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Same place, same time: Parade back on

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

Let's try this one more time. After being rescheduled due to rainy weather, the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade will take place this Saturday, Dec. 10, same time, same place.

Although the date has been pushed back, most participants told parade officials this week that they were still planning on attending. The parade is slated to start at 5:30 p.m. The lighted parade boasts over 40 floats, most of which will be decked out in their red, white, and blue.

"The theme this year is 'An American Christmas,'" said Herald Publisher Rick Nunez. "We felt that with all the political issues going on and everything going on around the world right now that this is a time that we needed to focus on America and we thought this was a proper theme for the parade."

This year marks the 31st time that the Herald has held the parade. Beginning on 24th and Scurry streets and heading north towards 4th and Scurry, many local organizations and clubs such as the Girl Scouts of Howard County and The Dance Gallery will be participating to show their holiday spirit.

Nunez encourages families to line the streets on Saturday.

"We continue to do the parade because it has been a tradition of the Herald to provide the community a Christmas parade," said Nunez. "The streets line up with parents and children waiting to see Santa Claus. They enjoy looking at the different types of floats and the way they are decorated. It sets the tone for Christmas once the parade occurs."



HERALD file photos
Pictured are photos from previous Herald parade events. The parade returns this Saturday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Prizes will be given for first, second, and third place. Points will be given for creativity, lighting, theme, and costuming of those riding/walking with the entry. According to Nunez, the parade will last about an hour and a half.

"This is something the Herald works really hard on to accomplish, but the reward is seeing the children's faces," said Nunez. "I feel like with the theme that has been selected, we anticipate that this'll be one of our best parades yet."



BSISD board approves purchase of 345 iPads for classroom use

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring trustees approved the purchase of 345 iPads and cases to be used in the classroom setting Thursday night when they met for their monthly meeting.

The cost for the technology will run \$170,173, according to Susan Bryant, Big Spring ISD Chief Financial Officer. The purchase will also include a three-year warranty for the devices.

According to Alecia Hancock, Marcy Elementary Principal, the equipment will be used in the classroom only.

"This is part of the district's plan to implement more technology in the classroom," Hancock explained.

In other business, the district held a public hearing of the district's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

(FIRST) ratings. The district earned an A+ superior rating for its handling of financial accounting for the fiscal year of 2015.

According to the TEA, the ratings are based on 15 financial indicators ranging from administration cost expenditures to accuracy of financial information submitted to the TEA. The ratings also evaluate any financial vulnerability and weaknesses in internal controls.

Nearly 98 percent of public school districts in Texas received a superior rating this year.

Trustees also:
 • Heard the district is now down 171 students enrolled which is less than at the first of the year. Enrollment numbers figure heavily into state funding.

See **BSISD**, Page 3

Full slate of weekend activities happening

It seems Crossroads residents are up for another packed weekend of activities:

Drive-Through Nativity

The 29th annual Live Drive-Through Nativity returns tonight for a three day run.

The annual outside event tells the life of Jesus Christ from his birth to his death and resurrection through individual scenes. It's free to the public but donations help to support the program.

The Living Nativity, sponsored by the First Church of the Nazarene, will be held nightly from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday.

The church is located at 1400 S. Lancaster. The entrance to the Nativity Drive-Through is best approached from the west on Martin Luther King Boulevard and then turn south onto Lancaster.

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BSFTA event returns Saturday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Reporter

It's almost time to fire up the grill. The Big Spring Food Truck Association (BSFTA) will be at the Heart of the City Park Saturday night to provide entertainment, music, and, of course, food to warm up the holiday spirit.

Bad weather last Saturday prompted the association to postpone its monthly food-truck event which was being held in conjunction with the Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade. However, Linda Burchett, BSFTA member and part-owner of the Wright's Grill food truck said at least two food and one craft vendor

that did show up had brisk business despite the gloomy skies and cold temperatures.

"We had two vendors who had been cooking since 4 or 5 that morning so they showed up...and they were sold out by 5 p.m.," Burchett said. "We had a craft vendor from Fort Worth come, and they sold about three-fourths of their merchandise."

Now BSFTA is back again with even more craft vendors signed up than the original 15 for last weeks event.

"Right now if everyone shows up, we will have seven new craft vendors," Burchett said. "Many of

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Cowboys on verge of clinching NFC East

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have everything in front of them, and one little nagging thing behind them: the New York Giants.

The winners of 11 straight games, the Cowboys (11-1) can clinch the NFC East and move a step closer to nailing down home-field advantage for the conference playoffs if they can beat the Giants (8-4) at MetLife Stadium on Sunday night.

While the Cowboys insist this is just another game, you know there has to be some churning inside them in facing their division rivals.

After all, the Giants are the reason Dak Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott and company aren't perfect.

New York posted a 20-19 win in Dallas in the season opener, and one has to believe Jason Garrett's crew wants payback. And if not that, the Cowboys certainly don't want to go into the playoffs wondering if they can beat the Giants.

"I'm looking forward to it a lot personally, and then I know this team," Prescott said. "They're the only blemish on our record right now, and just to be able to go up there at their place and be able to do what they did to us the first game, we're excited for the opportunity."

The Giants know the Cowboys will be motivated.

"They're on a roll right now and I'm sure they don't want to lose," Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr. said. "We're the only team that has been on them. I'm sure that that's on their mind, too. They feel that they could be 12-0. They're going to try and come out and prove that they should be undefeated. It's going to be a big challenge."

The challenge got bigger for the Giants on Wednesday when defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul was lost for at least the rest of the regular season after having surgery to repair a sports hernia.

Not only did the team lose one of its playmakers on defense, it came in a week when the Giants are facing new questions after a poor performance in Pittsburgh ended their six-game winning streak.

They still hold the top spot in the wild-card playoff chase, but their schedule is tough with Detroit, Philadelphia and Washington in the final three weeks.

"We believe we are a really good team, even though we haven't played our best ball yet," Giants linebacker Jonathan Casillas said. "If we can put the game together this week, I think it will be a statement game, but we have to do it. We have to be able to win, and that's easier said than done."

Here are some things to



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) hands off the Ezekiel Elliott (21) during the second half of an NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Pittsburgh Nov. 13, 2016.

watch in the nationally televised game:

REPLACING JPP: Free-agent rookie Romeo Okwara probably will start at left defensive end, with Kerry Wynn and Owa Odighizuwa backing him up. Don't be surprised if the Giants occasionally flip Olivier Vernon to the left side just to give the Cowboys something to think about. Linebacker Devon Kennard might see time as a

stand-up speed rusher. Wynn is the best run stopper of the group, so he may need to get more time if the Giants want to limit Elliott, who leads the league in rushing.

RESPECT FROM ODB: Beckham knows a thing or two about starring right away after winning the 2014 Offensive Rookie of the Year award. So he's highly complimentary of Prescott and Elliott. "Absolutely, on the

Giants or not on the Giants, you have to respect that," Beckham said.

Beckham, a former LSU star, remembers facing Mississippi State's Prescott when they were in the SEC, and he offered Elliott advice on life in the NFL before the season. "I love to see Zeke out there celebrating," Beckham said. "I love to see Dak out there with a smile. You just want to minimize that this Sunday."

Sports

calendar

TODAY

Boys' basketball

Coahoma at Hoop-town Classic (Stanton), TBA

Forsan at Borden Co. Varsity Tournament, TBA

Girls' basketball

Big Spring at Andrews Tournament, TBA

Coahoma at Hoop-town Classic (Stanton), TBA

Forsan at Poolville Varsity Tournament, TBA

Women's basketball

Howard College at Seminole College, 2 p.m.

Swimming

Big Spring at Seminole Invitational

SATURDAY

Girls' basketball

Big Spring at Andrews tournament, TBA

Coahoma at Hoop-town Classic (Stanton), TBA

Forsan at Poolville Tournament, TBA.

Boys' basketball

Coahoma at Hoop-town Classic (Stanton), TBA

Forsan at Borden Co. Varsity Tournament, TBA.

Spurs' road streak comes to halt vs. Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — It wasn't that they finally lost a road game and had their shot at a record dashed.

No, what bothered the San Antonio Spurs was the disturbingly slow start.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 points and the Chicago Bulls handed the Spurs their first road loss after a 13-0 start, hanging for a 95-91 victory on Thursday night.

San Antonio fell one win shy of matching the NBA's best road start set by the Golden State Warriors last season. The Spurs cut an 18-point deficit midway through the third quarter to four in the closing minutes, only to come up short.

"Streaks are a good sign when they're positive and they're a bad sign when they're negative, but at the end of the day, it doesn't give you anything else," said Pau Gasol, the former Bull.

He's more concerned that the Spurs keep struggling early in games. It could be San Antonio is still adjusting after a busy offseason that included the retirement of Tim Duncan and the addition of several new faces to complement Kawhi Leonard and LaMarcus Aldridge. Even so, the Spurs need that to change.

"Our opponents have outplayed us physically and execute-wise in most first halves for most of the season, and somehow we pull it together in the second half and play harder and smarter than we did in the first half," coach Gregg Popovich said. "We got it to four, then some execution mistakes. That's the disappointing part, that we're not a very consistent team and we haven't learned as a group the game is 48 minutes."

Leonard scored 24 for San Antonio. Patty Mills added 16 points, hitting 4 of 6 3-pointers. Gasol had 13 points and 10 rebounds in his first game in Chicago since signing with San Antonio in the summer, but the Spurs lost a road game for the first time since Oklahoma City knocked them out in the Western Conference semifinals last season.

Jimmy Butler scored all of his 13 points for Chicago in the second half. Rajon Rondo added 12 points, nine assists and 10 rebounds, and Chicago picked up the win after dropping three in a row and six of nine.

The Bulls have beaten two of the NBA's best teams in the past week in the Spurs and defending champion Cleveland. But they also lost to Denver,

the Los Angeles Lakers, Dallas and Detroit during this slump.

"It's a long season," Wade said. "We have time to fix it. We could play with good teams in this league home or road, but we still have time to fix that. As long as we understand what we need to do, what we have 60 games left, whatever it is, we have a lot of games to fix that so hopefully we can."

