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AARP Tax Assistance program gearing up

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

A new year means preparing for an age-old tradition — paying taxes.

Ray Alexander, who heads the local AARP Tax Assistance program, said now is the time to start preparing for your 2016 federal income taxes.

"Taxpayers need to start gathering their papers," he

said. "Don't set your tax information aside when you get it in the mail. It's time to get all your papers together."

For those who dread pouring through all those numbers and IRS forms, volunteers with the AARP Tax Assistance Program will be offering a helping hand beginning the first Monday in February.

Most tax paying residents

with a few exceptions qualify to receive free aid through the program. Volunteers are not trained to assist with more complex tax issues such as rental property, debt forgiveness and foreclosures.

"There were relativity no new tax laws this year," Alexander mentioned, but added he believes the penalty for not having health insurance, a requirement of the Afford-

able Health Care Act, is expected to increase.

The first AARP tax session is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Dora Roberts Community Center located in Comanche Trail Park. Sessions will be held every Monday through April 3, from 8 a.m. to noon. The deadline to submit the 2016 federal taxes is midnight, Tuesday, April 18.

Once all the paperwork is filled out, volunteers can then e-file the returns for those who request it.

To receive help, please bring a photo ID, your Social Security Card and all tax information such as W-2s, 1099 forms, a 1095 form that shows you have health care insurance and any other forms

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DPS advises Texans to stay cautious during winter weather

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) cautions Texans to monitor weather forecasts and take necessary precautions as winter weather and cold temperatures sweep across the state.

Drivers are advised to monitor weather conditions before hitting the road, and if possible, avoid unnecessary travel in impacted areas.

"It is important to remember that winter weather threats can emerge quickly, including low temperatures and freezing precipitation, which can endanger Texans if they're not prepared," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS is calling on individuals to monitor weather and take the necessary steps to stay safe and avoid hazardous conditions posed by any possible weather threats this week and throughout this winter season."

Throughout the winter season, the Texas State Operations Center will continually monitor weather conditions and maintain close contact with state agencies and the National Weather Service.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe during possible winter weather:

- Monitor local weather broadcasts and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions, a www.weather.gov.
- Purchase an all-hazards weather radio for up-to-date warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information.
- Sign up for your local emergency notification system.

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- On icy roads, drive slowly, increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.
 - Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.
 - Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip.
 - Keep your gas tank full.
 - Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted, and monitor road conditions by visiting www.drivetexas.org or by calling 1-800-452-9292.
- Winterize your vehicle by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire pressure, tire tread, fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:
- Blankets/sleeping bags, extra clothing, gloves and a hat.
 - Cell phone, radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
 - First-aid kit and pocket knife.
 - High calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water.
 - Bag of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires.
 - Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and a shovel.
- Here are some additional steps to prepare for winter weather:
- Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls.
 - Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean,

Lady Steers to hit the court tonight



Courtesy photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
 The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will take on the Synder Tigers at 6:15 p.m. at the Keart Gym, 707 E. 11th Place.

Congress to count 2016 presidential election votes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The end of the 2016 presidential election is at hand.

A joint session of Congress is set to count the Electoral College votes on today, a traditional ending to a most unconventional presidential election.

Friday's vote count marks the last chance for Democrats and other anti-Trump forces to disrupt Donald Trump's election. But even if they are successful, the most Democrats could do is slow

the process because they don't have the votes to overturn the outcome.

Barring something bizarre happening, Trump will be declared the winner and will be sworn in at his inauguration on Jan. 20. Vice President Joe Biden will preside over the vote count in his role as president of the Senate.

All 538 electors met in their respective state capitals in December to cast their votes. Trump finished with 304 votes and Democrat Hillary

Clinton with 227, according to a tally by The Associated Press. It takes 270 Electoral College votes to win the presidency.

Trump won even though Clinton received nearly 2.9 million more votes. His election has generated much angst among Democrats and others who oppose the billionaire businessman. But they have been powerless to change the outcome.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DAVID RIOS**, 30, of 711 Creighton St. was arrested on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear and evading arrest

or detention.

- **JORGE LUIS GOMEZ**, 25, of 508 State St. was arrested on warrants for operating an unregistered motor vehicle and failure to appear.
- **DISTURBANCE** was re-

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- **PATRICIA BACON**, 44, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100); and on warrants for running a stop sign, violation of promise to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear.
- **DEBRA DENISE ELLIS**, 58, was booked by HCSO on charge

of terroristic threat causing fear of serious bodily injury.

- **JORGE LUIS GOMEZ**, 25, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

- **TANYA JEAN JENKINS**, 28, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.

- **MICHAEL JOSEPH MC-NEW**, 26, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$50 to \$500).

- **CODY JAMES NALL**, 33, was booked by BSPD on warrants for

ported in the 400 block of South Aylesford Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of South Benton Street and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

defective headlamps and driving with an invalid license.

- **RAUL OJINAGA REYES**, 60 was booked by DPS on a warrant for aggravated assault against a public servant.

- **DAVID RIOS**, 30, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear for evading arrest or detention, and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **ARMANDO ALANIZ III**, 22, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

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.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Trades. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on Highway 176. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Avondale. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

- 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. 16 and 17 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 at a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

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

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

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

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

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

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications

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

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



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Obituaries

Amelia Saldivar

Amelia Saldivar, 83, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2016, at her home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Today: Colder. Mostly cloudy.

Occasional flurries.

Highs in the mid 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows around 14. North winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Saturday: Not as cold. Sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. Light and variable winds.

Saturday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday: Not as cool. Sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night: Not as cool. Clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday: Warmer, Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Monday night: Not as cool. Decreasing clouds. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday: Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Wednesday: Sunny. Highs around 70.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

AP/National Weather Service report for Martin, Howard, and Mitchell counties including the cities of Stanton, Big Spring, and Colorado City.

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.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

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Texas lawmaker ready for session after being shot at party

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A Texas lawmaker who was struck in the head during a new year's celebration by what authorities suspect was celebratory gunfire says he feels well enough to attend and work during this year's legislative session, which starts on Tuesday.

Rep. Armando Martinez told The Monitor newspaper in McAllen that he's "definitely ready to get back into the office and work for the district, and to move forward." Martinez was injured while celebrating New Year's Eve with his family at a residence near the South Texas town of Weslaco.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office spokesman Jose Rodriguez says investigators are awaiting a lab analysis of the bullet to help in determining who fired it.

Martinez says he'll look at creating possible legislation on preventing injuries or deaths caused by celebratory gunfire.

Snowfall shuts down schools, businesses in Southern Plains

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Schools, government offices and businesses are closed throughout much of Arkansas and Oklahoma as a winter storm delivers snow to the Southern Plains.

In Oklahoma, forecasters are expecting 2 to 4 inches of snow in the central part of the state, prompting the closure

of schools, universities and businesses.

In Arkansas, a winter weather advisory remains in effect until 3 p.m. Friday as snow continues to fall along the Interstate 40 corridor in the central part of the state.

Meanwhile, in the Texas Panhandle, 5 to 7 inches of snow are in the forecast through Friday afternoon.

The wintry precipitation is part of a larger storm system that is expected to intensify as it makes its way east.

Winter storm warnings are in effect for several Southeastern states.

Feds issue decision on operating plan for Rio Grande

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Federal officials have signed off on a plan that spells out how the Rio Grande will be allocated and delivered to users in southern New Mexico and Texas over the next three decades.

The Bureau of Reclamation announced that the record of decision regarding the river's operating agreement was signed Thursday and that accounting and operation of the system will continue as it has for the past several years.

A decision is still pending on renewal of a contract to store water from the San Juan-Chama project in Elephant Butte Reservoir in southern New Mexico.

Approval of the operating agreement followed a review of potential environmental effects.

Officials acknowledged that projected climate change will have greater effects on wa-

ter resources than any of the other alternatives that were considered.

4 agents killed in northern Mexico; 4 more die in crash

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Four agents with the Tamaulipas state prosecutors' office have been killed in northern Mexico, while four federal agents died in a road accident in the same border state.

Tamaulipas Gov. Francisco Garcia Cabeza de Vaca wrote in his Twitter account late Wednesday that the four agents were killed in the border city of Nuevo Laredo.

