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Forsan native to march in inauguration parade

Special to the Herald

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. - Cadet 1st Class Brady Gartman of Forsan, Texas, will march in the 58th Presidential Inauguration Parade in the nation's capital today. Gartman is a graduate of Forsan High School and now a member of the Air Force Academy's Cadet Squadron 2. Gartman is one of 83 Air Force Academy cadets who will march the 1.7 mile route from the Capitol to the White House.

"I am proud to have the opportunity to attend this parade, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the individuals who risk their lives every day to keep this nation safe, particularly the many security personnel working the inauguration parade itself," said Gartman. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to both represent the Air Force Academy on a national stage and witness a historical inauguration" Academy cadets have marched in every Inauguration Parade since the 43rd Inauguration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1957. The Inauguration Parade will begin at 3 p.m and will immediately follow the swearing-in and inaugural address of the new president, which begins today at noon.



Gartman

Man jailed on charge of murdering mother

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

A death that was at first a suspected suicide has turned into an alleged case of matricide. Jason Luera, 32, of Big Spring was arrested and jailed Thursday on a murder charge in connection with the October 2016 death of his mother, Gloria

Martinez, Big Spring police announced today. Officers responding to a suicide report found Martinez's body at a residence at 707 Lorrilla in west Big Spring shortly after noon on Oct. 22, 2016. Big Spring Police Department Lt. Brian Gordon said detectives "found suspicious circumstan-

es" surrounding her death and proceeded to investigate the incident as a homicide. Luera had been living with his mother at the time of her death, "and had been considered a suspect in this horrific crime," Gordon said today. See **MURDER**, Page 13

President Donald Trump



Former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama pose with President Donald Trump and his first lady Melania at the White House in Washington, Friday, Jan. 20, 2017.

Trump's big day underway: First, church before swearing-in

By JULIE PACE
 AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump, the real estate mogul and reality television star who upended American politics and energized voters angry with Washington, will be sworn in Friday as the 45th president of the United States, putting Republicans in control of the White House for the first time in eight years. "It all begins today!" Trump tweeted at daybreak, before heading to a morning church service with his family as light rain fell. "THE MOVEMENT CONTINUES - THE WORK BEGINS!" Ebullient Trump supporters flocked to the nation's capital for

the inaugural festivities, some wearing red hats emblazoned with his "Make America Great Again" campaign slogan. But in a sign of the deep divisions Trump sowed during his combative campaign, dozens of Democratic lawmakers were boycotting the swearing-in ceremony on Capitol Hill. While Trump came to power bucking convention, he was wrapping himself in the traditional pomp and pageantry that accompany the peaceful transfer of power. From church, the president-in-waiting will head to the White House to meet President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama for tea.

The Trumps and the Obamas will travel together in the presidential limousine for the short trip to the Capitol for the noon swearing-in ceremony. Trump supporters started lining up at security checkpoints before dawn to take their places in the quadrennial rite of democracy. "I'm here for history," said Kevin Puchalski, a 24-year-old construction worker who drove from Philadelphia. "This is the first president that I voted for that won." His big hope: Trump builds that promised wall on the U.S.-Mexican border. "Keep the See **TRUMP**, Page 13

City leaders speak out about Trump

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Today, the United States once again practiced its policy of peaceful transfer of power. Former President Barack Obama has stepped down, and as of this afternoon, President Donald Trump is the 45th president of our nation. Thursday, some local leaders opened up with their thoughts about Trump and their hopes and opinions for his presidency.



McLellan

**Larry McLellan
 Mayor of Big Spring**
 What is your opinion of Donald Trump?
 "I think from a business standpoint, I think he might be good. I really don't like some of the comments

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A-F rating gets failing marks from BSISD trustees

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring ISD board of trustees unanimously passed a resolution calling for the repeal of the Texas Education Agency's proposed A-F rating system Thursday night during their regular meeting. Frustration over the new rating system, which is to take effect August 2018 for the 2017-2018 school year, was evident from several trustees and educators president during the meeting. "The Texas Legislature has enacted legislation that requires the commissioner

of education to implement a school rating system that assigns A-F scores to a district and campuses. Ours came out along with everyone else's in the state. Not very flattering," explained Big Spring ISD Superintendent Chris Wigington. "Every superintendent

I've spoke with over the last month is pretty furious over the ratings they got," he continued. "The ratings will not improve school performance whatsoever. High stakes testing is a primary source for this rating. Fifty-five See **BSISD**, Page 13



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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **AARON PAUL DELEON**, 30, of 4117 Muir St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **JOSHUA MOISES BASURTO**, 24, of 2501 W. Highway 80 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **JASON CESARIO LUERA**, 32, of 4201 W. Highway 80 Apt.

#10 was arrested on a charge of murder.

- **PHILIP SHAWN HORTON**, 38, of 1914 W. Live Oak was arrested on charges of terroristic threat/placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury, unlawfully carrying a weapon, and possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE**

was reported in the 2900 block of East Interstate 20.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of East Third Street and the 200 block of East 11th Place.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 9200 block of Kay Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of South Nolan Street.

Sheriff

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

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

- **JOSHUA MOISES BASURTO**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 46, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of service (\$100 to \$750).
- **ERIC DELFINO HINOJOSA**, 28, was booked by HCSO on motions to revoke probation for as-

sault causing bodily injury and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram); and on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

- **PHILIP SHAWN HORTON**, 38, was booked by BSPD on charges of terroristic threat/placing a person in fear of serious bodily injury, unlawfully carrying a weapon, and possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).
- **TRAVIS CLINT HULL**, 43, was booked by HCSO on a parole violation.
- **JASON CESARIO LUERA**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a

charge of murder.

- **PATRICK ROBERT PARRAS JR.**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle
- **KEVIN LEE POWELL**, 21, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
- **STEVAN VALENCIA**, 57, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **AARON BERTON VICARS**, 24, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property (\$500 to \$1,500).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6400 block of the Interstate 20 South Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2700 block of Lynn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

American Legion Post 506 will host a fish fry Saturday, Jan. 21. Delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Serving will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each. Carry out is available. For more information, contact 263-2084. American Legion Post 506 is located at 3203 W. Highway 80

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. Feb. 6 and 7 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

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

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

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

Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

Volunteer opportunities

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

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

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

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph.

Tonight: Increasing clouds. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday: Windy. Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday night: Windy. Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. West winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph.

Sunday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Monday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

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

Tuesday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Tuesday night: Colder. Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

Wednesday: Cooler. Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

AP/National Weather Service reports for Borden, Scurry, Martin, Howard, and Mitchell counties, including the cities of Gail, Snyder, 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.

