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## Next round

### BSHS band heads to area contest in next step to state

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School Steer band will march onto Lowrey Field in Lubbock at 2 p.m. Saturday in hopes of qualifying for another trip to state competition.

"This contest will have three music judges and two marching judges," said Rocky Harris, Big Spring High School band director. "The biggest weight will be placed on the music, so our focus this week has been on the music."

With 14 bands in contention at Area marching contest prelims, the BSHS band will have its work cut out to make it to the finals which will be held beginning at 6:45 later that night. Only seven bands will move on to finals, Harris said.

"What we are are pushing now is for the kids to perform the best they can, to perform better than their last time but not as good as their next performance," he said.

At this point in the season, band leaders are focusing on perfecting the details, Harris said. "What it really gets down to now is they are at 95 percent. You want them to get to 96 percent or 97 percent," he explained. "Those gains get harder at this level."

Only the top three bands of the night at area

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## Hot chocolate on the line



Courtesy photo/Forsan ISD

Students from Forsan Elementary School pose in front of a snow blade they painted as part of a Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDOT) contest for area schools. According to Mary Belle Turner, TxDOT public information officer for the Abilene office, the district is holding the contest for schools in its service area, one school in each county. The blades will be judged and the winning school will receive a hot chocolate party along with bragging rights. The blades will be put in use in the individual counties to clear snow off the highways during inclement weather.

## No injuries after Pence plane slides off runway in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — Republican vice presidential candidate Mike Pence's campaign plane slid off a runway during a rainstorm at New York's LaGuardia Airport late Thursday, tearing up concrete before coming to rest on a patch of grass.

When the plane came to a stop, U.S. Secret Service agents rushed from the back of the plane to the front, where Pence was seated, to check on the candidate. He said he was fine, though, and no one had been injured.

"We can see mud on the front windows," a calm Pence said in the press cabin about a minute after the plane came to rest.

Later, the Indiana governor tweeted: "So thankful everyone on our plane is safe. Grateful for our first responders & the concern & prayers of so many. Back on the trail tomorrow!"

In Geneva, Ohio, GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump told his supporters that Pence had come "pretty close to grave, grave danger." But, he added: "I just spoke to Mike Pence and he's fine. Everybody's fine."

Democrat Hillary Clinton tweeted: "Glad to hear @mike\_pence, his staff, Secret Service, and the crew are all safe."

The plane was coming to New York from Fort Dodge, Iowa, where it had made a hard landing but stayed on the runway earlier Thursday afternoon. After a rally in Fort Dodge, Pence's flight to New York was delayed because of weather. The Indiana governor spent about 20 minutes tossing a football with his staff, journalists and Secret Service agents near the Iowa runway.

Upon arriving at LaGuardia, after a bumpy approach, the Boeing 737 Eastern Airlines charter landed roughly, making first contact with the runway concrete. The pilot slammed on the brakes and

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## It's beginning to look a lot like...



Herald file photo

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

The calendar says it's October, and the thermometer implies it's still September, but Heritage Museum is getting into a late December frame of mind.

Museum officials have kicked off preparations for their annual Christmas Tree Forest, one of the facility's most popular attractions during the holiday season.

Tammy Schrecengost, director and curator at the museum, said she has begun notifying organizations interested in participating in this year's forest, which will be on display beginning in mid-November.

"We want people to start getting ideas on how they're going to decorate their trees, and sign up for this year so we can prepare," Schrecengost said. "We'll provide the trees and the lights. All they need to provide is the decoration and imagination." She said she expects upwards of 50 organizations, which range from clubs to schools to even the Big Spring Fire Department, to participate

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## Obituaries

### William C. "Bill" Fee

William C. "Bill" Fee, 69, of Big Spring passed away Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial with military honors will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bill was born March 17, 1947, in Harlin County, Kentucky, to Geneva Ledford Fee and Joe Fee. He grew up in Kentucky. He entered the United States Army on April 16, 1970, and was discharged on April 15, 1976. He served in Vietnam and received the following medals while serving his country: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Bronze Star medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and a Purple Heart. Bill was the only survivor from his unit. He married Reta Chapman on Aug. 25, 1968, in Spur, Texas, and she preceded

him in death on Dec. 8, 2009. He enjoyed fishing in his earlier years. He and his wife Reta moved to Big Spring in 2004 from Monument, New Mexico. They pastored churches in New Mexico, Colorado, Kentucky and Texas. He was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

He is survived by three sons, Bill Fee and wife Michelle of South Carolina, Josh Fee and wife Dawn of San Angelo, and Joe Fee and wife Karen of Big Spring; two daughters, LeaAnn McDaniel and husband Brandon of New Mexico, and Carla Allen and husband Jarek of Joshua, Texas; one brother, Rodney Fee of Indiana; one sister, Carolyn Davis also of Indiana; 14 grandchildren, William Fee "Big Guy", Cheyenne Fee, Lauren Fee, Christian Fee, Meagan Baker, Jayton Fee, Jackson Fee, Leah Fee, Aubri Allen, Shesta Allen, David McDaniel, Darren McDaniel, Kody Fee, and Kendyl Fee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Reta; his brother, Bob Fee; and two sisters, Verna Lou Fee and Eva Jo Fee.

Pallbearers will be Kody Fee, William Fee, Jackson Fee, Jarek Allen, Bo Blackwood, and Brandon McDaniel.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [myersandsmith.com](http://myersandsmith.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Billie Yvonne Mize



Billie Yvonne Mize, 87, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in

Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, at the funeral home.

Billie was born Sept. 24, 1929, in Roscoe County, Texas; and, through the course of many travels, she moved with her Mom and Dad, Robert and Dollie (McDonald) Norris to Big Spring.

She attended Big Spring High School where she played volleyball and met the love of her life, Cotton Mize. Of course, the courtship led to a marriage that lasted over 69 years.

Billie was employed at the VA Hospital as a medical secretary supervisor for 35 years. Always diligent, encompassing responsibility, and observing ethical standards, she received many awards.

She was actively involved with the Nazarene Church as a youth leader, Sunday School teacher, board member, and WMS secretary; and enjoyed visiting the sick, elderly, widowed. She provided financial support for many needy children. She was truly generous, thoughtful, loving, and caring.

Billie was the glue that kept the family together. She remembered everything: birthdays, anniversaries, and the like. She even received a Mother of the Year award. She exhibited an enduring perseverance, courage, and fortitude with her devastating and debilitating battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She never wavered in her faith and commitment to serving the Lord. She continued to demonstrate compassion, care, and concern for others as she endured her own daily struggles. Although her memory failed on various occasions, she reflected many fond memories with her heart.

Billie's living legacy of love, honesty, integrity, and responsibility will be portrayed through her children, Brenda, Carol, and Johnny; her grandchildren, Joie Marie, Clayton, Barachel, Jared, Justin, and Jenna; and also her four great-grandchildren, Saydee, Abbee, Callan, and Kamdyn.

Billie was also preceded in death by her brother, Jarvey Stephens; and her sister, Elois Palmer.

The family wishes to express much appreciation to family, friends, employees, church members, hospital staff, Hospice care givers, and others who have portrayed compassion to our family and most of all to Billie as she completed her journey. She is finally at home, at peace, and resting in the arms of Jesus.

The family suggests memorials to First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 S.Lancaster, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Bobby Ray Newsom

Bobby Ray Newsom, 79, of Midland died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, in Midland.

Mr. Newsom will lie in state from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Chapel in Midland. Burial will be at

1 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife Donna Newsom; and his children, Michael Newsom, Robin Wilson, and David Newsom.

Arrangements are under the care of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory in Midland.

### Veta Spears



Veta Spears, 76, of Coahoma died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016, in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Jon Brinley officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood

Chapel.

Veta was born July 12, 1940, in Midland and married Billy Spears in Alexandria, Va., on Oct. 31, 1959.

She served in the United States Army WAC in 1959. She was a housewife and attended Salem Baptist Church.

Veta is survived by her husband, Billy Ray Spears of Coahoma; two sons, Stephen Ray Spears and Thomas Darrell Spears, both of Elysian Fields, Texas; two daughters, Karen Lynne Waters and husband Tim of Coahoma, and Delinda Joyce Spears-Reid and husband Donald of Coahoma; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three brothers; and two sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earnest and Lucille (Arnett) Richters; and two sisters.

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

### Maria S. Rodriguez

Maria S. Rodriguez, 84, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016, at the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care. Her services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Jean Stevens

Jean Stevens, 88, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, at a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

### Kenny Thompson

Kenny Thompson, 87, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016, at his home. His services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LISA RUBIO**, 48, of 1503 Stadium Ave. was arrested on outstanding warrants.

- **NICOLE JUAREZ**, 24, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #20 was arrested on warrants for driving without being secured by a safety belt, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and no driver's license; and on other outstanding warrants.

- **LUIS RIOS III**, 32, of 1322 Madison St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **JACOB RHETT HOLLAND**, 23, of 2402 S. 19th St. in Chickasha, Okla., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **MARCUS DEWAYNE WILLIAMS**, 28, of 1519 E. 16th St. in Lubbock was arrested on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury to a family member; and on another outstanding warrant.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 5600 block of Interstate 20 South Service Road and the 1300 block of Madison Street.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3400 block of East Interstate 20.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Dow Drive and the 800 block of West Seventh Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 900 block of South Gregg Street and the 500 block of South Goliad Street.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Northeast Eighth Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ROBERT LEE EVANS**, 56, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$20 to \$500) by check.

- **JACOB RHETT HOLLAND**, 23, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **NICOLE JUAREZ**, 24, was booked by BSPD on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance, theft of property (\$100 to \$750), no seatbelt, violation of promise to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license, and failure to appear.

- **ANASTASIA LEONICIA LOZANO**, 29, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for assault of a public servant.

- **ANDRES REYES PERCHES III**, 22, was booked by HCSO on a parole violation warrant.

- **JIMETRE POST**, 17, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (3 to 28 grams).

