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The long goodbye

Shann Parchman retires from Victim Services after 20 years

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

It was a bittersweet moment for the long-time Victim Services co-workers Shann Parchman and Linda Calvio at Parchman's retirement party. The two were both at a crossroads.

Parchman was retiring as the executive director of Victim Services while Calvio was stepping into her shoes.

"It's been a wonderful 18 years," Calvio said. "I couldn't have made it without her. It's like losing my right arm. This work is not something you apply for. It's a calling. Not everyone is called to do it. You know when to pick up when others couldn't do it and you know when to step in when others couldn't step in. It's not really goodbye, it's another chapter."

Twenty years ago, Parchman began her career at the agency that assists victims of violent crimes and covers six area counties.

"November 1996 when I was driving back to work from my lunch break, I prayed, 'Lord I wished I had a job here in town that I could help people and get paid for it'" she said. "Two weeks later, Vonda Stephenson, Victim Services executive director at the time called and wanted to know if I wanted to go to

work. My first thought was, 'You better watch what you pray for because you may just get it!'"

By early the next month, she was on the job.

"I never thought it was a 'job', it was a calling, and you absolutely need to have a strong emotional boundary to be successful," she said. "I thought I had a strong boundary until I went to work here."

Parchman said she learned this lesson very early on in her career.

"Throughout the years, I can't lie, I took some of the cases home with me, but figured out real quick that I had no control over them or the situation," she said. "In 1998 I worked with a domestic violence client for six months, preparing protective orders, getting her to safety, and giving her options to stay away from him. Unfortunately she went back to him, and she called me to let me know they were moving out of town."

"These were the last words she told me before she hung up, 'You know Shann, I think I can love him enough that I can change him,'" she continued. "Two weeks later, law enforcement from the county she lived called



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
 Pictured are Shann Parchman, left, and Linda Calvio at Parchman's retirement party.

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The red, white, and yule



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
 The Hangar 25 Air Museum Christmas tree in one of many the trees in the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest. The annual display will be up through the end of the year.

SA: Last push for Kettle Drive

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's Salvation Army set a lofty goal for its 2016 Kountry Kettle campaign and is asking for help from local residents in meeting it.

Salvation Army Corps Officer Lt. Josh McKain said he knows the new goal, \$45,000, is a lot.

"It's more," he said. "Last year, I think it was \$35,000. As far as a plea, or what to give, people that will give probably

have already given."

McKain said the campaign still has about \$16,000 to raise in order to meet the goal, adding that the funds are for a worthy cause.

"We cut what we charge for the Boys' and Girls' Club," he said. "We have to try to make up the difference and that comes from donors. The donors are the difference. Without them, we cannot do what we do."

The Boys' and Girls' Club provides safe after-school

care and activities for students who might otherwise return to an empty home or wander the streets after school.

McKain said recent commercial donors are helping with the campaign, but more are still needed.

"Mighty Wash presented us with a check for \$523.70 for Saturday's partnership with the Salvation Army," he said. "That was 10 percent of their sales for that day."

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Local children's author, Moates, to hold book signing tonight at Gale's Bakery

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

A local artist is making sure imagination doesn't stop when children head home for their winter break this Christmas holiday. Tonight at Gale's Bakery, artist and children's author Sheree Moates will be holding a book signing party for her brand new book "Imagination, Where are You?" complete

with guest appearances, cookies, and lots of imagination.

"We launched the book Monday," said Moates. "I've just been overwhelmed at the response of people who have known me and shared it. I've had phone calls from out of state and all around Big Spring. It's been amazing."

Moates' debut book centers on a girl named Sweet Pea who can't seem to find imagination. She travels all around her town of Sweetville looking to find it with some help from local friends, including a baker.

"Sweet Pea has lost her imagination and she is looking for it," said Moates of the book. "Imagination is actually a character I created in my head and he is hiding throughout the book. She goes around her town of Sweetville which is very whimsical and and bright."

"I was at Gale's several months ago working on a kind of sequel to this one and he asked me what I was doing," continued Moates. "He asked me, 'There doesn't happen to be a baker in that book..' and I told him as a matter of fact there is and he said, 'We should do a book signing here'".

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PATRICK RIOS**, 27, of 1408 Sycamore St. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ**, 31, of 4213 Parkway Rd. was arrested on warrants for failure to signal turn, failure to maintain

financial responsibility, expired registration, and open container in a motor vehicle; and on another outstanding warrant.

- **SHANEL ANN ROTHENBERGER**, 35, of 2312 Williams Rd. was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).
- **BRANDON SCOTT MOORE**, 30, of 412 S. Adams St. in Coahoma was arrested on a charge

of assault/family or household member (intentionally or recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation).

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2300 block of Williams Rd.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of East Third Street and the 1600 block of Cardinal Street.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CALEB BROWNING LYLE**, 22, was booked by HCSO on warrants for failure to appear for forgery of a financial instrument, and for issuances of a bad check.
- **BRANDON SCOTT MOORE**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault/family or household member (impeding

breathing or circulation).

- **CHRISTOPHER ROLLEN RIOS**, 19, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of firearm.
- **PATRICK RIOS**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ**, 31, was booked by BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), failure to signal turn, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to display or expired motor vehicle registra-

tion, and open container in a motor vehicle.

- **THOMAS HUNTER STEINHOFF**, 23, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
- **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER**, 37, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief (impairing or interrupting public services).
- **SHANEL ANN ZYLSTRA**, 35, was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).

Take Note

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.

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.

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 commu-

nity. 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 patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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

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

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

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

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

Youth activities

The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

Need help?

The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

Obituaries

Reynaldo Hernandez Sr.

Reynaldo Hernandez Sr., 59, of Big Spring died Dec. 15, 2016, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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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ALON USA and their local 7-Eleven stores will team up with the Salvation Army Tuesday, he added.

"They'll be giving free coupons to whoever donates, while supplies last," he said. "Slurpees and drinks, hot dogs and nachos, I believe."

McKain said the promotion would be taking place at the 7-Eleven store located at the corner of Fourth Street and Birdwell Lane starting at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 20.

The Salvation Army will also host a Christmas Dinner at its headquarters, 811 W. Fifth St., on Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call the Salvation Army at 267-8239.



This past Saturday, Mighty Wash, located at 1000 S. Scurry St., donated 10 percent of its total sales to the Salvation Army's Kountry Kettle campaign. Here, Mighty Wash's Permian Basin Area Manager David Tryson (left) presents a check for \$523.70 to Salvation Army Corps Officer Lt. Josh McKain.

Courtesy photo

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and advised she attempted to leave him and he killed her. The news devastated me and it was a very dark time for me but it made me stronger, more aware and persistent to help the next client of domestic violence."

Her job called her to deal with victims who faced horrible situations, issues "that humans should not hear that were done to other folks and having to walk through that with them. I've always said I wish that we didn't have to have our agency but

thank goodness that we do," she said.

"For all the years, it wasn't just about me providing services to someone but it was also that I learned from them as well, from everyone," she said. "And it didn't matter from what community that we worked with, the only thing we had to do was call them and say 'We've got a situation. Can you help us out?' and everyone was always there and even today, 20 years later."

Parchman was quick to thank the volunteers, board members, co-workers, law enforcement, and all the agencies she has worked with over the years that have always supported the agency.

"To the thousands of clients that I have worked with, I hope you are in a safer, better place and also know that your experiences are what made me a stronger person," she said. "The agency taught me a lot and the experiences will never be forgotten."

"Without the endless love, prayer, and encouragement of my husband, Kent and children Matthew and Halee, and friends and family, the success of this job would have been absolutely impossible to complete, thank you and God bless you all."

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According to Moates, different characters from the book will be available for photos such as Sweet Pea and the baker, Mr. Sugar.

"The first 20-25 kids will get a free cookie," said Moates. "He (Gale) also has a photographer coming to take pictures of the kids so they can get their pictures made with some of the characters."

While this is Moates' first book, she has devoted her career to teaching art to children. Moates both wrote and

illustrated "Imagination, Where are You?", which has been in the works for five to six years.

"My history of writing children's books is null and void," laughed Moates. "I'm a professional artist and have lived in Big Spring for 42 years and have been an artist and taught children's art in Big Spring. Illustrating and writing a book is out of my league but I got this idea and piddled with it. It has been in the works for five or six years and it finally came out to be."

Moates is looking forward to seeing children's reactions to the characters and the story.

"Children have just amazing imaginations and creativity if you just give them a blank piece of paper," said Moates. "The book is about getting them to think about their own imagination, whatever that is. Whether it is art or music, or whatever it is for them."

Moates will be holding her book signing party tonight from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Gale's Bakery, 2414 Scurry. "Imagination, Where are You?" is geared for children ages four to nine and is avail-

able on Amazon and CreateSpace at www.createspace.com/6462351.

