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Boy Scouts to collect canned food Saturday

By AMANDA ELSTON
 Managing Editor
 The Big Spring Boy Scouts of the Buffalo Trail are heading into 2017 making sure that everyone has food on their plate. This Saturday, the local group will be attempting to hit their goal of raising 15,000 pounds of food for West Texas Food Bank at the Big Spring H-E-B.

"The goal is for the year for the entire Buffalo Trail Council," said group leader Gary Tidwell. "Some of (the groups) actually started in December but the end date for the drive is Saturday." The boys will be taking both food and monetary donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday in front of H-E-B. Tidwell encourages those who are interested in donating but are unable to get to

the grocery store, to reach out to him. "If you are interested in contributing...please call at 432-213-2321," said Tidwell. "This is the one day for the drop off." According to Tidwell, the group will be accepting anything non-perishable. "We obviously can't take meats or breads usually," said Tidwell. "Basically we

are thinking boxed meals, canned goods. Anything that has a long shelf life. "This food (and the monetary donations that sometimes accompany them) are critical to the food bank at this time of the year when their stores of food have been depleted by the holidays," continued Tidwell in an e-mail. In addition, the scouts will

be going door-to-door on Saturday morning collecting donations. All donations received, both food and cash, will go directly towards West Texas Food Bank. "Big Spring always does a great job of supporting so many different projects," said Tidwell. "We just want them to step up one more time to help the needy and the hungry."

Giordano to return to direct Symphony

"Winter Wonderland" theme for BSSO Feb. 4 concert

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 There may not be hills of snow decorating Big Spring streets, but the City Auditorium will become a "Winter Wonderland" on Saturday, Feb. 4. "Winter Wonderland is the title of the upcoming Big Spring Symphony Orchestra performance, the third of this season's four scheduled shows. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

The symphony, directed by guest conductor John Giordano, will grace the audience's ears with Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini," "Academic Festival Overture" by Brahms, the overture to "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg" by Wagner, and Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy."

"They are classical masterpieces," said the orchestra's music director and primary conductor, Keith Graumann. "These are all pieces that are at the top of the list in my opinion, and also have familiar aspects to them."

There will be several themes and melodies throughout the selections that even the musically untrained will recognize, he said.

"For example, the Brahms contains quite a few 'educational tunes,'" he said. "There are several that are familiar to this day, such as the 'Gaudemus Igitur,' which everybody my age had to learn in Latin class. Also the Tchaikovsky is 'Romeo and Juliet.' The 'Romeo and Juliet' music is very familiar, but also the 'Romeo and Juliet' story is very familiar, with the tragic ending."

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Steers to take on Abilene Wylie



File Photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Big Spring Steer Jeremiah Cooley (23) heads for the basket. Big Spring High School basketball resumes tonight at Steer gym, 707 E. 11th Place, at 6 p.m. when the Lady Steers take on Abilene Wylie. The boys team begins at 7:30 p.m.

Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain shares tips on how to live a heart healthy life for American Heart Month

Special to the Herald

Heart health is one of the most important factors affecting wound healing.

Chronic wounds affect approximately 6.7 million people in the United States, and these wounds cost more than \$50 billion annually. If left untreated, chronic wounds can lead to a diminished quality of life and possible amputation of the affected limb.

"Coronary artery disease, peripheral arterial disease and other issues with the heart and vessels can hinder blood flow, oxygen and nutrition to a wound," explains D. Scott Covington, MD, FACS, chief medical officer for Healogics. "February is Ameri-

can Heart Month and an opportunity for patients to understand how their heart can affect their wound healing."

Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain, a member of the Healogics, Inc. network, offers the following tips to live a heart healthy life:

- Live an active lifestyle with 30 minutes of exercise most days.
- Don't smoke or use tobacco of any kind as it is one of the most significant risk factors for developing heart disease.
- Eat a diet that is heart-healthy. This includes lots of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans and other low-fat sources of protein.
- Maintain a healthy weight. Obesity can lead to high blood pressure,

high cholesterol and diabetes. All of these chronic conditions can lead to heart disease.