- **DUSTIN RAY RILEY**, 27, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for prohibited weapon (brass knuckles); and on warrants for burglary of a building and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **LUIS CANALES RIOS III**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property (\$50 to \$500)

- **LISA J. RUBIO**, 48, was booked by BSPD on warrants for theft of property (\$20 to \$500) and issuance of a bad check.

- **BILLY TEMPLETON**, 58, was booked by RSO on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500).

- **MARCUS DEWAYNE WILLIAMS**, 28, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury/family member; and on a capias warrant for no driver's license.

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# Take Note

• H-E-B is looking for non-profits agencies to set up information tables at the annual Feast of Sharing. Please contact Sandy Stewart at 432-935-1604 to reserve a spot. Feast of Sharing will be held on Dec. 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• The Western Sportsman Club will hold a Sight-In Day Oct. 29 starting at 9 a.m. The club will furnish targets and sandbags. For directions to the range and more information, call 432-270-5668.

• A benefit for Bethine McNally will be held on Dec. 3. Mrs. McNally is a Big Spring ISD employee and the wife of the pastor of New Life Ministries C.O.G.I.C. She has been diagnosed with bilateral kidney cancer. The benefit will help support the McNally family in these difficult times. The money raised will go to the family's medical bills and daily expenses. The benefit will include live music and food, as well as a silent auction.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this event can make a financial donation or contribute an item to be auctioned off.

Please send donations to P.O. Box 168, Big Spring or Wells Fargo Account No. 775238120. For more information, contact Tamika Brawley at 325-895-4410 or at mikasmiles325@gmail.com.

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

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 7 and 8 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• 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.

## Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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

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

• 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

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit pa-

tients. 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.

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• 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.BecomeCASA.org](http://www.BecomeCASA.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?

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## PENCE

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the plane began to slide sideways. When it stopped, passengers could smell burning rubber.

The Federal Aviation Administration said, "A crushable concrete runway safety technology called an Engineered Material Arresting System stopped the plane." The FAA website says the material is "designed to safely stop airplanes that overshoot runways."

The 37 passengers, including Pence, and 11 crew members were evacuated through the back of the plane.

In a series of televised interviews on Friday, Pence said he was grateful that the crushable concrete runway

worked as designed and for the "quick action" by pilots and first responders.

"Just for a few seconds, you could feel us bouncing off," he told ABC's "Good Morning America." "And with mud splattered up on the windows, we figured we were off the runway."

Pence added: "I'm just really grateful, really grateful, for some quick action, not only by the pilots, but also by first responders" who were quickly on the scene.

The Port Authority shut down the runway following the incident, but later reopened it. In a statement, the agency confirmed that the plane had "overshot" the runway and said there were no injuries and no fire.

Port Authority Execu-

tive Director Patrick Foye said the National Transportation Safety Board "will take control of the investigation. The aircraft will remain where it is until the NTSB releases it."

Foye added, "Per the request of the NTSB, we are not going to speculate on the cause of the incident tonight."

Pence spokesman Marc Lotter said Pence spoke with Trump shortly after the landing. The vice presidential candidate also called into the \$1 million fundraiser at Trump Tower that he had been expected to attend, Lotter said.

## BAND

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competition will move on to state finals.

"I really want to recognize the support of our parents, teachers and administrators," Harris said. "They've gone to all our competitions in the last two weeks, and have been supporting us. We are hopeful they will be able come to Saturday's competition."

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

## FOREST

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in this year's event.

The trees will be decorated during the week of Nov. 5-11, and then will be on display through Dec. 22.

"The forest is one of more popular attractions," Schrecengost said. "Every year, it seem we add more trees to it ... People come from all over just to see

it. When you walk in here and see all those decorated trees, you can't help but get into the Christmas spirit."

There is no fee to participate.

For more information on the event, call the museum at 267-8255.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or email [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

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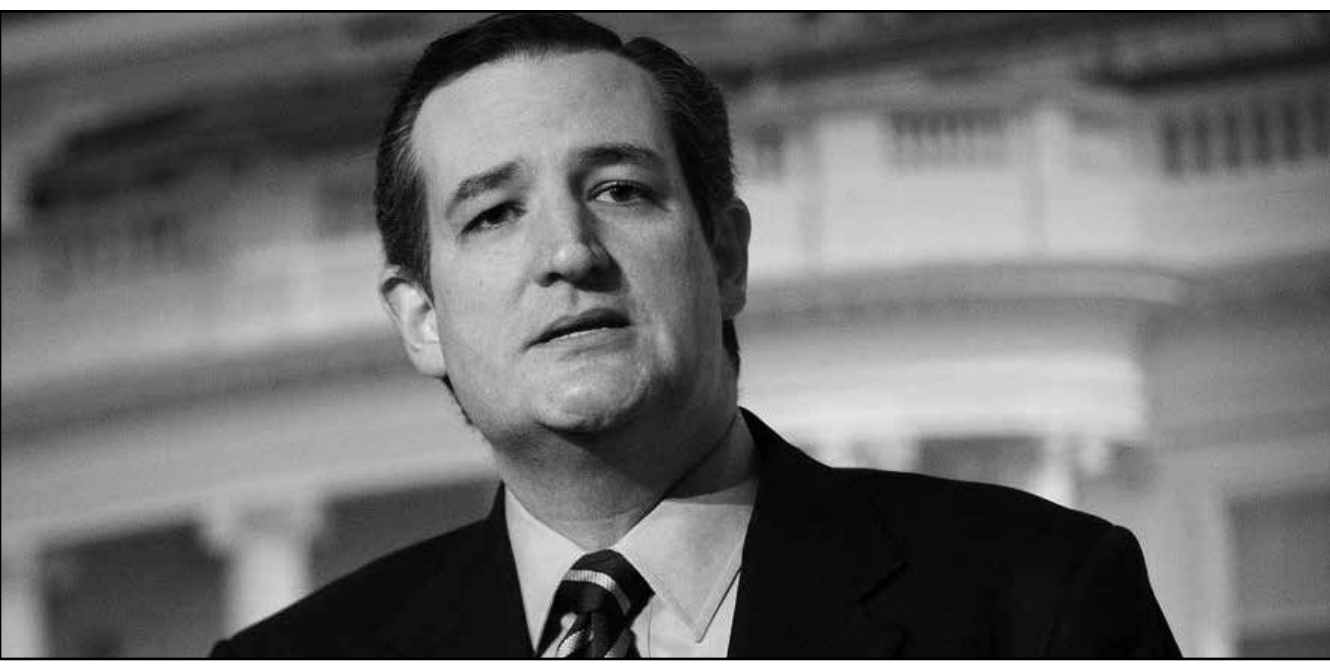
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## Cruz's Trump flip-flop may hurt his popularity back in Texas

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

SAN MARCOS, Texas — It's a refrain Ted Cruz has long used, but he's trotting it out more frequently these days — laying on the Texas charm thick for audiences in his home state, where his popularity may suddenly be on the line.

"Give me a horse, a gun and an open plain, and we can conquer the world," the Republican senator told a recent roundtable of business owners in San Marcos, one of America's fastest-growing communities, fueled by booming job markets in nearby Austin and San Antonio. "That's what our state was built on, and that's what I'm fighting for every day."

Cruz won 11 states and finished a surprising second in the GOP presidential primary, but his popularity may be slipping nationally and back in Texas after he refused to endorse Donald Trump and was booed at the Republican National Convention. Cruz did an about-face in late September and said he supported Trump, but that now looks like unfortunate political timing, coming two weeks before the release of a 2005 video in which the billionaire businessman can be heard bragging about grabbing women's genitals and kissing them without permission.

The moves by Cruz angered some establishment Texas Republicans who never fully supported him while alienating parts of his tea party base that had long since embraced Trump and wondered what took Cruz so long. Also disappointed were true-believer conservatives who liked Cruz's shunning of Trump and were sorry to see him abandon it.

Cruz isn't up for re-election until 2018 but he now may face a serious challenger in Texas' Republican primary for U.S. Senate, once unthinkable for a man seen as a rising political star in his state even before he jumped into a presidential race that raised his national profile.

"I believe that he will have a challenger," said JoAnn Fleming, who was Texas tea party chairwoman for Cruz's presidential campaign.

Fleming herself remains a strong Cruz supporter but said the senator's detractors pounced on his holding out on Trump for so long before finally coming around. "I think that that gave them a little initiative and incentive to start figuring out how they were going to try and erode his support," she said.

Republican Texas Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, hasn't ruled out challenging Cruz in two years. One of Congress' richest members, McCaul recently called Cruz out, saying he spent "a lot of time since day one running for president." McCaul, though, has had recent missteps, including having to apologize after mistakenly suggesting in September that the Republican National Committee's data has been hacked after that happened to the Democratic National Committee.

Fleming said Cruz remains popular with the same conservative core that helped him upset Texas' Republican establishment-backed lieutenant governor during the state's 2012 Senate primary.

"However the presidential election turns out, we know that a strong conservative has not been elected to the presidency," Fleming said. "The people of Texas are going to want to make sure that they have people representing them in Washington, D.C., that will represent Texas values."

Others saw Cruz's convention speech as selfishly positioning himself for a second presidential run in 2020 rather than supporting his party until then. And they're not sure his late Trump conversion was enough.

Mike Gibson, Republican Party chairman for Fort Bend County, outside Cruz's hometown of Houston, said he thought Cruz's convention speech was a mistake.

"I heard frustration," Gibson said. "But then I also heard people that were very supportive of him because he was sticking by his principles. The Republican Party has been very, very good at throwing themselves on the sword, literally, over principles."

Norma Brady Jeter, a vice president for the Texas

Tea Party Republican Women, said opinions among grass-roots conservatives about Cruz's Trump shun and subsequent change of heart remain "very much a mixed bag," but she doesn't see Trump supporters exacting revenge in 2018.

"We worked too hard to get him there," she said of Cruz in the Senate. "A man like him doesn't come along that often."

Cruz in recent weeks has crisscrossed Texas as if he were already running for re-election — touring cotton fields, manning phone banks, encouraging voter turnout and addressing business roundtables. But he says that has more to do with helping Texas Republicans in the Nov. 8 election than his political future.