STREAK ENDS
 The Spurs had won 14 straight regular season road games since Denver beat them on April 8. But after a big push down the stretch, they couldn't pull out this one.

The Bulls led 65-47 midway through the third following a surge by Butler, who scored seven in a 54-second span after missing his first six shots. But the Spurs jumped back into it in the closing minutes of the quarter.

They went on an 11-2 run that Mills finished with a 3 to cut it to 72-66 just under a minute into the fourth.

Things got real tight when Gasol nailed a 3 to pull San Antonio within 88-84 with 3:24 left. Doug McDermott then hit three free throws after being fouled by Tony Parker, and

the Bulls hung on.

WELCOME BACK
 Gasol spent two seasons with Chicago and forgot for a moment where to go when he arrived at the United Center. The six-time All-Star was halfway to the Chicago locker room when he realized his mistake and turned around. The Bulls showed a video tribute to Gasol during a timeout midway through the first quarter.

TIP-INS
 Spurs: Parker had eight points and five assists after missing a game because of a bruised left knee. ... For the second straight game, the Spurs set a season low for first-quarter scoring. They had 17 points after managing 19 at Minnesota on Tuesday night.

Bulls: McDermott scored eight points after being sidelined because of a concussion since Nov. 12. ... Butler had scored 20 or more in 15 consecutive games, the longest streak by a Bulls player since Michael Jordan did it in 24 straight during the 1995-96 season.

UP NEXT
 Spurs: Host Brooklyn on Saturday night.

Bulls: Host Miami on Saturday night.

Texans, Colts pin playoff hopes on high-stakes game

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis Colts tight end Dwayne Allen embraces Sunday's game against Houston.

Yes, he and his teammates realize the winner takes control of the AFC South and has the inside track to the playoffs.

He also knows the loser could spend the rest of the season playing catch-up.

To Allen, this is football at its finest.

"A lot of people came up to me before the Monday night game and asked me if it was exciting to play on 'Monday Night Football'."

"It's an exciting stage to be on, but it's just another

game," he said.

"Now this game, it's exciting. It's like (receiver) T.Y. Hilton said, it's a Game 7 atmosphere. You win this one, you take first place and you control your destiny so to speak."

While the Colts and Texans are tied with Tennessee (6-6) for the division lead, nobody understands the significance of these late-season matchups better than Indy and Houston.

Each of the past four years, the winner of the mid-December game won the AFC South title.

Because of the tiebreakers, it could be more of the same this season.

Indy has already swept the Titans, Houston won Round 1 with Tennessee and the Texans used a frenetic comeback to beat the Colts in overtime in October.

So although this may be the next chapter in a growing rivalry, the players on both teams acknowledge this week will have a different atmosphere.

"It certainly feels like a playoff game. I know personally our football team knows how important this game is," said Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler, who played on Denver's Super Bowl-winning team last season.

"We know that it's a must-

win game if we want to accomplish the goals that we set out."

But the Colts may actually have more at stake.

They've been chasing everyone since starting 0-2 and finally got back into contention by winning three of their past four.

"We know how big of a test this Houston game is," said Andrew Luck, who attended high school in Houston.

"We know how stingy of a defense, I think they are top five in the league, No. 1 against the run and at least the last four weeks have been playing really good football. We will have our hands full."

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JUSTIN LOVELL MCDONALD**, 28, of 2104 Singing Wind Apt. #602 in Kerrville was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ**, 27, of 1409 Park St. was arrested on warrants for failure to control

speed, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

- **CHANCE ALLEN PERRY-MAN**, 32, of 225 Brooks Rd. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2400 bock of South Gregg Street, the 3800 block of

Rice Road, and at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700.

- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of South Gregg Street.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 200 block of Washington Boulevard.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DIEGO ADRIAN DEHOYOS**, 22, was booked by BSPD on warrants for speeding and failure to yield right-of-way.
- **JUSTIN LOVELL MCDONALD**, 28, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.

- **DAKOTA MACK MURPHREE**, 21, was booked by BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500), terroristic threat of family or household, harassment, violation of promise to appear, disregarding a stop sign, and riding not secured by a safety belt.

- **CHANCE ALLEN PERRY-MAN**, 32, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license, no driver's li-

cense, and violation of promise to appear.

- **MICHAEL JESSIE PINE-DA**, 28, was booked by DPS on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **JOHNNY JORGE RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to control speed, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, and violation of promise to appear.

Take Note

• Mighty Wash, 1002 Scurry St. in Big Spring, will donate 10 percent of its sales Saturday, Dec. 10, to the Salvation Army's Country Kettle campaign. For more information, call the Salvation Army at 267-8239 or visit www.salvationarmyusa.org.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizens will host a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 10 at 157 E. Second St. in Colorado City. The dance, which features live music by Kevin and Travis, has a \$5 admission fee. There will be a pot luck buffet supper; those attending should bring a side dish or dessert; Mitchell County Senior Citizens will provide the meat.

• The Salvation Army of Big Spring is seeking volunteers to ring a bell for their Red Kettle program this Christmas season. Each year, more than 25,000 Salvation Army volunteers raise money through the program to help serve more than 3 million people in need during the holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas. All money raised in the Red Kettle program stays in the communities where it is raised. For more information call 432-352-2005. If you don't have time to ring a bell, you can visit RedKettleReason.org to create an online kettle to raise funds for the program.

• 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.

• 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. Jan. 2 and 3 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.

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Weldon McAdams

Weldon McAdams, 57, of Big Spring died Friday, December 9, 2016 in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Fire/EMS

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Ann Drive.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Duquoin.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 600 block of Gregg Street.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

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

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Prosecutors to play Roof confession in church slayings trial

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Dylann Roof's confession to killing nine black church members in a racially motivated attack last year will be publicly aired for the first time Friday when prosecutors play a recording of police questioning the young white man.

The recording may offer more insight into why Roof attacked the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church during Bible study on June 17, 2015. In an opening statement earlier this week, assistant U.S. Attorney

Jay Richardson said Roof not only confessed, but gave chilling details on his preparation and his motivation for the attack when he spoke to law enforcement.

Roof is charged with 33 federal counts, including hate crimes. His defense has largely conceded that he committed the slayings and has instead focused on trying to spare him the death penalty. On Friday, they asked the judge to allow them to present more evidence about his personality and state of mind, and U.S. District Judge

Richard Gergel said he would take up the issue on a case-by-case basis before jurors begin hearing testimony from a witness.

If jurors find Roof guilty, they will decide whether he should be put to death or spend the rest of his life in prison. Roof has said he wants to represent himself during that penalty phase of the trial.

Prosecutors said Thursday that they planned to play the entire two-hour confession Roof gave shortly after his arrest the day after the shoot-

ing.

Roof has remained nearly quiet since. In court, his answers have almost always been a simple "yes" or "no." The only other glimpse into his motivation was a 2,000-word statement he posted online on the afternoon of the shooting and 60 photos he carefully picked from more than 1,000 he had taken, Richardson said.

In Roof's essay, he said he thought blacks were stupid, inferior to whites and violent. Among other things, he wrote, "we have no skinheads, no real KKK, no one

doing anything but talking on the internet. Well someone has to have the bravery to take it to the real world, and I guess that has to be me."

Roof's lawyers have tried to spotlight his age at the time of the crimes — 21 — or that he didn't resist when he was arrested.

On Thursday, jurors saw stark 360-degree photographs of the crime scene in the church's fellowship hall. They saw the victims lying in pools of blood with bullets and ammunition magazines scattered around the scene.

South Korean president is impeached in stunning fall

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean lawmakers on Friday impeached President Park Geun-hye, a stunning and swift fall for the country's first female leader amid protests that drew millions into the streets in united fury.

After the vote, parliamentary officials hand-delivered formal documents to the presidential Blue House that stripped Park of her power and allowed her No. 2, Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, to assume leadership until the country's Constitutional Court rules on whether Park must permanently step down. The court has up to six months to decide.

"I'd like to say that I'm deeply sorry to the people because the nation has

to experience this turmoil because of my negligence and lack of virtue at a time when our security and economy both face difficulties," Park said at a Cabinet meeting after the vote.

Once called the "Queen of Elections" for her ability to pull off wins for her party, Park has been surrounded in the Blue House in recent weeks by millions of South Koreans who have taken to the streets in protest. They are furious over what prosecutors say was collusion by Park with a longtime friend to extort money from companies and to give that confidante extraordinary sway over government decisions.

Organizers said about 10,000 people gathered in front of the National Assembly to demand that lawmakers pass the impeachment motion. Some had spent the night on the streets after traveling from other cities. Scuffles

broke out between angry anti-Park farmers, some of whom had driven tractors to the assembly from their farms, and police. When impeachment happened, many of those gathered raised their hands in the air and leapt about, cheering and laughing.

Trump mobilizing Louisiana Republicans in final Senate race

NEW YORK (AP) — Tending to party politics, President-elect Donald Trump is rallying supporters in Louisiana on Friday ahead of the state's Senate runoff election, aiming to pad the Republican majority he will inherit.

Trump was campaigning for Republican John Kennedy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and then making another stop on his "thank you" tour in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a state that helped him prevail against Democrat Hillary Clinton in last month's election.

On Thursday Trump met in Columbus, Ohio, with the victims of an attack by a knife-wielding Ohio State University student. By evening he was at a rally in Des Moines, Iowa, alongside Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, his pick to be the next ambassador to China.

"The script is not yet written. We do not know what the page will read tomorrow. But for the first time in a long time we know the pages will be authored by each and every one of you," Trump said at Des Moines' Hy-Vee Hall, where he offered promises to heal a divided nation along with trademark boasts about the size of his victories.

While candidate Trump was often at odds with the establishment wing of his party, the incoming president

has reason to consolidate any lingering factions within the party, most immediately in Louisiana.

Defense Secretary Carter makes surprise visit to Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Friday that the United States will stick with Afghanistan for years to come.

"America is and will remain committed to a sovereign and secure Afghanistan," Carter said in a joint appearance with President Ashraf Ghani during his final visit to the country as head of the Pentagon.