He said "nothing will stop my administration's actions to return peace to the residents of Tamaulipas."

On Thursday, Interior Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio Chong said that a federal intelligence agent and three federal police officers were killed in a crash while traveling to a work-related meeting.

Tamaulipas has been the scene of turf battles between the remnants of the Gulf and Zetas cartels.

New Texas bathroom bill may spark North Carolina-like uproar

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Top Texas Republicans are eager to bring a fight that sparked upheaval and business boycotts in North Carolina to the country's largest conservative state, unveiling Thursday a bill that would ban transgender people from using the bathroom of their choice.

The "Texas Privacy Act" requires all Texas residents to use the bathroom or locker room according to the gender on their birth certificates and prohibits local governments from passing ordinances designed to protect gay rights in public restrooms and other "intimate settings."

"It's the right thing to do," said Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican who oversees the state Senate and quoted Martin Luther King Jr. while promoting the proposal at the Texas Capitol. "The people of Texas elected us to stand up for common sense, common decency and public safety."

Bill sponsor Sen. Lois Kolthor, a Republican from rural Brenham, said her "thoughtful and unique" bill won't create a "bathroom police" and will allow anyone to lodge complaints upon seeing something in public restrooms that makes them uncomfortable. She added the bill was written "not to start a controversy but to end one."

But the news conference itself caused a stir. Organizers had to close the door of a packed room after about a dozen protesters — some carrying handmade signs reading "Flush SB6" (Senate Bill 6) — launched a chorus of loud boos.

Texas' largest business lobbying group says approving the measure and other popular anti-gay rights proposals could cost the state up to \$8.5 billion and 100,000-plus jobs.

Yet, many conservatives in the GOP-controlled Legislature, which convenes Tuesday, are expected to embrace the "bathroom

Joe Straus has suggested it won't be the highest priority.

North Carolina's law, which went into effect last year, caused corporations, entertainers and NCAA sporting events to back out to avoid being seen as endorsing discrimination — potentially costing the state billions in lost revenue. Despite that fallout, lawmakers in at least two other states, Virginia and Kentucky, also have introduced similar bills.

Patrick was defiant regarding possible economic ramifications, noting that Houston voters in 2015 — an election that saw low turnout — defeated an equal rights ordinance designed to protect gay and transgender residents, and no problems came of it. The city is even hosting this year's Super Bowl.

"The economic doom?" Patrick asked. "The Super Bowl is teed up for 5:30 p.m. on February 7."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas and other rights groups sounded alarm.

"It's unnecessary, discriminatory and inconsistent with the constitutional value of equal protection for all," the ACLU's legal and policy director, Rebecca L. Robertson, said in a statement. "Make no mistake — the invidious intent of SB6 is to deny transgender Texans the ability to participate in public life."

Texas already led a 13-state coalition that successfully sued to block an Obama administration order from last year requiring public schools nationwide to let transgender students use the bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice.

Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement Thursday that that effort meant "states are now free to enact legislation of their choosing to protect privacy."

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well-ventilated and in good working condition.

• Make arrangements for proper shelter and an emergency supply of food and water for your

pets and livestock.

• Stock up on firewood and supplies, including canned goods and bottled water.

• If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55 degrees or higher and open cabinets under sinks.

• Make sure you have inclement weather contact numbers for schools and work.

• Check on friends and family members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

During the winter season, residents can

contact 2-1-1 Texas, the state's free 24-hour helpline, to check on possible community-established warming centers or related services in their area. No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905 for community resources.

ELECTION

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Despite rumblings of a revolt, only two Republican electors — both from Texas — cast protest votes for someone other than Trump. Clinton lost four Democratic electors in Washington state and one in Hawaii.

The secretary of state's office in Washington said the four "faithless" electors would be fined \$1,000 apiece.

During Friday's session, Democrats will have an opportunity to file objections, questioning the validity of the vote count.

Under federal law, if at least one senator and one House member object to the vote from any state, the House and Senate would meet separately to debate the merits of the objection.

Several House Democrats have talked about filing an objection, but no senator has publicly backed the idea. Regardless, with Republicans controlling both chambers, any objection would have little chance of affecting the outcome.

Rep. Ed Perlmutter, D-Colo., considered object-

ing but said, "This is not about trying to stop Donald Trump from becoming president."

Perlmutter said he wants to register his objection to Russia after U.S. intelligence community findings that Moscow engaged in computer hacking to sway the election in favor of Trump. America's top intelligence official told Congress on Thursday that Russia undoubtedly interfered in the 2016 presidential election.

"We cannot allow a foreign nation to ever influence our elections because it harms our liberty, freedom and independence," Perlmutter said in a statement. "This is bigger than just one election, and for the sake of our democracy, we must remain vigilant."

Trump has not fully embraced the findings of the intelligence community. In fact, he has repeatedly mocked America's intelligence officials.

This week, Trump went on Twitter to question why an intelligence briefing he is to receive was delayed. However, intelligence officials said there had been no delay. Still, Trump wrote: "The 'Intelligence' briefing on so-called 'Russian hacking' was delayed until Friday, perhaps more time needed to build a case. Very strange!"

TAX

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needed to determine income. Bringing a copy of last year's filing and paperwork is strongly recommended.

Alexander said the volunteer group is well on its way to be ready to offer free tax assistance to area residents.

"We are progressing quite well. My volunteers are all in training," he said. "They have had about three sessions getting to know the new tax program."

Last year, the organization helped with 200 tax returns which equates to a \$40,000 savings to taxpayers, Alexander said.

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Love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of judgment, and this shows that his love has not been perfected in us.
1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."
Psalm 91: 14-16

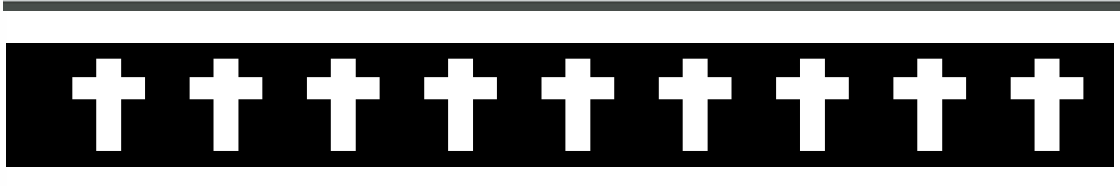
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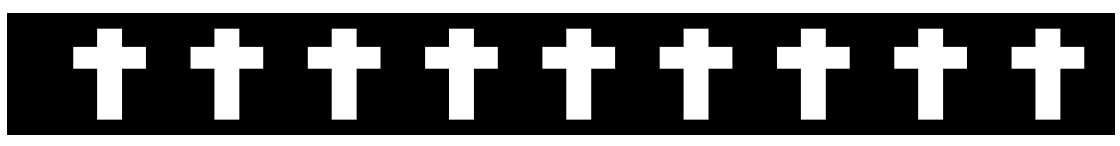
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Did you ever wonder? God's Judges

God appointed Moses as leader of the Israelites, and it was obvious to them that God spoke through him. Moses led the people for about 80 years.

Before his death, the whole nation saw Moses designate Joshua to be the next leader. God made Joshua a warrior; he led the Israelites in many battles when they began to conquer the land of Canaan. As long as God led Joshua and Joshua led the people, they were victorious. The people followed God. Joshua led the Israelites for about 70 years.

But God did not appoint a successor to Joshua. God told Joshua that the tribe of Judah was to be leader, and the people swore that they would follow God and honor Him as their only God.

This lasted only until all the chieftains of Joshua's leadership died. But the younger men had not been trained in how the Lord must be worshipped. They did not continue to annihilate the inhabitants of Canaan to purify the land as God had ordered. They conquered the Canaanites and made hired workers of them.

As they continued to live among the Canaanites,

the Israelites adopted their way of life... their agricultural practices, their social life, morals, gods, and religious practices. They began to take the Canaanite daughters as wives and to give their daughters in marriage to their Canaanite neighbors.

Think back to Jacob and Esau. The genealogy of Abraham should have been reckoned through Esau, the eldest son. However, Esau took wives from the Canaanites, which God had forbidden. God prevented Esau from inheriting the honor of family leadership. Isaac sent Jacob back to Haran to take a wife from the family of Abraham's brother, Nahor.