"These little kids are our future," said Moates. "They need to find their imagination now and start working on their creativity."

Life in prison or death only options for Dylann Roof

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The Confederate flag is gone from South Carolina's Statehouse. The bullet holes have been patched in Emanuel AME's fellowship hall. And now Dylann Roof will almost certainly spend the rest of his days in prison for killing nine black worshippers at the Charleston church.

A federal jury convicted Roof on all 33 counts Thursday. Those same jurors will decide in another phase of the trial starting Jan. 3 whether he faces the death penalty or life in prison for hate crimes at a historic African-American church whose founder led a failed slave revolt.

When that testimony starts, Roof will be his own attorney, having again fired defense lawyers who fear Roof is taking over because he doesn't want them to present embarrassing evidence in their efforts to spare his life.

A stunning crime when it happened on June 17, 2015, became more revolting during six days of testimony. Roof fired 77 shots in the fellowship hall. More than 50 hit someone. Each of the nine people killed were struck at least five times. The medical examiner said the angles of some of the bullets seemed to show someone was holding a gun over victims who were lying still with their arms pulled against them. A prosecutor said they were executed like animals.

Roof didn't hesitate to explain his racist beliefs during his confession to FBI agents and left a handwrit-

ten journal full of his views, such as blacks being inferior to whites. He also left behind carefully chosen pictures of himself holding the .45-caliber Glock he used in the killings, posing at historic Civil War and African-American sites and holding the Confederate flag.

As the verdict was read, Roof just stared ahead, much as he did the entire trial. Family members of victims held hands and squeezed one another's arms. One woman nodded her head every time the clerk said "guilty."

Roof's lawyers presented no witnesses and tried in vain to introduce evidence that problems with Roof's mental health led to the killings. But U.S. Judge Richard Gergel said that kind of evidence is only permissible in the upcoming penalty phase, when Roof will represent himself.

In his closing argument, Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathan Williams mocked Roof for calling himself brave, saying the real bravery came from the victims who tried to stop him.

"Those people couldn't see the hatred in his heart any more than they could see the .45-caliber handgun and the eight magazines concealed around his waist," Williams said.

Williams' 50-minute closing argument filled the court with tension. At times, the prosecutor raised his voice, saying Roof was a cold, calculated killer.

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Edgar Ray, 83, died Wednesday. A Celebration of Life will be at 10:00 AM Thursday, December 22, 2016 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Texas, long a leader in executions, trails this year

By MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The state of Texas, long the nation's leader in executions, lost that distinction in 2016 and its two most populous counties didn't send a single convicted killer to death row, according to a new report.

The change is because growing legal and public hesitance to impose the ultimate punishment, according to the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

"The death penalty landscape in Texas continues to change dramatically," Kristin Houle, the advocacy group's executive director said in a year-end report. "Prosecutors, juries, judges, and the public are subjecting our state's death penalty practices to unprecedented scrutiny and, in many cases, accepting alternatives to the ultimate punishment."

Texas juries sent only three convicted killers to death row this year and none of them came from the two most populous counties — Harris including Houston, and Dallas including Dallas-Fort Worth. Those two Texas counties have accounted

for more people put to death than any other counties in the nation since the death penalty was reinstated in the U.S. in 1976, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Seven convicted killers were given lethal injection in Texas this year, the lowest number since three were executed in 1996. For the first time since 2002, Texas did not lead or tie for the state with the most executions. Georgia has that distinction for 2016, with nine, as only five states — Georgia, Texas, Missouri, Alabama and Florida — accounted for the 20 executions nationwide.

None of the seven Texas inmates given lethal injection this year was African-American, although all three prisoners arriving on death row this year are black. Over the past five years seven of the 35 people sentenced to death in Texas were white, according to the coalition's report, which contended the statistics showed "patterns of racial bias" in imposition of the death penalty.

The group also said in Texas' highest sentencing counties, all nine men sentenced to death in Dallas or adjacent Tarrant County since 2012 are African-

American, as were 15 of the last 18 defendants from Harris County.

The overall numbers reflect a downward trend in capital punishment both in Texas and across the country. A significant impact in Texas has been a change in the law that gave juries in capital cases beginning in September 2005 the option of deciding between a life sentence without parole and a death sentence. In some other states, a shortage of lethal injection drugs has reduced executions.

Besides the seven executions carried out in Texas, 12 other inmates were scheduled to die in 2016 but at least temporarily avoided the death chamber. Seven lethal injections were halted by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and one by a federal court to more fully examine appeals in the cases. The other inmates either had their dates withdrawn by their trial courts or were rescheduled for 2017.

While the number of executions declined in 2016, it could pick up next year when at least nine Texas inmates already are set to die, including three in January.

Corpus Christi tells residents 'Affluenza' teen's dad convicted of pretending to be officer



In this Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016 photo, a woman reaches for bottles of water after a recent back-flow incident in the industrial district according to a city news release, at H-E-B in Corpus Christi, Texas. (Gabe Hernandez/Corpus Christi Caller-Times via AP)

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Corpus Christi, a Texas Gulf Coast city, is warning its 320,000 residents not to use tap water because it might be contaminated with petroleum-based chemicals, prompting a rush on bottled water and the closure of local schools.

City officials said in a statement late Wednesday that a "back-flow incident" in an industrial area earlier that day may have caused the chemicals to seep into the water.

The statement did not identify the chemicals or the plant from where they originated.

The issues of safe drinking water and eroding infrastructure have gained widespread attention in recent years due to the crisis in Flint, Michigan, where lead pipes contaminated the water supply after the city switched from a metropolitan Detroit system to improperly treated Flint River water in 2014.

City councilman Michael Hunter told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that it's unlikely the chemicals infecting the city's supply are concentrated enough to do harm, but that officials must "take every precaution that we can to make sure that everybody is safe."

Hunter said a local company reported that the water coming from faucets at its plant had a sheen, but he did not identify that company or the nature of its business.

Hunter described the possible contaminants as two petroleum-based chemicals.

City officials warned in a statement that, "Boiling, freezing, filtering, adding chlorine or other disinfectants, or letting the water stand will not make

the water safe."

Schools were closed Thursday and the warning prompted long lines to form at grocery stores, with people pushing carts filled with packages of bottled water.

At least two large retailers, H-E-B and Wal-Mart, have contacted their shipping centers to have more water sent to the city.

The warning is the latest for a city beset by problems with its drinking water.

In May, officials issued their third boil-water advisory in a year. That notice lasted two weeks and officials at the time said it was largely a precautionary measure taken after nitrogen-rich runoff from rain flowed into the water system, resulting in low chlorine disinfectant levels in the water supply.

Boil-water notices were issued last year because of elevated levels of E. coli and another for low chlorine levels, the Caller-Times previously reported. The notices mirrored two others that were issued in 2007.

City crews have worked to reconfigure some water mains to ensure that water keeps circulating and to prevent bacteria growth.

But an overarching concern is an old water system where more than half of 225 miles of cast-iron pipe needs to be upgraded.

Many of the pipes were installed in the 1950s and when they decay they're prone to collapse or to slow water flow, allowing bacteria to fester.

Civic leaders have expressed concern that recurring water advisories and warnings could cause long-term harm to the area's vibrant tourism business.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The father of a Texas teenager who used an "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunken-driving wreck has been found guilty of falsely identifying himself as a peace officer.

Fred Couch, 51, was sentenced Wednesday in a Tarrant County courtroom to a year's probation. If he violates the terms, he could be jailed for up to 120 days.

In a dashcam video shown to jurors, Couch is seen telling North Richland Hills police officers responding to a disturbance two years ago that he is a reserve officer.

Defense attorney Scott Brown argued to a jury this week that Couch, who carried a badge bearing the words "search and rescue" and "Lakeside Police," never asserted authority with it.

Couch's family has been embroiled in one legal drama after another in recent years.

His son, Ethan Couch, was 16 when he killed four people in a 2013 drunken-driving wreck. His blood-alcohol level was three times above the legal limit for adult drivers when the crash occurred.

A defense expert invoked the term "affluenza" in arguing during the sentencing phase of the teenager's trial that Couch's wealthy parents may have coddled him into a sense of irresponsibility.

The condition is not recognized as a medical diagnosis by the American Psychiatric Association, and its use drew widespread derision.

The case of Ethan Couch, now 19, led to a protracted legal battle in

which his attorneys argued he should be tried in juvenile court. A judge ultimately moved the matter to adult court and he is now serving a nearly two-year jail term.

The younger Couch's incarceration was triggered after it appeared he violated terms of his probation for the 2013 wreck when a video surfaced last December that showed him at a party with alcohol.

Couch then disappeared and Tarrant County authorities say he fled to Mexico with his mother, Tonya Couch.