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.

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SPEAK

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and criticisms he's made during the pre-election time. But I feel like it might give us a change. It might be something that's going to come back and surprise us. If he can work with the economic side, that's really what we need in this country now. And if he can control his comments, I think he could do a good job for us. It's going to be different. It's non-traditional, and I'm well aware of that, but I'm hoping that the economy will be his priority and jobs will be a top priority for him, and he can come in in that area and maybe do we haven't seen in a while."

Between the election and now, has there been anything (for example the allegations concerning Russian election tampering or Trump's cabinet picks) that have caused your opinion of him to shift?

"It seems to me that some of the ones that he has appointed, and I really haven't kept up with that much, but it seems like the things I've seen in the press, some of the people that he's appointed don't necessarily have some of the necessary skills to handle that job. I think that's one area that concerns me, his appointments. Some of them have been scrutinized, and a lot of them have issues that will create issues with the American people. That does concern me as far as their knowledge in those particular areas."

What are some hopes you have for Trump's presidency?

"I like to go back to his slogan that he used, 'Make America Great Again.' I think to do that he's got to get the unity with the American people and he's got to move in the right direction in an economic environment. And also, with the citizens, he's going to have to mend some fences there. Some of the things with the illegal aliens and with the wall. I understand we need to control our borders, but I think the way a lot of that came across, I think he's going to have to prove to the American people - especially those who were criticized in the pre-election time - that he can bring our country back together and make it great again. And that's what I would hope, that we can have a country that we don't necessarily support everything and work out the money in every situation, where we pay our share, but where we also entice our allies to come in and join us and help us do the things we need to do."

What are some fears or concerns you have about Trump's presidency?

"I would just hope that moving along after the inauguration, the main thing I would like to see is that he would be a little more palatable to the people and mend some of those areas that he has seen a lot of criticism from. If you expect to be the leader of the American people, I think you have to take all the people into consideration and I would hope that he would do that. By doing that I think we'll have a situation that is good for all the people."



Kathryn Wiseman
Howard County Judge

What is your opinion of Donald Trump?

"Like most Americans I've got reservations about his ego. I have great hopes. I think all of us, when a new president is sworn in, we have great hopes that some things will be addressed and changed. We here in West Texas were vastly disappointed over the last eight years. I am hoping that there will be some restoration and some equilibrium with this new president and he will even out and get rid of some excessive legislation that was passed during the Obama administration. The face of West Texas was changed by decisions that the Obama administration made. We have great hopes here that Trump is our candidate and because he is a Republican, with a Republican House and a Republican Senate, he will be able to undo and restore things and bring things to a more equal, fair, representation than we've had in the past."

As a woman, did the allegations of sexism against Trump during the election affect your opinion of him?

him?

"I really hate to say it, but I'm from West Texas; he sounded like a West Texas boy to me. And I didn't take a thing that he said personally. I think it was all braggadocious."

Between the election and now, has there been anything (for example the allegations concerning Russian election tampering or Trump's cabinet picks) that have caused your opinion of him to shift?

"Let's talk about local. Before Trump was elected, we were told that it was almost a surety that GEO would close here in Big Spring, Texas. We have five prisons; four of them are GEO prisons. We were told to expect that all of them would close. We were told that the state of Texas would be allowed 3,600 beds in the whole state. We almost have 3,600 beds right here in Howard County, so that was a great blow to our economy and a great worry to us as a taxing entity. Already there is a reversal there, and we're still not sure what will happen, but the pressure and the great worry has been relieved. I don't think they're going to go through with that, so locally there has already been an impact. The other local impact is the oil business. Suddenly we see the price of oil inching up. We are hoping that there won't be a boom. We are hoping that it will steadily increase to not more than \$60 a barrel. Because if it does, that will insure a slow and steady growth for Howard County and the oil-based businesses here in Howard County."

What are some fears or concerns you have about Trump's presidency?

"Let me flip it around. One of the things I'm very grateful for...because of his attitude and his quick responses, he has put other nations on notice that they cannot anticipate and predict how he is going to react to any of their overt actions against the United States. And I think that's very good."



Harbour

Carmen Harbour
Big Spring City Councilperson,
District 2

What is your opinion of Donald Trump?

"My opinion of him was that I really didn't like Mr. Trump. He was very vocal. I think he is good in some areas. I do have some fears about his presidency and his speech, a lot of negatives. Actually, I think that a lot of society has put him in the position where a lot of negatives have appeared in the media. But I think he has already put in motion a lot of things and I think he is really going to work at making the United States better. Honestly, I think that every president has made mistakes, and it has taken all of our presidents to get us out of the position that the United States of America has been in; years to get us back in shape. He's had some good ideas, he's had some good policies set in place. I think it's going to be good. We'll just have to wait and see how he implements it, and then setting up his cabinet and the people that he's got doing his work for him. The fears that I have is with Russia. That's scary. And some of the things that he's said to the people, and some of the negativism that he's already caused, that will hurt him. I think people that don't like him have really caused a lot of that, but I think he'll do some good. I don't want to say anything really negative about him, but I think he's already done some positive things, started the wheels in motion."

As a woman, did the allegations of sexism against Trump during the election affect your opinion of him?

"Before the election, yes, it kind of offended me at the beginning. But you know how it is, whenever politics goes on, the opponent tries to find something dirty. Dirty politics. The negativism, the negative always tends to come out of the woodwork. A lot of it was just way out there. I really don't think so. It could have happened a long time ago. He's very vocal like I said, very opinionated, but a lot of that stuff I thought was just very outrageous. He could have meant it, he

could have not meant it. I didn't take it personally as a woman. If these women were so offended by what he said back then, why wait so long to bring it up? I think they were just trying to damage him and get women to not vote for him. I am a strong woman, and I think if someone had said something to offend me, I would have brought it up back then and not waited so long."

Between the election and now, has there been anything (for example the allegations concerning Russian election tampering or Trump's cabinet picks) that have caused your opinion of him to shift?

"The one about Russia kind of has. I really don't know what his relationship with Putin has been. That's one of my fears too because I don't know what's been going on with that. That is one of my fears, one of my concerns. But other than that, the cabinet, no. I think that will work itself out. I think it will be a positive thing."

What are some hopes you have for Trump's presidency?