During this period without a leader, the Israelites could not understand the concept of an unseen god. They were quickly drawn to the Canaanite gods, which were stone or metal statues that could be seen and held in their hand.

When God's patience was spent, He withdrew His protection and the Israelites were overpowered by foreign powers. Then they remembered how God had blessed them and fought for them. They pleaded for His help and promised to serve Him.

Our God is very gracious. Again He forgave and supported the Israelites, and they served Him for a while. But they soon forgot their promises and the cycle began again.

It seemed they just could not function without an appointed leader to tell them what to do. It was a time when "Israel had no king" and "everyone did as he saw fit."

From time to time God appointed a leader, which He called a Judge. Each of these Judges had a close fellowship with God and told the Israelites what God wanted done. Things would be good during that Judge's lifetime.

Gideon, Deborah, and Samson were the best known of these Judges. Israel functioned well only while they had a leader to follow. At the death of that leader, they stumbled back into the Canaanite ways.

This pattern continued for a period of around 300 years. All the time Israel asked to have a king like the other nations around them. They did not realize that God was their King. The covenant they had agreed to at Mt. Sinai was a promise that He would provide for them and protect them if they honored Him and served Him as their King.

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



EUNICE FILLER

Church News



Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, Alive in Christ invites you to join them for services this Sunday.

Kent Ivey will present the scripture readings this week.

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

Alive in Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood. Call 432-264-7818, or e-mail at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com for more information.

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 morning worship at 10 a.m. Evening worship is starts at 5 p.m.

Wednesdays, Ladies' Class starts at 9:30 a.m., and Bible study and devotional is at 7 p.m.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

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

Cornerstone

Covenant Church

The people of Cornerstone Covenant Church want to connect with you, and invite you to any of the following events:

Radical...It means being different from the usual or traditional. Sunday, Jan. 8, join the CCC congregation at the 10:30 a.m. worship service as they seek to discover what it truly means to be radical in your prayer, radical in your praise, and radical in your generosity. They look forward to both sharing God's word with you, and getting to know you better.

Sunday, Jan. 8: A powerful married couples only Sunday school class entitled "The Indestructible Marriage" is currently being offered. Jimmy Evans uses humor and sound Biblical advice for achieving a lasting and thriving marriage relationship. The class is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Chapel/ARC (academic resource center). If you are interested in attending, see below for contact information.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 10: The "Fifty and Over" small group will enjoy potluck and game night at Steve and Faye Flowers' residence located at 2405 E. 25th St. starting at 7 p.m. For more information contact Faye Flowers at 432-213-3883.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015. You can also email Info@cccbigspring.org or visit facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or www.cccbigspring.org for more information.

First Baptist Church

Sunday morning worship service starts at 10:50 a.m., and the congregation of FBC invites you to join them as they begin 2017 praising God for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message from Scripture as he encourages listeners to be "All In". To be "All In" requires a leap of faith and a life completely surrendered to Christ. When you are "All In", there is no limit to what God can accomplish through you, and in you.

Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a mix of classic hymns and contemporary praise and worship music. If you have mobility issues and require assistance, use the west circle drive and someone will be glad to help you inside and park your vehicle. If you cannot attend, you can join the service through the live stream on the website at fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, Bible fellowship groups meet throughout the building with youth, college students, and adults gathering in second floor classrooms; and children coming together in the Good News Garage on the first floor. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early for fellowship and coffee.

All area children are invited to attend Kids Connection at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday. There is no fee to participate in this fun time of Bible based games, songs, and activities. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green for additional information. Teens gather at the home of the Raffini's at 6 p.m. Call Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details.

Evening worship service starts at 6 each Sunday.

The Food Pantry/Mission Center will be open Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9 a.m. It is located on Lancaster, one block behind H-E-B.

Upward Basketball games begin Saturday, Jan. 14. Call the church at 267-8223 for game schedules or go to fbcbigspring.org.

All area women are invited to attend Bible study beginning Monday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m. in the conference room. The study will be Beth Moore's "Entrusted"; cost of the workbook is \$13. Carol Boyd will be leading the study, and she can be contacted at 432-816-9915 for more information.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 pm and include Adult Bible Study, Adult Worship Choir practice, Real LYF for children, and Saturate Youth group for teens (which starts at 6:15). Go to fbcbigspring.org for the full schedule and activity information.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, will meet at 5 p.m. on Jan. 4. Also on Jan. 4, the Chancel Choir will resume the regular rehearsal schedule at 6 p.m.

The Children's Choir practice will begin again at 5:30 p.m. as well as Youth dinner at 6:00; handbells at 6:30; and group meeting at 7:15 p.m. this Sunday.

The Covenant Sunday School Class, led by John Ferguson, continues the study entitled "Creation: A Divine Cycle" with Unit II "Praise from and for God's Creation" for January. In the lessons from Psalms, one discovers that praise emanates from creation itself and that humans are invited to worship and celebrate the divine Creator.

The Discovery Class begins a new seven-session study by Timothy Keller and Abraham Cho, pastors at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, on Jan. 8. This DVD study is named "Generosity - Responding to God's Radical Grace in Community." It contains a sermon series by Keller and Cho that looks at what it means to be generous through service, through relationships, through hospitality, through the privileges and power we hold, and finally through our wealth.

The next meeting of Presbyterian Women is Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. in the church library. Katie Grimes will lead the Bible study on Lesson 4 in the study book.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Marj Carpenter is Lector.

The lectionary for the Baptism of the Lord Sunday is Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17. The Chancel Choir will offer "Go Sing It on the Mountain" by Pepper Choplin as the anthem. The offertory will be a solo by Susan Dawes. Dur-

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Reflections: Time and immortality

More than any other occasion, the New Year marks the passage of time. We celebrate it with the dropping ball in Times Square, fireworks that ignite the night sky, fresh cut flowers in the Rose Parade, stadiums that vibrate with energy as the best college teams face off against each other. 2016 is history and 2017 has come.

On New Year's Eve, as I do every year, I took time to write down my reflections on the year past: the goals I achieved, and the ones I failed to meet, the major events that surprised me along the way. On New Year's Day, I wrote down my expectations for the year to come: what I hope to accomplish, my goals and dreams. The process reminds me how swiftly the time has flown.

Time waits for no one. We live it, and we measure it. We try to capture the moments with videos and photos, but the time continues to fly. By the time I



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write this sentence, and by the time you read it, the moment of the writing, and the moment of the reading is gone, never to return. Every moment of every day, week, month and year, time marches on.

We can remember what was and we suspect that somewhere in the universe the past still exists, just as we experienced it. We can imagine the future, but have no way of knowing what it holds. Only the present is ours, and it slips quickly through our grasp to join the memories of our past. It is the mark of our mortality. We are prisoners and servants of time. No measure of wealth can restrain it. No power on earth can contain it.

Our mad dash to get ahead, to climb the ladder of success, to add to our possessions, to get to our destination faster are symptoms of our mortality. We know that our time is limited. There are only so many hours in the day, and so many days in a lifetime.

The Bible agrees with this sense of mortality. Ecclesiastes says, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens, a time to be born and a time to die" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-

2). And again, "It is appointed for men to die once, and after this comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Only God is beyond time. He is the great "I AM." He has no beginning and no end. Past, present and future are alike to Him. John wrote of Jesus, saying, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being" (John 1:1-3). Jesus said, "Before Abraham was born, I am" (John 8:58).

God invites us to transcend time and enter into His immortality. Jesus said, "I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish" (John 10:28). "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me will live, even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

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

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ing worship new church officers: Cici Halleford and Laura Holleman will be ordained and installed; Buddy Cochrane and Danny Kennemur (having been previously ordained) will be installed. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will present the sermon and officiate at Communion.

Please note that the worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. each Sunday 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, please 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 is a link to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Forsan Baptist Church

A new message series begins this Sunday morning through the Book of Ephesians. The series title is "Called to Purity," and the message this week comes from Ephesians 1:1-6 and is called "Made for This."

"Spare It and Share It" is a community event similar to a garage sale, except everything is free. Bring something to share, and take something someone else has spared. This will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Sunday evening study series is called "The Names of God," and examines each name given in both the Old and New Testaments.