"I don't spend too much time worrying about critics. There will always be critics," he told The Associated Press. "My focus is on doing what's right for the Texans who elected me."

Long a Senate troublemaker, meanwhile, Cruz has taken steps to improve his reputation with fellow chamber Republicans, which suggests he's mending fences there ahead of a re-election run.

He has campaigned for Republican Senate hopefuls in Nevada and Colorado. He also recently teamed with fellow Texan and Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn, a pillar of the powerful congressional establishment Cruz long decried, for Texas fundraisers benefiting six Republican colleagues in tight races. Among those was New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, an outspoken critic of Cruz after he helped spark a partial government shutdown in 2013. Underscoring the awkwardness of Cruz's charm offensive, though, was Ayotte's release of a television ad that boasted of past clashes with Cruz. It came on the same day she flew to Texas to raise funds alongside him.

## Protective services chief proposes pay raise for CPS

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The commissioner of the state's Department of Family and Protective Services has proposed giving \$12,000 raises to each Child Protective Services caseworker, supervisor and administrator.

The raises are part of a plan Commissioner Hank Whitman submitted to lawmakers late Thursday. Whitman submitted the plan after a Texas Senate committee ordered him to provide a revised plan for caseworkers or law enforcement officers to visit thousands of youth reported as abused or neglected.

Committee Chairwoman Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, had given Whitman until the close of business Thursday to submit the new plan and demanded that higher pay be a key part of it, as most caseworkers are paid starting salaries as low as \$34,000. Whitman said last week that

he wanted to hire more than 800 investigators, caseworkers and staffers at a cost of \$53 million.

"Get the National Guard or the Texas Rangers or whoever out to each house to see these kids now," Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, told Whitman.

Records show that as of Oct. 17, more than 15,000 children had not been seen by Child Protective Services investigators, as required, between 24 and 72 hours after an abuse report. More than 2,800 at-risk children have not yet been seen by CPS staff. After a Dallas newspaper reported that through early September half of the children referred to Harris County's CPS investigators weren't being seen on time, two legislative leaders called for "action plans" to improve face-to-face visitations. Whitman acknowledged that as of early last week, not much has changed.

## Furry friends need your help

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A nonprofit group is raising money for an agility course at Odessa's first dog park, projected to open this spring.

Friends of Odessa Dog Parks is selling \$60 bricks and \$125 pavers to raise money for the equipment, which includes ladders, tunnels, jumping bars and so forth that city officials agreed to install at the dog park to be built at Slator Park, 1001 W. 38th St. Buyers can have the bricks and pavers engraved with messages. The group's goal is to raise \$25,000 by March for the equipment, said Sofia Lehman, a volunteer for the group. The funds will also be used to purchase benches. Lehman said the group raised about \$1,000 so far and plans to have a fundraiser around Christmas.

"It's a safe place to meet other dogs and to play," Lehman said, adding the park will be a good way for people to socialize too. "It's a pretty good spot, and they are going to make it really nice for the pets and their owners. It's closer than Midland, so that's nice. I think they are going to do a really good job with it."

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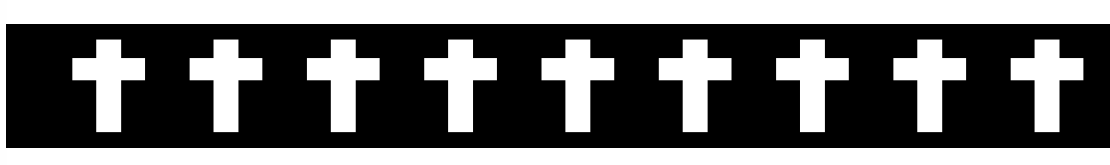
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# Church News

## Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Sunday services at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ start at 9 a.m. with Bible Study, followed by worship at 10 a.m. Evening worship is at 5 p.m.

Wednesday activities include Ladies Class at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study and Devotional at 7 p.m.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

"Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives".

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. The church extends a special invitation to those new to the area or who haven't been to church before or in a while.

Jill Alsobrooks will present the scripture readings this week.

The church is participating in Trunk or Treat from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. Bring your child by for a safe Halloween stop.

Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 every morning for "Morning Meditation Thoughts," a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. Call 432-264-7818 or e-mail at [aliveinchrist-tx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchrist-tx@gmail.com) for more information

## Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church, 400 E. 11th Place in Big Spring, will hold a Trunk Or Treat event from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31. For more information contact the church at 267-8287.

## First Christian Church

This Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016, is the 24th Sunday after Pentecost.

This Sunday's guest minister, Mr. Dan Miracle, will preach a sermon taken from Luke 19:1-10, where we hear about a tax collector, short in stature, eager to catch a glimpse of Jesus, so he climbs a sycamore tree to get a better look. Assisting Mr. Miracle this Sunday will be Joel Miller, who will serve as Liturgist. Cora Beth Baker will serve as greeter.

The church is proud of the choir led by Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault.

First Christian Church will work with First Presbyterian to provide a "Safe Stop" for your children on Halloween. Trunk or Treat will take place on Halloween night, Oct. 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is ample parking behind the church, and children and parents can make their way to the side and front of the church, where members will be lined up to give out candy and treats.

First Christian Church, located at 911 Goliad St. Big Spring, invites anyone looking for a church home to visit and join them for services this Sunday. A fellowship hour with coffee and donuts begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 10:50 a.m. If you have any questions regarding services or any goings on, call the office at 432-517-4821 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will bring the message, honoring and glorifying God for his love, mercy, and grace. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

## First Baptist Church

The annual Fall Festival will be Monday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 pm in the Family Life Center-Gym. FBC invites everyone to come enjoy the fun. There will be lots of games, activities, prizes, and sweet treats. Please, no scary costumes

as the church honors and thanks God for His bounty of fall blessings.

Sunday morning worship services at 10:50 a.m., and Pastor Mark Lindsey continues his sermon series "The Jesus Way," which is an examination of John Chapter 1. The first three Gospels focus on describing events in Jesus' life, John's Gospel emphasizes the meaning of those events. Sunday's message entitled "Lessons From the Light" is drawn from John 1:9-11, and centers on Jesus' divine glory which draws people to Him so that none should perish in darkness.

Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead the congregation in worship songs that feature a blend of contemporary tunes and classic hymns of the faith. Also, during the service, worshippers will receive boxes to fill for Operation Christmas Child.

If you have mobility issues, use the west circle drive and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. Those unable to attend can join the service through the live stream on the web site at [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org).

At 9:30 Sunday School and Small Groups meet throughout the building, with children gathering on the first floor in the Good News Garage, and youth, col-

*Did you ever wonder?*

# Balaam, prophet to the nations

Balaam, the prophet to the nations, was most noted among the nations for his ability to curse. The Midianites said that Balaam's strength lay in his mouth, referring to his success in cursing people or nations.

The Moabites and the Midianites sent a delegation to Syria to enlist Balaam to curse Israel for them. For his hire, they gave Balaam wealth in the form of charms and idols made of precious metals. Balaam asked them to wait with him overnight, for he could only hear from God in a vision at night.

In the night God told him, "You shall not go with them! You shall not curse the people, for it is blessed!" (Num 22:12). Here God reaffirms his blessing on Israel.

The next morning Balaam told the officers only that the Lord had refused to give him permission to go with them.

The officers returned to Moab and told King Balak that Balaam had refused to return with them. Do you notice how each party is not completely truthful. They each have repeated only a portion of what they were told, and thus they changed the meaning considerably.

By saying "with you" Balaam might have implied that he would not go because these officers were beneath his station in life. So Balak sent more important ministers of his people. Possibly they brought him more wealth as an enticement.

The message they brought from King Balak, "Do not refrain from going to me, for I shall honor you greatly and everything you say to me I shall do."

Balaam answered, "If Balak will give me his houseful of silver and gold, I cannot transgress the word of Hashem, my God, to do anything small or great. But stay here for the night and I will know what more Hashem will speak with me."

We must understand that, as some

people do today, these men were accustomed to speaking in subtleties and phrases with double meanings. "Houseful of silver and gold" could easily have been a hint of the riches Balaam required. Also King Balak offered that if Balaam would come to help him he would do whatever Balaam asked of him. He eventually did just as Balaam said.



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Subtle meanings are lost in translation, but we should also note that the words used by King Balak express dislike and fear of

Israel. The words used by Balaam express hatred of Israel.

That night God told Balaam, "If the men came to summon you, arise and go with them, but only the thing that I shall speak to you - that shall you do" (Num 22:20).

Here the situation becomes a bit confusing. God originally told Balaam not to go with them. Now God says that he may go, but he may only say the things God says.

The next morning Balaam saddled his she-donkey and went with the officers of Moab. Balaam must have been angry, because a man of his position normally would have had a servant saddle the donkey for him. In his anger, he did it himself. Balaam went with the Moabite officers because he hated the Israelites and in his heart he wanted to curse them. He also wanted that "houseful of silver and gold" that King Balak had promised.

We should consider that possibly God wanted Balaam to go and bless Israel in front of the Moabites and Midianites. Then the nations would be impressed that their own prophet wanted to bless Israel.

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lege students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters will help you find your class; come early to enjoy some hot coffee and time visiting with others.

At 5:30 p.m., all area children are invited to Kids' Connection. This is a fun time of Bible based songs, games, and activities; there is no fee to participate.

Youth gather at 6 p.m. at the Raffini's home. All area teens are encouraged to bring a friend and enjoy a snack supper and time of fellowship while encouraging one another through prayer. If you need a ride, the bus will leave the east/kitchen parking lot at 5:50. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for more information.

Evening worship service starts at 6, and offers the opportunity to reflect on God's majesty as a new week begins. Pastor Mark will bring the sermon from Ephesians 2:8-10 titled "What is So Amazing About Grace?" which reminds each listener that God's lavish mercy is free to all who will receive it.

The FBC Mother's Day Out program is in session each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3.