"The Obamacare system, which I believe is going to be one of the first things that he and his vice president do, I think that's going to be a positive thing. One thing I wanted to comment on, the wall, being Hispanic. I think we need to educate our people and let them know, that, my personal opinion, I don't think it's directed at all Mexicans. To let them know it's for illegal aliens that are here in the states illegally. He's not directing it at all Mexicans, and I'm not just talking about all Mexicans. I'm talking about all illegals. A lot of people are taking that out of context and saying 'It's all about the Mexicans.' They're all up in arms and all against it. My opinion there again is that I don't think he's directing it at all Mexicans."

What are some fears or concerns you have about Trump's presidency?

"As a public official, my main concern would be the safety of our community and our people. I wouldn't be so quick to put them in harm's way. I would hope that he would get advice from congress or his advisors before he would push the button."



Farquhar

Ron Farquhar
Howard County Republican
Party Chairman

What is your opinion of Donald Trump?

"He's a little crude, but he's not a career politician. He's learning. He's improving his presentations, but certainly he's to the root of our problems. Our cities are no longer flourishing, they're full of crime, the factories have all moved overseas. Just wanting to get our jobs back in the United States is, I think, most critical to the future of this country."

Between the election

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Jimmy Matheny, 79, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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(Psalm 91:4)

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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."
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(Joel 2:23)

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Did you ever wonder? Early Judges

After Joshua's death the tribe of Judah stepped up and began their role as God's appointed leader of the Israelites. Their assigned territory was the mountainous area east of the Jordan River. And God was with them; they conquered many city-states in their assigned territory. They conquered Jerusalem; they put the city to the sword and set fire to it. But they left it desolate; they did not inhabit it.

In most of the city-states they annihilated the Canaanites. But for one city they had mercy on God's enemies. They should have put them all to the sword as God ordered. Instead, when they captured this king, they cut off his thumbs and big toes.

This mutilation was the accepted punishment in the Canaanite society. A man with any physical imperfection could no longer be king. And, if he could not run or handle a weapon, he was no threat as a soldier.

The tribe of Benjamin was assigned the plains between the Mediterranean Sea and the hill country. But the five Philistine cities of the plains had chariots with iron-rimmed wheels. The Benjamites did not destroy them as God had commanded, and they

made a treaty with the Philistines.

God had specifically ordered the Israelites not to make a treaty with the Canaanites. As long as the Israelites honored God's instructions, He fought their battles and they were victorious.

Although God was with them, the Israelites lacked the faith and dedication to carry out His instructions. All the tribes fell short. With His help they overpowered the Canaanites, but they were content to impress the Canaanites into slave labor and allow them to live in God's land.

The angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal where the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant rested. He told the Israelites that they had broken their covenant with Him and He would no longer be with them. "Now therefore I tell you that I will not drive them out before you; they will be thorns in your side and their gods will be a snare to you." (Judges 2:3)

The next generation grew up without knowing God Almighty and they worshipped the idols of the Canaanites. "In His anger against Israel, the Lord turned them over to raiders who plundered them." (Judges 2:14)

Each time the Israelites experienced slavery and cried out to the Lord, He forgave them. He raised up a Judge to lead them back to serving God.

One of the Judges God raised up was Othniel, Caleb's younger brother. And the land had peace for

forty years.

Again the Israelites turned away from the Lord and the Lord God brought the Moabites, Ammonites and Amalekites against Israel. The Israelites were subjugated for eighteen years. When they cried out to the Lord, He raised up a deliverer - Ehud, a left-handed Benjamite to lead them.

Ehud made a double-edged sword a foot and a half long. He strapped it to his right thigh where it was hidden by his clothing.

The Israelites prepared a tribute for Ehud to present to the Moabite king, Eglon.

King Eglon was a very fat man. While they were alone in the king's private chambers, Ehud stabbed the king and the dagger went in so deep that the fat even enveloped the handle.

Ehud escaped and led the Israelites in the slaughter of ten thousand Moabite soldiers. The land had peace for eighty years!

The next judge over Israel was Shamgar, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad. This is a long wooden rod that possibly had a metal spike in the end.

And again the land had peace.

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



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Church News

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

At the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane

Sunday:
Bible Study - 9:00 am (Abortion)
Morning Worship - 10:00 am (Wrath)
Evening Worship - 5:00 pm (Church Leadership)

Wednesday:
Ladies Class - 9:30 am
Singing & Devo - 7:00 pm

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 am or 2:00 pm. Choose the service time that fits your schedule, and praise and celebrate 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

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Radical! It means being different from the usual or traditional. Sunday, January 22nd- Join us at our 10:30 a.m. worship service as we seek to discover what it truly means to be radical. Find out how YOUR life is impacted when you become radical in your prayer, radical in your praise, and radical in your generosity. 2017 is going to be a year of seeking and discovering just how radical we can be in our love, faith and worship for Jesus Christ. We look forward to both sharing God's amazing word with you, and getting to know YOU better. Let's get

Radical in 2017!

Sunday, January 22nd -Marriage Enrichment Sunday school class is postponed while upgrades are being completed.

Monday, February 13th-Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry- All ladies are welcome! We will be gathering 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 432-935-1257

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, that cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432.264.0015 or email us Info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Baptist Church

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!" declares Psalm 150:6.

The people of First Baptist Church ask you to join them in thanking and praising God for His unending love and unfathomable mercy and grace. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:50, and Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the sermon titled "Know the Word". Drawn from Ephesians 6:10-17, this compelling Scripture passage instructs each listener how to be prepared for life's battles. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of contemporary and classic tunes.

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

Bible fellowship groups meet at 9:30 in classrooms throughout the building. Children gather on the

first floor, while youth, college students, and adults are on the second floor. Greeters are available to help you find your class; come early to enjoy a time visiting with both old and new friends.

All area children are invited to Kids Connection at 5:30. This is a fun time of Bible based games and activities. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for additional information.

Teens are encouraged to gather at the home of the Raffini's at 6 pm. A light meal will be served, followed by a time of fellowship and prayer. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details or if you need transportation.

Also at 6 p.m., evening worship service is held in the chapel. Enjoy this special time of coming before the LORD in preparation for the upcoming week.

Area ladies are invited to attend Bible Study Monday mornings at 10. The group is using Beth Moore's study "Entrusted"; workbooks are 13.00. Bring a friend, enter through the west doors, and turn right to room 201.

