including spiritually and socially. The end of the year will bring miraculous connections for family

and finance. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 17, 2, 27 and 31.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** Focus on what you want and need to do. Your independence is sexy. **TAURUS:** Be kinder and more supportive toward yourself, and the others will follow suit. **GEMINI:** You're better off using some game strategy than wearing your unconditionally loving heart on your sleeve. **CANCER:** The extra mirror time you put in goes far toward boosting your confidence. **LEO:** You're creative in the way you show your affection, which will make an indelible memory. **VIRGO:** You want to be above it all, but, like everyone else, sometimes you get jealous. You'll channel that brilliantly. **LIBRA:** Your talents set you apart, but only if you show them off a little!

**SCORPIO:** A loving family is an asset that makes you look so good to your potential love. **SAGITTARIUS:** Date night tip: What matters most about

the venue is, believe it or not, the lighting. **CAPRICORN:** Keep your power. Say "no" just because you can. **FLEX. AQUARIUS:** Jumping to conclusions about your love will only cut you off from true knowledge. Stay open. **PISCES:** Fill your own emotional well up first, and then you'll have lots of love to share.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The Aries moon perfectly complements the Leo sun, and fire-sign couples of this combination are energized with a heat that sends the relationship blazing into the night and beyond. The only danger with this duo has to do with former partners. The exes won't like how the Aries/Leo couple shines and jealous drama may ensue, which only serves to make the bond even more interesting.

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**Keep That Reference**

**Dear Annie:** I am a college student in my early 20s. While applying for an internship recently, I contacted a former employer, "Lauren," to ask whether she would act as a reference on my application. This is a woman I genuinely like and respect, so I was excited when she said that she would be happy to do so and that we should meet to catch up over coffee. The trouble started

when she later invited me to a "meeting" instead.

I was aware that Lauren had recently become involved with a "multilevel marketing company" (read: pyramid scheme) that sells "safe" and "natural" nutrition and beauty products. Even though this was not something I was interested in, I decided to go to the meeting to see her and see what it was about. Although she was saving several seats, I was the only one of Lauren's friends to show up. The meeting turned out to be fun

and very convincing. I was careful not to commit to anything, but I expressed an interest in researching and trying the products and was invited to a product party. I was even privately considering becoming a consultant if I liked the products, and I suspect that Lauren and her friends could sense that. While driving home, however, I started to feel a little brainwashed. I respect the men and women who can be successful in these businesses, but I am not one of them, and I have never had an interest in trying. I am not against the products and might even like to purchase a few in the future, when I have a steady income and a regular routine. Unfortunately, Lauren seems more interested in recruiting me to

the company than in selling me things.

It has only happened two or three times, but I am running out of polite ways to deflect or decline. My question is: How do I say no to Lauren without upsetting her so that I will still be able to list her as a reference? Is that even possible? My past experience working for her (and therefore having a reference from her) is an important part of my resume and could make the difference between my getting an internship in my field and my not getting one. What should I do? -- Making Up My Mind

**Dear Making Up:** Timing is everything. I'm not suggesting you cook up a scheme of your own, but it wouldn't hurt to keep things on open-ended, friendly terms while

you're still asking Lauren to be a reference. Instead of worrying over how to give Lauren a hard "no," focus on securing a hard "yes" from her on that front.

And meanwhile, come up with a plan B. If Lauren flakes on you like bad foundation, have someone else lined up to speak to your professional assets.

**Dear Annie:** I went to a funeral yesterday and sneezed immediately when seated. The woman in front of me was doused in perfume. I moved back a row (no place else to go), but that perfume permeated the entire church. I am sure she is a nice woman and did not realize how offensive she was.

It is a fact that people cannot smell themselves, so they do not know if they have bad body odor or are wearing too much perfume. If you actually put on enough perfume that you can smell it yourself, it's way too much. Deodorants, hair sprays, scented body washes and room deodorizers should be used

sparingly. Plus, maybe laundry detergents would be cheaper if they omitted the dyes and perfumes. -- Enough of the Noxious Fumes

**Dear Enough:** You may suffer from multiple chemical sensitivity. The exact science behind the condition is still up for debate, but some people have much stronger reactions to scents than others. Some have found relief by fanning themselves with paper, carrying around orange peels (to mask unfriendly scents) and using meditative breathing techniques. It also wouldn't hurt to talk to your doctor about possible allergies. I hope you can breathe easy soon.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Test your play**

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Five Clubs, and North leads a trump. You win with the seven, South following suit. How would you play the hand?