Upward Basketball registration continues, and evaluations have begun. Contact the church or visit the website for more information.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by prayer time and Adult Bible Study, Saturate Youth group, Real LYF for kids, and Adult Worship Choir practice. A meal will be served.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. For more information about the church or its activities visit [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org) or call 267-8223.

## First Presbyterian Church

One Wednesdays, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, meets in the library at 5 p.m.; the Chancel Choir meets for practice at 6 p.m..

The Children's Choir practices at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. The Youth Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by Handbell Choir at 6:30 and Youth Group at 7:15.

November will be the 125 anniversary of the organizing of the church. On Saturday, Nov. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. there will be a catered meal on the north lawn (weather permitting) with music, followed by mission stories and hymn singing in the chapel. At worship on Sunday, the service will be one of "Music and Memories," with former pastors and musicians sharing memories of their time in the church. Food and visitation in the parlor and patio will follow worship.

The service last Sunday was blessed by the trumpet playing of Donovan Salinas in the anthem "Holy, Holy" sung by the Chancel Choir. The introit and Children's Moment were graced with the singing of Amber Hallford, Emery Hallford, Emily Kennemur, and Spencer Patterson, our Children's Choir, led and accompanied by Laura Holloman.

The Girl Scouts are in charge of "Take Ten" this Sunday.

Lectionary for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost (or 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time) is Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalms 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Handbell Choir will present "Abide with Me" by Jason King as the anthem; for the offertory, they will present "Echoes" by Bill Ingram. Members of the Handbell Choir are Donovan Salinas, Glen Burch, Jake Patterson, Sarah Salinas, Ransom Collette, Mia Burch, Destiny Hallford, Loryne Collette, Rowan Collette, and Mason Patterson. The Noisy Offering, which is used to help feed the hungry, will be collected during worship.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. Those who would like a printed bulletin for the service, can call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting the website at [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org) On the website, you can listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

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## Grace Country Fellowship to host concert



Courtesy photo

Grace Country Fellowship will host a Gospel concert Nov. 18.

The Blackwood Legacy Quartet of Nashville, Tenn., will perform on that date at 7 p.m., in a free, non-denominational community-wide concert. A free-will offering will be collected for the group.

The Quartet blends Southern Gospel music with today's newer Country Gospel. They most recently performed at the Fanny Cosby Memorial Concert, televised live from Nashville nationwide.

The group most recently performed at the prestigious Fanny Cosby Memorial Concert, televised live from Nashville across the US.

Group owner and bass singer, Rick Price, was originally a protege of the late Cecil Blackwood of Blackwood Brothers fame, and began his 40-year career singing with the Blackwood Brothers in 1977. He was honored with induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame with the group in 1998.

Other members of the group include baritone Luke Yates, a Spokane, Wash., native; tenor Paul Secord, and lead singer Hunter Sparkman of Nashville.

Grace Country Fellowship is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For more information please call the church at 432-268-3793. You can also visit the group on their Facebook band page, or go to the group's website at [www.BlackwoodLegacy.com](http://www.BlackwoodLegacy.com).



# Call on the name of the Lord (part 2)

Previously we looked at the beginning of the church and that first proclamation by Peter and the apostles which occurred on Pentecost following the Lord's ascension. We noticed Peter's application of a prophecy by Joel concerning the pouring out of God's Spirit and the promise of salvation for everyone who would call on the name of the Lord.

Another example from the book of Acts, which will help to make clear what it means to call on the name of the Lord, is Saul. Saul was a persecutor of the church (Acts 8:1-3). Under the direction of the high priest and the whole council of elders (Acts 22:5), he would go and gather Jewish Christians and take them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished (Acts 22:4,5; 26:9-11).

On one such journey, while traveling to the city of Damascus, something amazing happened. You can read the details in Acts 9. Paul (same guy, different name - Acts 13:9) would later recount the occasion of his conversion to a mob of Jews outside the temple (Acts 22) and to the Roman Governor, Festus (Acts 26).

From these accounts of Saul's/Paul's conversion, I want to notice how he "called upon the name of

the Lord." Acts 9 gives the most details of what occurred immediately after the Lord spoke to Saul. He had to be led into the city (verse 8). "For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank" (verse 9). The Lord also appeared to Ananias, a Jewish Christian in Damascus, and tells him about Saul (verses 10-16). Notice in verse 11 that Jesus tells Ananias that Saul had been praying.

The question needs to be asked - was Saul/Paul saved at this point? He had spoken to Jesus. He understood that what he had been doing was wrong. He was sorry for what he had done. He prayed. Would this not be considered a "sinner's prayer" if there ever was one?

Now let's notice Paul's description from Acts 22. He talks about the persecution, the trip to Damascus, the light, the Lord speaking to him, and Ananias. But notice the details that he gives concerning what Ananias said to him. Acts 22:13, "[Ananias] came to me, and standing by me said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him." Was Saul/Paul saved then? No, because he had not yet been forgiven of his sins.

Acts 22:14-15, "And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.' Amazing! God already knew

all of this was going to happen. So surely Saul/Paul was saved already. It's like God had predestined this to happen. The fact to keep in mind is, at this point, his sins still had not been forgiven. We can see this in the next verse.

Acts 22:16, "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name." If you look at the structure of the instructions, there are two imperatives (commands) and a participle. The commands are "be baptized" and "wash away." They are linked together showing that they are both involved in and necessary for the removal of a person's sins. The participle phrase "calling on his name" explains what Saul would be doing when he obeyed the commands to be baptized and wash away his sins.

Saul obeyed the commands just like those on the day of Pentecost obeyed the commands that Peter had given to them. That is when their sins were forgiven (Acts 2:38) and that is when his sins were washed away (Acts 22:16). That is how they "called on the name of the Lord."

Lord willing, in our next article, we will study some more about what is involved in "calling on the name of the Lord." May God bless us through the reading and studying of his word. May we all come to a better understanding of him and his will.

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



GREG SURLES

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### Spring Creek Fellowship

Visit the Spring Creek Pumpkin Patch. The "Cheeze Nips" Women's Ministry is sponsoring a Pumpkin Patch in the Spring Town Plaza parking lot through Oct. 31. This annual fundraiser will offer a variety of pumpkins from tiny to giant, as well as a variety of gourds. Families can come and sit for story time offered

throughout the day plus games and other family friendly activities. It's a fun place for fall family pictures. If you are interested in volunteering or donating needed items, you may contact Jen at 432-425-5141. Hours will be Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 8 p.m., and Sunday 2 to 6 p.m.

Check out Operation Christmas Child Store in the church foyer. Items that will be placed into Christmas shoe boxes are available for purchase, or you can make a donation towards the purchase of items. The church's

goal is to send 120 boxes to children overseas this year. Contact Sue Smith or Dana Tompkins for more information.

Join with Spring Creek for their annual "Love Feast" Sunday, Nov. 20. Bring your favorite holiday food to share and join in the fellowship and celebration.

Keep an eye out for the "Angel Tree" Prison Ministry tree to get your Angel. This ministry provides Christmas gifts to children who have a parent who is incarcerated to help keep them connected. The party to present the gifts to the children will be Saturday, Dec. 10. More info to come.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in the area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This 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, please contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

New Connection Groups offerings include: "Blending Families," a class for remarried couples with children; "Ready to launch," for parents; and "Hebrews," a study of the book of Hebrews. "Walking through the Gospel" continues, and "Men's 33" is starting over with Lesson 1 in the series.

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

A new session of the Pain Management Group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Steve Purdy for more information.

With the Spring Creek Fellowship smartphone app you can make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains and learn about upcoming events. Search app store for "Spring Creek Fellowship" and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office to keep you 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 noon-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 28th)

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

**Saturday-**  
7 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

10 a.m.-"Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

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

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

### Forsan Baptist Church

This week Forsan Baptist Church will continue the message series called "What Happens When I Pray?" The message this Sunday comes from Luke 6:37-38, and is called "Units of Measure."

The new Wednesday study series begins this week, focusing on the The Sermon on the Mount. The series will focus on the text in Matthew Chapters 5 through 7.

Sunday evenings are devoted to examining the topic, "Does This Mean Me?" A text from the Bible will be read, and questions may be asked and answered concerning the passage. This Sunday evening the passage is Luke 6.

The Forsan Community Thanksgiving Luncheon is scheduled Nov. 19 at the elementary school cafeteria from 11 to 1 p.m.

Christmas in Boomtown is coming back to Forsan. The Christmas parade last year was a huge success. It will take place this year on Dec. 3 at

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It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown! The Pumpkin Patch at Spring Creek Fellowship is underway, offering pumpkins and gourds of all sizes. The patch, open through Halloween, is located at 1801 E. FM 700, and accepts cash only.

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# Reflections: Transfer of power

In 1992, President George Herbert Walker Bush lost a tough election to Bill Clinton. Two years earlier, President Bush led the nation through Operation Desert Storm after building a coalition of global powers to stop Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. Poised on Iraq's border he wisely refused to push further, knowing invasion of Iraq would destabilize the balance of Arab powers in the Middle East.

The 1992 campaign was hard-fought. His opportunity to serve a second term was lost to the young Arkansas governor. When he walked out of the Oval Office on Jan. 20, 1993, he left a hand-written letter on the President's desk addressed to his successor. This is what he wrote:



BILL  
TINSLEY

Dear Bill,  
When I walked into this office just now, I felt the same sense of wonder and respect that I felt four years ago. I know you will feel that, too.  
I wish you great happiness here. I never felt the

loneliness some Presidents have described.

There will be very tough times, made even more difficult by criticism you may not think is fair. I'm not a very good one to give advice; but just don't let the critics discourage you or push you off course.

You will be our President when you read this note. I wish you well. I wish your family well.

Your success now is our country's success. I am rooting hard for you.

Good luck,  
George

It is refreshing to remember that we have had statesmen serve in our nation's highest office. Bush's letter to Clinton embodies the American values I learned as a boy, beginning with the legends of George Washington who refused to be called "Your Highness," "Your Excellency," or "Your Majesty"; and chose the simple title, "Mr. President."