It is Carter's last planned trip to Afghanistan before handing off his Defense Department responsibilities to his designated successor, retired Marine Gen. James Mattis.

The U.S. has about 10,000 troops in Afghanistan to train and advise Afghan security forces combatting a resilient Taliban insurgency. U.S. special operations forces are hunting down al-Qaida and Islamic State militants.

Carter's visit comes amid concerns that despite improvements in Afghan government defenses, Taliban forces are gaining leverage and are continuing to use neighboring Pakistan as a sanctuary.

By U.S. estimates, the Afghan government controls slightly less than two-thirds of the country's population.

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Raymond Nunez, 67, died Tuesday. Mass was held at 10:00 AM today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Virginia Hartley, 88, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 3:00 PM today at 1st Baptist Church of Garden City with burial in Garden City Cemetery.

Judith M. Chavez, 79, died Monday. Prayer service and family visitation will be held at 6:30 PM tonight at La Fe Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at La Fe Baptist Church with burial at Luther Cemetery.

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these vendors are local people here in Big Spring. They are small business owners who are trying to make it here in the town and we want them to make it."

Trucks and vendors will be set up from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Christmas community parade begins at 5:30 p.m. The organization is giving out free hotdogs and hot chocolate and children 12 years or under will receive a free bear. Santa will also be stopping by to visit with children and be available for photographs.

Christmas music for the evening will be provided DJ Adriel Saldivar.

Volleyball tryouts

The West Texas Oilers club volleyball team is holding tryouts this Saturday, Dec. 10 at Big Spring Junior High School in the big gym.

The volleyball team is for girls in grades 5-12 who are interested in playing club/travel volleyball.

Bring appropriate volleyball attire such as tennis shoes, workout clothing, and knee pads (optional). There is a \$30 non-refundable tryout fee and a form will need to be filled out at the time of the tryout.

Parents and guardians with questions should attend the tryout to ask questions and fill out paperwork. Tryouts for 5th and 6th graders will go from 12:30-1:30 p.m., 7th and 8th graders from 1:45-2:45 p.m., and 9th-12th graders from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please arrive 15 minutes early to fill out the tryout form and to warm up. For more information, contact Stacey Lopez at 432-270-1404.

HAPPENINGS

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Operation Santa Paws

The second annual Operation Santa Paws, a drive to benefit the Happy Days Humane Society, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The event is held by the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Big Spring and Howard County.

Dog food is of top priority, said Gary Tidwell, adult scout leader, but blankets, bedding, treats, balls, and chew toys are also needed. The drive will be held at Tractor Supply at 1104 I-20 Service Road near the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Donations can be taken to Happy Days Humane Society located at 5710 W. Interstate 20, off the north service road. For more information, contact Tidwell at 432-213-2321.

BSHS Dinner Theater

The award-winning Big Spring High School choir will be hosting a Christmas dinner theater this weekend.

The event will be held at the high school cafeteria, 707 11th Place, at 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. No tickets will be sold at the door. Money raised from the fundraiser will go toward the choir's summer trip to New York City.

Feast of Sharing

H-E-B's popular Feast is Sharing returns Sunday.

The community feast is open and free to the public and around 5,000 community members are expected to gather for the meal. Live entertainment is expected to be performed by local talent. The meal will include glazed ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans and dessert. The Feast of Sharing will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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- Accepted the resignation of Melissa Miller, Big Spring High School assistant principal. Miller will be leaving the district to accept a position with Howard College. The educator has 14 years with the district.
- Big Spring ISD trustees announced their accumulated training hours for the year to date. They are as follows: Board President Irene Rodriguez, 44.25 hours; Vice President Chad Wash, 3 hours;

- Maria Padilla, 15 hours; Tony Kennedy, 14 hours; Julie Harris, 13.25 hours; Fabian Serano, 23.75 hours; and Manuel (Manny) Chavira, 3 hours.
- Approved the audit report for the year ending Aug. 31, 2016, and the annual investment report.
- Approved the tax roll.

Big Spring ISD board of trustees will meet again on Jan. 19, 2016, in the high school boardroom, 707 11th Place.

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

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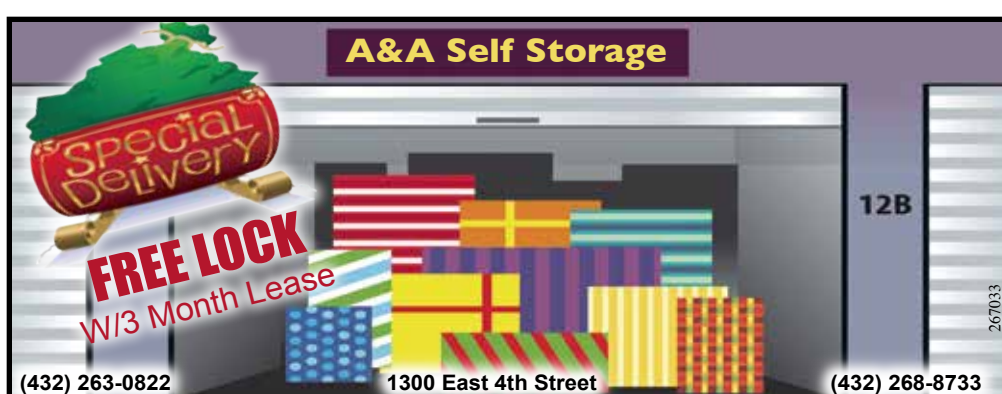
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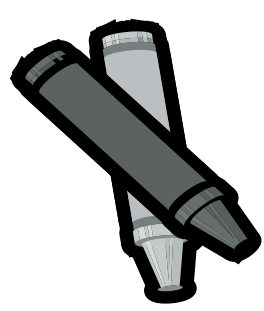
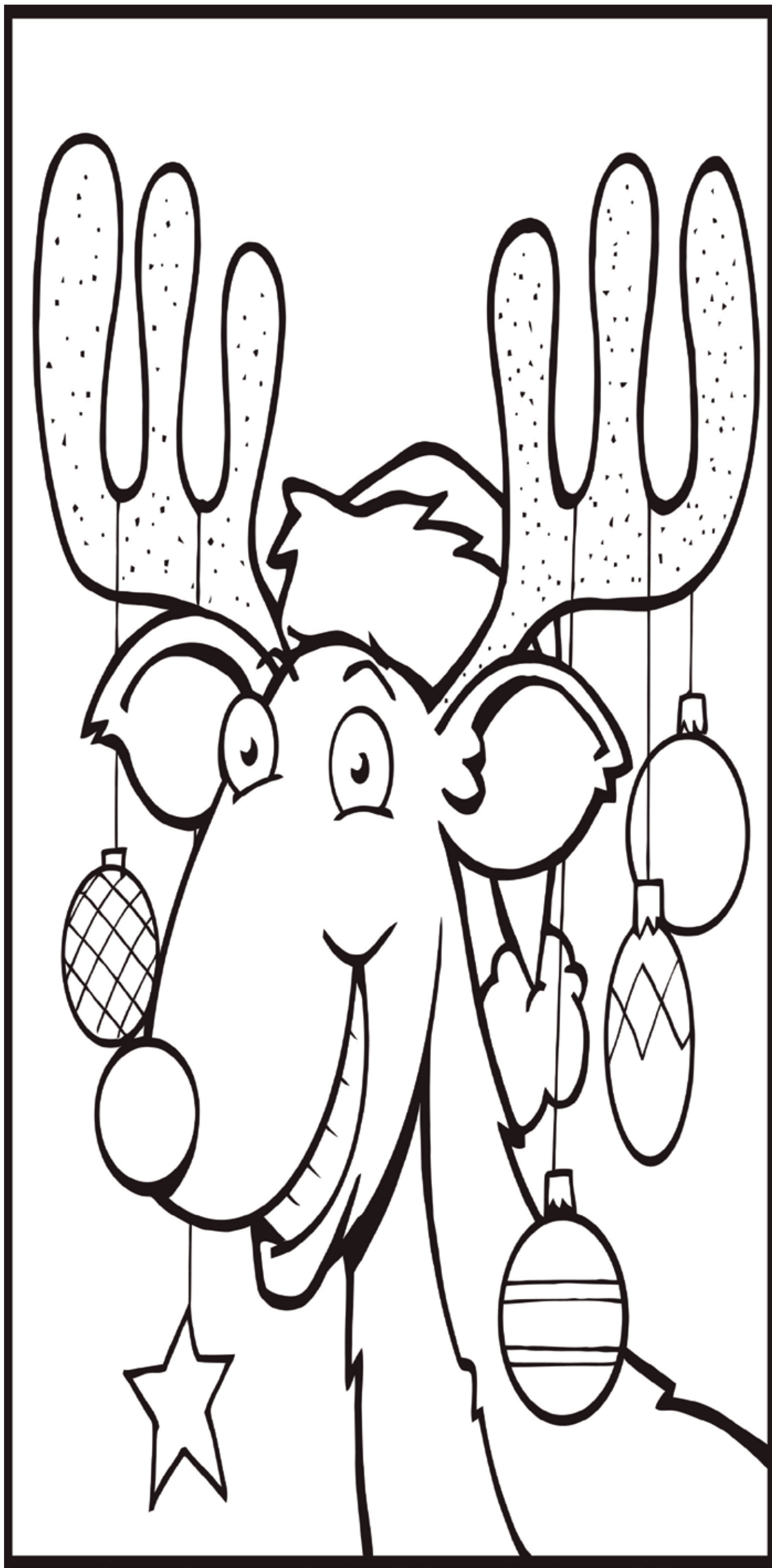
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Cosmic Roof on Fire