Youth and children's activities have resumed on Wednesday evenings, including classes for elementary students at 4 p.m., a meal for youth at 5:30, and classes for youth and adults beginning at 6.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver

First United Methodist Church

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

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

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will share a message at both worship services entitled "Into the Deep." The message is based on the account of the Lord's baptism in the Gospel of Saint Matthew. At both services, congregation members will have an opportunity to renew the promises they made at their baptism.

During Wednesday Noon Bible study in Garrett Hall, Pastor Ivins will continue a study which surveys the major portions of the Bible. Participants will examine highlights from the Prophet Jeremiah as an example of a Major Prophet from the Old Testament.

A meal is also served during Noon Bible Study for a small charge. Meal service begins at 11:50 a.m., and everyone is invited.

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, the church also will be back to its regular Wednesday night schedule with supper at 5:30 p.m. and various age level groups meeting at 6 p.m. The church's children's choir will begin rehearsing their annual Spring musical that night.

Pastor Bill Ivins is leading a group to the Holy Land in June 2017. The group will depart in June. Persons who are interested in traveling to the Holy Land may phone Pastor Ivins in the church office to receive more information.

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

By the grace of God

Without him I could do nothing; Without him I'd surely fail;

Without him I would be drifting, Like a ship without a sail.

Without him I would be dying; Without him I'd be enslaved;

Without him life would be hopeless; But with Jesus, thank God I'm saved!

Jesus, O Jesus! Do you know him today? Please don't turn him away; O Jesus, O Jesus,

Without him, how lost I would be.

— Written by Mylon LeFevre

I love this song. I think it beautifully expresses the thoughts of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me" (ESV).

Paul begins that chapter by reminding the Christians in Corinth that it is the gospel that saves. The heart of that gospel message is seen in verses 3-4, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (ESV).

He also stresses in the first two verses that this is a preached message. Paul uses two words which are translated "preach" in this context. One means "to declare a good message" and the other means "to herald or announce." The gospel is not some mystical thing that comes along and zaps certain people. The gospel is not a feeling that you get in your heart. The gospel is something that you are told! The gospel is words – "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17 ESV).

Paul felt unworthy for the task of declaring the good news (1 Corinthians 15:9). So Paul gave every effort to carry the message of Jesus to others.



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Do you ever feel that you are inadequate for the task of sharing of the gospel? How can I possibly be like the great Apostle Paul?

You and I can do it the same way he did – by the grace of God! We must put in the effort, but it is the grace of God that is with us that will win others to Christ. May we appreciate God's grace, those who have received it, and make every effort to declare and announce it to others so they can receive it as well.

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

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Clyde at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at Irion Co., 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Big Spring at Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Iraan, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at Irion Co., 8 p.m.

MONDAY

Women's basketball

Western Texas at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball

Western Texas at Howard College, 7:30 p.m.

Playoffs: To bye or not to bye?

The Associated Press

Teams pursue byes like they are precious jewels. Are they really? Or does the road to the Super Bowl not particularly come with a rest stop?

History tells us that reaching the Super Bowl, let alone winning it, after playing in a wild-card game is anything but ideal. Not impossible — just ask, in recent years, the 2005 Steelers, 2007 Giants and 2010 Packers. But it's certainly the most difficult way of doing things, particularly how those three teams managed it, as sixth seeds with no home games.

All of them are in this postseason. Not one of them went

into this weekend wishing it didn't own a bye.

Yet there are advantages — yes, really — to being active in the wild-card round. For one, the opponent shouldn't be as formidable as either of the top two seeds in each conference that is enjoying a mini-vacation. Secondly, the momentum gathered from an opening win can carry teams a long way. Again, look up what those Pittsburgh, New York and Green Bay clubs above did.

"I think we're battle tested," Giants receiver Victor Cruz says, speaking not only of an early season loss at Lambeau Field, but of the team's general psyche. "I

think we've been through some things after that game that really set the standard and the focus for this team. I think that's one of the biggest things for us going into the game. Understanding that we've been through some wars and now we're ready to go."

So the Giants go to Green Bay, where in 2007 they won the NFC championship game. And, four years later, they beat a 15-1 Packers squad in the divisional round. Both times, they went on to win a Super Bowl.

Eli Manning was the quarterback and offensive fulcrum of those title runs, while the pressure-first defense was masterful in

negating big-time passers. The Giants entered those postseasons pretty much as afterthoughts, then got their acts together immediately in wild-card outings.

Sure they might have won it all those seasons anyway. Yet there's no question those opening victories against Tampa Bay in 2007 and Atlanta in 2011 helped in a big way.

"I think that you like to prove people wrong," Manning says, knowing the Giants again are long shots to win it all. "That is always kind of an exciting thing to do. I try not to read too much into it or read the headlines

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Block party



File photo

Big Spring's Logan Terrazas, right, blocks an opponent's shot during recent basketball action. The Lady Steers open District 3-4A action tonight when they host Snyder at Steer Gym. Game time is 6:15 p.m.

Cowboys' Gregory suspended

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas defensive end Randy Gregory was suspended for at least a year Thursday for another violation of the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

It's the third time this season Gregory has been suspended. The first was a four-game ban, followed by 10 games on top of that. The latest suspension makes him ineligible for the playoffs, which start Jan. 15 for Dallas, the top seed in the NFC.

The suspension is for one calendar year, meaning Gregory could be eligible for the playoffs without another violation if the Cowboys make it again next season. Gregory can apply for reinstatement to Commissioner Roger Goodell 60 days before the anniversary of the suspension.

Gregory played the final two games of his second regular season, recording the first sack of his career in the finale against Philadelphia.

The 24-year-old former Nebraska standout slid to the second round of the 2015 draft over off-field concerns that included a positive test for marijuana at the NFL combine.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has said he intends to support Gregory, but the latest ban raises doubt as to whether he will be on the Dallas roster when he is eligible to return. He only has one full season remaining in 2018 under his four-year rookie contract, and it won't cost the Cowboys much to cut him.

Gregory was considered one of the best pass rushers in his draft, and the Cowboys were comfortable with the gamble late in the second round.

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Architect named for Rangers' ballpark

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The HKS architecture firm will design a \$1 billion retractable-roof stadium for the Texas Rangers.

Team officials on Thursday announced the selection of Dallas-based HKS,

which also was the architect for Globe Life Park. The current venue opened in 1994.

The new ballpark will be funded as a public-private partnership between the city of Arlington and the Rangers.

Arlington voters in November approved extension of a half-cent sales tax, 2 percent hotel-occupancy tax and 5 percent car-rental tax for the new Rangers stadium. That revenue previously went to defray Arlington's \$155

million debt on its share of the cost of AT&T Stadium, the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

The design for the new ballpark is underway. The stadium should be completed in time for the 2020 MLB season.

A clean slate and fresh start for Jordan Spieth

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Three victories around the world. A major. A Ryder Cup victory. Jordan Spieth had every reason to celebrate his year.

Part of him, however, couldn't wait for it to end.

"I was happy when the ball touched down and 2017 started," Spieth said Wednesday.

He wasn't the least bit bothered by what he achieved last year, especially a pair of PGA Tour victories that ran his total to eight before he turned 23. He just knew he faced endless comparisons with the year before, and even matching that was going to be close to impossible.

Spieth was coming off the best season in golf over the last 40 years by anyone not named

Tiger Woods. His five victories included the Masters and U.S. Open and as close as anyone has come to the modern Grand Slam. He capped it off with a FedEx Cup title and all the big awards.

And it didn't help when he started the next year with an eight-shot victory in Kapalua. "Off of this week last year, it didn't necessarily help my own and anyone else's expectations, given the performance that we had," Spieth said. "But I also knew that wasn't realistic to continue to do. It's also a 30-something event ... which makes your chances of winning significantly higher, even though it is a world-class field."

"But I learned a lot on both end of things, highs and lows, which I didn't really have many



AP file photo

lows in 2015," he said. "I think I can use that to my advantage."

One bad swing on the 12th hole at Augusta National could have changed that. Spieth lost a five-shot lead on

the back nine of the Masters and never caught up, and then he never had much of a chance.

But consider his outlook a year ago.