They were found a few weeks later in the Mexican resort city of Puerto Vallarta. Ethan Couch appeared to have grown a beard and dyed his hair black.

Tonya Couch subsequently was indicted on charges of hindering apprehension of a felon and money laundering. She was released from home confinement over the summer and was tending bar in suburban Fort Worth.

Her attorney, Stephanie Patten, has previously said her client did not break any state laws. Fred and Tonya Couch are divorced.



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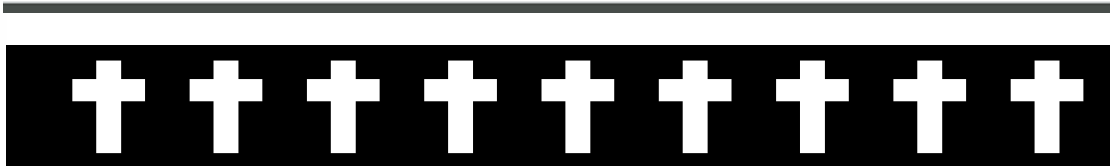
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(Joel 2:23)

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(Psalm 103:11)

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Did you ever wonder? Battle of Jericho

"On the day after the Passover offering, the Israelites were allowed to eat the fresh produce of the country, unleavened bread and parched grain. On that same day when they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. The Israelites got no more manna; that year they ate of the yield of the land of Canaan" (Josh 5:11-12).

The people of Jericho knew the Israelites were coming. The city was shut up tightly so that no one could enter or leave.

And the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I will deliver Jericho and her king and warriors into your hands. Let all your troops march around the city and complete one circuit of the city. Do this for six days, with seven priests carrying seven rams' horns preceding the Ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. And when a long blast is sounded on the horn—as soon as you hear that sound of the horn—all the people shall give a mighty shout. Thereupon the city wall will collapse, and the people shall advance, everyman straight ahead." (Josh 6: 1-5) The order of battle was the vanguard,

the priests blowing ram's horns, the Ark of the covenant, then the whole army.

Do you remember what the vanguard is? The fighting men of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh had chosen as their share of Canaan, the land they had conquered from Sihon and Og.

They pledged to fight at the forefront of the Israelite army until the land was conquered. Thus they were the vanguard or shock troops of every battle.

For six days they marched around Jericho one time; then went back to camp. The priests blew their shofars (loud signaling instruments made of rams' horns), but the people said not a word.

On the seventh day, Joshua gave instructions to march around the city seven times; then at Joshua's signal everybody was to shout in victory!

In Josh 6:5, God said to Joshua, "When the people shout, the city wall will collapse, and the people shall advance, every man straight ahead."

Joshua warned the people that the Lord had given this city into their hands. They were to kill every living thing, people and animals, except Rahab and her family.

All things of value...gold, silver, copper, and iron...were proscribed to the Lord, dedicated as a sacrifice to the Lord and were to be stored in the Lord's treasury.

Joshua emphasized that if anything were left alive or if booty were taken by the Israelites, the whole of Israel would be held accountable for stealing from God.

Now, on the seventh day, the Israelites silently marched around the walls of Jericho seven times with the shofars blasting. At Joshua's signal the priests gave a long constant blast on the shofars and the people all shouted! As God had promised in Josh 6:5, "the city wall will collapse, and the people shall advance, every man straight ahead."

Neither before nor after does the Bible mention that the soldiers waited for the stones of the wall to tumble like a landslide and finally settle to a stop. Nowhere does it mention soldiers scrambling over the stones or finding their way around or between the stones. Josh 6:20 says, "Every man rushed into the city, every man straight in front of him."

One archeological unit has located a city wall in a possible location for Jericho. It was completely buried, and not a stone is out of place. They are still studying pottery shards for identification.

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.



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Church News

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. Sundays.

Also, there is a devotional time with songs and prayer each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Choose the service time that fits your schedule, and visit BHDC to celebrate the coming of the world's Savior, Jesus Christ. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

Sunday, Dec. 18: Sunday School Classes - The first class, which is currently underway, is entitled "The Indestructible Marriage." The class is a guide for achieving a lasting and thriving relationship, by Jimmy Evans, and is open to married couples only. The class is held in the Chapel/ARC from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. each Sunday. If you are interested in attending, see below for contact information.

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Mid-Week Bible Study is cancelled to allow friends and family a time of safe travel.

Sunday, Dec. 25: At 10:30 a.m. worship service, CCC will strive to put Christ back into _____mas. This year affords the opportunity to celebrate Christmas on Sunday. The church will shift its focus away from the hustle and bustle of the season and turn it directly to the Lord and Savior and intentionally put Christ back into Christmas. Everyone is invited Sunday, Dec. 25, for what promises to be an amazing service of celebration.

Sunday, Jan. 1: You're invited to the 10:30 a.m. worship service for worship, fellowship, and a timely word.

Monday, Jan. 9: Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry - Women will gather in the youth area at 6 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship. Each lady is asked to bring a favorite dish to share. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

Tuesday, Jan. 10: 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. 25th St. For more information please contact Faye Flowers at 432-213-3883.

Cornerstone Covenant Church invites you to join them every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship.

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.

Crestview Baptist Church

Crestview Baptist Church holds to the old doctrines of the faith as revealed in scripture, and still sings the old hymns of the faith from a hymnal. If that's what you've been looking for, look no further. Visit Crestview Baptist Church, 2305 Gatesville Road in Big Spring. You will receive a warm welcome. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and worship is at 11 a.m. Worship on Sunday and Wednesday nights is at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to know more about Crestview Baptist, check out the website at <http://1689lbc.wix.com/crestviewbaptist>.

First Baptist Church

"...and they shall call His name Emmanuel which translated means, God with us." assures Matthew 1:23.

Sunday morning at 10:50, the congregation of First Baptist Church will rejoice in the divine Christmas gift of Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited to celebrate and worship with them. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in seasonal songs declaring the majesty and wonder of the season. The special music selection, provided by the Men's Ensemble, is "Celebrate the Child"; while the choral praise music will be "Mary, Did You Know?"

Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the sermon, titled "The Gift of Joy." Drawn from Luke 2:8-11, the message implores each listener to reflect on the joy given to all people through the heaven-sent gift of Jesus Christ. If unable to attend the service, you can join the worship through the live stream on the website at fbcbigspring.org.

Sunday School groups meet throughout the building at 9:30 weekly, 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.

Bring a friend and meet at the church at 5 p.m. Sunday to go Christmas caroling. This activity is in lieu of the regular evening service. Everyone of all ages is welcome to participate as the good news of the birth of Christ is spread throughout the community via song.

There will be no Wednesday evening activities Dec. 21. At 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, a special worship service will be held.

Beginning January 16, 2017, a women's Bible Study will be offered Mondays at 10 a.m. All area ladies are welcome; the study will be Beth Moore's "Entrusted". For more information contact Carol Boyd at 432-816-9915 or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. Merry Christmas from the people of First Baptist Church.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. Services on Sundays include a fellowship hour beginning at 9:15 a.m., Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., and worship starts at 10:50 a.m. If more information is needed regarding services or any goings on, please

call 432-517-4821.

This Sunday, Guest Minister Mr. Dan Miracle will be preaching a sermon on Matthew 1:18-25. The congregation will hear about Joseph's trepidation in marrying Mary, who is found to be with child.

Assisting Mr. Miracle this Sunday will be Cora Beth Baker as greeter and Joel Miller as liturgist. Serving at the Lord's table will be Erma Dunne and Shirley Burgess. Leading the music are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault.

Preparations are underway for their Christmas Eve Candlelight Service to be held Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. Members of the congregation retell the story of the birth of Jesus, accompanied by music featuring Soprano Tara Trowbridge and Tenor Lawrence Thibeault.

First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, the Lectionary Bible Study will meet as usual, led by Craig Holstedt at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearsal will also meet at the usual time, 6 p.m. Choir rehearsals will be at regular day and time on Dec. 21, but there will be no rehearsal on Dec. 28. The choir will resume its regular rehearsal schedule on Jan. 4.

The Children's Choir practice, and the Youth Group, will not meet again until January.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m., the Personnel Committee will meet in the church library, followed by the regu-

lar Session meeting.

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

Susan McDaniel is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Buddy Cochrane is lector for the first three Sundays in December. Lynn and Helen Glass and family will light the Advent candle.

The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday in Advent is Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25. The Chancel Choir will offer "Prayer for Advent" as the anthem. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will present the sermon.

Please note that First Presbyterian's worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before the radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting www.fpcbs.org. On the website, you can find a link to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week continues the message series for the Advent Season. The message this Sunday comes from Luke 2:16-20 and is called Refreshing News.