Upward Basketball games are underway, and offer a special oppor-

tunity to express Christ's love by cheering on the players and all participants. Call 267-8223 for game schedules and locations.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and includes: Adult Bible Study and prayer time, Adult worship choir practice, Real LYF for children, and Saturate Youth for teens. Details are also available on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There's always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church would like to welcome new and old members to join them for worship. They begin each Sunday with fellowship at 9:15 a.m. enjoying coffee, donuts and conversation. Sunday school soon follows at 9:45 in the Parlor for those wishing to participate. Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, January 22, 2017 our guest minister will be Rev. Joel Miller. Assisting Rev. Miller in worship will be Shirley Burgess as Liturgist, serving at the Lord's table will be Erma Dunne and Dan Miracle. Greeter will be Dolores LeVier and always remembering the Homebound, Loretta Farquhar. Choir Director, Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault are busily preparing the music that will enhance worship and delight all those in attendance.

A reminder to all board members, this Sunday is Board Meeting, which will meet directly after worship in the Parlor. All members available are encouraged to attend.

Looking ahead, on January 29th, First Christian Church is pleased to have as a guest minister, Pastor Sandy Sandlin. Everyone is welcome to join on this special occasion.

If you have any questions regarding services or any goings on, please call the office at 432-517-4821. First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St, Big Spring.

First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, will meet at 5:00 p.m. and the Chancel Choir will rehearse at 6:00 p.m. This week the Session meets on Thursday, January 19 (a changed from the regular Tuesday meeting), at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

The Children's Choir practice is at 5:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Also on Sunday, the Youth has the following schedule: dinner, 6:00; handbells, 6:30; and group meeting, 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting of Presbyterian Women is Tuesday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the church library. Katie Grimes will lead the Bible study on Lesson 4 in the study book.

Susan Wilson is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for Sunday, January 29. All committee chairs are asked to turn in annual reports the week before that date.

The lectionary for the Third Sunday after Epiphany is Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the Introit "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" by Eric Routley and present the anthem "Breath of God Medley" with trumpet solo by Donovan Salinas. The offertory will be an organ solo "Dialogue de Flutes pour L'Elevation" by Nicolas de Grigny. Rev. Jim Longstreet, retired Presbyterian minister, will present the sermon in the absence of the pastor.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website,

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Reflections: Teachable moments

A few summers ago, my wife and I had the privilege of keeping our grandchildren for a few weeks in Montana. They were 8, 10 and 11. We normally saw them for a few days two or three times a year. I felt like Santa Claus, showering them with presents every time we saw them, then disappearing. We weren't part of their daily lives. So we were excited to have a few weeks with them and looking forward to meaningful conversations.

We enrolled them in Vacation Bible School in a church in Billings. They weren't excited about Vacation Bible School, but they agreed to give it a try. They loved it. On the second day, my wife was doling out one dollar bills to each of them and instructing them to place the dollar in the offering. Our 11-year-old granddaughter refused to accept the dollar. "I am going to give my own," she said, a dollar she had earned the week before. "Your offering will have a special blessing," I told her, "because it is your own gift and it costs you something." I then told her about the poor widow who gave two small coins. "She has given more than all the rest of them," Jesus said, "because she gave all that she had." When I let them out, she bounced into church clutching her dollar a little more tightly and beaming a little more brightly.

The third day I picked them up from VBS and my 10-year-old grandson asked, "Granddaddy, what is a prostitute?" I hesitated a moment, a little stunned by the question. Then I told him, "A prostitute is a woman who has sex with men for money. Why do you ask?" He replied, "I saw a billboard that said,



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'Before meth I had a daughter. Now I have a prostitute.' What does that mean?" (He was one of those kids that reads everything.) I told him, "That means that someone had a daughter they loved very much who became addicted to drugs and started having sex with men for money so she could buy more drugs. It is a very bad thing."

My 8-year old, wanting to be part of the conversation asked, "What does all THAT mean, granddaddy?" I was saved by his older brother who turned to him and said, "Don't ask. It's inappropriate information for us children."

Teachable moments come when they will. We cannot predict them. It is kind of like playing baseball. You never know when the ball might be hit your way. You just have to always be ready to respond in the best way you know how.

Jesus was the master of using the teachable moment with His followers. Once a group of men brought a woman to Him who had been caught in the act of adultery. They stood ready to stone her according to the Law of Moses, but Jesus wrote something in the dirt beside her and challenged them. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." One by one they dropped their stones and left. When all were gone Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more."

Life is filled with teachable moments when God wants to teach us a better way and help us teach our children and grandchildren.

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

With what judgement

One of my pet peeves (for anyone younger than 40, that means some-thing that bugs you) was that other people didn't always do things the way I would do them. Back in school, my best friend would intentionally move things around on my desk, bend one of the pages in my book, or make a small, stray mark on my paper because he knew that it irritated me - that's what friends are for, right?

As I've grown and hopefully matured, I try to consider that things don't also have to be done my way. That was a hard lesson for me to learn after becoming a parent. I would get frustrated with my young child when they wouldn't do something exactly the way I, their adult parent, would do it.

In the sermon on the mount in Matthew (chapters 5-7), Jesus teaches that those who would be pleasing to God will have a certain attitude, focus, and perspective. He also teaches that godly people will follow and obey what God says and not add anything to it. That is why he makes the distinction six times in Matthew 5 between what the people had heard and what God's law actually taught.

In chapter six, he teaches that why we worship and serve God is as important as our acts of worship and service. Our focus should not be on this life alone, but rather what awaits us when this life is over. He reaches the climax of the sermon in 6:33 by telling everyone to first and foremost seek the kingdom of God and to seek God's righteousness.

Hopefully that has clicked in your mind. Everyone must come to a knowledge of God and his will. We each must understand what must be done to accept God's grace. But even then, as a child of God, I must not let my life become my own standard of faith and obedience. It is easy to look

at others and get frustrated because they aren't doing things the way I would or did.

Matthew 7:1-5, Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye (ESV).

Are there things that are right and things that are wrong? Yes. Are there judgments that need to be made? Absolutely. Jesus teaches that God's word is the standard that we should all follow. He also tells us that our attitude towards one another is important. Everyone who has obeyed the gospel, putting their trust in God and in Christ (John 3:16) and being baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27), is not at the same level of spiritual maturity.

We must use the right standard in judgment (John 7:24) and we must apply it to ourselves first. We must also have an attitude of love and compassion for others. I want mercy from God, therefore I should show mercy to others. We can help each other follow God's commands through our own obedience and through loving encouragement.

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

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you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

Forsan Baptist Church

The message series through the Book of Ephesians continues this Sunday. The series title is Called to Purity, and the message this week comes from Ephesians 1:13-14.

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, January 28.

Men's Breakfast will take place on February 4 at 9:00 a.m. at Crispy's Café.