Asked what he would

consider a good season, Spieth at first joked, "Last year." He's not one to be specific about goals, though he did mention giving himself a serious chance in a couple of majors and

closing out individual events. He had a chance in one major. He closed out victories at Kapalua, Colonial and the Australian Open. The Masters was the only tournament he had a chance to close out and let get away.

Not a bad year. Just not like the previous year.

And now, 2015 is far enough in the past that it's easier to look forward. Another reminder is the world ranking. Even with three victories and a runner-up in a major, Spieth went from No. 1 to No. 5.

"Just have to get it back," he said.

It starts on a Plantation Course that is far different from a year ago, when Spieth became only the second player in PGA Tour his-

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



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Sun and Pluto
Meetup

During this alignment of the sun and Pluto, if you take a risk that doesn't wind up being embarrassing, kudos. Of course, there's good in humiliation, too. Once experienced, the fear of embarrassment loses power, and you're no longer concerned about what people think. A whole array of options opens up to the right and the left of appropriateness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once you strip away the chaff of familiarity and look at your daily life the way an outsider might, there's a real potential to do interesting work and maybe even to elevate the ordinary to the level of art.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know

the right thing to say. You could tell people what they wanted to hear, no sweat. But it's too easy, and it creates such a mild, forgettable impression. That's why you'll dare to add a dash more honesty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you know you're being accepted you can let go, have fun and be happy. It's the same with everyone, and it's why your tolerant, accepting attitude is actually helping the world to be a happier place.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In this boat of humanity on the rough seas of life, everyone must row with the oar he has. Drop your oar? Paddle with your hand. All efforts are needed now, yours especially.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One thing you don't need to worry about is what to say. Say little and do much and you'll be a wonderful surprise to someone, you'll earn the trust of many, you'll make an excellent impression on all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The gamblers know that even when you trust the other players, you

cut the cards. You're safe here. The precautions of protection may be merely ritualistic at this point, and that makes them more important, not less.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's always prudent to know about procedures, standards and guidelines before going into a situation, but if you don't know them, seek a young teacher to show you the rules, or an old one to show you the exceptions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a person of principle, which is way better than being an impulsive slave to immediate gratification. However, before you go to battle for an idea, make sure you're absolutely clear on what the idea really is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Jealousy is information your subconscious mind gives to clue you into what you really want. Envy is rocket fuel. Don't waste it by pointing it in any direction away from you. Put it back in your own tank and aim yourself well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As for stirring up controversy -- anyone can

accidentally flub and say something silly or unintentionally offensive. It takes a pro to do this deliberately.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Unfortunately, a lot of people are more concerned with who gets the credit than they are with getting things done. So, let them have the credit. It's worth it if they get out of the way of your progress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The rag that gets the floor clean becomes quite dirty, and so it goes. Perhaps you can't really make the mess go away, but you can organize it in a manner that makes it much more pleasing to experience.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 6). The goal is more vivid than it's ever been for you, and furthermore you have the sense that this year the universe is on your side. While working in collaboration with powerful forces, the less you do the better. In April, enjoy what you've built together. Love sweeps you into new circumstances in March. Leo and Aries 5 adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 42, 26, 7 and

9. **WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** An irresistible feeling of innocence and joy -- this is love to you. **TAURUS:** The best embrace you'll experience will go to the one who needs it, the one who hasn't been touched. That person might be a little uncomfortable, but it doesn't change the truth. **GEMINI:** To love another person is to willingly give up rights, privileges and conveniences and inexplicably be better off for it. **CANCER:** Go on and try to put your conditions on things if you need to, though you're about to learn better. **LEO:** The time to develop a sense of togetherness and teamwork is now. **VIRGO:** Once you make up your mind in matters of love, it will stay made up. **LIBRA:** The structure of a relationship will serve you well; the freedoms inside it will be much harder to navigate. **SCORPIO:** As far as your worth goes in a relationship, your date will believe the value you set for yourself. **SAGITTARIUS:** Codependency may feel natural to you, but it's still an unhealthy

approach. Endeavor to overcome such tendencies. **CAPRICORN:** Humor will be the most significant indicator of compatibility. **AQUARIUS:** There's something inside you more romantic than the unromantic circumstances. Dig deep. **PISCES:** No one is dull around you, because you draw out the intriguing side of people.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Capricorn sun reflects off the Taurus moon, turning up the attraction between these two earth signs. The Greek philosopher Plato associated each of the classical elements of earth, air, water and fire with a regular solid. Earth's solid is the cube. The earth signs of Taurus and Capricorn build on one another like blocks, creating structures to protect and enhance one another's well-being.

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Annie's Mailbox

Wading Through
Messages

Dear Annie: As of this writing, I have 6,972 unread emails.

A lot of them are promotions from stores I shopped at once. Some are from social media sites,

telling me I have notifications -- Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest -- which I hardly ever check.

I guess I never got into the habit of deleting these messages as they came in, and then once the pile started growing, it just seemed so overwhelming that I gave

up even trying. I wish I could just delete everything and start fresh, get my inbox back down to zero.

In some cases, I have emails from people I would like to talk to. For instance, my cousin, whom I haven't talked to in over a year, emailed me last month. I've kept putting it off until I have enough time to sit down and write a thoughtful response. Now it's been so long I feel awkward about replying.

I have a similar problem with voice-mail. I delay checking my messages, and

sometimes I just ignore them altogether.

After I click "send" on this email to you, I'm going to have anxiety about seeing your response. What is wrong with me? I feel paralyzed. How can I begin to tackle this? -- Inbox Infinity

Dear Inbox: Procrastination and anxiety are each other's best cheerleader. Anxiety encourages procrastination, and vice versa. Remove one of them and you'll deflate the other.

So start by calming down. Tell yourself, "Nothing catastrophic is going to happen

because I didn't delete emails." Although such a laissez-faire attitude might seem counterproductive, it's a lot easier to get moving once you take that enormous weight off your shoulders.

Then snap to it and get that inbox under control, first by plugging the dam so you can prevent floods of promotional emails in the future. Open the latest email you received, and scroll to the bottom. Look for the "unsubscribe" button (in microscopic font). Do that for every major vendor that's flooding your inbox.

Next, delete with abandon. Trash every promotional email that's more than a week old. Resist the urge to save emails "just in case." If you were really interested in reading last week's Pinterest newsletter, you already would have.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Miffed," about her experience with a friend who was not there for her during a medical scare. I, too, had a friend who I thought would always be there for me -- especially because I had been there for her through a lot of stuff. However, when

my husband went in the hospital and was given a very upsetting diagnosis, she was not there. No phone call, no visit, nothing. Also, the day after he was released from the hospital, I turned 50 and his mother died. Again, nothing from this friend whom I had been so very close to.

It took me a while to get over the anger and hurt and to move on without her in my life. I put the anger and hurt in an imaginary box and nailed it shut and handed it over to the Lord. Once I did this, I was able to focus on the good things and the good people in my life who were there for me. I hope "Miffed" will move on and appreciate what her other friends and family members did and are doing and realize that this person is no longer of importance in her life. -- Over Being Miffed

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By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

Your right-hand opponent deals and bids One Heart, neither side vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠743 ♥6 ♦AKJ3 ♣AKQ95
- ♠AQ83 ♥QJ74 ♦A6 ♣KJ6
- ♠4 ♥8 ♦AKQJ752 ♣AJ85
- ♠A8 ♥Q752 ♦AK ♣J7643

1. Double. The best way to show the strength of this hand is to double. A simple overcall of two clubs would not adequately address the game possibilities and might lead to missing a good contract in spades, diamonds, clubs or even notrump.

It is true that a takeout double of one major suit tends to imply good support for the other, but this does not mean that such support is absolutely guaranteed. The more important consideration is to show the general strength of a hand, and the double in this case serves that purpose best. You plan to bid two clubs next over partner's anticipated one-spade response and in that way show the true nature of your hand.

2. One notrump. The choice here lies between a double and an overcall of one notrump. The notrump bid is preferred because it shows your point count and balanced distribution in one fell swoop.

A double could lead to trouble. If, for example, partner responded with two clubs or two diamonds, you would be faced with a difficult problem. A pass could easily turn out to be wrong, and a rebid of two notrump would be dangerous opposite a partner who might have no values. The one-notrump overcall delivers the full message, and does so at the lowest possible level.