The fire-sign energy rules now. Under the Sagittarian sun and the Aries moon, the party is jumpin' and the roof is on fire (even in the instance of non-celebratory and outdoor situations). It's the start to a high-energy weekend of social buzz. Venus is newly exploring Aquarius, too, so expect the conversations to get zany and progressive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be presented with the possibility of a different kind of working arrangement. Keep an open mind, because at first this may not sound like what you had in mind. This one is (so) worth a try!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Now they

say, "I can't believe you went there." The truth is that you've always been "there"; it's just that now you're no longer willing to keep it to yourself. It will feel good to express your true thoughts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Opposing forces can provide interesting tension, or they can pull so hard they tear things asunder. Why risk it? Avoid getting caught in the middle of a contest of strong wills.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't assume the people around you are on the same page. Future hassle can be avoided by explaining things better than you think you should have to. While you're at it, ask questions to make sure they're really catching on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be careful not to get so caught up in the minutiae of practical concerns that you ignore the feelings that are really driving this scene. There's more to gain by tuning into the emotional world of others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sept. 22). Even those who love you very much may not understand you as well as you like. Relationships can be like fun-house mirrors that reflect back a warped and distorted version of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be a reward for impressing that certain so-and-so. No need to posture, perform or stretch the truth in the least. Nothing is more interesting than the real deal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Laziness can lead to inventing an easier way. Anger can motivate change. Fear can promote safety; sadness can inspire bonding; restlessness is the precursor to adventure. Whatever you're feeling, there's a benefit to it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes the kindest thing isn't the nicest thing. Besides, maybe you're better suited to do the thing that challenges people, makes them think or makes them laugh.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). How do you get to the root of a problem? You dig. Expect resistance, but don't let it deter you. The hard ground can be cracked with more substantial tools.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The right thing to do might not be readily apparent, but that's what the wise one is for. Use this person. If you can't find this person, use the internet. You should be able to come up with a solution by sundown.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The fair price for goods or services isn't always the price being offered. There are long-reaching benefits to paying what's fair, even if it means giving more than is being asked of your wallet.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 9). You'll do your best work when the pressure is on; in fact, you could even earn a prestigious award for it. Your dealings with a foreigner could inspire you to travel. March, April and October are your prime months for financial opportunity.

Love is your weakness in February, your strength in May. Leo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 26, 45, 31, 28 and 15.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You'll get the chance to demonstrate your experience and maturity -- so attractive! **TAURUS:** Organizational skills are at the root of a good date. **GEMINI:** Amorous feelings will be pendulous; expect the highs to have lows to match. **CANCER:** Effort is like money. You have to put enough forward to take home what you want. **LEO:** Should love hurt? Hearts that grow are bound to be uncomfortable at times. **VIRGO:** You'll feel naturally pulled to do the thing that brings you in sync with another. **LIBRA:** Love will require you to be a bit of a detective. **SCORPIO:** If it's a deeper commitment you want, fitting into the family dynamic of another will be key. **SAGITTARIUS:** Fantasies are fueled by the unfamiliar. If you're not organically in the cat-

egory, think of a way to get there. **CAPRICORN:** You'll witness the healing power of touch. **AQUARIUS:** The awkwardness of love doesn't stop just because you get to know someone really well. There are always adjustments to be made. **PISCES:** If it's a chase they need, it's a chase you'll give 'em. They'll have to be pretty fast to catch you!

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Taurus and Sagittarius will see something special in one another. Whereas Sagittarius can be restless and hard to please, Taurus is more likely to be rest-full -- and hard to please for entirely different reasons. Sagittarius energizes the relationship, Taurus grounds it. The sensuality Taurus exudes is a major attraction for Sagittarius, who possesses the "wow" factor all weekend.

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Annie's Mailbox

Failing in the Real World

Dear Annie: I recently graduated from college with a degree in journalism. I interviewed with several media companies in New York and landed my dream job at a major online magazine. I was thrilled.

Everything went smoothly the first month. It was the second month when things fell apart. We had a companywide meeting, and I was

supposed to give a presentation about a project I was working on to drive more traffic to the site. Well, I got the days totally mixed up. I thought the meeting was Wednesday, when in fact it was Tuesday. My boss came to my cube first thing Tuesday morning and said, "We can't wait to hear your presentation." That's about when my heart stopped. I froze in my tracks. I was planning on finishing the bulk of the presentation that evening, and now I

had only a half-hour to throw stuff together.

I walked into the boardroom completely unprepared. I started off trying to wing it, but after about 30 seconds, I clammed up completely. My face was burning hot. I mumbled, "I got the days wrong," and then I awkwardly took my seat. And as I sat down, I spilled coffee all over myself. I left the meeting feeling embarrassed and like a failure. My supervisor talked to me about it afterward and was pretty understanding but said not to let it happen again. Now I'm afraid every day there is going to be my last. -- Disappointment

Dear Disappointment: There's no use crying over spilled

coffee. All people with an office job can name a time when they wanted to shrink to the size of a paper clip and hide in the desk drawer. But mistakes are proof that you are trying, and you can't learn without making a few (or a hundred). Your colleagues don't expect perfection, especially because you're just out of college. What they do expect is consistent hard work and a positive attitude. So get back at it and show them that. Use your mortification as motivation. And I think this goes without saying, but never wait until the night before a presentation to prepare.

Dear Annie: I've always been curious as to why you and most other advice col-

umnists always take the position that family is sacred just because it's family -- that people should bend over backward to maintain family relationships, no matter how dysfunctional.

My husband and I are retired, and at 70, we are still blessed with good health and are financially secure enough to truly savor our golden years. We do this by always collaborating over big decisions and eliminating toxic influences from our happy life -- including relatives.

We do not bail out children who get in trouble because they didn't follow our advice. We love to share our coastal Florida home with friends and family who truly cherish us, but we politely

decline requests from freeloaders who obviously care about nothing but our pool and its proximity to the beach. And as for those who go on social media to attack our political views? We ask them to please not contact us anymore.

You would be amazed how freeing and uplifting this is. Life is just too short -- especially at this age -- to be governed by guilt or a false sense of duty. -- Living Free

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You hold the following hand:
♠AKQ8 ♥85 ♦J74 ♣AQ73

- 1. You are the dealer.** What would you bid?
- 2. Your partner deals and bids One Diamond.** What would you respond?
- 3. Your left-hand opponent bids One Diamond, partner passes, and your right-hand opponent bids One Heart.** What would you bid?
- 4. Your partner bids One Heart, and the next player doubles.** What would you bid?
- 5. Your partner bids One Heart, you respond One Spade, and partner bids Three Diamonds.** What would you bid?
- 6. Your left-hand opponent bids One Club, and your right-hand opponent bids One Spade.** What would you bid?

- 1. One Club.** Despite your 16 points and 4-4-3-2 distribution, which suggest opening one notrump, it is better to bid a suit when you have two suits unstopped. As usual when holding clubs and spades of equal length, you start with the lower-ranking suit.
- 2. One spade.** Game is certain, but that doesn't mean you should jump to two spades. A jump-shift would indicate a probable slam, and this hand is not in that class. Change one

of your hearts into a spade, and you would have an acceptable two-spade response. One spade is 100 percent forcing.

- 3. Double.** This shows the values for an opening bid and support for the two unbid suits. It would be wrong to bid one spade, which would suggest greater spade length and less high-card strength.
- 4. Redouble.** This promises 10 points or more in high cards. Your plan is to get to game eventually or double the opponents for penalties.
- 5. Four clubs.** A small slam is certain, since partner's jump-shift indicates at least 19 points in high cards and distribution. Your real goal at this point is a grand slam. Four clubs is a waiting bid that forces partner to reveal the nature of his jump-shift. He might have:
♠J97 ♥AKQ63 ♦AKQ5 ♣2
or
♠6 ♥AKJ643 ♦AKQ83 ♣10
or similar holdings. You'll have to wait to see what partner does over four clubs.
- 6. Pass.** The value of a hand nearly always changes as the bidding progresses. Before the bidding started, you were hoping to find partner with spade or club length, but that possibility is now greatly reduced. The best strategy is to play possum and hope the opponents climb too high.

Tomorrow: Perfect play by South succeeds.
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Did you ever wonder? Crossing the Jordan

God told the Israelites that He would fight their battles for them if they worshiped Him. There was much ceremony when they crossed the Jordan River to remind them that God Almighty would protect and provide for them.

The priests carrying the Ark were to halt when they reached the edge of the Jordan. The Israelites gathered close to hear the instructions the Lord gave to Joshua. "By this you shall know that a living God is among you and that He will dispossess all the Canaanite tribes. When the feet of the priests bearing the Ark step into the river the water will stop flowing. The water will pile up in a single heap" (Josh 3:10, 13). At this time of the year, the Jordan River was at flood stage!

Joshua also told the people, "You shall select twelve men, one man from each tribe. They shall choose a very large stone from the riverbed and carry it to the other side on their shoulder."

The priests stood in the middle of the river and all the people crossed without getting their feet wet.

When everyone was across and the priests stepped out of the riverbed, the water began to flow again!



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On the hill on the west side of the Jordan, God showed them how to place the stones to make a monument and cover it with a texture. While the texture was soft, the Israelites wrote the Ten Commandments in the 70 original languages from the Tower of Babel.

Now God told Joshua to have all the men circumcised. God called this the "second circumcision of the Israelites." All the men who left Egypt had been circumcised. They had all died in the wilderness, and they had not been circumcising the newborn babies. Do you remember that circumcision was the sign God asked for when He made His covenant with Abraham?

But isn't that a very dangerous thing for all the men to be circumcised at one time? Didn't that leave them vulnerable to attack from the surrounding nations?

No! Rahab had told the spies, "All the people fear the God of the Israelites!" They did not dare attack His people!

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." So the name of that place was called Gilgal, meaning "rolled away." So they remained encamped there until they recovered.

These days that they rested at Gilgal fell on God's holy week of Passover. They built an altar and brought their Passover sacrifice while they rested.

When the Israelites left Gilgal and marched toward Jericho, God instructed them to remain two thousand cubits behind the Ark of the Covenant. This is almost 2/3 of a mile.

Do you remember why the people couldn't get any closer to the Ark? Because it is so holy! The Ark of the Covenant is the holy seat of God when He comes to dwell among His people.

As they neared Jericho, Joshua saw a man standing before him with his sword drawn. Joshua asked, "Are you one of us or of our enemies?" He replied, "Neither! I am captain of the Lord's host. Remove your sandals for the place where you stand is holy."