The Sunday evening study series is called The Names of God, which 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 4:00, a meal for youth at 5:30 and classes for youth and adults beginning at 6:00.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Wednesday services begin at 6:00 P.M. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Midway Baptist Church

Sunday, January 29 there will be a 5th Sunday Singing. Everyone is invited to join us for a time of food and fellowship. The service begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish and join us for a wonderful

time of fellowship.

The Midway Baptist Church Women's Prayer and Share Group meets every Monday from 9:30am-10:30am in the Church Fellowship Hall. Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 South Service Road in Sand Springs. We have fellowship and Bible study programs. Refreshments are provided and children are welcome. For more information call (432)263-6274.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Please join us for United Night of Worship on January 29th at 6:00 pm at the City Auditorium. Several churches from the area are involved and it is always an amazing way to worship.

Our next Men's Warrior Weekend is scheduled for March 31st -April 2nd. The cost is \$30. Contact Michael McGuffey for more information.

We are starting a Food Pasty Ministry. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kay Pitman.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

"Let the Morning Bring", a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by

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Winters at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Big Spring at Snyder, 7:30 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Winters at Forsan, 8 p.m.

Swimming
Big Spring at District meet, Andrews.

SATURDAY

Swimming
Big Spring at District meet, Andrews.

Powerlifting
Big Spring at Colorado City meet.

MONDAY

Women's basketball
Howard College at Odesa College, 5:45 p.m.

Above it all



Howard College's Srdjan Budimir (3) pulls down a rebound during the Hawks' game vs. South Plains College Thursday night in Levelland. Top-ranked SPC defeated the Hawks, 93-72. South Plains also won the women's game by a 60-54 score.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

NFL's Final Four vie for spot in Super Bowl

Leaky pass defenses, to be tested when Packer, Falcons meet for NFC crown

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers' blueprint to slow down Atlanta in the NFC championship game focuses on turning the high-octane Falcons into a one-dimensional offense.

It sounds simple enough. But this plan could be tough to execute for the Packers with their injury issues in the secondary. It's tough enough to contain All-Pro Matt Ryan and Julio Jones with a healthy defense.

Linebacker Clay Matthews is eager to take on the next test when the Packers visit the Georgia Dome on Sunday.

"I think that's easier said than done. But that's ultimately what we strive for each and every week," Matthews said about slowing down Atlanta's fifth-ranked rushing attack to create favorable pass-rushing situations. "It's about stopping the run and getting after the quarterback."

The Falcons' own league pass defense will also be stressed.

Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers has been nearly unstoppable of late, with 21 touchdown passes and one interception over an eight-game winning

streak that stretches back to the regular season.

"We love a challenge," Falcons cornerback Robert Alford said when asked if he was insulted by predictions of a high-scoring game.

But the conditions do seem ripe for a shoot out, just like when Atlanta beat Green Bay 33-32 in Week 8. The Packers were ranked 31st out of 32 teams in the regular season in pass defense (269.3 yards per game); the Falcons were 28th (266.7 yards) in the league.

Rush just three or four defenders against Rodgers and he can make quick, accurate throws to keep the chains moving, or look for creases to run for a first down. Blitz Rodgers and he can extend plays outside the pocket.

This is part of what makes Rodgers elite, Atlanta cornerback Jalen Collins said.

"Just his ability to get out the pocket once a play breaks down and make plays with his feet, whether it be finding an open guy down the field or scrambling for a few yards or a first down," Collins said.



Respect abounds between Steelers, Patriots in run-up to AFC championship game

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — There are few things that Bill Belichick respects more than history in the NFL.

And few teams elicit as much praise from the Patriots coach as the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Part of it is the reverence that Belichick holds for the way Steelers founder Art Rooney and his family has operated a franchise that's remained among the league's best, winning multiple Super Bowl titles more than 30 years apart. It is a model emulated when Robert Kraft bought the Patriots in 1994 and six years later hired Belichick, who has nurtured a "Patriots Way" that has helped bring four Lombardi trophies to New England.

Those histories will collide when two of the most successful programs of the 2000s meet in Sunday's AFC championship game.

"They've been tough to deal with going all the way back to coach (Chuck) Noll in the '70s," Belichick said. "They were pretty consistently tough to deal with through that entire period of time, which has been all of my

years in the league."

Either New England or Pittsburgh has been a part of nine of the 17 Super Bowls since 2000, winning six championships between them.

"They have a lot of wins over there," said Patriots receiver Julian Edelman.

"It's interesting but respect for the Steelers. I went to school in Steelers Country over in Kent State. Half the school was in a Steelers jersey. I've known about that whole faithful for a while now."

But for all their individual successes, the teams have met only four times in the playoffs. The Patriots, having won three of those matchups, including the last two in the AFC title games in 2005 and 2002 at Heinz Field.

Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has been a part of both of the Steelers' recent championships, but the 34-year-old's only playoff meeting with the Patriots was the 2005 loss when he was a rookie.

He has spoken often about his respect for the Patriots and Tom Brady, which included him requesting a jersey from Brady prior to Pittsburgh's loss to New England back in October.



Spurs overcome injury to Gasol to defeat Nuggets

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs got a glimpse of their future and it was both encouraging and daunting.

Kawhi Leonard scored 34 points, rookie Dejounte Murray added a season-high 24 and the short-handed Spurs overcame a pregame injury to Pau Gasol in beating the Denver Nuggets 118-104 on Thursday night.

Denver's three-game winning streak was snapped despite a career-high 35 points from Nikola Jokic.

Leonard had his fifth straight 30-point performance, right after learning he was elected to start for the Western Conference in the All-Star Game for the second consecutive season.

"I'm just happy that my hard work is paying off," Leonard said. "It's just another stepping point to my career and hopefully I can keep going from there."

Murray demonstrated his potential, playing a career-high 34 minutes in place of ailing point guard Tony Parker. But the Spurs' immediate future is uncertain without Gasol, their starting center.

"We're going to have it looked at tomorrow, but he's going to be out for a while," coach Gregg Popovich said.

Gasol broke the ring finger on his left (non-shooting) hand when he jammed it against Kyle Anderson's shoulder while attempting a running hook during pregame warmups. The 16-year

NBA veteran immediately clutched his hand and left the court.

X-rays revealed the break, and the Spurs said they should have a better idea how long Gasol will be out following additional tests Friday.

The Spurs were also unexpectedly without Parker and then Popovich. Gasol and Parker were both late scratches due to injury, and Popovich was ejected.

"I thought the biggest thing was find a way to get a win without Tony and Pau," forward David Lee said. "Just sticking to the game plan. One of the strengths of this team is depth, so we just tried to step up and play the same way."