West: ♠ A 5, ♥ 4, ♦ A J 10 2, ♣ A Q J 9 8 7  
East: ♠ Q J 6 3, ♥ K 3, ♦ 9 4, ♣ K 10 6 5 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the four of hearts, and South plays the king. How would you play the hand?

West: ♠ 9 8, ♥ A Q, ♦ K Q J 10, ♣ Q 10 8 5 2  
East: ♠ A K J 3, ♥ 8 3, ♦ A 9 6, ♣ J 9 7 4

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1. It might seem that the best line of play is to lead a heart at trick two. If North has the ace, you make the contract whether he takes it or not. Even if South has the ace, you still have a spade finesse to fall back on. But while it is true that the early heart play makes you a 3-1 favorite to make the contract, you can further increase the odds in your favor to about 4-1 by first crossing to dummy with a trump at trick two and returning the four of diamonds, planning to

finesse if South follows low. This play sews up the contract whenever South has both the king and queen of diamonds, which will occur one-fourth of the time. In that case, the best he can do is to play the queen, which you take with the ace. You then return a low diamond to the nine. South wins with the king but is helpless. If he returns a spade, you go up with the ace and discard dummy's two hearts on the J-10 of diamonds; if he returns a heart instead, dummy's king becomes a trick, and you don't lose a spade. 2. It would be wrong to try to establish clubs, since this would surely lead to losing two clubs and at least three hearts. The play that gives you your best chance to get home safely is to lead the eight of spades at trick two, planning to play low from dummy if North follows low. If South wins the eight with the queen, you have nine tricks; if he wins the eight with the ten, you later finesse the jack, hoping North has the queen. The recommended approach is sure to succeed if North has either missing spade honor, or both. It gives you a 3-1 chance to make the contract, whereas finessing the jack on the first round offers only an even chance.