The new Wednesday study series

See **CHURCH**, Page 7



Reflections:

A Connecticut Christmas

There was a time when “a Connecticut Christmas” would have conjured up Christmas card images: flocked evergreens, multicolored lights glistening on snow-covered streets, children sledding in the park, smoke curling from chimneys where families gather around the warm glow of the fireplace. But, four years ago this week, that image was shattered. On Dec. 14, 2012, a deranged 20-year-old walked into the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut and killed 20 children between 6 and 7 years old along with six faculty who tried to protect them.



BILL TINSLEY

When the news broke on that awful day, I found myself not wanting to be disturbed by the painful images and stories. Four years later, I still find myself watching little children singing Christmas carols at church on Sunday and thinking about those who died in Newtown. I think about the families with empty space under Christmas trees where presents no longer wait for their children.

While the rest of the world has moved on from that tragic day, I suspect there are mothers and fathers whose pain is still too deep for words. I find myself wishing that this kind of evil were not present in the world, wishing that the innocent did not suffer, that injustice and violence did not exist. I found myself asking how God could let something like this happen, especially on the cusp of the Christmas season.

As I think about these things I am reminded that we have made Christmas into an escape filled with fantastic fairy tales with elves and flying reindeer. We have created a nativity filled with serenity and peace. But the actual birth of Jesus was anything

but serene and peaceful. Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem to pay taxes, thrown into unfamiliar surroundings with no place to stay. The stable was a last resort. And evil was already stalking the baby that Mary bore. What we felt in the wake of Connecticut and similar tragedies is not far removed from Bethlehem.

The Magi who came seeking the newborn King unwittingly tipped Herod off to his birth. After they refused to report his birth, Herod sent his death squad to kill him. Matthew wrote, “When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ‘A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more’” (Matthew 2:16-18). Being warned in a dream that the child Jesus was in danger, Joseph fled with his Mary and the baby and went into hiding as refugees in Egypt.

The power of that first Christmas is found in the fact that God embraced the confusing cruelty of our world. It was in the midst of evil, pain and suffering that Jesus was born. It was precisely because of the senseless evil in this world that God sent His Son. He came to give His own innocent life as a ransom for our sins. He conquered death by His resurrection and one day He will remove the evil from this world by His return.

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

When the holidays are hard

It's mid-December and, for most, the holiday season is here in full force. The decorations are up, the parties have started and seem to have no end, and in between all of these extra activities, you still have to find time to finish getting gifts for various people.

For many, the Christmas spirit is building. They are excited about the fun and fellowship with family and loved ones that are just around the corner. For others, the exhaustion is building. They like certain aspects of the holidays; however, the season as a whole just wears them out and they get to point where they are ready for it all to be over so things can return to some semblance of normalcy.

There are others, though, who dread the holidays. It may be for different reasons, but some don't get excited this time of year. In fact, some may wish they could just skip right past it. While many of us are focusing on giving thanks for all that we have, others can only focus on what they have lost. As most prepare to give to others, some cannot see beyond what has been taken from their lives.

In the rush to get things ready, let each of us pause and look around. There are those that we know who struggle just to make ends meet every day. How can we help them? Is there anything that my family can do that would bless them?

There are others who are struggling with the loss of a loved one. For them, Christmas brings back all the memories they have of their child. The absence of that beloved daughter or son turns what once was joyful into something filled with pain and heartache. There is someone who will have to wake up this Christmas morning for the first time in their life without their mom or dad. How can we help them? Is there anything that my family can do that would bless them?

There are children that no longer get to spend Christmas with both of their parents at the same time because of divorce. There are adults who are now married with kids of their own who are still dealing with the effects of divorce even many years later. How can we help them? Is there anything that my family can do that would bless them?

My wish is for everyone to have a Merry Christmas. At the same time, may I be realistic and understand that is more difficult for some than for others. May we all have open eyes and open hearts all the time but especially right now. We may not think that we can help in a “big” way but who can say what is big and what is little? Let's just keep asking the questions. How can we help them? Is there anything that my family can do that would bless them?

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

CHURCH

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continues this week, focusing on the Sermon on the Mount. The text will focus on chapters 5-7 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 this Sunday during morning worship.

Wednesday children's and youth activities will resume once school gets back from the holiday break

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 6:00 P.M. For any questions please call 457-2342.

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, First United Methodist Church will continue its observance of the Advent Season during both morning worship services. The Walter Brumley family will light the Advent candle during the 9 a.m. Traditional Service, while the Zach Chesworth family will light the Advent candle during the Bridge Contemporary Service at 11 a.m.

Pastor Bill Ivins will share a message entitled “Saving Christmas.” The message is taken from Matthew 1:18-25.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study and regular Wednesday night activities will be on hiatus for the next two weeks due to the Christmas holiday. Wednesday Noon Bible Study will begin again on Jan. 4. Regular Wednesday night activities will resume on Jan. 11.

The church's worship band will rehearse at 6 p.m. on Wednesday in the Sanctuary. The adult Celebra-

tion Choir will also rehearse on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Suite upstairs.

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.

First Methodist will switch back to its regular Sunday schedule on Sunday, Jan. 1. The church's Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) will host a church-wide Black-Eyed Pea lunch that day. Serving will begin in Garrett Hall at 11 a.m. and last till 1 p.m.

Pastor Bill Ivins will lead a group to the Holy Land in June 2017. Those interested in going are invited to attend an informational lunch at Joe's Italian Restaurant on Sunday, Jan. 8, following the 11 a.m. worship service.

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Everyone is invited to celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at First Church of the Nazarene. There will be a Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m., and services on Sunday will begin Christmas morning at 11 a.m.

This Saturday, the Ladies' Group will have an ornament exchange and brunch in the fellowship hall at 10 a.m. There are many wonderful small groups on both campuses. Visit the church Facebook or website to see them at Nazfamily.org. You can join the congregation at either campus: 118 Cedar Road or 1400 Lancaster, for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of the service.

For more information contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Nazfamily would like to say a special thank you to all those who made this year's drive through Nativity a success and thank you to those who visited.

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Mylan launches cheaper version of EpiPen allergy treatment

Drugmaker Mylan has started selling a generic version of its emergency allergy treatment EpiPen at half the price of the branded option, the cost of which drew national scorn and attracted Congressional inquiries.

The launch of Mylan's long-promised generic alternative is expected to still generate millions of dollars in revenue for the drugmaker while also protecting its market share against current and future competition.

Mylan NV said Friday that it will charge \$300 for the generic version of its life-saving injections, which come in a two pack. The generic version will reach retail pharmacies starting next week.

The list price of an EpiPen two-pack, which is stocked by schools and parents of children with severe allergies, has grown to \$608, an increase of more than 500 percent since 2007.

Earlier this year, a Congressional panel grilled Mylan CEO Healthier Bresch about the soaring cost, which she has blamed in part on an outdated and complex system for pricing drugs.

Shares of the drugmaker climbed 1.5 percent, or 57 cents, to \$38.33 in premarket trading before markets opened Friday.

Venezuelans scramble as most-used banknote becomes void

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela became a country without cash Friday.

As the country's most widely used banknote went out of circulation, the higher-denomination bills that were supposed to replace the 100-bolivar note had not yet arrived at banks or ATMs. In the capital, people were relying on credit cards and bank transfers, or avoiding making purchases altogether.

President Nicolas Maduro made a surprise announcement Sunday that the 100-bolivar note would go out of circulation by the week's end amid the world's highest inflation. He also temporarily closed the border with Colombia and Brazil, and then on Thursday night extended the border closure for another 72 hours.

Maduro said says the closure was needed to thwart "mafias" who hoard bolivars.

Critics mocked the notion that gangsters would choose to keep their wealth in the world's fastest-devaluing currency.

The 100-bolivar bill — until now the country's largest denomination — is worth little more than 2 cents, down from 10 cents at the start of the year.

The embattled socialist president held up a new 500 bolivar bill on his television show Thursday, promising the new banknotes would soon be in wide circulation and offering to temporarily cut sales tax for credit card transactions. But on Friday, ATMs were still issuing only the now-worthless 100-bolivar notes.

Venezuelans waited in lines hundreds of people long all week to deposit their cash. On Thursday, shopkeepers put up signs saying 100-bolivar bills would no longer be accepted.

That meant many people looking to buy groceries or take taxis were out of luck, as banks had run out of lower-denomination bills like 50 and 20-bolivar notes during the week, and had not yet received the higher-denomination replacements.

Amid the currency chaos, the U.S. cautioned citizens against visiting the economically spiraling South American country.

Police officer in Washington state shot; suspect in custody

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. (AP) — Police arrested a suspected gunman early Friday following a standoff in a community north of Seattle, after a police officer was shot and seriously wounded, the Washington State Patrol said.

The 61-year-old Mount Vernon officer was listed in serious but stable condition following surgery for a head wound.

A "primary suspect" was taken into custody early Friday, following an hourslong standoff, along with two other suspects, the patrol said.