- Ensure you get quality sleep by making it a priority in your life. Most adults need seven to nine hours of sleep each night.
 - Manage your stress in a healthy way with positive self-talk, using stress stoppers, doing things you enjoy, and relaxing on a regular basis.
 - See your healthcare provider for regular screenings. This includes blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes screenings.
- For more information about how your heart health can affect wound healing, contact the Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain at 1501 W 11th Place, Suite 106, or 432-268-5370

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Chinese Lunar New Year feast begins

By NOMAAN MERCHANT

Associated Press

LIUMINYING VILLAGE, China (AP) — Four men in traditional yellow costumes bang large drums to announce the start of the New Year's Eve banquet in Liuminying village. Inside the meeting hall, 100 tables are set with a dozen plates, bearing sausages, nuts and fruit. Sitting in a storage shed outside are thou-

sands of half-moon shaped dumplings, made by hand the day before, ready to be boiled and served.

Villages and cities across China are preparing this weekend to celebrate Lunar New Year, though few feasts are as elaborate as the one in Liuminying, a hamlet in Beijing's suburbs. Festivities in recent years have been more muted as China's economy has slowed.

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Obituaries

Orville Curtis Seely



Funeral services for Orville Curtis Seely, 86, of Ackerly will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at 10 a.m. at North 14th Street Church of Christ in Lamesa with Pastor Mark Hackett officiating. Interment will follow in Dawson County Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home.

Orville passed away Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, in Lubbock. He was born April 22, 1930, in Alma, Okla., to Clarence Randolph and Josie (Morrison) Seely. He married Lillie Fay Foster April 3, 1950, in Dawson County. They were married 66 years. Orville served in the United States Army and Reserves from 1954 until 1962. Headquarters: 8th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, Fort Carson, Colo. During the Korean war he was stationed with the 595th Signal Company in the Black Forest in Germany. He farmed in Martin, Howard, and Dawson counties from 1951 to

2006. He was a gin manager for Flower Grove Co-Op Gin from 1964 until 1969, where he served as a board member from 1970 until 1980, and was an advisor for over 30 years. Orville, "Grandpa" loved spending time with his family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren at the lake, birthday parties, and ball games. He will be missed by all.

Orville is survived by his wife, Lillie Fay Seely of Ackerly; children, Nancy Howard and husband Danny of Ackerly, and James Seely and wife Cynthia of Lubbock; grandchildren, Michelle Pepper and husband Kevin of Lamesa, and Jody Howard and wife Tana of Ackerly; and great-grandchildren, Kamryn, Kylar, and Kolby Pepper, and Cali and Cree Howard.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Naomi Stroud, Ruby Willard, and Gloria Cowan; brothers, Carl Seely and Bill Seely; and 3 infant siblings.

The family suggests memorials to Church of Christ, 702 N. 14th, St., Lamesa, Texas, 79331.

To send condolences online, please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Ramon G. Torres Jr.



Ramon G. Torres Jr., 60, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 7, 1956 in Big Spring, Texas and married Rosemary Flores April 17, 1976, in Big Spring.

Ramon served in the United States Marine Corps from 1977 to 1982 and the United States Army National Guard. He worked as an EMT/firefighter in California and as a firefighter in Big Spring. He re-

tired as an educator from the Federal Correctional Institution in 2012 in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie Torres; one son, Joshua Torres; one daughter, Nadia Torres; one granddaughter, Emarie Martinez; and his mother, Consuelo Torres, all of Big Spring; one brother, Tony Torres and wife Velma of Odessa; three sisters, Connie Marquez of DeSoto, and Cindy Resendez and husband Ruben, and Carolyn Hernandez and husband Joseph, all of San Antonio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ramon G. Torres Sr.; his grandfather, Valentin Torres; and his grandmother, Theodora Garcia.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Markus Allan Garza Jr.



Markus Allan Garza Jr., 27, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

He will lie in state from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Templo Belen with pastors Maria Rios, Michael Willard, and Kevin Knudson officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Markus was born May 14, 1989, in Big Spring,

Texas, to Cindy Rios and Markus Allan Garza Sr. He was a self-employed plumber. He was a member of Cornerstone Covenant Church, and had lived in Big Spring for most of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Alex Pantoja of Big Spring; one son, Christian Pantoja, and one daughter, Karmen Pantoja, both of Big Spring; his mother, Cindy Rios of Big Spring; his father, Markus Allan Garza Sr. of Aransas Pass; three sisters, Monica Amaro, Erika DeLeon, and Valerie Garza, all of Big Spring; his grandparents, Maria and Domingo Rios of Big Spring, and Sarah and Eleazar Garza of Gonzales; three nieces and three nephews; a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins; and many friends.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

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.