3. Five diamonds. This is not the type of hand with which you leave the opponents room to exchange information at a low level. The leap to five diamonds is a tactical measure from both an offensive and defensive standpoint, and as such serves as a two-edged sword.

For example, if the opponents have a good fit in spades, they will have a tough time finding it at the five-level. Also, if the opponents pass or double, it may well turn out that five diamonds will make or go down a trick or two, while the opponents could have made four or five hearts or spades.

4. Pass. Lacking adequate support for spades and diamonds, it would be wrong to double, and it would be equally dangerous to overcall in clubs with such a shabby suit. The best action is to pass and hope the opponents go overboard.

Tomorrow: Optimism is sometimes rewarded.

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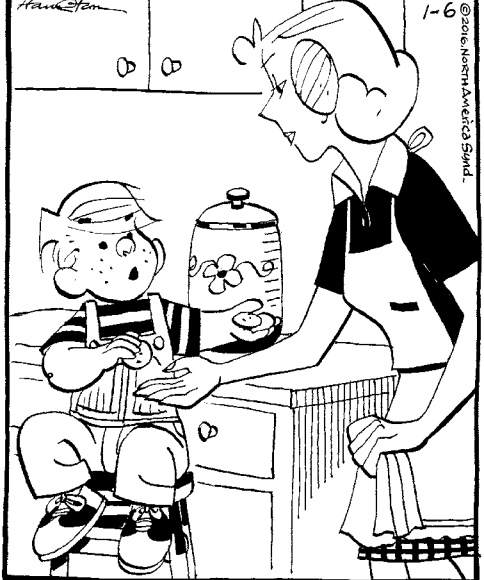
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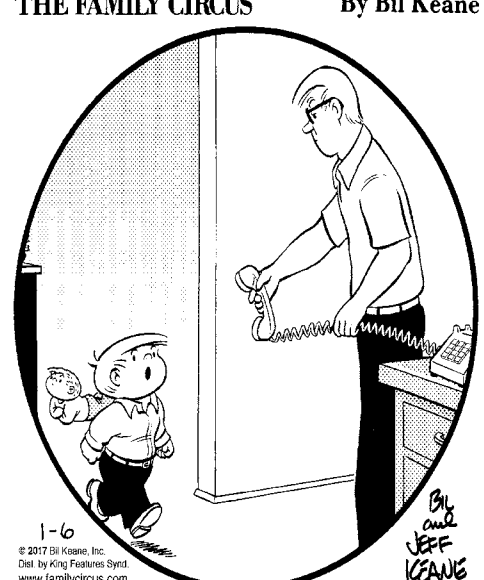
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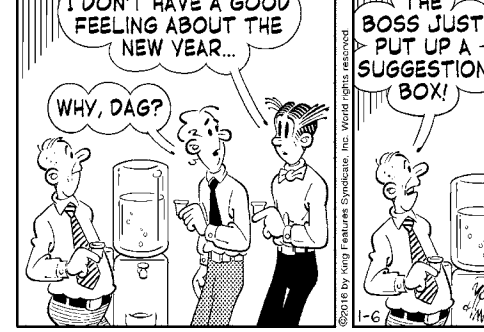


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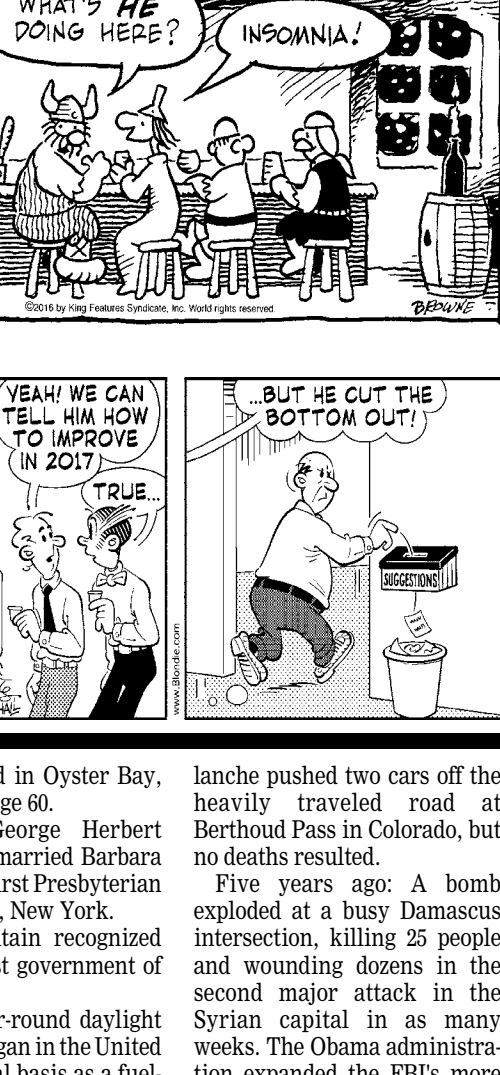
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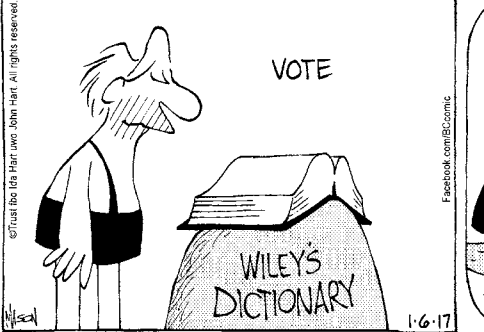
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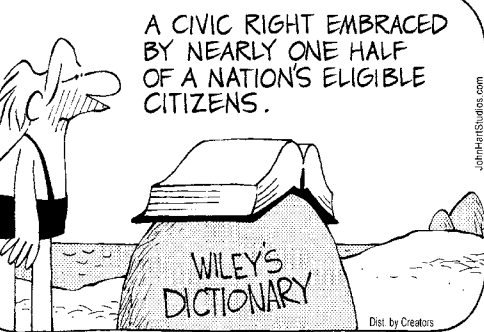
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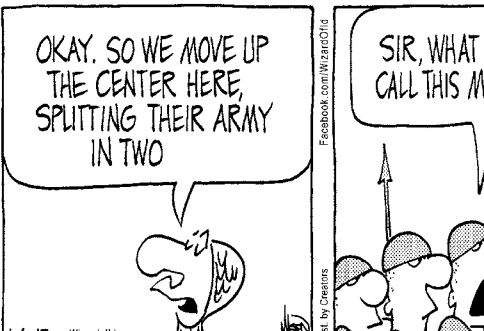
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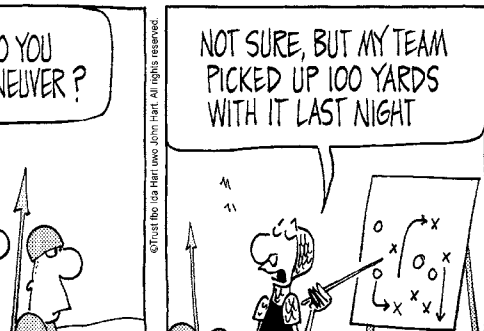
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2017. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 6, 1967, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Deckhouse Five, an offensive in the Mekong River delta. The 10-day operation reportedly claimed the lives of 21 Viet Cong fighters along with seven Americans.

On this date: In 1017, Cnut the Great was crowned King of England at Old St. Paul's Cathedral in London, just over a month following the death of his predecessor, Edmund II.

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Virginia.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore

Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, New York, at age 60.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce at the First Presbyterian Church in Rye, New York.

In 1950, Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate voted 88-4 to establish an 11-member panel to hold public hearings on the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding denied knowing about plans for the attack.)

In 2001, with Vice President Al Gore presiding in his capacity as president of the Senate, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

Ten years ago: At a Baptist church in Fort Worth, Texas, the Denver Broncos filed past the open casket of Darrent Williams, the promising cornerback who had been gunned down in a drive-by shooting on New Year's Day. A large ava-

lanche pushed two cars off the heavily traveled road at Berthoud Pass in Colorado, but no deaths resulted.