Think of the miracles God performed within these few days. The Jordan River, at flood stage, stopped flowing and backed up a great wall of water until the priests' feet left the water.

The Israelites were able to write the Ten Commandments in 70 languages. No armies attacked them after their circumcision. The captain of God's army came to show that God, himself, was with the Israelites.

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

Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. To contact the church, call 432-264-7818, or e-mail aliveinchrist-tx@gmail.com.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. each week. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, Alive in Christ's members invite you to join them for services this Sunday.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

The church will have Advent Services the next two Wednesday evenings. A meal will be served at 5:15 p.m., with the Service to follow at 6:30 p.m. You're invited to the meal and service.

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

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

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

Each Sunday, Bible Study starts at 9 a.m., followed by Worship at 10 a.m. Evening worship is at 5 p.m.

Wednesdays, Ladies' Class is at 9:30 a.m., while Bible Study and Devotional are at 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Celebrate the season of our Lord's birth Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. as BHDC meets to worship. Pastor Jim Walterhouse and the congregation of BHDC invite you to gather with them in praise and adoration of Jesus Christ, and for the study of God's Word. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf

Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including the weekly activities and schedule, contact Pastor Jim at:jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

Sunday School Classes have started. The first class is "The Indestructible Marriage," a guide for achieving a lasting and thriving relationship by Jimmy Evans. The class is open to married couples only, and is held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Chapel/academic resource center. If you are interested in attending, see below for contact information.

Monday, Dec. 12th- At 6 p.m. Women are invited to gather in the Chapel/ARC for the 5th Annual Women's ornament exchange. Bring your ornament wrapped in a gift box or gift bag ready to exchange. Don't forget to bring a favorite dish to share. For more information contact Debbie Rieger 432-935-1257

Sunday, December 25th- Theme: "Putting CHRIST back into -----mas." This holiday season, CCC invites you to conspire with them; not for anything illegal, but to plan and plot together to take back Christmas and to restore the original hope and joy that the first Christmas was all about. This year affords the opportunity to celebrate Christmas on Sunday. CCC plans to purposefully and intentionally put CHRIST back into Christmas.

Wednesday, January 4th-7 p.m.: "Man 2 Man" - Calling all men to Wednesday night Bible study in the ARC. CCC's men's bible study is to provide men with resources to develop godly character and to equip them to influence their world for Christ.

Wednesday, January 4th- 7 p.m.: "Girl talk" - Women will meet in the Main Sanctuary for Women's Wednesday night Bible study. Wom-

en, get ready to be encouraged, challenged and equipped for an exceptional life as a Christian disciples of Jesus Christ.

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 .You can also visit facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Baptist Church

Celebrate the season of the Lord's birth Sunday at 6 p.m. as FBC invites everyone to "Mingle & Jingle." You're encouraged to share in this evening of fellowship, food, and Christmas music which will be held in the Family Life Center. The program will feature seasonal tunes presented by the Adult Handbell group, the Worship Arts Kids, and the Worship Choir.

Morning worship service begins at 10:50 a.m., and Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring a timely message from God's Word. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of foundational hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship songs. If you have mobility issues that require assistance, use the west circle drive, and someone will be happy to help you inside and park your vehicle. If you are unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the website at fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. each week, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building, with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and youth, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find a class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship and coffee.

All area women are invited to the "Ladies' Time Out" Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the church dining room. This will be a fun Christmas Craft Night, so bring a friend and a snack to share. Cost is \$5; sign up by calling 267-8223, or go to the FBC Big

Spring Women's Ministry Facebook page.

The Mother's Day Out program will have early release Dec. 15, and then be closed until after the holidays. Call 267-8223 for details.

Beginning Jan. 16, 2017, a women's Bible study will be offered on Mondays at 10 a.m. The study will be Beth Moore's "Entrusted", and will be facilitated by Carol Boyd. For more information call 267-8223, or contact Carol at 432-816-9915.

Through the faithfulness and generosity of God's people, 465 boxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you, and rejoice in knowing that there will be many families touched by the Gospel of Jesus Christ through this ministry.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center followed by activities for all ages. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Spaghetti is on the menu Dec. 14.

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

First Church of the Nazarene

The 30th Presentation of First Church of the Nazarene's Live Drive-through Nativity begins this Friday, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 9 to 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night. The event will take place on the church's Lancaster campus nightly free of charge. Enjoy driving through the beautiful scenes from the conception of Christ to his Ascension. Each scene is narrated on CD or cassette depicting the life of Christ. It is a Christmas tradition no one will want to miss.

Small group and youth/children information can be found by visiting the website at nazfamily.org.

Sunday Service for both the 118 Cedar Road campus and the 1400 Lancaster campus begin at 10 a.m. On Wednesday night at Cedar Road, enjoy small group classes; and at the Lancaster campus, there is weekly prayer. Both Wednesday evening services start at 6:30 p.m.

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

Contact the church office at (432) 267-7015.

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

This Sunday, First United Methodist Church will continue its observance of the Advent Season during



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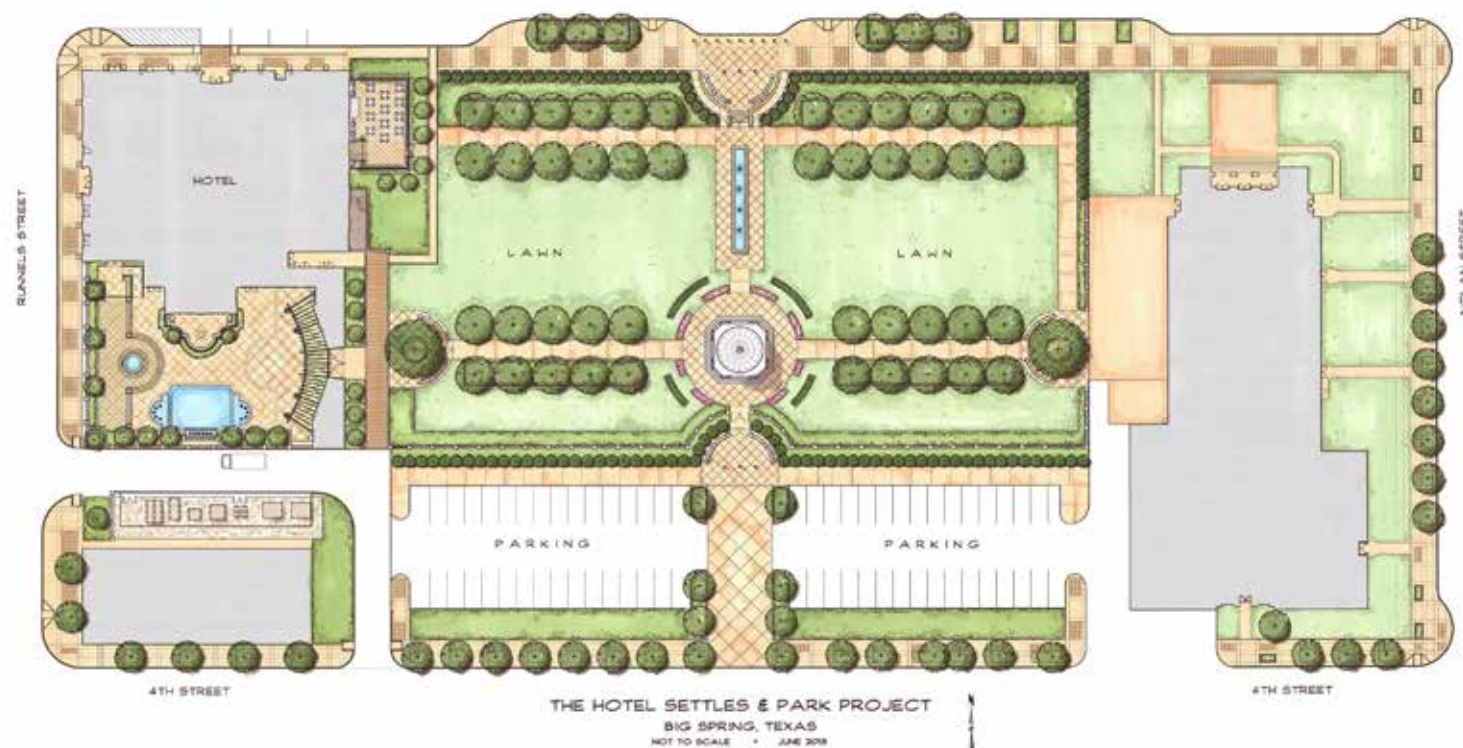


CENTRAL PLAZA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

To continue the revitalization of downtown Big Spring, Cap Rock Holdings has a plan to develop the area adjacent to the beautifully restored Hotel Settles into an events plaza.

The Central Plaza will be a family-friendly plaza that will bring tourists, attractions, and entertainment to the downtown area. Picture you and your family enjoying the Central Plaza for live music events, movies, arts and crafts festivals, family picnics, and much more!

To hear more, please join us at the scheduled City Council Regular Session on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016**. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas.



Be careful with observance of traditions

In my previous article, I told you how much I like Christmas. My family had its traditions that we would keep every year. After I was married and started a family of my own, we continued many of the traditions of my wife's family and of mine. We even did some things differently and established new traditions that we would keep with our children. What you may find interesting, though, is that among all the Christmas traditions in my family, celebrating or recognizing the birth of Jesus is not one of them.



GREG SURLES

For many years now, there has been a push from the secular elements in our society to remove any form of religion from the public forum. Because of this, many within Christendom have tried to push back and fight to "keep Christ in Christmas" or to

"put Christ back in Christmas" and let everyone around them know that "Jesus is the reason for the season." So what traditions should we keep? What if someone who is not a Christian keeps secular Christmas traditions but does not acknowledge Jesus — are they to be seen as someone who is stealing "our" holiday and, therefore, are subject to our righteous indignation? What if someone is a Christian yet does not acknowledge December 25 as the day of Jesus' birth — are they to be looked down upon for not being "Christian" enough?