"The suspect who allegedly shot at officers barricaded himself in a residence ... and continued to fire shots at officers on scene throughout the evening," the patrol said in a statement. "Officers from multiple agencies responded to the scene and closed roads in the immediate area. Hostage negotiators spent several hours communicating with the suspect."

Washington State Patrol Sgt. Keith Leary told reporters earlier the officer had been wounded Thursday evening while responding to the call about a shooting victim and a suspect began shooting from a house, hitting the officer.

Leary said the victim from the initial call was grazed by a bullet and was taken to a local hospital for treatment. It wasn't immediately known if the two shootings were connected, Leary said.

The wounded male police officer with some 30 years on the job was initially taken to Skagit Valley Hospital, before being transferred to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle with a gunshot wound to the head, according to hospital spokeswoman Susan Gregg. Leary said



This frame grab from video provided by Baladi News Network, a Syrian opposition media outlet that is consistent with independent AP reporting, shows residents gather near a green government bus for evacuating from eastern Aleppo, Syria, Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016. The Russian military said over 1,000 people have been evacuated from Aleppo under a cease-fire deal reached with Syrian rebels. France's ambassador to the United Nations says international observers should monitor the safe evacuation of civilians and fighters from the war-torn Syrian city of Aleppo. (Baladi News Network via AP)

the officer was conscious and alert when taken to the hospital.

Initial reports said at least one hostage had been held during the standoff, but the latest patrol release did not refer to a hostage.

It also did not provide any more information regarding the other two people taken into custody. It did say that the primary suspect was known to law enforcement and had a lengthy criminal history.

"He is a violent offender," Leary had told reporters while the standoff was still going on.

He added that officials don't why the suspect fired at the officer.

The neighborhood in Mount Vernon, about 60 miles north of Seattle, was closed by police while officers and a SWAT team were attempting to negotiate.

Skagit Valley College said Thursday night that because of police activity the Mount Vernon campus was in lockdown and closed.

The school tweeted "everyone get inside and stay inside."

The shooting comes less than a month after a Tacoma police officer was killed responding to a domestic violence call. Officer Reginald "Jake" Gutierrez, 45, was fatally shot Nov. 30. The suspected gunman was killed by a sheriff's marksman, ending an 11-hour standoff.

Syrian TV, rebels trade blame amid halted Aleppo evacuation

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian government and rebels exchanged accusations Friday over the suspension of evacuations from eastern Aleppo just hours after they resumed on Friday, blaming each other for shooting at a crossing point with the enclave.

It wasn't immediately clear how long the suspension would last or whether it would delay the cease-fire deal under which tens of thousands of residents and rebel fighters are being evacuated to opposition-controlled areas in the surrounding countryside, a process likely to take several days.

The suspension appears to be linked to the evacuation of thousands of people from two predominantly Shiite northwestern villages besieged by rebels, which has yet to begin.

Syrian state media said rebels shelled a road that was supposed to be used by people evacuating from these two villages.

Lebanon's Hezbollah-run Al-Manar TV reported that the Syrian army had stopped the evacuation process because the rebels had violated the cease-fire deal.

Hezbollah militiamen are fighting in the Syrian conflict alongside Assad's forces.

The opposition's Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, however, said the Iran-backed Hezbollah fighters had cut the road to protest a lack of progress in the evacuations from Foua and

Kfarya.

Yasser al-Youssef, a spokesman for the Nour el-Din el-Zinki rebel group, blamed the government for the shooting, saying it is trying to link the Aleppo evacuations to those from the two Shiite villages besieged by rebels.

The evacuations seal the end of the Syrian rebels' most important stronghold — the eastern part of the city of Aleppo — and mark a watershed moment in the country's civil war, now in its sixth year.

In announcing the suspensions, Syrian state TV also claimed that the rebels had tried to take captives with them, ones they had seized and were holding in the rebel enclave from bitter battles to defend their territory from a ferocious, weeks-long onslaught by Syrian President Bashar Assad's troops.

The Lebanon-based pan-Arab Al-Mayadeen TV aired images Friday of public green buses reportedly returning evacuees to east Aleppo after the road was closed.

But despite the closure, scores of people and patients were apparently evacuated before the evacuation was suspended, according to the World Health Organization.

As of 7 a.m. on Friday, a total of 194 patients had been evacuated and taken to hospitals in rebel-controlled areas of Aleppo province, nearby Idlib province or across the border into Turkey, said WHO spokesman Tarik Jasarevic. Among them, 65 were in critical condition, he said.

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Beloved reporter Sager dies

HOUSTON (AP) — Craig Sager never once thought about giving up as he battled cancer for more than two years.

"Man, life is too beautiful, too wonderful, there's just too many things," he said in late August from a Houston hospital bed. "It's not just you. It's your family and kids and all. Fight. Fight until the end. Fight as hard as you can."

The end for the beloved TNT broadcaster came Thursday when the man known as much for his outrageous wardrobe as his relationships with the NBA's elite succumbed to an aggressive form of leukemia. Turner Sports announced his death without disclosing details. He was 65 and had worked basketball games for TNT for a quarter-century.

"There will never be another Craig Sager," Turner President David Levy said. "His incredible talent, tireless work ethic and commitment to his craft took him all over the world covering sports."

His son, Craig Jr., posted a loving video tribute to his father, tweeting: "We packed a lifetime and then some into these 28 years together."

Sager's passing brought out condolences from every corner of the NBA and Hall of Famer Larry Bird expressed what many were feeling.

"He was as identifiable with the NBA as any player or coach," Bird said. "The league will not be the same without him."

Magic Johnson echoed those sentiments on Twitter.

"The NBA family lost a legend who changed the way sideline reporters did their job. RIP Craig Sager," Johnson said.

It wasn't just the NBA community that mourned his passing, with Vice Presi-

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BSHS, Andrews meet tonight



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Jeremiah Cooley (23) attempts a shot vs. Greenwood earlier this week. The Steers face Andrews tonight at Steer Gym, with the girls' game tipping off at 6 p.m. and the boys' game following at 7:30 p.m.

Worst rout ever

Baylor women set record with lopsided win over Winthrop

BWACO, Texas (AP) — No matter how many substitutions Baylor coach Kim Mulkey made, the lead kept growing.

When the game was over, the only thing left to do was count the records.

In the biggest Division I women's basketball rout ever, No. 3 Baylor overwhelmed Winthrop 140-32 Thursday.

"I tried and played tons of people, in and out of the lineup, called timeouts, trying to get people off the floor," Mulkey said.

The Lady Bears (11-1) scored the first 21 points, led 77-18 at halftime and shut out Winthrop 29-0 in the fourth quarter.

When they shook hands at the end, Eagles coach Kevin Cook told Mulkey he appreciated her efforts.

"I am most grateful that coach Cook recognized that. Kevin said thank you," she said. "I

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Sports calendar

TODAY

Boys' basketball

Slonidike at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Klondike at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at Sands tournament, TBA.

Girls' basketball

Andrews at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
Coahoma at Sands tournament, TBA.
Forsan at Winters, 6:30 p.m.

In brief

Forsan wins 2

at Sands tournament

ACKERLY — The Forsan boys' basketball team opened play at the Sands Basketball Tournament with two convincing victories Thursday.

In the first game, the Buffaloes jumped out to a 10-point lead after the first quarter and cruised to a 76-36 win over Whitharral. Kobe Richardson led all scorers with 20 points for Forsan, while teammate Josh Evans added 10 points.

The Buffs' second game was only a little less one-sided, as they took a 58-21 win over Smyer. Forsan was led by Bryce Hergert, who scored 12 points, and Richardson, who chipped in 10 points.

Forsan (9-1) continues play at the Sands tournament today.

Travel team

holding tryouts

The West Texas Oilers club volleyball team is holding tryouts this Saturday, Dec. 17 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 through 12th graders are from 11:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Stacey Lopez at 432-270-1404.