Five years ago: A bomb exploded at a busy Damascus intersection, killing 25 people and wounding dozens in the second major attack in the Syrian capital in as many weeks. The Obama administration expanded the FBI's more than eight-decades-old definition of rape to count men as victims for the first time and to drop the requirement that victims physically resisted their attackers. Roger Boisjoly, a NASA contractor who had repeatedly voiced concerns about the space shuttle Challenger before it exploded in 1986, died in Nephi, Utah, at age 73. New England Patriots offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien agreed to become Penn State's new football coach.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Explosive sound
 - 4 Place for some plants
 - 8 Faux pas
 - 13 What "It's great!" is
 - 14 Rival of Bjorn
 - 15 When Earth Day is
 - 16 Domain
 - 17 Cheerful spirit
 - 18 Full of flavor
 - 19 Nixon appointee
 - 22 Paper polishers: Abbr.
 - 23 Two-finger sign
 - 24 Falls off
 - 28 Catches on
 - 30 Literary captain
 - 32 Significant time
 - 33 Test pilot's wear
 - 34 A bit
 - 35 Dwell (on)
 - 36 FDR appointee
 - 39 Bout figures
 - 41 Isn't up to par
 - 42 Does without
 - 45 Admiral assent
 - 46 Observation game
 - 47 Apartment instrument
 - 48 Mideast holy city
 - 50 Clock numeral
 - 51 Commerce Dept. stat
 - 52 Lincoln appointee
 - 56 Will, old-style
 - 59 Become rough
 - 60 Ridicule
 - 61 Much-honored architect
- DOWN
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 - 2 Gorged
 - 3 Become tedious
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 - 5 "How about that!"
 - 6 Stead
 - 7 Impolite expression
 - 8 Town square structure
 - 9 Grammy category
 - 10 Places for RNs
 - 11 Tailor's concern
 - 12 Underhanded
 - 13 Steak tartare topper
 - 20 Lloyd Webber score
 - 21 Arcade regular
 - 25 Going with regret
 - 26 Miss the mark
 - 27 Vermont harvest
 - 29 Guinness and Gielgud
 - 30 Banned for aircraft
 - 31 75-pound birds
 - 34 Do without
 - 35 Half of uni-
 - 37 Sounding stuffy
 - 38 Subject matter
 - 39 Push forcefully
 - 40 Visual discernment
 - 43 Stretchable
 - 44 AL East city
 - 46 Deadlocked
 - 47 Had through a straw
 - 49 Keys in some chains
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News in brief

Classified report on Russia, election hacking going to Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's top intelligence officials are making their most detailed and persuasive case yet to President-elect Donald Trump that Russia interfered in this year's U.S. political process.

The officials — Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, CIA Director John Brennan and FBI Director James Comey — are preparing to point to multiple motives for Moscow's alleged meddling as they brief Trump on their classified report Friday in New York. President Barack Obama received a briefing on Thursday, and a declassified version of the report is expected to be released at some point.

Since winning the election, Trump has repeatedly questioned intelligence officials' assessments that Russia was behind the hacking of the Democratic National Committee and individual Democrats like Hillary Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta.

Trump remained dubious about the assertion even on the eve of his intelligence briefing, asking how officials could be "so sure" about the hacking if they had not examined DNC servers.

"What is going on?" he wrote on Twitter.

GOP has Trump's back as he questions US intelligence

WASHINGTON (AP) — A few years ago President Barack Obama came under conservative fire for choosing, at times, to read his daily intelligence briefings, rather than receive them in-person. Republican Rep. Paul Ryan was among those piling on.

"I have a hard time comprehending that, because the primary job of the commander in chief is to keep the country safe," Ryan said in an October 2014 interview on Fox News Channel. "And you need to get from your intelligence community, your defense community — especially when we have troops in harm's way — what's going on."

Yet now, as President-elect Donald Trump refuses daily intelligence briefings, questions U.S. spy agency conclusions about Russia interfering in the 2016 presidential election, praises Russian President Vladimir Putin and appears to side with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, Ryan and other Republicans have Trump's back. Far from strongly defending the U.S. intelligence community, they're siding with the new leader of their party, even when he makes comments or takes stances that would seem anathema to the GOP.

It's a remarkable turnabout for a political party that cheered President Ronald Reagan's hard-line stance against the "evil empire" of the Soviet Union, unflinchingly supports the military and joined with European allies in blistering Putin after Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014.

Police: Beating on video began after friendly encounter

CHICAGO (AP) — The two 18-year-olds had been schoolmates, police say. After meeting at McDonald's, they spent two days together, driving around visiting friends. Then a pretend fight between them escalated into a brutal beating of a mentally disabled teenager that has stirred racial tensions and outrage after being broadcast on Facebook Live.

How the white suburban teen ended up beaten by four black people, threatened with a knife and taunted with profanities against white people and President-elect Donald Trump is among the puzzles authorities are still trying to piece together after the four were charged with hate crimes on Thursday.

The alleged attackers will make their first appear-

ance in court Friday, when they also face charges of kidnapping and battery for the assault, which was captured on cellphone video by one of the assailants and viewed by millions on social media.

"This should never have happened," said David Boyd, the victim's brother-in-law at a brief news conference in suburban Chicago. He said the victim was traumatized but doing as well as could be expected. Neal Strom, who is acting as a family spokesman, told The Associated Press that the victim has had "profound emotional and physical disabilities throughout his life." He did not elaborate.

The uproar over the beating has intensified the glare on Chicago after a bloody year of violent crime and protests against Mayor Rahm Emanuel and a police department that has been accused of brutality and hushing up wrongdoing. The department has also been the subject of a long civil-rights investigation by the Justice Department, which is expected to report its findings soon. It also stirred emotions still raw after a nasty presidential election campaign that split the nation.

Winter storm: South braces for snow, sleet and freezing rain

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — With a winter storm bearing down on the South, Stuart Hall's regular run for groceries looked like something out of the just concluded holiday shopping season.

Hall said the parking lot of the store near his home in Cary, North Carolina, is usually fairly empty when he shops so late in the week. But across the South, many were stocking up on eggs, bread, milk and other staples ahead of the storm's expected arrival late Friday amid threats of snow, sleet and freezing rain across the Southeast.

"Today, it was like mall shopping during the holidays. People going up and down the lanes looking for a spot," he said. "As I walked in, I jokingly asked if there was any food and the clerk just laughed."

Sherrill Suitt Craig went shopping at a store near her home in north Raleigh, but she had to leave for a grocer in nearby Wake Forest because her initial stop was too crowded.

"I have no idea why, but people are acting like complete jackasses when they hear that there is snow in the forecast," Craig said. "I was just doing my regular shopping."

Russia says it starts Syrian drawdown with aircraft carrier

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia announced on Friday that it is withdrawing its aircraft carrier and some other Russian warships from the waters off Syria as the first step in a drawdown of its forces in the war-torn Mideast country.

According to Russian General Staff chief Gen. Valery Gerasimov, the Admiral Kuznetsov carrier and accompanying ships are to be the first to leave.

Gerasimov was quoted as saying by the state news agency Tass that "in accordance with the decision by the supreme commander-in-chief (President) Vladimir Putin, the Defense Ministry is starting to downsize the grouping of armed forces in Syria."

Moscow has been a key supporter of President Bashar Assad's government and forces in Syria's devastating civil war.

Gerasimov did not give further details on the force reduction, which follows an order by Putin on Dec. 29.

A 3,000-year-old city wrecked by militants, left for looters

NIMRUD, Iraq (AP) — The giant winged bulls that once stood sentry at the nearly 3,000-year-old palace at Nimrud have been hacked to pieces. The

fantastical human-headed creatures were believed to guard the king from evil, but now their stone remains are piled in the dirt, victims of the Islamic State group's fervor to erase history.

The militants' fanaticism devastated one of the most important archaeological sites in the Middle East. But more than a month after the militants were driven out, Nimrud is still being ravaged, its treasures disappearing, piece by piece, imperiling any chance of eventually rebuilding it, an Associated Press team found after multiple visits last month.

With the government and military still absorbed in fighting the war against the Islamic State group in the nearby city of Mosul, the wreckage of the Assyrian Empire's ancient capital lies unprotected and vulnerable to looters.