Tomorrow: Get me to the bank on time.  
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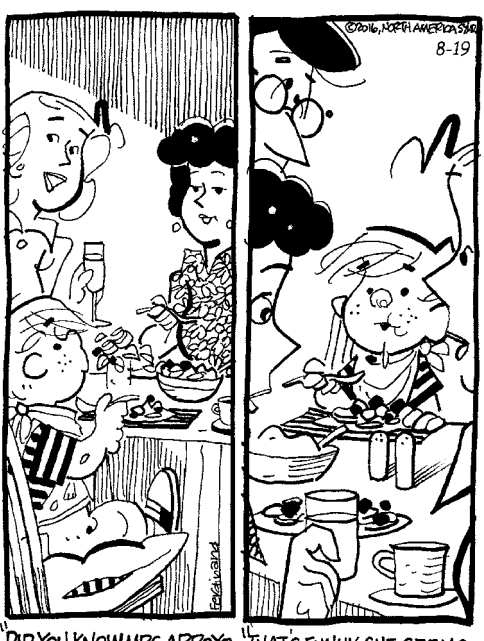
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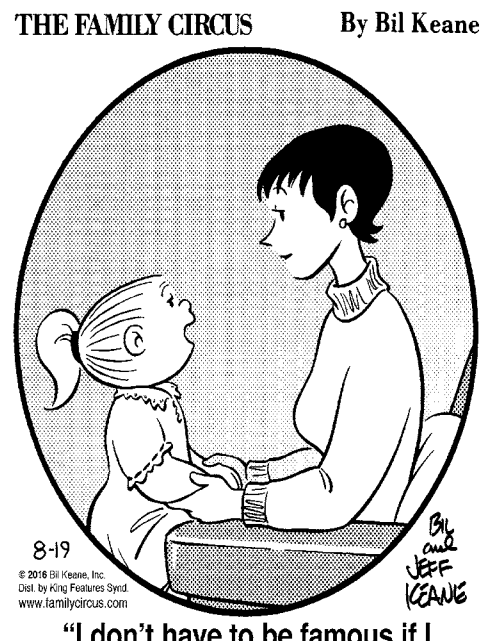
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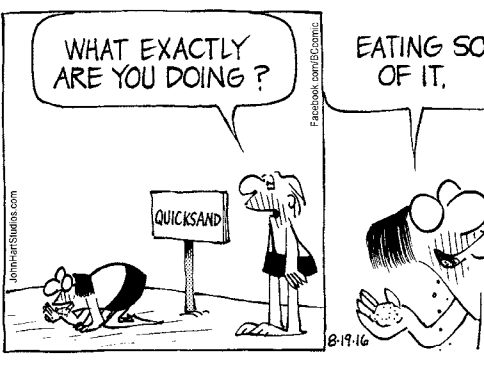
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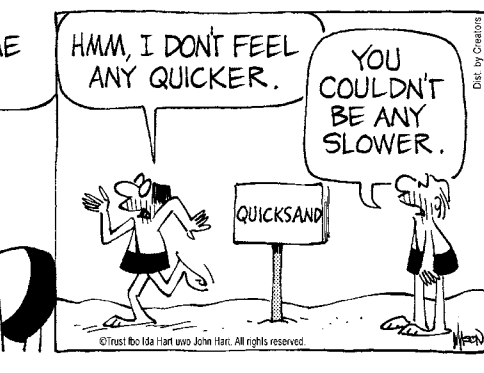
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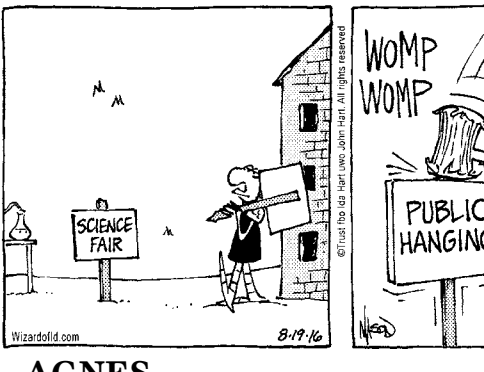
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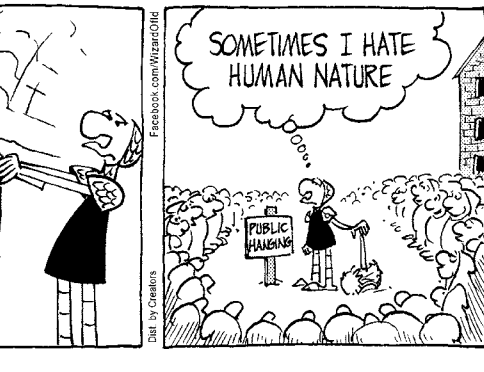
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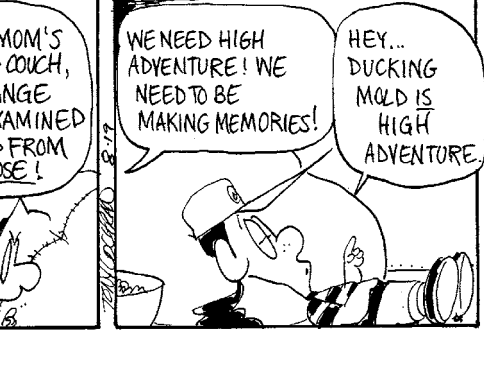
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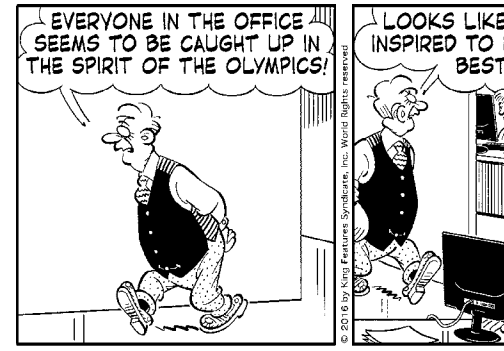
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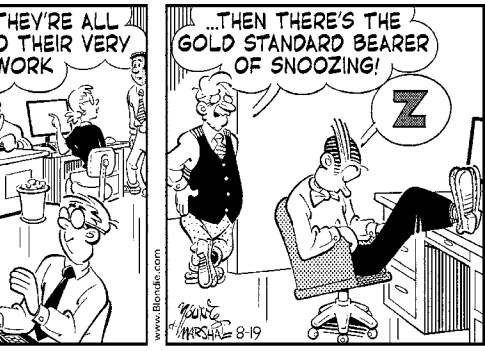
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**This Date In History**

Today is Friday, Aug. 19, the 232nd day of 2016. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 19, 1991, Soviet hard-liners stunned the world by announcing that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup attempt collapsed two days later.)