For those who claim to follow Christ, the Bible should be the final word for what we should or should not do. So what does the Bible say about Christmas? Well, if you will turn to the book of Second Opinions chapter... (Sorry, that's an old preachers' joke). The fact is that the Bible says nothing about Christmas.

I thought about putting a lot of historical information in here about how people, almost 300 years after the church was established, began

to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but I decided to let you Google it on your own. Instead, I thought I would share some things that the New Testament teaches us about traditions.

Some traditions were condemned by Jesus. In Matthew 15 and the parallel passage in Mark 7, Jesus gives a strong rebuke to the religious leaders concerning some of their traditions. Matthew 15:6b, "So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God" (ESV). Mark 7:9, "And he said to them, 'You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!'" (ESV). We must make sure that the things that we practice as Christians do not violate or contradict the word of God!

We also must not bind practices or traditions which are not found in the New Covenant. Colossians 2:8, "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ."

Also in Colossians 2:16, "Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath."

To the Christians in Rome, where there also was tension between Jewish and Gentile Christians, Paul wrote that they were not to pass judgment on each other in matters of opinion, like esteeming one day as better than another (Romans 14:5-6). He encouraged them in Romans 14:19, "So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."

So, with that in mind, have a merry Christmas! Enjoy all of your family traditions together! Don't get mad or be discouraged when those in the world act worldly, and don't look down upon others when they don't do things the way you do concerning human traditions and matters of opinions.

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



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both morning worship services. Ray and Norma Alexander will light the Advent Candle during the 9 a.m. Traditional Service. The Tyler Sheppard family will light the Advent Candle during the Bridge Contemporary Service at 11 a.m.

Pastor Bill Ivins will share a message entitled "An Upside Down Christmas." The message is taken from Isaiah 35:1-10.

During Noon Bible Study on Wednesday in Garrett Hall, the Tardy Bells will perform. The Tardy Bells is a group of retired teachers from various churches who perform hand bell concerts for area churches and civic organizations. A meal will be served during the Noon Bible Study; serving beings at 11:50 a.m.

In lieu of regular Wednesday night activities, there will be a church-wide Christmas Caroling. Carolers are invited to gather in Garrett Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a quick meal. They'll depart promptly at 6 p.m. to visit area nursing homes and assisted-living facilities.

The church's worship band will rehearse at 6 p.m. on Wednesday in the Sanctuary. The adult Celebration Choir will also rehearse on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Suite upstairs.

On Friday, Dec. 16, the

church staff will be ringing for the Salvation Army at Porter's Supermarket beginning at 5 p.m. They'll also gather at Pastor Ivins' home at 6:30 p.m. for a staff Christmas Party.

Make plans now to attend the Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24. The service will include communion and candle lighting. On Christmas Day, the Sanctuary will be open from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for come-and-go communion. Congregation members can stop by anytime during the hour to pray and receive communion from Pastor Ivins. No other services will be held on Christmas Day.

For more information on any activity, visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

First Presbyterian Church

Last Sunday, Dec. 4, the Chancel Choir, consisting of Glen Burch, Colette, Remy Colette, Rowan Colette, Joseph Dawes, Susan Dawes, John Ferguson, Craig Holstedt, Nancy Koger, Jake Patterson, Mason Patterson, and Sarah Salinas joined with the Howard College Choir, consisting of Korina Christian, Remy Colette, Allison Cox, Richard Ewing, Dakota Jones, Justin Morelion, Lauren Post, Demetri Randle, Jorge Salais, Rikki Salgado, Amie Solis, Eric S. Valle, and Samantha Whitehead, to perform the new Pepper Choplin Christmas Cantata "Go Sing It On the Mountain." Ethan Wills directed the choirs, and Laura Holleman was the accompanist. Nar-

rators were Jennifer Patterson and Craig Holstedt.

This Wednesday, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, will meet at 5 p.m. in the church library; and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. will meet as usual.

The Children's Choir practices at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

Poinsettia time is here. Anyone wishing to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, should call the church office at 263-4211. The flowers are used to decorate the church during the Christmas season, and the proceeds go to the Youth Fund.

Dec. 18, following worship, there will be a Called Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary to approve the Pastoral Compensation for 2017.

People who have "adopted" a child of one of our Christmas families are reminded to please bring the wrapped gifts to the church by December 20 so that the Service Committee may deliver them on that date.

Sarah Salinas and the Girl Scouts are in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers for December are

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9-11:
Drive Thru Nativity:
First Church of the Nazarene
1400 S. Lancaster 6:30-9:30pm
nightly **432-267-7015**

December 15-31:
Comanche Festival Trail of Lights:
Comanche Trail Park
6-10pm Nightly

December 17:
Big Spring Symphony Presents "A Symphonic Holiday":
Municipal Auditorium. 7:30PM
www.bigspringsymphony.com

December 19-23:
Santa will be at the Festival of Lights:
Belaski Pavillion
Comanche Trail Festival of Lights.
7PM-9PM

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The Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church joined with the Howard College Choir last Sunday to perform the new Pepper Choplin Christmas cantata "Go Sing It On the Mountain." The performance was directed by Ethan Wills, accompanied by Laura Holleman. Jennifer Patterson and Pastor Craig Holstedt narrated.