- **DRAKUS DE'MON ARMSTEAD**, 29, was booked by HCSO on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), bail jumping/failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to yield right-of-way in a private drive, violation of promise to appear, failure to appear, non-payment of child support, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams), possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams), three counts of possession of a controlled substance (4 to 400 grams), possession of a controlled substance (less than 28 grams), possession of a dangerous drug, failure to identify/giving false or fictitious information,

- **VALERIE MIRAMONTES GARCIA**, 31, of 411 W. Scurry St. was arrested on motions to revoke probation for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500) and criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500); on a warrant for harassment; and on charges of public intoxication, possession of (marijuana less than 2 oz.), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **KIMBERLY DENISE JAMES**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia; and on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.

- **IRMA E. MEDRANO**, 52, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500).

- **ASHLEY JIMENEZ MIRAMONTES**, 22, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation.

- **LISA ANNE PETROWSKI**, 56, was booked by BSPD on a charge of silent abusive call or electronic communication.

- **NANCY SELANIA PRATHER**, 30, was booked by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (more than 400 grams).

- **RAUL OJINAGA REYES**, 60, was booked by HCSO on three warrants for aggravated assault

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **VALERIE MIRAMONTES GARCIA**, 31, of 411 W. Scurry St. was arrested on warrants for public intoxication, possession of (marijuana less than 2 oz.), possession of drug paraphernalia, and harassment; and on other outstanding warrants.

- **IRMA E. MEDRANO**, 52, of 407 S. Benton St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **ASHLEY JIMENEZ MIRAMONTES**, 22, of 301 N.W. 10th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported near the intersection of Cactus and Choctaw.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80 and the 700 block of South Gregg Street.

against a public servant.

- **ALEJANDRO RUBIO**, 33, was booked by DPS on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument; and on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (more than 400 grams).

- **JACOB IAN STRAIN**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

Santiago "Jim" Pacheco



Santiago "Jim" Pacheco, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center of Dallas.

Prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Greg Surles of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ officiating. Burial with military honors will be rendered at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 25, 1933, in Christine, Texas, to Rita Garcia Pacheco and Doroteo Pacheco. He had worked at Price Construction and retired from Big Spring Co-Op Gin in 2012. He was a veteran of the United States Army, 60th Artillery Platoon. He had been a resident of Big Spring for over 60 years. He was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Margarita Pacheco of Big Spring; eight daughters, Anita Quintana of Haltom City, Irene Quintana of Arlington, Belinda Garcia of Odessa, Linda Marquez of Big Spring, Estella Worlow of Joshua, Sandra Pacheco of Big Spring, Betty Sanders of Indiana, and Rebecca Pacheco of Big Spring; three sisters, Cecelia Aguilar and husband Mike of San Antonio, Angie Zamarripa of Pleasanton, and Gregoria Casanova and husband Ernest of Jourdan; three brothers, Don Pacheco and wife Nancy of Abilene, John Pacheco of San Antonio, and Eusebio Pacheco and wife Estella of San Antonio; 34 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Valentin Quintana and Israel Pacheco; one daughter, Lucy Villanueva; and one sister, Frances Colunga.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Julian Acosta Jr.

Julian Acosta Jr., 60, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Calvin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Holley

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

- **ALARM SYSTEM ACTIVATION - NO FIRE** was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place.

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**Questions abound
after Trump says tax
will pay for wall**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is promising Mexico will pay for his massive border wall. On Thursday, his administration finally suggested how: a 20 percent tax on products imported from south of the border.

The new measure could be part of a comprehensive tax reform package that Trump and Congress will work out, the White House said. But there was great ambiguity about the proposal. White House officials later clarified that the tax was but one possible way Trump could finance the wall.

Much was left unanswered. Would Mexico be footing the bill or American consumers? What items would become more expensive? Is this even legal?