Lee had 10 points and 16

rebounds while starting in place of Gasol. Murray attempted to take one of Lee's rebounds away, but the veteran glared at the rookie.

"The guy gets every shot and then he's trying to take all the rebounds, too," Lee said, smiling. "I was like, 'Come on, rook, know your place.' He played an unbelievable game tonight."

Parker sat out with a sprained left foot. The 6-foot-5 Murray responded by shooting 7 for 11, including 3 of 5 on 3-pointers.

"I felt like I had a rhythm the whole game," he said. "I was confident even before he told me I was going to start."

Popovich did not get to see the Spurs improve to 15-2 at home since Nov. 11 after

picking up his fifth and sixth technical fouls. Zach Zarba ejected Popovich with 1:36 remaining in the first half after he became incensed over a foul called on Davis Bertans against Jokic.

Minutes earlier, Popovich was upset over a non-call for Bertans.

TIP-INS

Spurs' Gasol missed his first game due to injury this season. He sat out two games for rest. He is averaging 11.7 points and 7.9 rebounds in 39 games. ... Parker has missed eight games this season, including two for rest. He missed three games with a sore right knee, one due to a bruised left quadriceps and another because of a bruised left knee.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Title 3 and 11 of the Natural Resources Code; Texas Civil Statutes, Article 6053-3; and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Estate of Weldon K. McAdams, Jr. c/o Peggy McAdams 206 Heaton Big Spring, Texas 79720

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



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reflect. Sound echoes. You shine back at your love with distortions lovely and confusing, glints of sparkle and fading sunshade. It's not an accurate representation but a personal one -- the only kind a (SET ITAL) person (END ITAL) can give.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Why things end up where they do is a question you constantly have going in your mind today, partly because you don't want what you're working on to end up in the same way. You'll find out then plot your course differently.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The great prizes of the day are connected with your home and all that means to you. There's a spirit you cultivate there, and it's very much alive and generating energy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People will receive your creative output in a variety of ways, some that may please you, some that may offend. You really have no control over it. As a creative person, your job is to create and let go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The part of your mind that's wrapped up in an endless, nagging to-do list is really bogging you down. Bottom line, if it can't be scheduled, it won't be done. Either put it on the calendar or cross it off and forget it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll find a new affinity for a relationship, interest or object you possess. It's like finding treasure in your own pocket. The feeling of wealth costs nothing to you. Sweet felicity!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will alternate between producing beautiful work and admiring the beautiful work of others. These tones are both so enjoyable and becoming on you. This is a good day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being too comfortable is disempowering. Agitation can be a favorable condition. Go deeper into your agitation. Let it move you to make a difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). First place, second place -- it's nice to get

a medal, but really what matters more is doing the best you can with what you have. It's better to feel progress and not place than to win first place without feeling progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's fine luck that you are not tempted by the same things that others in your group find irresistible. You will help the others focus and stick to what's positive and productive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As you bring order and tidiness to your home, you confront yourself, remember details of life, decide who you want to be, see who you are, and (bonus!) get a clean place to operate from.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 20). Inside you there are many places you haven't gone yet. The potential is shimmering, though you'll have a lot of self-control in this regard so the year will gently unfold for you. Relationships are your ticket to new lands inside and out. Financial rewards are best in February, April

and July. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 29, 33, 10, 4 and 32.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: The person you see regularly has a better chance at winning your heart than that intermittent, charismatic someone. **TAURUS:** You have your own built-in happiness, and the one you choose appreciates this. **GEMINI:** You'll be judged by your group, except by the one who knows you as an individual above all. **CANCER:** Love is not a contest, and the lover who makes it so might win at winning but will lose at love. **LEO:** Your unique and interesting goals will shape conversations and ultimately dictate whom you know. **VIRGO:** If you feel it but you mess it up, you're still good. Canned and perfect is a turnoff. **LIBRA:** No one has to tell you twice: You'll receive all the messages (especially the nonverbal ones) the first time. **SCORPIO:** Sincerity is a quality that comes in part from paying attention

and sharing the moment. **SAGITTARIUS:** Make some social goals. Why should this part of your life be any different? **CAPRICORN:** When you treat people as individuals, the role they are playing matters a lot less. **AQUARIUS:** When you really like a person it's easier to really like people in general. **PISCES:** Don't seek perfection, it sucks all the life out of things. Love is perfectly imperfect.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aquarius is an air sign, and Scorpio is a water sign. And these two in particular have such different styles of loving that it's hard to tell where they're going to meet up, but meet up, they will! They'll meet in words and in thoughts. They'll meet in places -- the heart being the most memorable, requiring the shortest trip. And they will meet in agreements about what happens next...

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Early Degrees of Aquarius

Have you ever been relieved by and comforted inside the feeling of belonging? Have you ever wished that you belonged to no one? Have you ever wanted to be claimed by everyone? As we move through the early stages of the Aquarius sun, social standards and moods will shift along with our needs and loyalties. **ARIES (March 21-April 19).** To develop a crush on someone who is unreachable, unknown or very distant is more or less common. To develop a crush on someone you're already in a committed relationship with is love at its finest. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Colors

Annie's Mailbox

Show Me the Money

Dear Annie: I have been dating this girl, "Laura," for about two months. Things are going extremely well. She's kind, funny, intelligent -- all the things I look for in a woman. But we've been on many, many dates, and she's only offered to pay once. I am happy to pay, and I want to -- she's a special girl, so I feel fortunate to have the pleasure of her company, and I really do care for her -- but I'm in law school right

now, and my well doesn't run that deep. I've tried to drop hints here and there -- suggesting we go to a more casual restaurant instead of the one with the tablecloth, hit the matinee rather than the movie at the Saturday date-night hour, etc. -- and she's always down for the change of plans, but she doesn't seem to get it. I don't know whether she's just that clueless or she actually has that expectation (and will continue to have it for as long as we're together). There's also a twinge

of feeling as if she's ungrateful for what I do, which I don't want to grow. What's the best way to proceed? -- I Ain't No Mr. Moneybags
Dear Mr.: Generally, I think whoever does the asking should do the paying. So if your partner's favorite restaurant is a ritzy, three-dollar-sign steakhouse downtown, by all means, she can take you. But she can't propose the idea and then expect you to foot the whole bill. Seeing as how this is bothering you, it seems to be a red flag that she hasn't been offering to pay.