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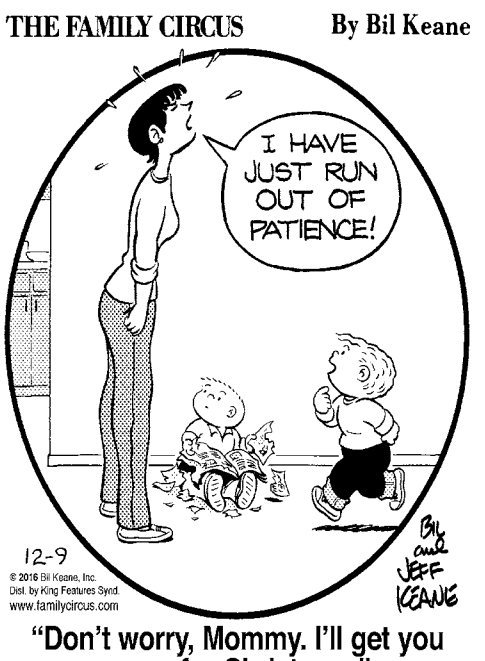
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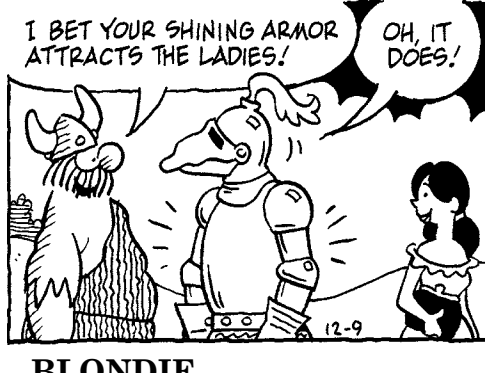
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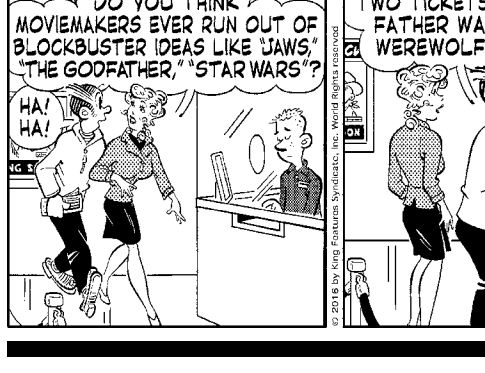
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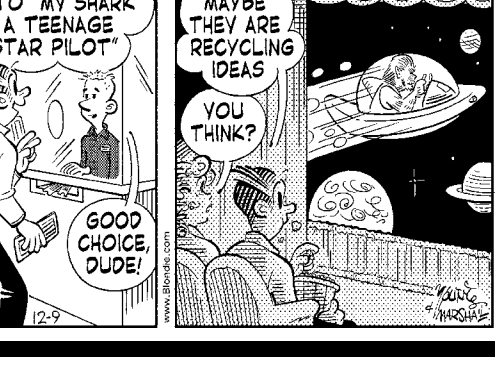
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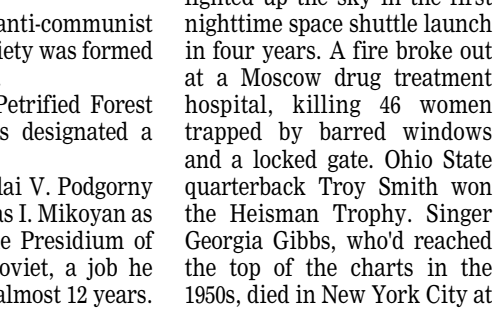
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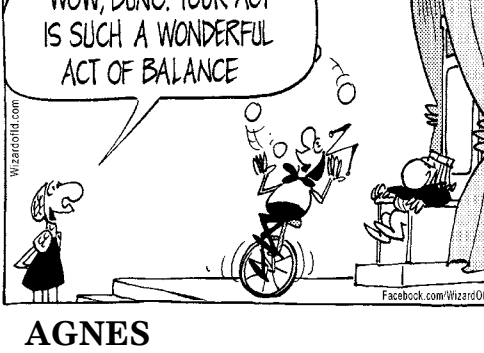
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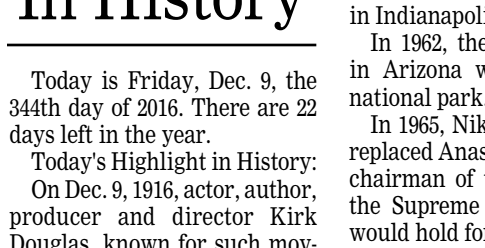
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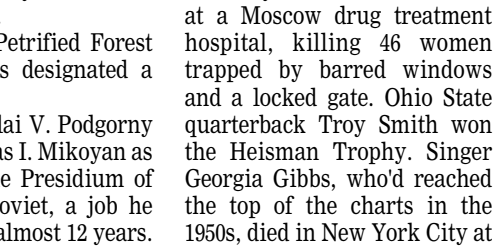
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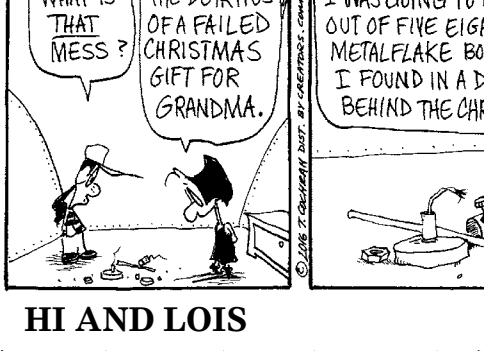
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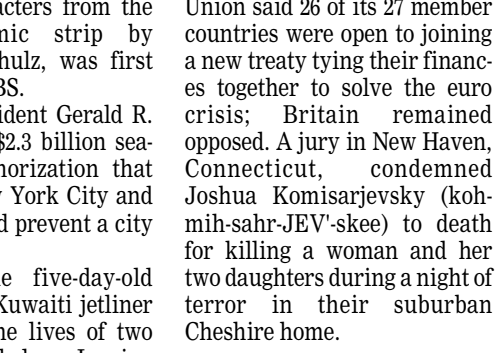
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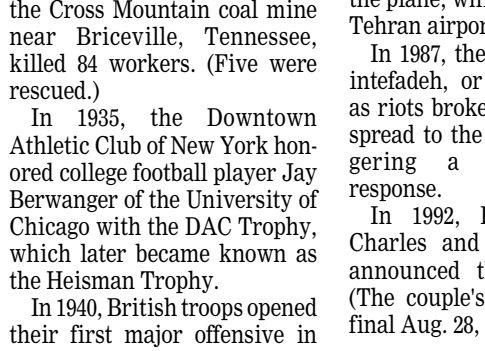
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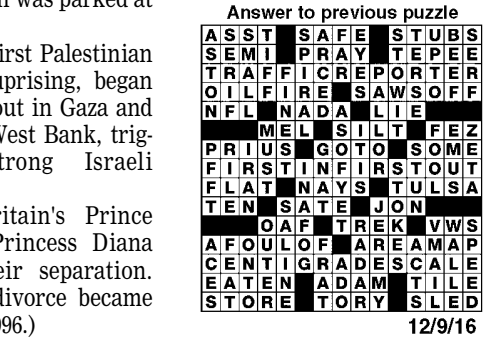
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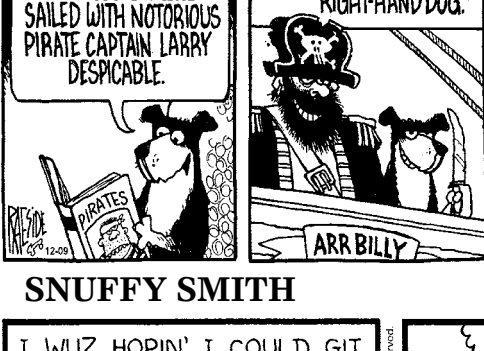
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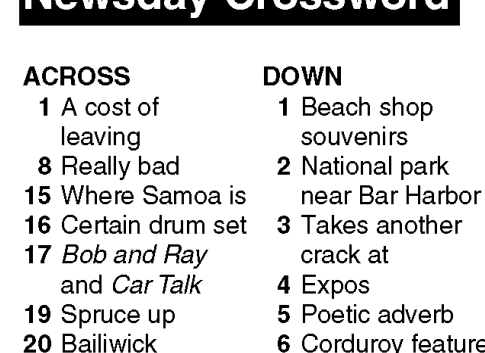
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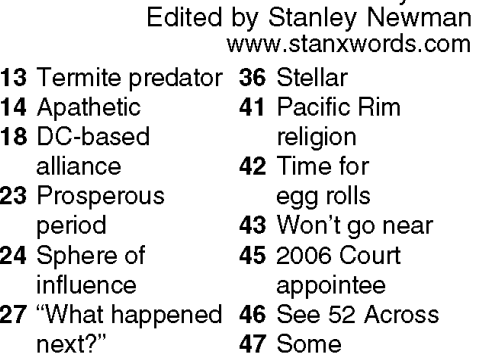
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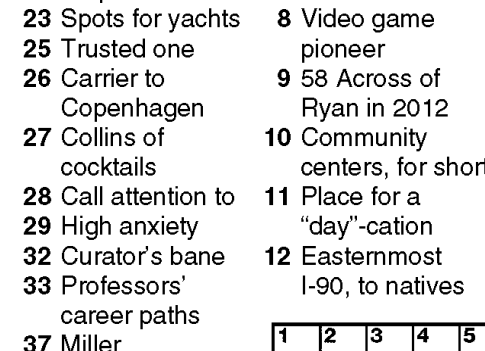
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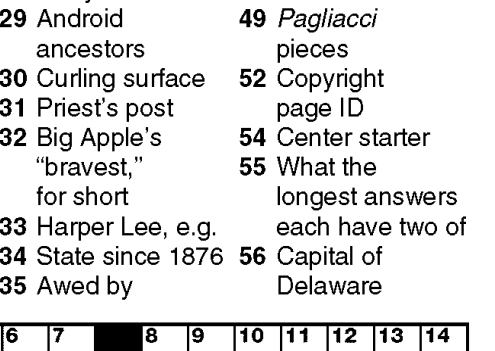
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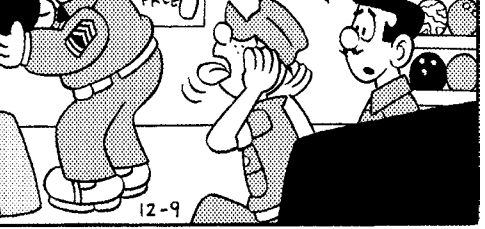
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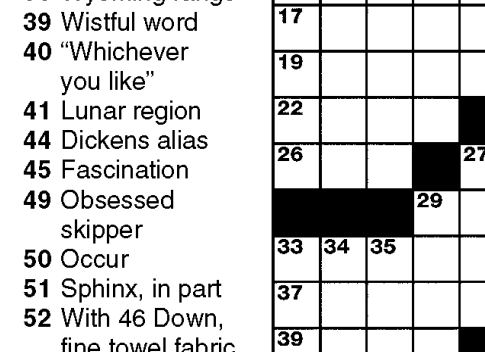
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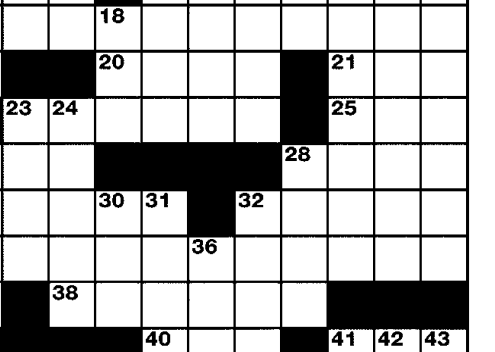
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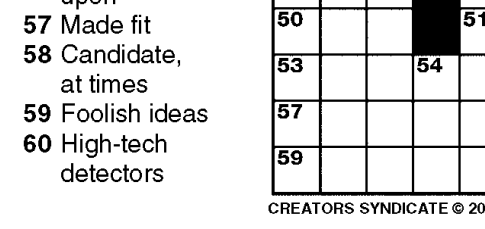
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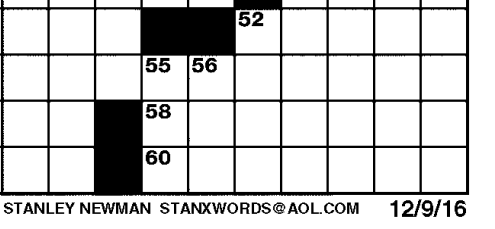
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 9, the 344th day of 2016. There are 22 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 9, 1916, actor, author, producer and director Kirk Douglas...

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Reflections: Christmas decorations

The first strings of light have been stretched across rooftops, lawns and windows. They punctuate the otherwise dark neighborhoods with brilliant flashes of red, blue and green.

Boxes packed away a year ago reappear from the attic where they have waited patiently for this magical time of year. Candles, candy canes and crocheted snowmen take their places, surrendering center stage to the nativity. Limbs on the tree that stands proudly in the window bow with the weight of memories: cardboard stars created by chubby little hands, the artists' names printed with an occasional backward letter; souvenir ornaments reminding us of vacations where we laughed and played; ceramic candy canes, wreaths, rocking horses and angels. Stockings hang on the fireplace mantle, annual symbols of expectation.

Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit and Scrooge take the stage to remind us once again that life is more than money. Christmas carols play in the shopping malls. Choirs and orchestras surrounded by poinsettias and greenery assemble to perform the

Nutcracker, the Little Drummer Boy and Handel's Messiah. The world is alive with the music of hope and celebration.

A large part of Christmas is preparation, expectation and anticipation. It feels right to me. The decorations and songs remind us that this is a special time of year, a time when something extraordinary happened. Something that changed everything about the way we see ourselves and our world.

God sent his Son after centuries of preparation, expectation, and anticipation. It was a special time of year, the most extraordinary moment in human history.

The prophets foretold His coming centuries before. From Genesis to Revelation, the Scripture points to Him. Isaiah said, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

When Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary took the child to Jerusalem where they met some remarkable people who had been waiting a long time for

this moment. They met an old man named Simeon who had been looking for God's promised Messiah. The Spirit of God had revealed to him that he would not die until he saw the Lord's Christ. When he saw the child, Jesus, he took the baby in his arms and blessed God saying, "My eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel" (Luke 2:25-35).

Mary and Joseph had hardly recovered from Simeon's amazing declaration before they met Anna. She had been a widow for 84 years and spent her time fasting and praying in the Temple, waiting for the Messiah. "At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:36-38).

I guess that is why I like this time of year with all the decorations, music, and drama.

It reminds me of God's preparation and God's promise. It reminds me of the One who is worth waiting for!

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



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Jim Little, Vicki McLean, Mark Morgan, and Lane Reynolds. Buddy Cockrane is Lector for the first three Sundays in December. Danny and Kay Kennemur and family will light the Advent Candle. (Patti and Joe Horton lit the Candle on the first Sunday in Advent; Marcos and Sarah Salinas and family lit the Candle on Dec. 4).