On this date:

In A.D. 14, Caesar Augustus, Rome's first emperor, died at age 76 after a reign lasting four decades; he was succeeded by his stepson Tiberius.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington D.C.

In 1918, "Yip! Yip! Yaphank," a musical revue by Irving Berlin featuring Army recruits from Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1936, the first of a series of show trials orchestrated by Soviet leader Josef Stalin began in Moscow as 16 defendants faced charges of conspiring against the government (all were convicted and executed).

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

In 1955, torrential rains caused by Hurricane Diane resulted in severe flooding in the northeastern U.S., claiming some 200 lives.

In 1964, The Beatles opened their first full-fledged U.S. tour as they performed at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh airport.

In 1991, rioting erupted in the Brooklyn, New York, Crown Heights neighborhood after a black 7-year-old, Gavin Cato, was struck and killed by a Jewish driver from the ultra-Orthodox Lubavitch community; three hours later, a gang of blacks fatally stabbed Yankel Rosenbaum, a rabbinical student.

Ten years ago: Israeli commandos raided a Hezbollah stronghold deep in Lebanon. (Israel said the raid was launched to stop arms smuggling from Iran and Syria to the militant Shiite fighters; Lebanon called the operation a "flagrant violation" of a U.N. truce.)

Five years ago: Three men — Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jesse Misskelley — who'd spent nearly two decades in prison for the nightmarish slayings of three Cub Scouts in Arkansas, went free after they agreed to a legal maneuver allowing them to maintain their innocence while acknowledging prosecutors had enough evidence against them. Danell Leyva beat two-time defending champion Jonathan Horton for his first title at the U.S. gymnastics championships in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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**The Coahoma Bulldogs take on Ozona High School in their first scrimmage of the season after last week's was rained out. More on the Coahoma scrimmage to come in Sunday's edition of the Herald.**

**LOCHTE**

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an agreement with a judge in which he planned to donate 35,000 Brazilian reais (\$10,800) to an "institution" and leave the country later in the day.

Attorney Breno Melaragno said under the agreement, Feigen will make the donation, get his passport back and depart.

Melaragno did not specify where the money will go, but his use of the term "institution" can be taken to mean a charity. He said that under Brazilian law, a donation can be made to avoid criminal prosecution for minor offenses, but did not say what charge was being contemplated.

Though police appear mostly finished with their probe, the case may be far from settled. Police have said authorities are considering charges of falsely reporting a crime and destruction of property, both

of which can carry up to six months in jail or a fine.

Lochte's attorney, Jeff Ostrow, has insisted the story wasn't made up and told the New York Times the surveillance video corroborated the "primary elements" of Lochte's version of events.

"There was a uniformed person with a gun who forced them to hand over their money," Ostrow told the newspaper.

The saga began when Lochte said he and Conger, Bentz and Feigen were held at gunpoint and robbed several hours after the last Olympic swimming races ended. That claim started unraveling when police said that investigators could not find evidence to substantiate it.

Then security video reviewed by police confirmed the athletes vandalized parts of the gas station, leading to an encounter with station employees.

The video shows one of the swimmers pulling a sign off of a wall and drop-

ping it onto the ground. A gas station worker arrives, and other workers inspect the damage. Veloso said the swimmers broke a door, a soap dispenser and a mirror.

The swimmers eventually talk with station workers and their cab leaves. In another sequence, the swimmers appear to briefly raise their hands while talking to someone and sit down on a curb.

After a few minutes, the swimmers stand up and appear to exchange something — perhaps cash, as police said — with one of the men.