Bush's letter echoes the words of another letter penned two thousand years ago by the Apostle Paul: "Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not pro-

voked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

This year's election has been filled with venom and vitriol, not just between the candidates, but between private citizens with opposing views. Friends and family members have wounded each other with harsh words and accusations. Strangers stare at one another with suspicion across great chasms of distrust.

We will make America great again when we demonstrate in our homes, our streets and our highest offices the greatness of character that overcomes anger, resentment, retaliation, prejudice and fear. Like George H. W. Bush in 1993, we need to rise to a higher plane of character and conduct. In all places and in all things we need to apply the exhortations of 1 Corinthians 13.

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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10 a.m. Wednesday children's classes begin at 4 p.m. Most of those who attend walk directly over from the school for a light snack. Rides are provided for those who need them at 5. A meal for the youth group is served at 5:30, and IMPACT Youth begins at 6. An adult Bible Study begins at 6 as well.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main St. in Forsan. Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 9:50 a.m., followed by morning worship at 10:50 a.m., and evening Bible Study at 6 p.m. For any questions please call 457-2342.

### Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church invites everyone to connect with them, and here are a number of ways you can do so:

Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m., for mid-week worship service. Pastor Willard will continue part 2 of the series "First" covering the Book of Haggai.

Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m., join the congregation in the Main Sanctuary for mid-week worship service. Pastor Willard will continue Part II of the series "First" covering the Book of Haggai.

Monday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m., women are invited to meet in the youth area at CCC for painting with Larenda Harrison. The program is called "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Arts" and will be \$30 per person payable to Larenda Harrison. Food will be provided. Come for food, fun, and fellowship; painting is optional. For more information call Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m., the Fifty and Over small group will gather at 7 p.m. for potluck and game night at Steve and Faye Flowers' residence, located at 2405 E. 25 St. For more information please contact Faye Flowers at 432-213-3883.

Coming soon, CCC will be offering seasonal Sunday school classes. The first one will be a marriage enrichment course from 9 to 10 a.m., held in the academic resource center. If you would be interested in attending, see below for contact information.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other question about the ministry contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email [Info@cccbigspring.org](mailto:Info@cccbigspring.org). You can also visit [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](http://facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) if you would like more information.

### 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 is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will share a message entitled "When Deplorables Meet Jesus" at both morning worship services, taken from Luke 19:1-10.

On Wednesday, Pastor Ivins is teaching an overview series of the entire Bible. This Wednesday, participants will examine selected passages from I Kings, as they explore the reign of King Solomon. A meal will be served beginning at 11:50 a.m. for a small fee. All are welcome.

Real Life on Wednesday is in full swing as well. Supper will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A donation is requested for the meal. This week, the menu includes beef stew with cornbread, or chicken nuggets for the children. A drink and dessert are included.

Groups for all ages begin at 6 p.m. For adults, Dan Kiley is facilitating Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Pastor Ivins will lead a prayer gathering on Wednesdays in the Parlor at 6 p.m.

The music ministry holds its practices on Wednesdays. The Bridge Worship Band gathers for rehearsal each Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary, while

The Celebration Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Suite on the second floor.

It's time to sign up for a space at the church's annual "Trunks for Treats" event on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Trunks for Treats is a safe alternative to Trick-or-Treating on Halloween night. The event has grown each year; therefore, the church needs more participants to give out candy.

Those unable to participate in Trunks for Treats on Halloween night are invited to donate bags of candy. Donations may be dropped off at the church office. Candy should be individually wrapped and sealed.

Make plans to attend the church's "Thanksgiving Tailgate Party" on Nov. 20 at noon. Hosted by the church's youth ministry, the party is designed as a fundraiser for the youth ministry's camp scholarship fund.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com) or phone the church office at 267-6394.

### First Church of the Nazarene

Join NazFamily and New Hope Christian School on Friday, Oct. 28, for a Fall Festival from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 118 Cedar Road. There will be lots of games and entertainment for the kids in each of the classrooms. Also, the Lancaster campus will have a Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the church parking lot. There will be a themed trunk in treat for the kids to enjoy.

In support of Breast Cancer awareness the church is also selling T-shirts for \$15. Visit the church Facebook or website to see them.

Pastor Cal is starting a new series titled "The Kingdom of God."

Small group and youth/children information can be found by visiting the website at [nazfamily.org](http://nazfamily.org).

Sunday Services for both campuses begin at 10 a.m.

On Wednesday night at Cedar Road, enjoy small group classes; and at the

Lancaster campus there is weekly prayer. All starts at 6:30 p.m.

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

Contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

### Midway Baptist Church

Sunday, Nov. 6, Crystal River, a gospel group from Lubbock, Texas, will be in concert at Midway Baptist Church, 6200 S. Service Rd. at 6 p.m. A nursery will be provided and a love offering will be taken. The program will be followed by a fellowship.

Midway will also be having a church-wide Thanksgiving meal Sunday, Nov. 13 following the morning service. The church will provide meat and bread. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and join with the congregation as they give thanks for God's blessings.

Please check out the website [midwaybcbigspring.com](http://midwaybcbigspring.com). If you have a prayer request click on the "Prayer" heading and leave a request. The church's email address is [midwaybaptist@gmail.com](mailto:midwaybaptist@gmail.com). The phone number is 432-263-6274.



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, center, throws during NFL football practice at the team's practice facility in Frisco, Texas, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016.

## Romo throws in practice for 1st time since August injury

By SCHUYLER DIXON  
AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Tony Romo participated in throwing drills at practice Wednesday for the first time since the Dallas quarterback broke a bone in his back in a preseason game at Seattle in August.

The 36-year-old Romo worked in several individual drills in shorts and a T-shirt with his teammates in full pads. While he almost certainly won't play against Philadelphia on Sunday, it's the biggest step in his latest return from injury.

The Cowboys (5-1) have won five straight with Dak Prescott, who is set

to face fellow rookie starter Carson Wentz of the Eagles.

Romo was the third quarterback for each drill behind Prescott and veteran backup Mark Sanchez. Romo appeared to be throwing at full velocity, and also dropped back and threw a few passes on the run. He was listed as a non-participant on the practice report.

Before practice, coach Jason Garrett's answer was the same it has been for weeks now: Romo is progressing well in his rehab. Garrett made no mention of Romo joining individual drills. Romo wasn't in the locker

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## Former Rangers closer Shawn Tolleson becomes free agent

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Former Texas Rangers closer Shawn Tolleson has been granted free agency after declining an outright minor league assignment.

The move Thursday came a day after the Rangers announced that Tolleson had cleared outright waivers and would be assigned to Triple-A Round Rock.

Tolleson was 2-2 with 11 saves and a 7.68 ERA in 37 relief appearances this year. The 28-year-old right-hander had 35 saves in 2015, and 11 more this season, but lost the closer job to Sam Dyson after blowing saves in consecutive appearances in mid-May.

After time away from the team to be with his father, who was dealing with cancer, Tolleson later was sent to the minors. He missed the debut season after going on the 60-day disabled list because of a lower back sprain.

## Old faces depart, fresh new look awaits Big 12 basketball season

By DAVE SKRETTA  
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Oklahoma's wild ride to the Final Four last spring was fueled by Buddy Hield's shooting, Isaiah Cousins' court vision and Ryan Spangler's power in the post.

All of them are gone this season.

The turnover isn't limited to the Sooners, either.

Of all the leagues playing major college basketball, perhaps none will have a fresher look this season than the Big 12. The old guard that became household names — Georges Niang at Iowa State, Devin Williams at West Virginia and Perry Ellis at Kansas — either graduated or left school early, leaving in their wake dozens of starting jobs at schools across the league.

"Given the number of seniors we had graduate last year, a lot of new roles and minutes available," Sooners coach Lon Kruger said. "It's not great to be young in any league, the Big 12 especially."

Indeed, looking at the All-Big 12 teams of a year ago is likely to make some fans feel nostalgic, especially when you consider that the entire first team and 11 of the 15 players overall have departed.

That includes Hield, Niang and Ellis, who were joined on the first team by Texas guard Isaiah Taylor and Baylor forward Taurian Prince. Williams and Kansas guard Wayne Selden Jr. left school after their junior years, while the Cousins and Spangler joined the Mountaineers' Jaysean Paige and big man Rico Gathers of Baylor in exhausting their eligibility.

"Every day we find something new about our team," said Sooners senior Jordan Woodard.

Those veteran departures are certain to cause some coaches plenty of heartburn.

They're also welcomed by a couple whose teams return intact.

"You lost a lot of valuable members of teams, some of the greatest players in the history of the Big 12, from Buddy to Georges to Perry," said Kansas State coach Bruce Weber, who managed to weather his own growing pains with a bunch of newcomers last year.

"Those guys, if you look at those teams, they seem to have parts back," Weber said, "but you're not sure about other people. I think that's the case with a lot of teams."

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AP Photo/Raymond Thompson

West Virginia cornerback Rasul Douglas (13) tackles TCU quarterback Kenny Hill (7) during the second half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, in Morgantown, W. Va.



AP Photo/LM Otero, File

In this Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016, file photo, Baylor defensive tackle Micheal Johnson, left, leads teammates onto the field before an NCAA college football game against SMU in Waco, Texas.

## Big 12 still has playoff hopes with Baylor, WVU undefeated

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

With Baylor and West Virginia both undefeated halfway through the season, there could still be playoff hopes for the Big 12 Conference.

The eighth-ranked Bears and 10th-ranked Mountaineers have to keep winning.

While many wrote off the Big 12's chances for a return to the playoffs after Oklahoma's two nonconference losses in September, Baylor and West Virginia are among seven teams from Power Five leagues still without a loss before the first College Football Playoff rankings of this season are released next week.

When West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen was asked about talking to his players about their 6-0 start, he initially answered, "I can assure you I am not going to respond to a College Football Playoff question."

Because there is a long way to go, with six more Saturdays of games before the four playoff teams will be determined with the final CFP rankings on Dec. 4.