NFL standings

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
AFC EAST											
New England Patriots	11	2	0	.846	349	230	5-2	6-0	8-1	3-1	W4
Miami Dolphins	8	5	0	.615	281	301	6-1	2-4	5-4	2-1	W1
Buffalo Bills	6	7	0	.462	325	301	3-3	3-4	3-6	1-3	L2
New York Jets	4	9	0	.308	229	324	1-5	3-4	3-6	1-2	W1
AFC WEST											
Oakland Raiders	10	3	0	.769	302	255	5-1	5-2	7-2	4-0	W3
Denver Broncos	10	3	0	.769	358	320	5-2	5-1	7-2	2-2	L1
San Diego Chargers	8	5	0	.615	296	242	4-2	4-3	5-4	1-3	L1
AFC NORTH											
Pittsburgh Steelers	8	5	0	.615	317	256	4-2	4-3	6-3	2-1	W4
Baltimore Ravens	7	6	0	.538	279	237	5-2	2-4	7-3	4-0	L1
Cincinnati Bengals	5	7	1	.423	268	269	3-2-1	2-5	4-5	2-2	W2
Cleveland Browns	0	13	0	.000	207	375	0-7	0-6	0-9	0-5	L13
AFC SOUTH											
Houston Texans	7	6	0	.538	229	274	5-1	2-5	5-4	4-0	W1
Tennessee Titans	7	6	0	.538	321	306	4-3	3-3	4-5	1-3	W2
Indianapolis Colts	6	7	0	.462	328	333	3-4	3-3	4-6	2-3	L1
Jacksonville Jaguars	2	11	0	.154	240	338	1-6	1-5	1-8	1-2	L8

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	CONF	DIV	STRK
NFC EAST											
Dallas Cowboys	X	11	2	0	.846	340	238	5-1	6-1	7-2	3-2
New York Giants	9	4	0	.692	255	244	6-1	3-3	6-3	3-1	W1
Washington Redskins	7	5	1	.577	330	317	4-2	3-3-1	5-4	3-2	W1
Philadelphia Eagles	5	8	0	.385	290	272	4-2	1-6	3-7	0-4	L4
NFC WEST											
Seattle Seahawks	8	4	1	.654	274	232	6-0	2-4-1	4-4-1	1-1-1	L1
Arizona Cardinals	5	7	1	.423	299	277	4-2-1	1-5	4-4-1	2-1-1	L1
Los Angeles Rams	4	9	0	.308	194	304	1-5	3-4	3-6	2-1	L4
San Francisco 49ers	1	12	0	.077	251	393	1-6	0-6	1-8	1-3	L12
NFC NORTH											
Detroit Lions	9	4	0	.692	295	268	6-1	3-3	7-2	3-2	W5
Minnesota Vikings	7	6	0	.538	258	225	4-2	3-4	4-6	1-3	W1
Green Bay Packers	7	6	0	.538	333	312	5-2	2-4	5-4	2-1	W3
Chicago Bears	3	10	0	.231	221	290	3-3	0-7	3-6	2-2	L1
NFC SOUTH											
Atlanta Falcons	8	5	0	.615	428	345	3-3	5-2	6-3	3-1	W1
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	8	5	0	.615	293	296	3-4	5-1	6-3	3-1	W5
New Orleans Saints	5	8	0	.385	358	351	3-4	2-4	4-5	1-3	L2
Carolina Panthers	5	8	0	.385	311	337	4-3	1-5	4-5	1-3	W1

Cooled-down Cowboys prep for Tampa Bay

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, with rookie sensations Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott, were the hottest team in the NFL before their 11-game winning streak ended last week.

Now they're playing one of the hottest teams in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, whose five-game streak is the club's longest since the Super Bowl-winning season of 2002.

First-year coach Dirk Koetter just isn't sure which team is hotter going into the Sunday night spotlight, a first for Bucs quarterback Jameis Winston.

"Yeah, we're playing with confidence and I think these guys have earned a certain amount of swagger," Koetter said. "I think that comes with the territory, but if we've earned some swagger, how much has Dallas earned? They just had an 11-game winning streak snapped and we're sitting there with Detroit at a five-game winning streak."

"That looks kind of puny compared to Dallas' 11."

The Cowboys (11-2) are struggling for the first time with Prescott and Elliott. Even though they beat Minnesota two weeks ago, Prescott had a season low in passing yardage and Elliott needed a 30-yard run late to get to 86.

Then came the 10-7 loss to the New York Giants, Prescott's worst game as a pro when Dallas had a chance to wrap up the NFC East title and a first-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Avoid personalizing other people's behaviors by assuming that they are reacting to you. Many factors affect behavior. You may only be a small part of it, but you'll be a positive part.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An issue you deal with is not

who you are. The less you identify with it the better. Separate yourself from the circumstances. Remind yourself of your good qualities and reinforce what you're all about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You probably wouldn't guess what someone finds attractive about you, but you don't have to. The more you focus on your strengths, curiosities and interests the bigger your light becomes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love and commitment fuse together today. You won't be sure if you're doing something because you love it or if you love it because you're doing it. Either way, it's a slice of heaven.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Emotional courage is the key to getting the results you want. When you're willing to deal with uncertainty and embrace the pain that goes along with growing and changing, this is when the transformation you wish for begins.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some feel-

ings you want to build up, and others you want to feel a lot less of. Suppressing an emotion will only make it stronger. If you want to feel less of a thing, express it. Get it out, and let it diffuse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The less reactive you are, the better you'll handle things. The better you handle things, the more someone will admire and like you. The more someone admires and likes you, the higher you'll be promoted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The way to tell a great question is by the answers you're getting. You'll create an environment of warmth and people will open up to you, giving you exactly what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The magic question of the day: How do you envision this process working? Ask yourself; ask others. It will get everyone thinking of the practical steps necessary to realize the goal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may not wake

up filled with a sunshiny spirit. This can still be a happy day. What's dragging your thoughts into the shadows? Identify the main issue. Confront and conquer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes everything feels like a top priority, but of course that's not how priorities work. Get real about it. What's the one thing you could do to make the rest fall in line?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most people listen to one another with a cursory level of attention. Listening is a muscle. It takes practice to get this muscle in shape. Listen better than others do (not hard), and seize the opportunities they miss.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 12). Things will go exceptionally well in the money department over the next three weeks, and this helps other things, too. Riding that line between being responsible to others and doing your own thing -- that will be your growing edge in the early parts of the year. You'll always win

when you bring your most professional self to the moment. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 50, 2, 22 and 15.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: What happens next in a relationship will be the result of many small decisions over time. TAURUS: Some suffering in love is always inevitable. Expecting that makes it easier. GEMINI: Your exceptional care of a relative or platonic friend will spark an observer's interest. Your caring side is very attractive. CANCER: Go on and suggest the thing you really want. That's real. Anything else and you're just wasting time. LEO: Big gestures will win out. VIRGO: You don't have to be the best in the world; you only have to be the best in the room. LIBRA: When in doubt, kiss and make up. SCORPIO: As for objective attractiveness and subjective attractiveness -- both matter, but only one will make a difference in your intimate world. SAGITTARIUS:

You've perfected what it means to be coy. Those who appreciate that are in for a treat. CAPRICORN: To surprise the one you love -- that's big-time romance. AQUARIUS: Of course you try to be your best. But if your worst side is a problem for the other person, this might not be your ideal "other person." PISCES: It's the little things, right?

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Annie's Mailbox

Election Arguments

Dear Annie: I'll try to keep this non-partisan and just give you the bare essentials. My sister and I are both in our late 50s. She's only two years younger than I am, and we grew up extremely close. We went to college together and made sure never to move too far away from each other or our parents afterward.

But she is a member of one major political party, and I'm a member of the other one. The presidential election caused a big strain on our relationship. I thought things would get better after Election Day, but they've actually gotten even worse. She's unwilling to compromise and see my point of view, and to be honest, I can't see her point of view, either.

Before the campaign season started (a year and a half

ago), we talked on the phone at least three times a week. Now we haven't talked in two weeks, and I'm worried the distance between us will just continue to grow. I keep thinking I should swallow my pride and tell her she's right on a few points (even though I don't believe it) just to smooth things over. But I can't bring myself to do it. Will we ever be as close as we were? -- Family Divided

Dear Family: This election year has done a number on many families. Based on what I've heard from other readers, the disagreement you and your sister are having is happening at tables all across the nation.

It's entirely possible -- healthy, even --

to love someone who has different opinions. You eliminate a lot of frustration once you realize that yelling never changed anybody's mind. Embrace the relief that comes with agreeing to disagree.

That said, I'm sure that if you two made a list of all the things you have in common, it would be much longer than the list of all the things you don't. You're just obsessing over the latter. Remember: You were sisters long before you even knew what a Democrat or Republican is. Give her a call today, and talk about your children, your health, a good book you're reading -- anything but politics.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Be-

tween a Rock and a Hard Place in Ohio," whose 13-year-old daughter was invited to a birthday party at the mall. A four-hour unchaperoned mall birthday party for 13-year-olds? The invited girl's mother's concern was legitimate.

I would like to point out that many malls (at least in my area) do not allow anyone younger than 18 to wander freely in the mall without parental supervision, for good reason. A more organized party should have been planned by the birthday girl's mother, perhaps with a meal at a designated mall restaurant and an hour of shopping and/or a movie afterward. That would have been more responsible. What was the mother

thinking?