Try raising your budgetary concerns in a friendly way, and keep the focus positive. Good on you for being generous these past two months. Chivalry is alive and kicking.
Dear Annie: I'm writing not with a solution for "Tired in Tulsa" but about her comment about being tired all the time since the birth of her baby. I want to encourage all people, especially women, to take better care of themselves. I was exhausted and tired while raising my children and working full time. I wish now I had not expected myself to do it all. I would have been a

better person, parent and wife if I had done something to reduce my workload either at work or at home. And I might be feeling better now in my 60s if I'd taken better care of myself. And I wouldn't be looking back with regret at how I treated the people around me because I was tired and cranky. I realize it may not always be economically possible, but many of us could do well with less. I think my family and I would have been better off with less money if it had meant I was in a better state of mind after taking care of myself.

So my advice to everyone is to do the best you can to get enough rest, exercise and good food and take care of your emotional needs. It's not selfish, because it does benefit everyone around you. -- Wishing I Had Taken Better Care
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	?	

What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠KQ85♥742♦9642♣A9
- ♠AQ972♥106♦87♣KJ42
- ♠KJ984♥K95♦A96♣72
- ♠AQ85♥J8♦KQ105♣J65
- ♠KQ965♥10♦632♣AQ84

- Two hearts.** All you can do for the moment is show a preference for partner's first suit. Partner's actual strength is unknown -- he might have a minimum opening bid or extra values not yet disclosed. Two hearts shows willingness to stop at a partscore and therefore implies that your first response was based on fairly minimum values. If partner next bids three hearts, however, you should happily carry on to four, since you have more than your first two bids have shown.
- Three clubs.** This invites partner to go on to game with more than a minimum opening, but he is, of course, not forced to bid again. In

this sequence, three clubs indicates about nine to 11 points.

- Three hearts.** It would be wrong to bid only two hearts, which would represent a much weaker hand, as in the first problem. Counting the heart fit, your doubleton club and 11 high-card points, you have enough to make a strong invitation to game. So you jump-raise rather than give partner a simple preference in hearts.
- Three notrump.** With 13 high-card points opposite an opening bid, you must undertake game, and it is likewise clear that the best chance for game lies in notrump. There is not much point to bidding two diamonds, even though this would be a forcing bid. It would suggest a more distributional hand rather than the notrump type of hand you have.
- Four clubs.** Game is highly likely, and even a slam is not out of the question. Though you have only 11 high-card points, your distributional features easily justify the invitational jump to four. While three notrump could prove to be a feasible contract, there is no way of reaching a notrump game without sacrificing the advantages of the jump-raise.

Tomorrow: Try the impossible.
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BIG SPRING LITTLE LEAGUE

Big Spring Little League will hold signups for 2017 season on Saturday, January 14th from 10AM - 3 PM at the Springtown Mall. Signups will also be held on Saturday, January 21st from 10 - 3 and Monday - Friday January 23 - 27 from 5:30 PM - 7PM with the final day being Saturday, January 28th from 10-3. Ages 4 -16 can play. Cost is \$90 a child and a birth certificate is required. For more information contact Robert Smith at (432) 816-8161 or Corey Wood at (432) 213-0427.

TRUMP

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illegals out," he said.

Protesters, too, were out early, some trying to block inaugural visitors from passing through security checkpoints, some wearing orange jumpsuits with black hoods over their faces. Police in riot gear were out in force.

Eleanor Goldfield, who helped organize the Disrupt J20 protest, said demonstrators hope to show they will not be silent throughout Trump's presidency. She called Trump supporters "misguided, misinformed or just plain dangerous."

Trump aides said the president-elect had been personally invested in crafting his inaugural address, a relatively brief 20-minute speech that is expected to center on his vision for what it means to be an American. Spokesman Sean Spicer said the address would be "less of an agenda and more of a philosophical document."

Trump has pledged to upend some of Obama's major domestic and national security policies, including repealing his signature health care law and building a wall along the entire

U.S.-Mexico border. But he's offered few details of how he plans to accomplish his agenda, often sending contradictory signals.

The three days of inaugural festivities kicked off Thursday. Trump left his Trump-branded jet in New York and flew to Washington in a government plane, saluting an Air Force officer as he descended the steps with his wife, Melania. He and the incoming vice president, Mike Pence, solemnly laid a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery before joining supporters for an evening concert at the Lincoln Memorial.

Trump's son, Don Jr., told MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that as the various festivities got underway, "the magnitude of it all" was at last sinking in.

MURDER

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He was interviewed by detectives multiple times. During the most recent session with officers Thursday, Luera confessed to the murder, Gordon said.

Luera already faces several felony charges. He was originally arrested on Dec. 9, 2016 on a parole violation warrant stemming from a 2008 conviction for indecency with a child/sexual contact. Later in December, a Howard County grand jury indicted him on two felony charges, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

He has been in custody at the Howard County Law Enforcement Center since then in lieu of bonds totaling \$100,000. No bond has been set on the parole violation warrant.

Howard County Justice of the Peace Bennie Green set bond for Luera at \$250,000 for the murder charge.

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BSISD

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percent of that rating comes off one day or a few days of testing. It gives our community and people a false impression about our students. It gives them a false impression about our schools and ignores the strength of our schools and ultimately reduces the worth of our students."

Big Spring ISD received Fs in both Student Achievement and Closing the Performance Gaps, a C in Student Progress, and a D in Post Secondary Readiness. Coahoma ISD did not fair much better.

Coahoma received a D in Student Achievement, Fs in Student Progress and Closing the Performance, and an A in Post Secondary Readiness.

Forsan, whose district has done very well under previous accountability ratings, received three Bs — Student Achievement, Closing the Performance Gaps, and Post Secondary Readiness — and a C for Student Progress.

The ratings were released a couple of weeks ago as part of a work-in-progress full report TEA was legally required to present to the state legislature. The ratings were based on only four of the five areas or domains that are used to judge a district and campus academic performance based on data and testing scores from the 2015-2016 school year.

He pronounced his father "ready to take office."

"We're going to unify our country," Trump said at the close of the two-hour concert featuring country star Toby Keith, soul's Sam Moore and The Piano Guys. But not singer Jennifer Holliday:

She backed out after an outcry from Trump critics.

With rain a possibility, the National Park Service announced that it was easing its "no umbrella" policy for Friday, allowing collapsible um-

er of Education Mike Morath noted the "met standards" and "need improvement" system is still the official accountability rating system for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school year.

Wigington fought back against the new rating system calling it "not meaningful whatsoever."

"What we should be focusing on in public education is a meaningful education system," Wigington said. "Our state's future relies on a system that helps us to help kids and this does not do that."