**Trump voters thrilled
with promised action
on border wall**

PHOENIX (AP) — President Donald Trump's announcement that he is taking steps toward building a U.S.-Mexico border wall was welcome news for voters who say they're glad he is following through on one of his biggest campaign promises.

Trump's renewed vow Wednesday to seize control of the border hit close to home for Peggy Davis, whose cattle ranch near Tombstone, Arizona, is about 25 miles north of the border.

She says stretches desperately need more barriers but a wall alone won't stop illegal crossings or drug smuggling.

"We desperately need (Border Pa-

trol) agents closer to the border," Davis said.

Trump vowed to make Mexico pay for the wall along the 1,954-mile border, suggesting a tax on Mexican imports as a funding mechanism.

**Israelis seek to
comfort Holocaust's
loneliest survivors**

RAMAT HASHARON, Israel (AP) — Surrounded by more than 100 fellow Holocaust survivors and young volunteers, a blind Ernest Weiner sat in his wheelchair with a puffy crown on his head as the crowd sang happy birthday and showered him with hugs and greetings.

The widowed and childless 92-year-old Weiner lives on his own and the cheerful gathering offered him one of life's most valuable commodities — company.

As home to the world's largest survivor community, Israel is grappling to serve the needs of thousands of people like Weiner who are living out their final days alone. Various government bodies and private organizations chip in to offer material, psychological and medical support to the survivors, still scarred by the horrors they experienced 70 years ago. But all agree that the greatest burden late in their lives is loneliness.

"It's not pleasant to be alone," Weiner said in his apartment south of Tel Aviv. "It gives a good feeling" to have people visit.

Some 160,000 elderly survivors remain in Israel, with a similar number worldwide. In Israel, about half receive special government stipends, but a third still live under the poverty line, well above the national 20 percent poverty rate.

**Brazil's 'Car Wash'
prosecutor says
corruption probe to grow**

CURITIBA, Brazil (AP) — The lead federal prosecutor in a massive corruption investigation roiling Brazil says that recent developments could double the size of the case, a staggering possibility given that the probe has ensnared many of the country's elite, threatens to bring down President Michel Temer and is expanding to other Latin American countries.

Nearly three years after the first arrests in March 2014, the so-called Car Wash investigation has no end in sight, said Deltan Dallagnol, coordinator of the task force in the state of Parana, where the operations began and are still largely centered under the jurisdiction of Judge Sergio Moro.

"I would say that the new plea agreements could allow the Car Wash operation to double its size in the future," Dallagnol told The Associated Press on Thursday, declining to go into detail because the cases were ongoing.

What started as an investigation into money-laundering has morphed into a corruption scandal so large that it has shocked Brazilians long accustomed to graft in politics. Investigators say more than \$2 billion in bribes were paid out in a kickback scheme that was centered at state oil company Petrobras and included major construction companies like Odebrecht. In the last few years, dozens of politicians and top businessmen have been convicted and jailed, and many more are facing charges.

In a wide-ranging interview, Dallagnol said the investigation "lives at risk" because of forces trying to snuff it out. He said the pressures were increasing as the number "of powerful people caught up in it grows by the day."

**Prosecutor: Man
attacks Muslim airline
employee at JFK**

NEW YORK (AP) — A Massachusetts man is accused of attacking a Muslim airline employee at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, allegedly kicking and shouting obscenities at the woman and telling her that President Donald Trump "will get rid of all of you," authorities said.

The Queens District Attorney's Office said Robin Rhodes, of Worcester, had arrived from Aruba and was awaiting a connecting flight to Massachusetts Wednesday night when he approached Delta employee Rabeeya Khan, who wears a hijab, while she was sitting in her office.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said Rhodes came up to the door and went on a profanity-laced tirade, asking the woman if she was praying. Rhodes then allegedly punched the door, which hit the back of Khan's chair. Khan asked Rhodes what she had done to him and Rhodes replied, "You did nothing." He then cursed at her and kicked her in the leg, Brown said.

When another person tried to calm him down, Brown said Rhodes moved away from the door and Khan ran out of the office. Rhodes followed her, got down on his knees and began to bow down in imitation of a Muslim praying, shouted obscenities and said "Trump is here now. He will get rid of all of you. You can ask Germany, Belgium and France about these kind of people. You see what happens," Brown said.