And as far as supervision goes, I once walked into a tea shop and watched two girls of about that same age helping themselves to endless cups of tea while other shoppers were on standby for a sample to be provided by the hostess. The supervising adult was present but outside the store on her smartphone and oblivious to what was going on -- and she most likely didn't care. Parents, please wake up! -- A Daily Reader

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

Partner bids Three Hearts, neither side vulnerable, and the next player passes. What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

- ♠J963 ♥A5 ♦A74 ♣QJ82
- ♠AQ875 ♥72 ♦KQ63 ♣A10
- ♠842 ♥J843 ♦10 ♣A9852
- ♠AJ742 ♥96 ♦AKQ82 ♣A
- ♠AQ9862 ♥7 ♦974 ♣A84

1. Pass. Partner's three-heart bid describes a hand with a strong seven-card suit that does not make the grade as a one-bid by ordinary standards. The purpose of the three-bid is to disrupt the opponents' bidding and hopefully prevent them from reaching their optimum contract.

Since partner has less than an opening bid -- usually five to 10 points in high cards -- the best bet is to pass and hope he can make nine tricks.

2. Four hearts. Here, your three- to four-trick hand combined with partner's will probably produce 10 tricks. You should have no compunction about raising with two small trumps, because partner has an excellent suit. If he has as little as K-Q-J-x-x-x, game is no worse than 50-50.

3. Four hearts. This might seem strange, since you have only five high-card points, but this time the raise to four is essentially a strategic maneuver. Realistically, you have little hope for 10 tricks, but you raise to game anyway in an effort to deceive the opponents into thinking you have a much stronger hand.

There is not much chance that the bluff will succeed, since the opponents can make at least a game, but very little harm can come from putting up a hold front. Even if four hearts gets doubled and the double is left in, you don't figure to go down more than one or two tricks, which will give the opponents less than the value of the game or slam they can make in spades or diamonds.

4. Six hearts. No guarantees go with this bid, but slam prospects are nonetheless excellent. About all your partner needs to have a good play for slam is seven hearts to the K-Q-J. It would be overly pessimistic to let the bidding die under six hearts.

5. Pass. Game is out of the question, and three spades (forcing) is likely to make matters worse. It must be borne in mind that partner has announced a poor hand suitable only for hearts, so why look for trouble?

Tomorrow: For the umpteenth time.
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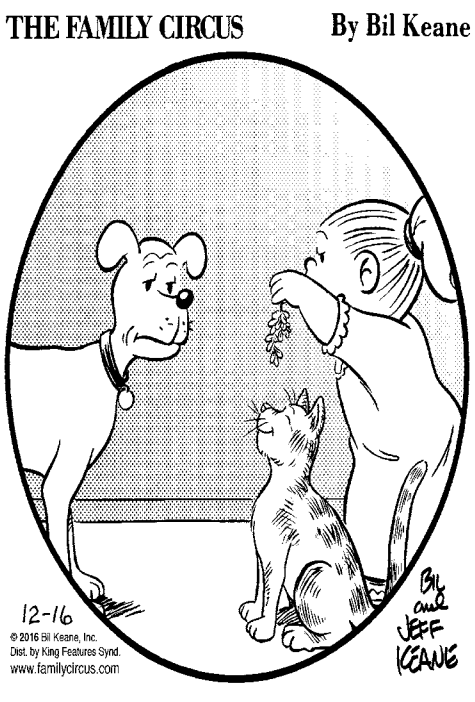
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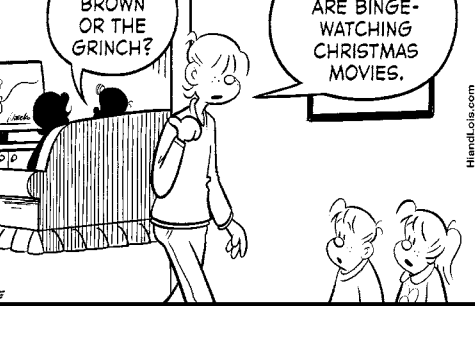
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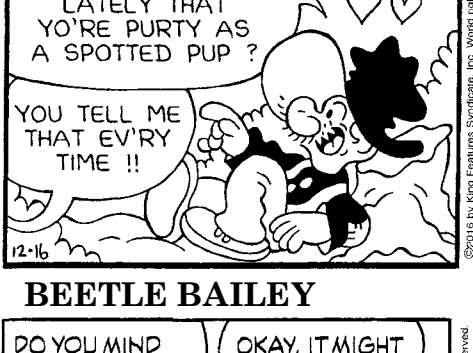
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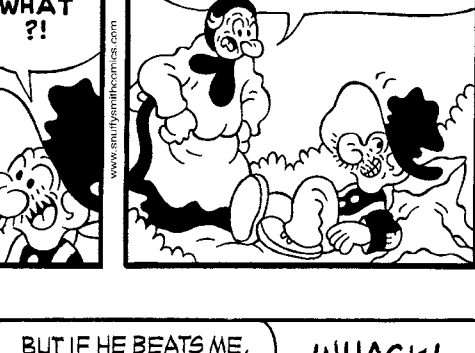
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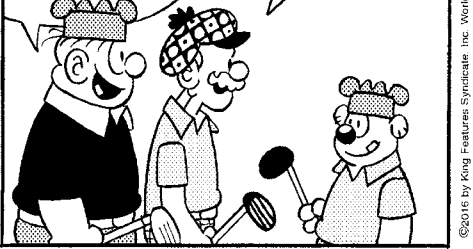
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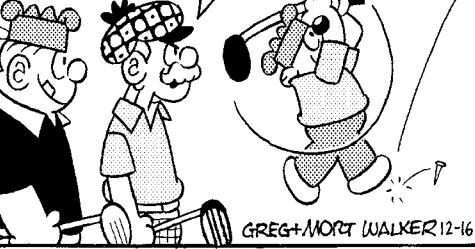
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 16, the 351st day of 2016. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 16, 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest tea taxes.

In 1809, the French Senate granted a divorce decree to Emperor Napoleon I and Empress Josephine (the dissolution was made final the following month).

In 1811, the first of the powerful New Madrid earthquakes struck the central Mississippi Valley with an estimated magnitude of 7.7.

In 1907, 16 U.S. Navy battle-ships, which came to be known as the "Great White Fleet," set sail on a 14-month round-the-world voyage to demonstrate American sea power.

In 1930, golfer Bobby Jones

became the first recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award honoring outstanding amateur athletes.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces through the Ardennes Forest in Belgium and Luxembourg (the Allies were eventually able to turn the Germans back).

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "world conquest by Communist imperialism."

In 1956, Francis Cardinal Spellman, the Archbishop of New York, personally denounced the about-to-be released movie "Baby Doll" starring Carroll Baker, saying Catholics would be committing a sin if they saw it.

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1976, the government halted its swine flu vaccination program following reports of paralysis apparently linked to the vaccine.

In 1985, at services in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, offered condolences to families of 248 soldiers killed in the crash of a chartered plane in Newfoundland.

Ten years ago: Palestinian

President Mahmoud Abbas (mahk-MOOD' ah-BAHS') called for early elections to end his violent standoff with Hamas. Ten players, including NBA scoring leader Carmelo Anthony, were ejected for fighting during a wild brawl near the end of a game between the Denver Nuggets and the New York Knicks. Terrell Owens spat in the face of Atlanta cornerback DeAngelo Hall during the Cowboys' 38-28 victory over the Falcons. (Owens was fined \$35,000 by the NFL.) Time magazine named everyone using or creating content on the World Wide Web its "Person of the Year."

Five years ago: In San Francisco, eight years of being investigated for steroid allegations ended for home run king Barry Bonds with a 30-day sentence to be served at home.

Newsday Crossword

HIDDEN FACES by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Critic's count
 - 2 Two-legged plant, perhaps
 - 9 Large sharks
 - 14 Traffic symbol
 - 15 Inordinately
 - 16 Middlemarch author
 - 17 Put back into service
 - 18 Make known
 - 19 Tokyo shopping center
 - 20 Part of some twill suits
 - 23 Frat letter
 - 24 Let off steam
 - 25 Bowl over
 - 26 Range of understanding
 - 27 Dean's list no.
 - 28 Shirt spoiler
 - 31 Pork purchase
 - 34 Danish alternative
 - 37 Certain Chippendale collectible
 - 40 Blessed
 - 41 City near Scottsdale
 - 42 Swelter
 - 43 Easily taught
 - 44 Breach
 - 46 cross-country, in a way
 - 47 Partly open
 - 49 Web access co.
 - 52 Not far at all
 - 57 "Easy" phrase ender
 - 58 Use one's scope
 - 59 Surmise
 - 60 Orange coats

- DOWN**
- 1 Boot camp figure
 - 2 Unexpected delight
 - 3 Dutch island
 - 4 Sub ___ (secretly)
 - 5 Tum aside abruptly
 - 6 Shirt spoiler
 - 7 Gist
 - 8 Days of old
 - 9 Power-plant measure
 - 10 Rabbit follower of fiction
 - 11 Neck annoyance
 - 12 Exude, as charm
 - 13 Rush order of a sort
 - 21 Cozy retreat
 - 22 Teased
 - 26 Type of shirt
 - 27 Trait determinant
 - 28 Spa wear
 - 29 Tribulations
 - 30 Court entry
 - 31 Variety guffaw
 - 32 ___ before (no later than)
 - 33 Response to "Good job!"
 - 34 Word on boarding passes
 - 35 Just painted
 - 36 Ratchet (up)
 - 38 Most shivery
 - 39 Remove, as a brooch
 - 44 State of matter
 - 45 Loft lessee, maybe
 - 46 Sideslips
 - 47 Leave-taking word
 - 48 Force open
 - 49 Playfully
 - 50 Designer's bottle
 - 51 Extra privileges
 - 52 Buckle, as a board
 - 53 Auction advisory
 - 54 HMO personnel
 - 55 Clothing
 - 56 Prefix for date or room

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SAGER

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dent Joe Biden and Drake expressing sadness at the loss.