The lectionary for the Third Sunday in Advent is Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 (or Luke 1:46b-55); James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11. Donovan Salinas will offer a trumpet solo of "In the Bleak Midwinter" as the anthem, and the Chancel Choir will present "Prayer for Advent" by Douglas Nolan as the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will present the sermon.

Please note that worship services begin at 10:50 a.m. 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. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's

happening at the church by visiting the website www.fpcbs.org. On the website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week continues the message series for the Advent Season. The message this Sunday comes from John 1:1-5 and is called "Missed It by That Much."

The new Wednesday study series continues this week, focusing on the Sermon on the Mount. The text will focus on chapters 5 to 7 from the Book of Matthew.

Sunday evenings are devoted to in-depth Bible study in an informal atmosphere. This Sunday evening the study of the Names of God continues.

The children's Christmas program will be presented during morning worship on Dec. 18.

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 in Forsan. Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 9:50 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m., and evening Bible study at 6 p.m. For any questions please call 457-2342.

Midway Baptist Church

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. the Adult Choir of Midway Baptist Church will present the cantata, "Come, Let Us Adore Him." Join with church members and share the experience of Christmas through drama and music. Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Rd. Call 432-263-6274 for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Angels are on the "Angel Tree" Prison Ministry tree in the foyer. Please pick up an angel and give a gift. 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 is Saturday, December 10th from 2 to 4 p.m. Santa will make a visit, too. Please have your gifts to the church by Friday.

Parents' Day Out will be Dec. 10 from 10 to 4. There will be games, arts and crafts, movies, anything to keep kids entertained while parents shop. Please contact Donna Wennik to give names and ages. Lunch and snacks will be provided. It also helps if each child can bring a pillow and blanket.

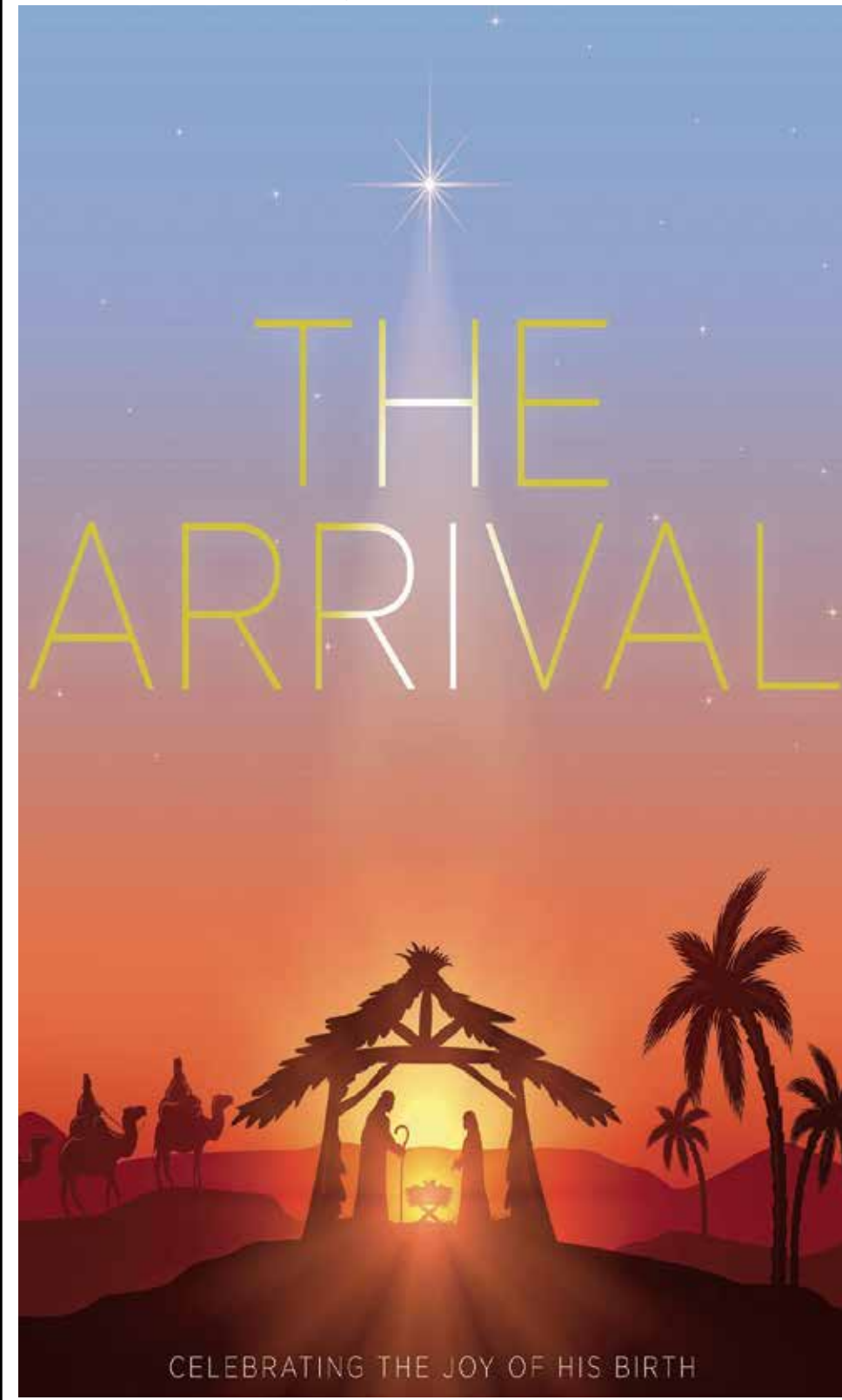
Spring Creek will have the annual MHMR dinner on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016. If you would like to participate or make a donation, please contact Reneah Statham.

Starting Jan 15, the Connect Four class will meet once a month immediately after the service. Lunch will be provided for those attending. This class is for new members and those who want to know more about our church and our beliefs. It is a two-hour session and childcare will be

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Santa will be making a special trip to Spring Town Plaza for special kids with special needs on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2 to 4 pm in the Youth Center straight back from the movie theater. Please call the church office and let the church know how many will be attending with your family so there will be goodies for everyone.

The Cheese Nips Women's Ministry will be having the Women's Christmas Party/Ornament Exchange on Dec. 17. Please bring an ornament (less than \$10) and your favorite party food to share.

Spring Creek will have the annual Christmas Eve Cookie Run and deliver cookies after the Christmas Eve services. More than 100 dozen cookies are needed. So, while doing your holiday baking, please consider making just a little extra.

There will be a Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m., but there will be no services on Christmas Day. Spring Creek wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you to all who supported Operation Christmas Child Project. The goal of 120 boxes was reached. A big Thank You to Sue Smith, Dana Tompkins, and Jeanine Fishback for working so hard to make this ministry such a success.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving local widows 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.

Connection Group 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. We hope you find a Connection Group that works for you!

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."

Check out the Spring Creek smartphone app. It allows you to make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains, and learn about upcoming events right from your phone. Search for Spring Creek Fellowship on your app store and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office so it keeps you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:

- Sunday-(No Services Christmas Day)
- 8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service
- 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups
- 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.
- 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service
- Tuesday-
- 12 noon- Narcotics Anonymous
- 6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group
- Wednesday-
- Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday
- 7 p.m.-"To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain" Men's Bible Study (begins July 28th)
- Friday-
- 7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous
- Saturday-
- 7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship
- 10 a.m.-"Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Call 432-714-4584 or visit the website at www.springcreekfellowship.org
"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV



This Dec. 2, 2016, photo shows a cross atop a hill at a city park in Spur, Texas. The Wisconsin-based organization Freedom from Religion Foundation has asked officials in Spur to remove the cross, claiming it is unconstitutional because of its public location. (Josie Musico/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal via AP)

West Texas city comes under fire for cross in public park

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A West Texas city is coming under scrutiny for a cross that sits in a public park.

The Wisconsin-based Freedom from Religion Foundation wrote Spur officials in July after a resident contacted the foundation to complain, staff attorney Sam Grover said Thursday. The cross on public land violates the Establishment Clause of the constitution's First Amendment, he said.

The foundation has no problem with the cross — about 12 feet tall atop a hill in the park — if it's on private land.

City officials are not commenting on the situation, city clerk Laura Adams said. A message left at city hall for on Mayor Steven L. Bland was not immediately returned.

The city didn't respond to the July letter or to a follow-up inquiry Oct. 21, Grove said.

"As long as the cross remains on public property the city is exposing itself to legal liability," he said. "They're breaking the law and anyone within the community could sue and win in court."

Spur is a farming and ranching community of about 1,300 residents approximately an hour east of Lubbock.

One Spur resident said everyone in town he's spoken with be-

lieves the cross doesn't violate the First Amendment.

"We want the cross left there," 71-year-old Jackie Rumbaugh said. "We think it is good."

The foundation has ongoing lawsuits over crosses in other municipal parks. In April, it sued Santa Clara, California, and in May it sued Pensacola, Florida.

The July letter to Bland stated that a majority of federal courts have ruled that displays of crosses on public property are an unconstitutional endorsement of religion.

The Latin cross in Swenson Park, which has been there for decades, "confers government endorsement of Christianity" and is a "blatant violation" of the Establishment Clause, the letter states.

"The cross has an exclusionary effect, making non-Christians and non-believing residents of Spur political outsiders," the let-

ter states.

Grove declined to say whether the foundation will sue the city if the cross isn't moved. He did speak to the possibility, though.

"These lawsuits are often expensive," he said. "There's no reason for them to spend taxpayer dollars defending a constitutional violation. The solution is simple: move the religious display to private property."

This fall the nationwide non-profit with about 24,500 members objected to a display of the Ten Commandments in a high school in the West Texas town of O'Donnell, 67 miles southwest of Spur. To avoid a lawsuit, the school district used an American flag to cover up the display.

A local businessman bought a Ten Commandments monument, which is now displayed across the street from the high school's front entrance on private property.

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