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We chose that because it's going to be close to Valentine's Day, so we put a love story in there, although we didn't make the whole concert a love story. So yes, these are classical pieces, but they're also some of the more familiar classical pieces."

Sixteen-year-old pianist Steven Dong will be the guest performer at the concert. Dong, winner of the Houston Symphony League Concerto Competition and Grand Prize winner of the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition, will play the Rachmaninoff Rhapsody during the concert.

Linda Lindell, presi-

dent of the Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors, said the orchestra is an important part of Big Spring life.

"I've lived here since 1966, and I have always noticed that there is a nucleus of people who really support and enjoy the arts," she said. "Children really respond to music of all kinds, and I think to be

well-rounded, you need all kinds of music. You need to be exposed to that. What they hear on the radio is mostly country. And that's okay, there's nothing wrong with that, but there's so much more out there that people would enjoy if they had the experience. So that is why we have the symphony, and that is why we work so

hard to maintain the symphony, to reach those people, or to have that available for them."

Tickets are available at H-E-B, the Big Spring Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office, Blum's Jewelers, and the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

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down — hitting its lowest level of growth in three decades last year — and its top political leadership has issued calls for austerity.

But in Liuminying, what began as a small lunch sponsored by the local Communist Party branch in 1980 has grown into a feast that served 1,000 people this year during a three-hour spectacle with singing and dancing.

The show began at 10 a.m. with loud music and applause. A group of children waved pompoms in a synchronized dance, followed by a raffle, the presentation of a large banner commemorating the New Year, and several other songs and speeches.

As the performances grew longer, the attendees started to peel oranges and crack open nuts. A few people smoked cigarettes at their tables, a sight not often seen in Beijing restaurants since the city enacted an indoor smoking ban two years ago.

Outside, dozens of workers were preparing meat and vegetable stews in huge

grills. One worker pushed coal underneath several of the grills, causing large flames to come bursting out.

A few hours after the doors opened, the first dishes were brought inside. The plastic wrap came off many of the plates on the table. Diners uncorked wine bottles and, at a few tables, opened red boxes placed at the center. Inside were clear bottles of the Chinese grain liquor called baijiu, passed around for a series of toasts.

After several dishes came the signature item: the dumplings, or jiaozi, which people across northern China consider a mandatory part of celebrating the New Year.

The feast ended with diners stacking their plates and bowls in a clatter that steadily grew louder as more people began to leave.

They walked outside to the loud, echoing sounds of booms from fireworks, another Lunar New Year tradition. While authorities in Beijing have cracked down on the sales of fireworks, Liuminying is far enough outside for vendors to be more easily found. The sky was clear blue, offering a

rare respite from the smog that blankets northern China in winter.

Guo Lianhong, 55, attended her first lunch in 1984 and described the "earth-shaking changes" she's seen in her village in the last three decades.

"We hope Liuminying can become even more prosperous," she said.

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Roger's Retro Reviews: *Rear Window*

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

When I was a young lad, and my parents took my younger brother and I on long car trips, we would stare out the car's rear window and pretend to be gunners in that famous Millennium Falcon escaping the Death Star scene, shooting down the TIE fighters represented by other cars. Sometimes I would wonder where the other people were going, what kind of lives they were



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classes, the entire movie practices "unity of place," one of the ancient Greek Aristotelian unities. All it really means is, the entire movie happens in one place: Jeff's apartment. The film takes an interesting tack on the ancient practice, in that, from his apartment, Jeff can see into other locations - the other apartments - but they're always presented as distant, with muted sounds, as if seen from the remoteness of Jeff's place. This leads to all sorts of interesting play with what the audience can see and what we can't. For instance, at one point, Lisa sneaks into another apartment as Jeff watches anxiously, unable to accompany her because of his



leading in their self-enclosed TIE Fighum, cars. And oddly enough, until I first saw "Rear Window," directed by Alfred Hitchcock (probably about 25 years ago now), I thought the title referred to a car's rear window. It doesn't, but that wondering what other people are up to in their own visible, and yet self-enclosed, lives is the guilty pleasure behind the movie.