The footage doesn't show a weapon, but a police official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing, said two guards pointed guns at the swimmers. Veloso said the guards did not use excessive force and would have been justified in drawing their weapons because the athletes "were conducting themselves in a violent way."

**ASTROS**

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weren't as consistent with making them pay as we were tonight."

Musgrove (1-1) gave up eight runs and 11 hits — including three homers — over 5 1/3 innings. "It was really just pitch execution," manager A.J. Hinch said.

Picked by Toronto in the supplemental first round of the 2011 draft, Musgrove began his big league career with a flourish — allowing only three runs in 19 1/3 innings. But this encounter lifted his ERA from 1.47 to 4.18.

Alex Bregman and A.J. Reed homered for the Astros. They have lost five straight.

After watching his

pitching staff yield 12 runs and 17 hits over the first seven innings, Hinch called upon infielder Tyler White to pitch the eighth. White gave up one hit: Davis' second homer of the game, the third in two nights.

"They just continue to come at you," Hinch said. "This how they score. We didn't keep them in the ballpark the entire night."

Kevin Gausman (4-10)

struck out eight in 6 2/3 innings for Baltimore.

After Trumbo got things started for Baltimore by setting a career high in homers, the Orioles added two runs in the second inning and went up 7-2 in the fourth when Hardy homered with a man on.

Hardy chased Musgrove with another shot in the sixth, and Machado and Davis connected in succession off James Hoyt later in the inning.

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**BUFFS**

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and the turnovers the Buffaloes were able to get in the earlier part of the scrimmage, Phillips said it was all about fixing mistakes from last week's scrimmage against Grape Creek that saw Forsan give up three scores.

"It's an experience from last week actually. We had some breakdowns in the secondary last week, and we gave up several big plays. Our guys worked their tail off all week and they got it fixed and they did a good job. We always want to play good defense and fly to the football, and put some speed

out there and let those guys not have to think too much. They did that and they did a good job tonight," he said.

Phillips added that it was nice to beat a rival in Colorado City, but that he doesn't want his team to get overconfident from beating a 3A school.

"We haven't played them in football in a long time, but we play them in other sports and it's good for us to be able to get this scrimmage back in since they're so close to us, and it's a great bunch of guys over there. But it's good any time you can beat a quality football team. It's going to give you some confidence, and it's just a fine line where you don't want to get too much confidence," he said.

**BOLT**

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was constantly reminded of that, as a series of medal ceremonies started with the words: "O say can you see..."

With three days remaining, the United States was up to 24 medals in track and field, eight of them gold. The U.S. won 29 medals, including nine golds, in London.

For a few short moments, the U.S. women's 4x100 relay team was a little like Bolt: They were the only ones everyone was looking at. The team was running alone on the track, seeking to qualify after successfully protesting that they were bumped in qualifiers.

Leading off, Bartoletta nestled into the starting blocks in lane 2 for the team's re-run — against the clock only — after they fumbled the baton in their original qualifier. With just the clock and the crowd for company, the Americans took the baton around in 41.77 seconds to reach the final.

"Our coach said before we went out there, 'It's just like practice, just the whole world will be watching,'" said English Gardner, who ran the third leg.

Eaton finished with 8,893 points, digging deep through the final lap of the last event, the 1,500 meters, to cross the line third, incredibly matching exactly the Olympic record after 10 events over two days.

"How can't there be one stinking point in there somewhere?" Eaton said.

Eaton had briefly darted away from the decathlon to congratulate Clement as his teammate knelt exhausted in the midday sun after winning the hurdles, an indicator of the good feelings surging through the U.S. track team right now.

Croatia's Sara Kolak won the women's javelin, another first-time Olympic champion like Crouser.

And South Africa's Caster Semenya, the favorite for the women's 800-meter title, qualified fastest for the final as she breezed to victory in her semifinal in 1 minute, 58.15 seconds. Semenya, another compelling story at these games but for different reasons to Bolt, will run in the 800 final on Saturday.

By then, Bolt says he will be done at the Olympics forever.

"I've worked all my career, all my life, for this moment," Bolt said. "So hopefully people can read about me as the greatest."