Those final rankings will come a day after Baylor and West Virginia play in

a regular-season finale that could become a de facto Big 12 championship game. It could also determine if one of them gets in the playoff, though there is no guaranteed spot for the winner.

The Big 12 is reinstating its actual title game next season, and that will at least provide league teams a "13th data point" for the playoff selection committee to consider like the other Power Five conferences already have.

When Ohio State won the Big Ten championship game 59-0 two years ago, the Buckeyes ended up the fourth playoff team ahead of Big 12 co-champions Baylor and TCU, and went on to win the national championship.

### SOONER FACTOR

Oklahoma's quest for its 10th Big 12 title could impact the league's CFP chances, but it still remains unlikely that the two-loss Sooners can get back into playoff contention.

The 16th-ranked Sooners (5-2, 4-0 Big 12), coming off a wild 66-59 win and allowing a school-record 854 total yards/a at Texas Tech, play consecutive games in November against Baylor and West Virginia, and losses by either one of those teams will hurt their chances.

Oklahoma last year was 14th in the

initial CFP rankings, and 13th at that point in the AP poll. While it is possible that the Sooners could be near those same positions next week, assuming they beat Kansas at home, there hasn't yet been a two-loss playoff team.

It also hurts the Sooners that Houston and Ohio State, the non-conference teams they lost to, have since lost.

The Cougars are even unranked after losing two of three. The sixth-ranked Buckeyes are coming off a loss to Penn State, though they still have a chance to bolster their playoff case with games left against No. 2 Michigan and No. 7 Nebraska.

### DEFENSE WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS, RIGHT?

West Virginia has won its last two games by holding high-scoring Texas Tech and TCU to a combined 27 points/a.

A week after its 48-17 home loss to the Mountaineers, Texas Tech piled up 854 total yards in a 66-59 loss to Oklahoma.

The Mountaineers play Saturday at Oklahoma State, which is still in Big 12 title contention, and also have games against Kansas and Texas be-

fore the Sooners visit Morgantown on Nov. 19. WVU then goes to Iowa State before the finale against Baylor.

"We have goals ahead of us, and we are not anywhere close to being in a position to meet any of them," Holgorsen said, without being specific.

### BAYLOR'S TOUGH STRETCH

The Bears are the only FBS team to be 6-0 for the fourth consecutive season, but they haven't really been tested yet.

Oklahoma State is the only team with a winning record that Baylor has played, and the Cowboys had a turnover late when it looked like they were able to take the lead.

The other five teams the Bears have played so far have a combined 7-28 record. That includes a 5-16 mark by their non-conference opponents, a very negative factor for the CFP committee. (Their remaining six opponents are a combined 25-16).

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**DATED** the 21 day of  
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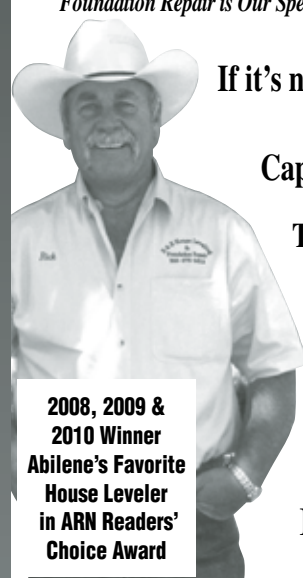


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Tomorrow's Horoscope

happen.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Maybe it's too early for a rest from commerce and travel and business of all kinds, but it's not too early to plan one and prepare for it. The dormant periods are important to your well-being. How are you going to make it happen?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Just because you passed this way before does not mean that you are regressing. Think of this as running laps. Each repetition makes you stronger, helps you grow faster and counts toward your general progress.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The visiting will be better when you use the time between visits to better yourself. That's the time you practice, hone your skills and fine-tune your image. Challenge yourself to show up even stronger next time.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Right now the fruit of your labor is a lot like a watched pot. It will seem not to ripen while your eyeballs are on it. Back off. Let time and the

sun do their job while you plant elsewhere.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Men have gone mad from anticipating what stays out of reach for too long. Perhaps it takes a bit of madness to keep going past a certain point. Is it really worth it? Much depends on how much you value the prize.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There's humor in the situation. In order to see it, though, one would have to have the funny kind of mind that needs the laughter, looks for it, finds it and is released by it. That's you!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Groups and crowds are not the same thing. The few behave differently than the many, and different rules apply for managing them. And yet, what you get right on the small scale today will definitely work when you scale it up.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The small rubs of life can be more detrimental to your happiness, health and well-being than big events. Coping is a lifestyle issue. Build a reliable

set of go-to strategies for dealing with daily stresses.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** If you don't lunge for the brass ring, no one will know you want it. But if you lunge for it too hard, you'll throw yourself off balance and fall. Core strength is needed here for a graceful, controlled grab.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** An emotional weather front may seem like an uncontrollable natural force -- nope! It's the air currents that carry the weather. You're an air sign. Blow a little and the storm moves away.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There's no such thing as a pattern of one. The first time something happens it is difficult, if not impossible, for you to see that it is part of a cycle. The second time brings awareness, new questions, and the comfort of repetition.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 27).** They think you're working strange magic, but really you're just starting to get an awesome result from the years

of practice you've put in. Somehow you'll produce without effort and manage without meddling. Because of this, you'll be promoted. There's love all year, but in November and May it colors your whole world. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 21, 35 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My girlfriend gets mad if I try to show her I love her in public. She might let me hold her hand for a while, but she soon drops it, saying that she's sweaty. Sometimes I can put my arm around her. A few times I tried to kiss her and she was almost mean about it. I've heard other girls say that a guy who will kiss a girl in front of his friends is showing everyone how much he loves her, and that's romantic. But when I tried it with her, she socked me in the arm and got really embarrassed. When we're alone, it's different. Is she ashamed of me or something? I'm a Leo and my girlfriend is a Scorpio."

It's likely that she was simply brought up with good manners.

Public displays of affection are offensive to many people. Because of your outgoing, attention-loving Leo nature you might not mind being the center of attention when you kiss someone. Scorpios are usually much more private. Their creed: It's nobody's business but my own. You will show your respect and love for your girl best by honoring her sense of social etiquette.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Fashionista, singer, dancer, designer and television host Kelly Osbourne will soon add "memoirist" to her long list of accomplishments, as she's working on a tell-all book she hopes will inspire others to find their self-confidence. The Scorpion's way is transformation, and with her moon, Uranus and Venus in exploratory Sagittarius, her natural inclination is toward experimentation.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Mercury Gives Ego Knocks

You've created an illusion for yourself, with yourself and about yourself, and this illusion is called an "ego." When life lets a different quality of light in, as it will with the conjunction of the sun and Mercury, the illusion is somewhat ruined, at least momentarily. This might hurt, but ultimately it's what leads to growth and spiritual freedom.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You may sincerely know you are right, but that is not the point. Being right doesn't automatically protect you. You still need to prepare yourself for possible opposition and other incidents that could

Comments About Weight

**Dear Annie:** The holidays are coming, and I'm feeling anxious already. Most of the events with my family will include buffets -- which will also include criticism about what I eat, how much I eat and how much I weigh. I am 5 feet 3 inches tall, and I weigh 115 pounds. My husband's family members, with the exception of him, are, by medical definition, morbidly obese.

I am careful about what I eat. I exercise and take care of myself. So do my husband and our children. I have nev-

er and would never comment on what his family members eat or their weight. Why is it acceptable for them to comment on me? I'll hear, "You don't eat enough." "Is that all you're taking?" "You're too skinny." All comments are said loud enough for all to hear and with a snide tone.

Do I continue to smile and be silent? Is there something I should say in return? This has been going on for 29 years. -- Sad About the Holidays

**Dear Sad:** If one of your in-laws had a genuine worry about your weight and health, there would be a time and a place to talk to you about it, and it definitely

wouldn't be at the family holiday buffet, after a few glasses of wine, in front of every cousin, niece and nephew. It sounds as if they're speaking more from a place of insecurity than concern.

That said, I doubt they have any idea that their comments are rude. Because thinness is idealized in our society, many people mistakenly think it's OK to pick on a person for being skinny, even if they would never pick on someone for being heavy.

Talk to your husband about how these comments bother you. Perhaps he can persuade them to cut it out. And if they

continue with their remarks anyway, try not to let it eat at you. What matters is that you're healthy, and that's something only you and your doctor can determine.

**Dear Annie:** I totally recognized my daughter's experience after she gave birth to my grandson in your recent column about postpartum depression. It was heartbreaking. Your identification of it and your recommendations were spot on, but it concerns me that you did not include medication as an option, as well. Perhaps you quite correctly assumed the therapist would prescribe an appropriate medica-

tion, but you missed an opportunity to inform the public that additional help in the form of medication is out there for many.

In my daughter's case, the proper medication was what finally enabled her to break free and begin the path to regaining her old self and enjoying her son. It took her eight months to realize medication was what she needed. She looks back now and wishes she did not wait so long.

Thank you for bringing attention to the all-too-common

issue of postpartum depression. Too many people write it off as baby blues and don't seek out help. I'm happy to say my daughter is back to her old self, while still on medication, and my grandson is now 8 years old, the joy of our lives.

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Annie's Mailbox

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Let's find out where we stand

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A J 8  
♥ Q 9 4 3  
♦ A 10 9 2  
♣ 10 6  
**WEST**  
♠ 9 6 3  
♥ —  
♦ K Q J 5 3  
♣ 9 7 5 4 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 7 5 4 2  
♥ K J 7  
♦ 8 6 4  
♣ K 8 3  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10  
♥ A 10 8 6 5 2  
♦ 7  
♣ A Q J

The bidding:  
South 1♥ Pass North 3♥ Pass East 6♥  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
In many hands, the order in which declarer makes certain plays is of paramount importance.  
Take this case where South quickly bid a slam and almost as quickly went down one. Declarer took West's king-of-diamonds lead with dummy's ace, led a low heart and, after East played low, went up with the ace, converting East's K-J of hearts into the setting tricks.  
North suggested that South should have made a safety play by playing the eight of hearts at trick two instead of the ace, thus guaranteeing no more than one trump loser.