"Rear Window" features L.B. "Jeff" Jefferies (James Stewart), a freelance photographer for magazines. His latest job, photographing an auto race, ended in disaster when he ventured a little too far onto the raceway, leaving him homebound in his apartment with a broken leg and a nice, incapacitating cast. Between sleeping and visits from his nurse Stella (Thelma Ritter) and would-be girlfriend Lisa Fremont (Grace Kelly), Jeff has taken up the habit of looking out his home's rear window at the courtyard formed by the apartment buildings, and into the windows of his neighbors. There are some interesting folks, and Jeff gives nicknames to most of them. There's Songwriter (Ros Bagdasarjan), a well...songwriter; Miss Torso (Georgine Darcy), a dancer who enjoys practicing in skimpy attire and entertains several gentleman friends...at once; a woman and man who sleep outdoors on the fire escape (Sara Berner and Frank Cady); Miss Hearing Aid (Jesslyn Fax), a hard-of-hearing woman; a couple of newlyweds (Rand Harper and Havis Davenport); and a costume jewelry salesman (Raymond Burr) and his nagging, invalid wife (Irene Winston). Jeff enjoys getting to know all his neighbors from a distance, until he notices that one of them has disappeared, and begins to suspect that a murder has occurred. Gradually he draws Lisa and Stella into the intrigue, as well as his police detective friend Thomas Doyle (Wendell Corey).

There's also the love story angle. Jeff and Lisa are in love and Lisa wants to marry him, but Jeff is unwilling to give up his globe-trotting photography job and settle down, and he fears Lisa would soon tire of the rigors of the road, being used to posh New York living.

"Rear Window" is an amazing movie. For those of you that remember your high school or college English

broken leg.

The other apartment has two windows, and naturally, Lisa is out of sight when she's in between them, heightening the suspense about what might be happening to her. Likewise, the busy street is visible through a narrow gap between buildings, and Jeff often watches for recognizable characters passing by that gap.

There is an interesting thing that happens with the sound in "Rear Window." Since the audience generally sees the action unfold through Jeff's eyes and focus of attention, sound is very important in directing his attention to different windows, locations, characters, etc. Not only that, but much of the music in the movie is provided by the other tenants. There is an opening jazzy piece, but then Miss Torso has a record player that she uses for her dance practice. Songwriter provides background music, both in his working on songs, and at a party he hosts. This "natural" music, provided within the movie instead of tacked on in post-production, helps draw the viewer in to the action. It's a great device.

There's also a great use of lighting. As you might expect, time progresses from day to evening to night to morning, etc., with the corresponding lighting changes. In addition, lighting within the apartments is used to great effect to pass along information about which occupants are home and which are "out." Watch for the villain being creepy sitting alone with only the ember of his cigarette glowing in the darkness.

"Rear Window" is my favorite Alfred Hitchcock movie. "Psycho" gets all the press, and it's a great film too, but the camaraderie between Jeff, Lisa, and Stella makes "Rear Window" a good bit warmer than the cold horror show that is "Psycho." Great movie. 9 stars out of 10.

Rear Window
Director: Alfred Hitchcock
Writer: Screenplay by John Michael Hayes; based on the short story by Cornell Woolrich.

Production company: Patron Inc.
Approved by the Motion Picture Production Code; 1 hr. 52 min.; Mystery/Thriller; September 1954

Attorneys release bodycam footage of Fort Worth arrest

By **CLAUDIA LAUER**

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Bodycam footage from a white Fort Worth police officer who was suspended for wrestling a black woman and her daughter to the ground appears to show the officer using his foot to push the 15-year-old girl into a police car.

The footage was provided to The Associated Press on Thursday from attorneys representing Jacqueline Craig, who had called police last month to report that a neighbor choked her 7-year-old son for allegedly littering in his yard. One of her daughters videoed the interactions between Craig and Officer William Martin, and posted it online. The neighbor was not charged in the incident.

The Fort Worth Police Department has denied media requests to release Martin's bodycam footage, and a department spokesman didn't immediately return a message seeking comment Thursday morning. But the audio of the bodycam video, reviewed by The Associated Press, matches the audio of the Facebook video posted by Craig's family.

Craig and two of her daughters, 19-year-old Brea Hymond and 15-year-old Jacques Craig, were arrested. The daughters were charged with resisting arrest and interfering with public duties. Craig was charged with resisting arrest, failure to identify herself as a fugitive and three outstanding traffic warrants out of Irving, Texas.