Sager had two bone marrow transplants with his son as the donor before undergoing a third one from an anonymous donor four months ago.

He announced in April 2014 that he had been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, and he missed the playoffs and much of the following season as he underwent the first two transplants. Sager revealed in March 2016 that his leukemia was no longer in remission. He said doctors told him the typical prognosis was three to six months to live.

He was overwhelmed by how news of his fight spread and people across the world started talking about the Sager Strong campaign.

His battle brought out the soft side of Gregg Popovich, the prickly San Antonio Spurs coach with whom he had many memorable exchanges during in-game interviews.

Sager never faulted Popovich for his gruff attitude during those interviews. After learning Sager had died, Popovich spoke somberly for nearly two minutes before a game in Phoenix.

"If any of us can display half the courage he has to stay on this planet, to live every life as if it's his last, we'd be well off," Popovich said.

Sager sported suits in every color of the rainbow and plenty of shades not found in nature, from teal to fuchsia to magenta. He would match plaid blazers with paisley ties or striped shirts — all in bold hues.

Sometimes lost in the glare of his wardrobe was Sager's relentless nature as a reporter. Every time Popovich would give a terse non-answer, an unfazed Sager would pepper him with another question.

Sager's persistence was on display at the start of his career at age 22.

Working for a Braves-affiliated AM radio station in Sarasota, Florida, he hopped a flight to Atlanta for a game with Hank Aaron a home run away from breaking Babe Ruth's career record. After Aaron hit the homer, Sager sprinted onto the field and wound up chasing Aaron down the third-base line. When Aaron's teammates mobbed him at home plate, Sager can be seen in his trench coat in the middle of the scrum.

Sager worked as a reporter on the Olympics, Major League Baseball playoffs, the NFL and the NCAA Tournament, among other sports. But he was indelibly connected to the NBA.

"Craig was as vital to the NBA as the players and coaches," Silver said. "Craig earned widespread respect for his insightful reporting and inspired so many most recently with his courage."

ROUT

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tried everything I knew to try, because I respect him. But more importantly, I respect the game."

The 108-point margin of victory surpassed the 102 set by Grambling when it beat Jarvis Christian College 139-37 in 1986.

"What do you say after a game like that?" Cook said. "Baylor has a phenomenal program, Kim is an outstanding coach, she's surrounded herself with an excellent staff."

"We've played some highly ranked teams this season. And by far, Baylor is right at the top. You saw the game, you see the stats. They hurt us inside, they hurt us with 3-pointers. They're awfully good," he said.

Mulkey began rotating her players in and out early in the first quarter. No one was on the court for more than 21 minutes and all 12 players got double-figure minutes.

Baylor leading scorer Alexis Jones, who's had knee trouble, sat out for the second straight game to rest. Khadijah Cave finished with a career-high 25 points.

The much taller Lady Bears matched their opening burst with a 21-0 run to start the second quarter.

Winthrop (1-9) shot 0 for 16

in the final period and 13.6 percent overall.

"We could have beaten a lot of teams today," Mulkey said. "We were just clicking on all cylinders. As I tell them during the game, I'm not looking at the score. I am looking at your defense, I am looking at turnovers, I am looking at your execution of things."

Baylor set school single-game records for points, rebounds (75) assists (42) and blocked shots (17).

Erica Williams led Winthrop with 15 points.

Winthrop did best Baylor in one statistical category — foul shooting percentage. It made 12 of 15 while the Lady Bears were 13 of 20.

The Eagles keep attacking the basket the entire game "and that's good," Cook said. "And I thought we shot free throws pretty well. This is a young group, and we're going to continue to work with them."

Baylor's point total was the second highest in women's Division I history, topped only by the 149 scored by Long Beach State in 1987.

The biggest rout between two Division I teams in women's basketball had been in 1989 when Louisiana Tech topped Texas-Pan American 126-25.

Last month, in an exhibition game, powerful Maryland beat Division II Bluefield State 146-17.

Baylor won its previous game 90-24 over Texas State.

The crowd of 6,440 at the Ferrell Center was boosted by a large contingent of kids from elementary schools, and they saw Baylor rushed to a 38-6 lead in the first quarter.

Lauren Cox and Alexis Prince both scored 23 points for Baylor. Kalani Brown had a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Danyaël Goodhope added 10 for Winthrop. The Eagles made only three field goals in the first half.

BIG PICTURE

Winthrop: The Eagles have played a rough schedule, but they hadn't seen anything like the Lady Bears. They get credit for pushing toward the hoop, never shying away from Baylor's big and talented front court. ... Cook said the Eagles tried to pick their poison defensively, but "we didn't pick any." The Lady Bears scored 84 points in the paint and went 13 for 20 from 3-point range.

Baylor: All of the Lady Bears needed to get back in the flow after a nine-day lay-off for final exams, and they did just that. Nobody played longer than Brown's 21. ... The Lady Bears eclipsed the previous highest point total in Division I women's play this season, the 129 scored by South Florida against St. Francis (Pa.) on Wednesday night.

DALLAS

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round bye. The Cowboys will try again this week, but will need this time a Giants loss or tie against Detroit.

"I just worry about the next game," Prescott said. "But coming off a bad game, you have that chip on your shoulder. You want to go back out there and that's what it's about for me each and every day, is coming in and proving myself, not just after a loss."

Defense has led a surge by the Buccaneers (8-5) to a tie for the NFC South lead with Atlanta, capped by a 16-11 win in which New Orleans was held without a touchdown for just the second time since quarterback Drew Brees joined the Saints in 2006. Tampa Bay has an NFL-high 14 takeaways during the winning streak.

"They are extremely fast," Dallas offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said. "They get a lot of people around the ball. That's why they have so many turnovers. That's a combination of their speed and pursuit."

Things to consider in

the second meeting in as many years between the Cowboys and Buccaneers, who snapped a five-game skid against Dallas with a win at home last season:

PRIME TIME FOR JAMEIS: This game was moved from early Sunday, offering Tampa Bay a chance to shine against a storied franchise that's tied for the best record in the NFL this season. The Bucs are chasing their first playoff berth since 2007 and on the verge of ending a string of five straight last-place finishes in their division.

But the biggest focal point is Winston, last year's No. 1 overall pick. "Not really taking that away from the Cowboys because they are a prestigious franchise," Winston said. "But we have to focus on the Bucs."

THIRD AND LONG: The Cowboys were one of the best teams in

the NFL on third down most of the season before slumping to 2 of 24 combined against the Vikings and Giants. Penalties and negative plays led to a high number of third-and-long situations, and the passing game frequently broke down from more manageable distances. Dallas also didn't convert on first or second down as much.

"If you have 15 third downs in a game (against the Giants) it's probably going to be a struggle," Garrett said.

STINGY CREW: Tampa Bay's defense has played much better since allowing more than 1,000 yards within a five-day span during losses to Oakland and Atlanta.

The team has allowed only 17 second-half points during its surge, one of the best stretches in franchise history.

"For whatever rea-

son, after that Thursday night game (against Atlanta), it just became a new defense," tight end Cameron Brate said. "Those guys are playing with so much confidence and energy, which carries over to the rest of the team."

McFADDEN MYS-TERY: Darren McFadden, Dallas' leading rusher last season, is active for the first time in 2016 after breaking his

right elbow in a household accident during the offseason. Garrett isn't saying whether he'll make the game-day roster, or what role he will have if he does. Backup running back Alfred Morris' role has diminished significantly in recent weeks.

MUTUAL RESPECT: Winston and Dak Prescott are meeting for the first time, but aren't strangers.

They were roommates at Peyton Manning's quarterback camp. And Prescott, a fourth-round pick who was expected to be the third quarterback before injuries to backup Kellen Moore and 10-year starter Tony Romo, appreciates what Winston has done in the spotlight.

"I definitely admire the work he does, just being a great leader," Prescott said.

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