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# News in brief

## Trump advisers waged covert influence campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — A firm run by Donald Trump's campaign chairman directly orchestrated a covert Washington lobbying operation on behalf of Ukraine's then-ruling political party, attempting to sway American public opinion in favor of the country's pro-Russian government, emails obtained by The Associated Press show. Paul Manafort and his deputy, Rick Gates, never disclosed their work as foreign agents as required under federal law.

The lobbying included attempts to gain positive press coverage of Ukrainian officials in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Associated Press. Another goal: undercutting American public sympathy for the imprisoned rival of Ukraine's then-president. At the time, European and American leaders were pressuring Ukraine to free her.

Gates personally directed the work of two prominent Washington lobbying firms in the matter, the emails show. He worked for Manafort's political consulting firm at the time.

Manafort's and Gates' activities carry outsized importance, since they have steered Trump's campaign since April.

The pair also played a formative role building out Trump's campaign operation after pushing out an early rival. Trump shook up his campaign's organization again this week, but Manafort and Gates retain their titles and much of their influence.

The new disclosures about their work come as Trump faces criticism for his friendly overtures to Russian

President Vladimir Putin.

Trump said Thursday night that, if elected, he will ask senior officials in his administration not to accept speaking fees, for five years after leaving office, from corporations that lobby "or from any entity tied to a foreign government." He said it was among his efforts to "restore honor to government."

## Trump says 'I do regret' some caustic campaign statements

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — In a highly uncharacteristic move aimed at resetting his struggling campaign, Donald Trump has said for the first time that he regrets some of the caustic comments he's made that may have caused people pain.

"Sometimes in the heat of debate and speaking on a multitude of issues, you don't choose the right words or you say the wrong thing.

I have done that," the GOP nominee, reading from prepared text, said at a rally in Charlotte, N.C. Thursday night. "And believe it or not, I regret it — and I do regret it — particularly where it may have caused personal pain."

Trump didn't specify what comments he was referring to, but he added that, "Too much is at stake for us to be consumed with these issues."

It was a rare admission for a man who has said that he prefers "not to regret anything" and it underscores the dire situation he finds himself in. With just 80 days left until the election, Trump is trailing Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in preference polls of most key battleground states.

At the same time, party leaders

have conceded they may divert resources away from the presidential contest in favor of vulnerable Senate and House candidates if things don't improve.

The remarks came a day after Trump announced that he was overhauling his campaign operation, bringing in a new chief executive and appointing a new campaign manager. Rarely do presidential campaigns wait to advertise, or undergo such leadership tumult, at such a late stage of the general election.

## GOP slams Obama after explanation of \$400M payment to Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is facing a storm of Republican criticism after acknowledging that a \$400 million cash payment to Iran seven months ago was contingent on the release of a group of American prisoners.

Thursday's explanation was the first time the U.S. had so clearly linked the two events, which critics have painted as a hostage-ransom arrangement.

Repeating past administration statements, State Department spokesman John Kirby said the negotiations to return the Iranian money from a 1970s account to buy U.S. military equipment were conducted separately from talks to free four U.S. citizens in Iran.

But unlike with past descriptions, he said the U.S. withheld the delivery of the cash as leverage until Iran permitted the Americans to leave the country.

"We had concerns that Iran may renege on the prisoner release,"

Kirby said, citing delays and mutual mistrust between countries that severed diplomatic relations 36 years ago.

As a result, he explained, the U.S. "of course sought to retain maximum leverage until after the American citizens were released. That was our top priority."

Kirby said "it would have been foolish, imprudent, irresponsible" for the administration to have acted otherwise.

## Mexico's rights agency says police killed 22 at ranch

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal police killed at least 22 people on a ranch last year, then moved bodies and planted guns to corroborate the official account that the deaths happened in a gunbattle, Mexico's human rights commission said Thursday.

One police officer was killed in the confrontation in the western state of Michoacan on May 22, 2015.

The government has said the dead were drug cartel suspects who were hiding out on the ranch in Tanhuato, near the border with Jalisco state.

The National Human Rights Commission said there were also two cases of torture and four more deaths caused by excessive force.

It said it could not establish satisfactorily the circumstances of 15 others who were shot to death.

"The investigation confirmed facts that show grave human rights violations attributable to public servants of the federal police," commission President Luis Raul Gonzalez Perez said.

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