North's suggestion certainly would have worked on this deal and made the slam, but his analysis was only partially correct.  
The proper play is for declarer to take a club finesse at trick two and postpone any trump plays until the result of the club finesse is known. In the actual deal, after the club finesse succeeds, the contract becomes a certainty. All that needs to be done is to assure the loss of only one trump trick.  
The only way two trump tricks can be lost is if one defender has all three missing trumps. To guard against this, after winning the club finesse South crosses to dummy with a spade and leads a low trump. Then, (1) if East follows with a small trump, declarer plays the eight; (2) if East follows with an honor, declarer plays the ace; (3) if East shows out, declarer plays the ace.  
Alternatively, declarer can also assure only one trump loser by leading a low heart toward the queen at trick three. In the actual deal, after the queen loses to the king, South overcomes East's jack via a subsequent finesse.  
If the club finesse loses at trick two, declarer faces an entirely different proposition. Since he now can't afford to lose a trump, his best chance by far is to cash the ace of trumps in the hope that either opponent was dealt the singleton king.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

Don't Get Frustrated

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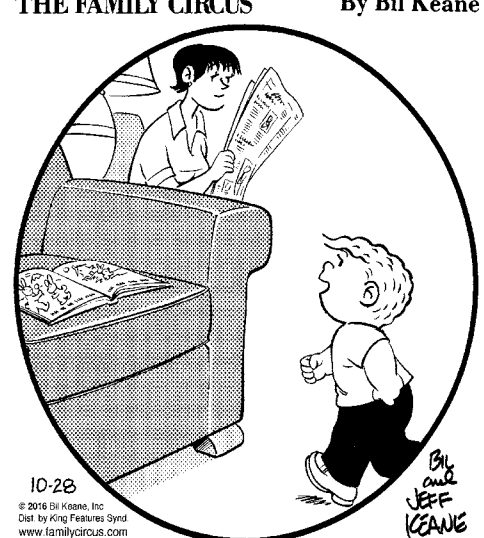
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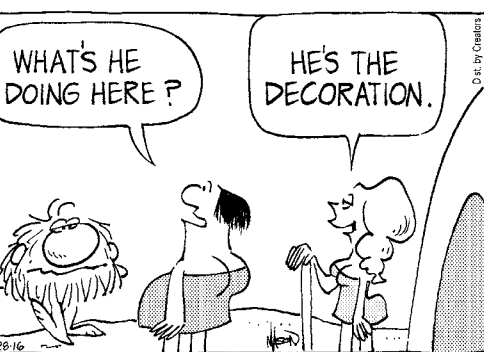
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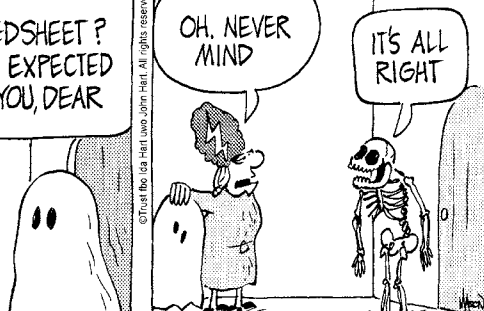
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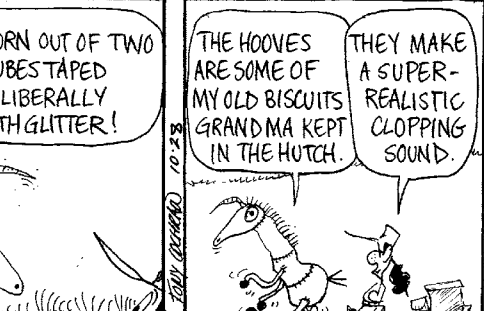
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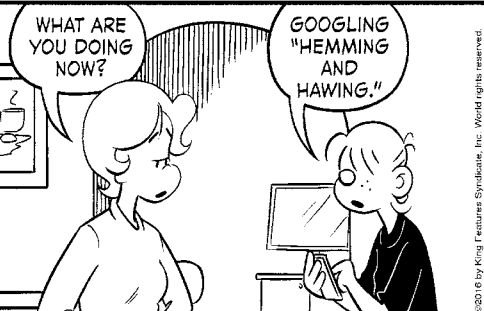
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 28, the 302nd day of 2016. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

On this date: In 1636, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a legislative act establishing Harvard College.

In 1776, the Battle of White Plains was fought during the Revolutionary War, resulting in a limited British victory.

In 1914, Yugoslav nationalist Gavrilo Princip, whose assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg, sparked World War I, was sentenced in Sarajevo to 20 years' imprisonment. (He died in 1918.)

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt rededicated the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II.

In 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected Pope; he took the name John XXIII. The Samuel Beckett play "Krapp's Last Tape" premiered in London.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba; in return, the U.S. secretly agreed to remove nuclear missiles from U.S. installations in Turkey.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI issued a Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions which, among other things, absolved Jews of collective guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

In 1976, former Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman entered a federal prison camp in Safford, Arizona, to begin serving his sentence for Watergate-related convictions (he was released in April 1978).

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.

In 1991, what became known as "The Perfect Storm" began forming hundreds of miles east of Nova Scotia; lost at sea during the storm were the six crew members of the Andrea Gail, a swordfishing boat from Gloucester, Massachusetts.

In 1996, Richard Jewell, cleared of committing the Olympic park bombing, held a news conference in Atlanta in which he thanked his mother for standing by him and lashed out at reporters and investigators who'd depicted him as the bomber, who turned out to be Eric Rudolph. Comedian Morey Amsterdam died in Los Angeles at age 87.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush spoke by video conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (NOO'-ree ahl-MAHL'-ih-kee) as he sought to reaffirm support for the Iraqi leader. Former heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick was found dead in a Jamaican church courtyard, the victim of a fatal beating. (A 21-year-old nephew and another man were later convicted of killing Berbick.) Basketball Hall-of-Fame coach Red Auerbach died in Washington, D.C., at age 89.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- 1 Industrial refuse
- 5 PD supervisors
- 9 Sway
- 14 "Iron Lady of Israel"
- 15 Circus prop
- 16 Gymnastics apparatus
- 17 Hermione in eight films
- 18 Tolstoy heroine
- 19 Mail convenience
- 20 Venerable hymn
- 23 Check again
- 24 Flicked residue
- 25 Flutter
- 28 Gardening concern
- 30 Rout
- 33 Rockies rover
- 36 Name meaning "lion"
- 38 Specifies
- 39 Raquel Welch sci-fi film
- 43 "Too rich for me"
- 44 Person to discount
- 45 Essence of many contractions
- 46 Arts partners
- 49 Unwarranted
- 51 24/7 service ctrs.
- 52 Eats
- 54 Bond market benchmarks
- 58 Intense magenta
- 61 Maria's West Side Story pal
- 64 Avoid detection
- 65 Half a spa treatment
- 66 Pumps and such
- 67 Sushi fare

DOWN

- 1 Bad-mouth
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# Griffey Jr among MLB dads of sons playing college football

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Ken Griffey Jr. has a different game to watch during the World Series.

The newly inducted member of the Baseball Hall of Fame can certainly be forgiven for having his attention elsewhere Saturday night. His son is a starting receiver for the Arizona Wildcats.

Junior's son Trey isn't the only Pac-12 receiver whose dad played Major League Baseball. And there are three starting quarterbacks in the Big 12 Conference who are the sons of former MLB players.

While the World Series is being played, here are some MLB connections to college football:

— SHANE BUECHELE, Texas, freshman quarterback.

Son of STEVE BUECHELE, who played for three teams over 11 MLB seasons (1985-95).

Shane is the only true fresh-

man quarterback ever to start the first two games of a season for the Longhorns. When he made his college debut Sept. 4 against Notre Dame, his dad, the bench coach for the Texas Rangers, was excused from a game to be there.

Steve, a third baseman who roomed with John Elway at Stanford, played 889 of his 1,334 MLB games with the Rangers (1985-91 and 1995). He got traded to Pittsburgh in 1991, and played in the NLCS that fall with the Pirates. He also played four years for the Cubs.

— TREY GRIFFEY, Arizona, senior wide receiver.

Son of KEN GRIFFEY JR., who played for three teams over 22 MLB seasons (1989-2010).

Instead of highlight catches in the outfield, Trey has 17 receptions for 305 yards and a touchdown this season. His 17.9 yards per catch leads the Wildcats.

Junior, inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame earlier

this year, was a 13-time All-Star center fielder who won 10 consecutive Gold Gloves (1990-99). He hit 630 home runs in his career.

— KENNY HILL, TCU, junior quarterback.

Son of KEN HILL, who played for seven teams over 14 MLB seasons (1988-2001).

The younger Hill succeeded Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel at Texas A&M, and had a single-game school record 511 yards passing in his first start. He later transferred to TCU, where after having to sit out last season he is now second in the Big 12 with 357 total yards a game.

Ken Hill was a National League All-Star in 1994 with the Montreal Expos, when the right-handed pitcher had 16 wins in the strike-shortened season the year his son was born. Hill pitched in the 1995 World Series for the Cleveland Indians, then the next season threw seven complete games for the Rangers when

they won their first AL West title.

— TORII HUNTER JR., Notre Dame, senior wide receiver.

Son of TORII HUNTER, who played for three teams over 19 MLB seasons (1997-2015).

Hunter, who has also played baseball at Notre Dame, has 25 catches for 360 yards and a touchdown in six games this season for the Fighting Irish. A team captain, he missed a game after a concussion sustained on a helmet-to-helmet hit during the season opener at Texas.

The elder Hunter, who retired from baseball only a year ago, was a five-time All-Star outfielder who won nine Gold Gloves.

— PATRICK MAHOMES, Texas Tech, junior quarterback.

Son of PAT MAHOMES, who played for six teams over 11 MLB seasons (1992-97, 1999-2003).