Wigington pointed out the system has several inconsistencies. "One of the districts in our area, and I will not say who, had three Fs and an A and the A was in College Readiness, Domain 4," Wigington said. "Domain I is passing the test. And of three things (Domain I - Student Achievement; Domain II - Student Progress; Domain III - Closing the Performance Gaps) they failed but the kids are ready for college. The system does not make sense."

Big Spring trustees joined Forsan ISD and Coahoma ISD, whose boards also signed similar resolutions.

"Teachers are tired of being beat down," Wigington said followed by vocal yeses from the audience of mostly school district educators. "Teachers, principals, administrators, and school districts are tired of being beat down and the only way we are going to get this thing changed is to get parents involved and teachers come together as a group. If we can get all the teachers in the state of Texas to come together that is

brellas along the parade route and on the National Mall.

The nation's soon-to-be president joked about the chance of a downpour. "That's OK," Trump told campaign donors at an event Thursday night, "because people will realize it's my real hair."

"Might be a mess, but they're going to see that it's my real hair," he said.

Whatever the weather, Trump supporters were looking ahead to the day.

a huge, huge voting block and we can get things changed but we have to get parents involved with this."

In other business, trustees approved:

- A joint election resolution with the city of Big Spring for the May 6 elections.

- A contract with the Howard County Election Administrator to conduct the May 6 board of trustee race. Filing to run for one of the three positions open on the board began Thursday and will continue through Feb. 17.. The following positions are up for election: District 1, currently being served by Irene Galan Rodriguez; District 3, held by Julie Harris; and District 6, which is represented by Manuel Chavira. Chavira was appointed to the board after Jeff Bromman resigned because he moved out of his district.

- Extended Wigington's contract until 2020. Wiginton opted to again not accept a raise in salary.

- Approved the performance based monitoring and assessment system (PBMAS) targeted improvement plan.

During Wigington's superintendent report, he noted the district was down 188 students from this time last year but expects enrollment to begin trending back up after signs from the area's oil and gas industry indicates the industry is ramping up.

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SPEAK

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the allegations concerning Russian election tampering or Trump's cabinet picks) that have caused your opinion of him to shift?

"I think he maybe could have handled the PR a little better. The Russian deal, we need them as an ally to defeat ISIS, and you're not going to do it by aggravating them and causing hard feelings between us. I think he's doing the right thing trying to make friends with him, to improve our relationship with Russia, because we certainly need them to defeat ISIS. That's going to be a big job to do it ourselves if we don't have them on our side."

What are some hopes you have for Trump's presidency?

"I hope that we go back to some of our basic conservative principles that we made this country great on. Health insurance is important, but that Obamacare wasn't the right way to go. Premiums went up. That

didn't solve anything, it made the situation worse. I think he'll be able to straighten that out or Congress will be. I think it's critical that we have health insurance, that's something that's very important to everybody. Affordable health insurance. But there's some other things that have to happen for that to happen. There's got to be some regulations and things like that changed I think. Anyway, it's going to be a trial and error deal, but I think he'll get it done right."

What are some fears or concerns you have about Trump's presidency?

I don't really have any. I think he's going to do a good job. On immigration and health insurance and ISIS and our military, I think he's on the right track. That's cool with me.

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Obama took the oath using two Bibles, one owned by Abraham Lincoln and another by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Washington's Inaugural Bible, which he kissed after the oath, has been used by four subsequent presidents including George W. Bush.

When a president-elect is replacing a sitting president the two men ride together, with the outgoing president sitting on the right side of the limousine's back seat and the president-elect on the left.

James Garfield's mother was the first to attend her son's inauguration.

Harry Truman's inauguration was the first to be televised

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Our Connect Four class will start meeting once a month on January 15th immediately after service. Lunch will be provided for those attending. This class is for new members and those who want to know more about our church and our beliefs. It is a two hour session and childcare will be provided.

A new session of the Chronic Pain Management class will begin January 10th at 6:30 pm.

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm. The title of the study is "To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain".

If you have a "Smart Phone", take a look at our "Spring Creek App". With this app you can make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains and learn about upcoming events! We will also have a Bible reading plan. Go to your app store on your smart phone and search for SPRING CREEK FELLOWSHIP and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office so it keeps you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-8:15 am-Classical Worship Service
9:15-10:15 am-Sunday School/Connection Groups
10:15 am-10:45 am- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 am-12:00 pm-Worship Service

Tuesday-

12:00 noon- Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 pm-Pain Management Group

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7:00 pm-"To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain" Men's Bible Study (begins July 28th)

Friday-

7:00-8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday-

7:30 am-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

10:00 am-"Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

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News in brief

Soldier's death last week is 11th at Fort Hood since Nov.

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A 24-year-old found unresponsive in his barracks at Fort Hood last week is the 11th soldier to have died at the Army post since November.

Investigators are working to determine the cause of Spc. Zackary Phillip Partin's death.

Of the 11 deaths, two died from illness, two were in vehicle accidents and the remainder died either of a gunshot wound or were found unresponsive and are being investigated.

The Killeen Daily Herald reports that investigators are likely to determine some of the deaths were suicides.

From Jan. 1, 2016, to Dec. 24 there were 13 soldiers at the post who committed suicide and that number may increase as officials investigate other cases.

Doctors consider removing George H.W. Bush's breathing tube

HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors treating former President George H.W. Bush for pneumonia considered whether to take out a breathing tube inserted two days ago to clear his airway.

His wife, Barbara, diagnosed with bronchitis, was feeling "1,000 percent better" on Thursday after a dose of antibiotics and rest.

The 92-year-old former president and the 91-year-old former first lady both were being cared for at Houston Methodist Hospital.

Family spokesman Jim McGrath said the 41st president remained in stable condition. Bush was hospitalized on Saturday and has been in the intensive care unit since Wednesday, relying on a ventilator to breathe. Removing the tube — a procedure known as extubation

— would allow Bush to breathe on his own. He was struggling to breathe when he was admitted to the hospital Saturday.

"We are hopeful he will be discharged from the ICU in a few days," McGrath said.

Prison chaplain admits taking bribes to smuggle tobacco

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A federal prison chaplain has admitted taking bribes from inmates in return for smuggling cigarettes and tobacco into the Southeast Texas facility.

Eric S. Patrick of Nederland, Texas was chaplain at the maximum-security U.S. Penitentiary near Beaumont. He pleaded guilty Thursday before a federal magistrate in Beaumont to one count of bribery of a public official. Court papers show he set up several fake postal boxes and charged inmates \$1,500 to smuggle the contraband.

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