No one is assigned to guard the sprawling site, much less catalog the fragments of ancient reliefs, chunks of cuneiform texts, pieces of statues and other rubble after IS blew up nearly every structure there. Toppled stone slabs bearing a relief from the palace wall that the AP saw on one visit were gone when journalists returned.

"When I heard about Nimrud, my heart wept before my eyes did," said Hiba Hazim Hamad, an archaeology professor in Mosul who often took her students there. "My family and neighbors came to my house to pay condolences."

Dylann Roof cold to victims, but apologized to his parents

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Before Dylann Roof was arrested for killing nine black church members, he scribbled a note to his mother, apologizing for all the repercussions his actions would cause. Weeks later, in a jailhouse journal, he wrote that he had no regrets.

The evidence, along with his manifesto, hundreds of photos and a confession to the FBI, draw a portrait of a young white man consumed by racial hatred who carefully planned the killings, picking out meek, innocent black people who likely wouldn't fight back.

Jurors who convicted Roof of hate crimes and other charges will decide whether he should be executed or face life in prison.

ROOF AND RACISM

Roof has pointed out that there was no dramatic confrontation that led him to begin hating blacks. Instead, when the Trayvon Martin case made the news, Roof went to Wikipedia to read about the black teenager who was shot to death in 2012 by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who was acquitted. That led Roof to research black on white crime and to websites that offer false statistics inflating how often those crimes happen.

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Aldridge leads Spurs to win over Nuggets

DENVER (AP) — Tony Parker likes to get his big men involved right out of the gate, just to get them in an early flow.

It worked all those years with Tim Duncan before he retired. Now it's working with LaMarcus Aldridge.

Aldridge scored 28 points, including 11 while sparking a third-quarter spurt, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Denver Nuggets 127-99 on Thursday night.

"It's great when we establish L.A. like that. Feel like he's gaining confidence," Parker said. "I don't know, it feels like the last three or four games, he's getting in a great rhythm."

Kawhi Leonard added 24 points, while Parker had 21 and a season-high nine as-

sists for the Spurs, who improved to 17-3 on the road this season. Parker shot 10 of 11 from the field.

Aldridge helped San Antonio pull away in the third quarter by knocking down a flurry of mid-range jumpers and hook shots. He has reached double figures in 30 of 33 games this season.

Parker's mission now is straightforward: Get Aldridge to shoot even more. He made 11 of 18 from the field.

"He's a great shooter, a great scorer," Parker said. "When he plays like that, it forces double-teams and makes everybody's job easier."

Nikola Jokic had 19 points and 11 rebounds for Denver, which dropped its fourth straight. The Nuggets hit their first 10 shots from the

floor, but couldn't gain any separation from the Spurs.

"They just kept scoring and got stops and we did the opposite," Wilson Chandler said.

San Antonio entered fresh off a 110-82 win over Toronto on Tuesday. It was a game in which the Spurs made the Raptors look "like a JV team," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said before Thursday's game. "They have that kind of talent. They have that chemistry. ... I just hope we rise to the challenge."

But the Nuggets couldn't match San Antonio's intensity and had no answer for all of its scoring options.

"Losses in general but losses when you feel like you're defeated, it's definitely hard to swallow," Chandler said. "We've got to figure out some

way to get out of it and it's going to be on the defensive end."

Speaking of defense, Malone called out his team's defensive intensity the other night. His message didn't appear to register.

"Some guys may be in denial and some guys may be, 'Hey, Coach is right,'" Malone said. "There's 127 points on the board. Call me a liar if you want, I look at all the numbers and when you're ranked 30th in defensive efficiency, it is what it is. Our offense has been pretty good overall, but you want to win in the league, be a competitive playoff team, you better defend."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Pau Gasol had 17 points and a team-high nine

rebounds. ... Asked what turned the game in the second half, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich simply said: "We played better. We played defense. We made shots. We didn't turn it over." ... The Spurs had 34 assists.

Nuggets: F Kenneth Faried missed the game with a sore lower back. ... F Danilo Gallinari drew a technical for arguing a call in the third quarter. ... Jokic dished out five assists. No surprise, since he's one of the top passers among centers this season. ... Denver was outrebounded by a 41-38 margin.

SORRY, GUYS

Malone apologized to his veteran players for calling them out for a lack of leadership following a loss to Sacramento on Tuesday.

SPIETH

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story to finish 72 holes in 30-under par or lower. It was dry with light wind throughout the week. This year, nearly two months of rainy weather makes has made the fairways lush. More rain this past weekend

made it so soggy that instead of balls running down the fairways, tee shots were backing up from pitch marks.

That would seem to be more suited to U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson, who will be paired with Spieth in the opening round.

Then again, length has nothing to do with why Spieth loves it here. In

his only other appearance in 2014, he was in a three-way tie for the lead going into the final round and finished one shot behind Zach Johnson.

"I think this course, a lot like Augusta National, a few other ones, with the amount of slope and uneven lies and the amount of imagination you need in ap-

proach shots and on and around the greens, it brings out more the feel side of my game," Spieth said. "More kind of the quick-twitch, reactionary-type golf that I just love playing and I feel like is my DNA, my golf DNA. So that's why I feel like I've had success."

"When your swing isn't a driving range

swing other than tee balls, I tend to hit the ball better than I do if it's just a dead-flat golf course," he said. "I don't know necessarily why. I think it's just the strength of mind to be able to adapt my swing to different lies."

Spieth has played only twice since the Ryder Cup, winning the Australian Open and tying

for sixth in the Hero World Challenge.

He's not alone. Jason Day, the world's No. 1 player, last played Sept. 23 at the Tour Championship. Dustin Johnson played only twice since the Ryder Cup.

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NFL

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or buy into it too much.

"But I think that it is not about that. I think the most important thing is just going out there and being there for your teammates and wanting to step up for your teammates and for the organization, and everybody who is working their tail off every week to go win. And you want to go out and do your part to help them get that victory."

Under the current eight-division format with 12 playoff teams that began in 2002, teams playing in wildcard games have made the Super Bowl eight times: Carolina in 2003, Pittsburgh in '05, Indianapolis in '06, the Giants in '07 and 11, Arizona in 2008, Green Bay in 2010, and Baltimore in 2012. Six of them won the title, with only the Panthers and Cardinals failing, both with last-minute losses.

From 1990-92, there were six divisions, with 12 teams still advancing to the playoffs. Yep, three wild cards per conference, meaning one NFC and one AFC division winner didn't receive a bye. In that span, only four teams

came out of the wildcard round to make the Super Bowl, all from the AFC. Buffalo (1992) and Tennessee (1999) both lost to the NFC champion. Denver (1997) and Baltimore (2000) won.

Indeed, the Titans beat the Bills in January 2000 in the Music City Miracle, and Buffalo hasn't been back to the postseason since.

One franchise that has made a habit of earning byes, of course, is New England. This is the sixth straight year the Patriots are idle for the opening weekend.

Even Tom Brady gets antsy during the bye, though.

"You always want to feel great on Sunday," Brady says. "You'd always like to practice every day, too. I think just some weeks it's about prioritization. I'd like to do everything all the time, but sometimes that's not possible just based on — practice is pretty demanding. Our practices certainly are, so sometimes if you practice it might set you back a little more than you would want."

"But everyone is dealing with different things and I think as a player you just have to try to be smart. You obviously want to practice because you want to be prepared

to play, but sometimes if you overdo it, you're not feeling as good as you want to on Sunday when you are playing. I think after 17 years I've got a pretty good balance for those things. I'm the type of person who likes to practice a lot. I've also been around long enough to know you've got to be smart, too, so it's just trying to find that right balance."

Brady can kick back this weekend while seeking that balance.



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DALLAS

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There was promise early with a strong rookie training camp and vows from Gregory that he wanted to make good on his word to Jones that he could control his issues with

marijuana. But he only made it through one season, and didn't have a sack while missing four games with an injury.

The first suspension was announced last February, and he was away from the team during training camp while in rehab. The second suspension was announced

in September, but Gregory remained with the team while serving the 14-game ban.

Under the latest suspension, Gregory can't participate in club activities and is banned from team facilities except for sessions with the person in charge of his treatment.

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