Mahomes was an eye-popping 52-of-88 passing in

his last game against No. 16 Oklahoma, matching the FBS record with 734 yards passing and breaking the total offense mark with 819. He is the national leader with 473 yards passing a game, nearly 100 more than the next-closest player. He gave up baseball last spring to concentrate solely on football.

Right-hander Pat Mahomes was 42-39 with a 5.47 ERA in 308 career games (63 starts) for the Twins, Boston Red Sox, New York Mets, Rangers, Cubs and Pirates.

— DANTE PETTIS, Washington, junior wide receiver/punt returner.

Son of GARY PETTIS, who played for four teams over 11 MLB seasons (1982-92).

Dante shares Washington's career record with four punt returns for touchdowns. He has 27 catches for 457 yards this season for the fourth-ranked and undefeated Huskies, and his eight receiving touchdowns are tied for second in the Pac 12.

## BBALL

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The Sooners still have Woodard and junior Khadeem Lattin. The Bears will rely on juniors Al Freeman and Johnathan Motley along with senior Ishmail Wainwright. And even the Jayhawks have seniors Frank Mason III and Landen Lucas to go with junior Devonte' Graham.

They'll be backed by some of the top freshmen in the country.

Kansas guard Josh Jackson is considered by many the No. 1 re-

cruit, and some analysts predict he'll be chosen first in next year's draft. Texas reeled in five-star prospects Jarrett Allen and Andrew Jones, and new TCU coach Jamie Dixon landed his first premier prospect in guard Jaylen Fisher.

**NEW COACHES**

Three new coaches will give the league an even fresher look.

Dixon took over for the fired Trent Johnson after 13 seasons at Pittsburgh that included 11 trips to the NCAA Tournament. Chris Beard parlayed a 30-5 record in his only season at Arkansas-Little Rock into the top job at Texas

Tech. And three solid seasons at Stephen F. Austin landed Brad Underwood the job Travis Ford held for eight seasons Oklahoma State.

All have at least some ties to the Big 12: Dixon played for the Horned Frogs in their Southwest Conference days, Beard was an assistant to Bob Knight and Pat Knight at Texas Tech, and Underwood played at Kansas State and re-

turned there as an assistant under Bob Huggins and Frank Martin.

"I don't consider our job a rebuild," said Beard, who also a student assistant at Texas under Tom Penders. "We have eight returners and eight newcomers. Our job is to go to the next level."

**SURPRISING RETURN**

Iowa State coach Steve Prohm said he was as

surprised as anybody when guard Monte Morris returned for his senior season. Morris would likely have been a first-round draft pick, and was voted the league's preseason player of the year.

**CLEAR FAVORITE**

The Jayhawks were a unanimous pick to win their 13th straight title, which means they also got first-place votes from the three new

coaches. That streak would match UCLA for the longest stretch of consecutive conference championships.

"Kansas dominance, it really comes down to three things: They have a great coach, great players and they never lose at home," Mountaineers coach Bob Huggins said. "People have to go into Allen Fieldhouse and win once in a while."

## ROMO

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room when it was open to reporters.

"We'll just take it day by day," Garrett said, repeating another familiar refrain. "He's had some good days of rehab though lately."

Prescott said Romo's work wasn't much different than other practice days, although joining the early throwing sessions was new.

"He's looked sharp every time he's out there,"

Prescott said. "That's a vet that takes care of himself, going to get back healthy. He's doing all the right things to do that."

Garrett has steadfastly declined to address what will happen when Romo is ready to return. The surprising Prescott, a fourth-round pick, is fifth in the NFL in passer rating at 103.9.

The Cowboys, who went 1-11 last year when Romo was out with a twice-broken left collarbone, are tied with Minnesota for the best record in the NFC.

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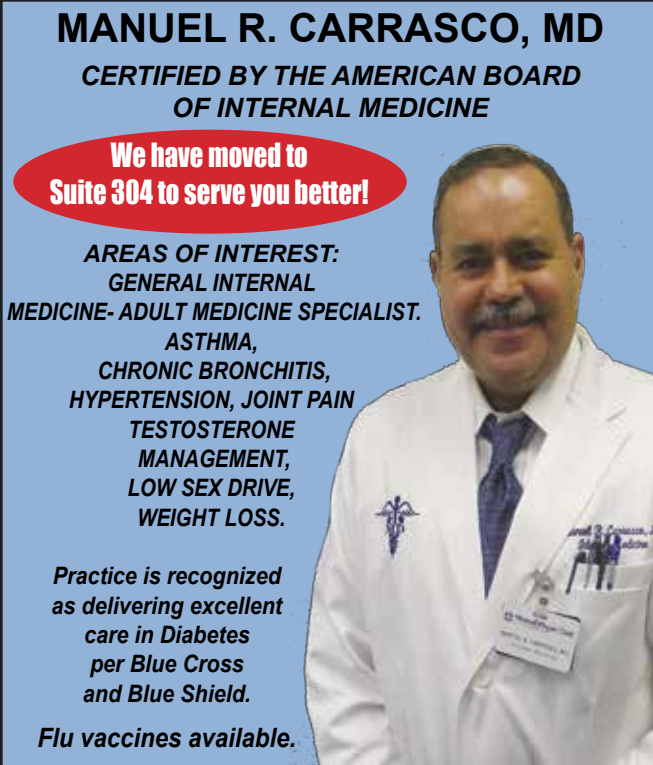
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## News in brief

### New rules aim to help students clear loans in cases of fraud

BOSTON (AP) — The government has issued new rules meant to help students get their federal loans erased in cases involving fraud and misconduct by their schools.

Federal education officials have been working to create a more detailed system for students to file claims since the Education Department received thousands of claims from former students of the now-defunct Corinthian Colleges chain, which closed or sold all of its campuses last year amid allegations of fraud.

The process had previously been guided by rules from 1995 that provided little detail about when and how students could submit claims, and how the department should resolve them.

New rules announced by the department on Friday will clarify that students are eligible to have loans erased if their college misrepresents the quality of its programs or the success of students; if the college breaks a "contractual promise" with its students; and if a state or federal court rules that the loan should be forgiven.

The rules also put colleges financially on the hook for repaying loans instead of taxpayers, and ban schools from forcing students to sign agreements saying they won't sue over misconduct.

"Today's regulations build on that progress by ensuring that students who are lied to and mistreated by their school get the relief they are owed, and that schools that harm students are held responsible for their behavior," Education Secretary John B. King Jr. said in a statement.

Among other changes, the rules also create a process for the Education Department to forgive loans for groups of students in cases of widespread misconduct, even to students who don't apply for loan forgiveness. Colleges with many students who fail to repay their loans after graduating will also be required to include a warning in their advertisements. For-profit colleges have been lobbying against the rules since they were proposed, describing them as unfair regulation meant to take down their industry.

### UN has reports IS using 1,000s as 'human shields' in Mosul

BERLIN (AP) — The Islamic State group appears to be using tens of thousands of civilians in and around Mosul as "human shields," the United Nations' human rights office said Friday.

The office also has received reports of over 200 people being killed for refusing to comply with IS orders or for previously belonging to Iraqi security forces, spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani said in Geneva.

"Credible reports" suggest that IS has been forcing tens of thousands from their homes in districts around Mosul since a massive operation to drive the militants from the city began last week, Shamdasani said, with other civilians being relocated within the city itself.

"ISIL's depraved, cowardly strategy is to attempt to use the presence of civilian hostages to render certain points, areas or military forces immune from military operations, effectively using tens of thousands of women, men and children as human shields," Shamdasani said, using another acronym for the group.

The militants apparently are collecting people from the outskirts of Mosul and pushing them into the city "to be able to keep them close to military installations, close to their offices," she said.

"Many of those who refused to comply were shot on the spot, and even among those who did comply, many of them — including 190 former ISF officers and 42 other civilians — were shot dead," Shamdasani added. The of-

ficers, who had been brought from a district south of the city, were killed at a military base in Mosul while the civilians were shot in the Hamam al-Alil district for refusing to join IS.

Those killings reportedly happened on Wednesday, and another 24 former officers with the Iraqi security forces were reportedly killed on Tuesday.

Shamdasani said that the reports "have been corroborated to the extent possible."

### Police evict oil pipeline protesters from private land

CANNON BALL, N.D.

(AP) — A months-long protest over the Dakota Access oil pipeline reached its most chaotic pitch yet when hundreds of law enforcement officers moved in to force activists off private property.

Thursday's nearly six-hour operation dramatically escalated the dispute over Native American rights and the project's environmental impact, with officers in riot gear firing bean bags and pepper spray.

Donnell Hushka, a spokeswoman for the Morton County Sheriff's Department, said 141 people were arrested. No serious injuries were reported, though one man was hurt in the leg and received treatment from a medic.

Among those arrested was a woman who pulled out a .38-caliber pistol and fired three times at officers, narrowly missing a sheriff's deputy, according to State Emergency Services spokeswoman Cecily Fong. Officers did not return fire, she said.

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said that the camp had been cleared by nightfall. Though officials earlier said they planned to turn the site over to private security, Kirchmeier said police would stay.

"We're not leaving the area," he said. "We are just going to make sure that we maintain a presence in the area so the roadway stays open, and to keep individuals from camping on private land."

### Manson follower 'Tex' Watson denied parole in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California parole officials recommended Thursday that Charles "Tex" Watson, the self-described right-hand man of murderous cult leader Charles Manson, should remain in prison 47 years after he helped plan and carry out the slayings of pregnant actress Sharon Tate and six other people.



AP photo

Protesters against the construction of the Dakota Access oil pipeline block a highway in near Cannon Ball, N.D., on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016. Law enforcement officials have asked people protesting the Dakota Access oil pipeline to vacate an encampment on private land, and the protesters said no. Protesters are trying to halt construction of the pipeline they fear will harm cultural sites and drinking water for the Standing Rock Sioux..

Watson's 17th parole hearing was held at Mule Creek State Prison, near Sacramento. He can seek parole again in five years.

Watson, 70, is serving a life sentence for the murders of Tate and four others at her Beverly Hills, California, home on Aug. 9, 1969. The next night, he helped kill grocer Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary.

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