The Associated Press doesn't typically identify juveniles accused of crimes, but the family and the teen have spoken out publicly several times since the confrontation.

Craig's attorney, Lee Merritt, said in an email that he had received the bodycam video from a trusted source he declined to identify. Merritt noted that Craig, at the end of the officer's video, can be heard confirming her identity, and he challenged the failure to identify charge.

The attorney has asked the department to drop all of the charges against Craig and her daughters, and to fire Martin.

"Under the laws of the State of Texas, the attorneys for the Craig family are legally entitled to the complete investigative file, records and re-

cordings of this incident and any officers involved. The FWPD have denied and/or delayed several requests from our office in providing this information," Merritt wrote.

The footage also depicts Martin pushing Hymond's arms, which were handcuffed, above her head from behind when she refuses to answer his question. It also shows him making physical contact as he pushes another young female who approaches the police car away from the scene. Those two incidents along with the use of his foot to push the 15-year-old into the police car were cited in a letter from Police Chief Joel Fitzgerald to the city's Civil Service Commission explaining the finding that Martin had used excessive force in the situation and asking for his suspension.

Martin served a 10-day suspension and has since returned to work. He is appealing his suspension with the city's Civil Service Commission. Fitzgerald's report also said Martin violated department policy by failing to thoroughly investigate, neglecting his duty, and being discourteous to the public and conduct prejudicial to good order.

The video also shows Martin's conversation with Craig and one of her daughters after he places them in the back of a patrol vehicle.

"Here's the deal. When somebody's under arrest, if anybody interferes, they go to jail too," Martin told them.

"Well, I don't know this. I'm 15 years old," Craig's daughter replied.

Craig responds: "He got mad at me for saying what I said. That's why he did it. But it's all recorded, it's all recorded."

Fitzgerald said earlier this month that Martin violated policy and is sorry for his behavior. Fitzgerald said he has asked Martin, who will also be required to undergo additional training, to go back into the same community "to repair relationships."

A spokeswoman for the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's office has said the office will refer the entire case file — including the allegations against the Craig family, the unnamed neighbor and Martin — to a grand jury in the next few months to consider charges. Spokeswoman Sam Jordan said the office will not make any recommendations on charges.

Southwest Airlines profit slips on lower fares, higher costs

By **DAVID KOENIG**

AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines says travel demand has picked up and the long decline in average fares could be ending soon.

The comments pushed Southwest shares nearly 7 percent higher in midday trading and led a rally in

airline stocks.

Southwest Airlines Co. reported Thursday that fourth-quarter profit slipped partly on higher costs for fuel and labor. But the results topped Wall Street expectations, and investors focused on CEO Gary Kelly's upbeat comments about pricing power.

Kelly said that travel demand has picked up since the November election on an increase in business travel and higher average prices for last-minute tickets — similar to recent comments by Delta and United executives.

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Did you ever wonder? Deborah and Barak

Most of Israel's enemies were outside nations who were mainly interested in plunder. However, the Canaanite people did not recognize the God of Israel and did not respect His giving their land to the Israelites. Although the Israelites subdued them and allowed them to live in the land, the Canaanites longed to overthrow the Israelites and restore Canaanite control. There were continual uprisings and struggles between the two nations.

Once again the Israelites turned to worshipping the gods of the Canaanites. Judges 4:2 says that the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin, a king of Canaan. Jabin was probably a royal name, not a personal name. Joshua is said to have slain a ruler called Jabin much earlier.

Sisera was the commander of Jabin's army and had 900 "iron chariots." This refers to the iron rims on the wheels, making them able to cross very rough terrain.

Sisera was probably a hired mercenary; his name does not seem to be Canaanite. He had oppressed the Israelites for twenty years. And the Israelites cried out to God.

The Lord raised up Deborah, a prophetess, to

judge the Israelites. She held court in the hill country of Ephraim and people came to her to settle their disputes.

Deborah sent for a man named Barak. "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you; 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulan and lead the way to Mount Tabor. I will lure Sisera's army to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.'"

Can that be more clear? A prophetess and judge tells Barak to select an army and that God, Himself, will give the enemy into his hands! Where was Barak's faith?

He answered, "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go."

Deborah's faith in God was strong. "Very well, I will go with you. But because of the way you are doing this, the honor will not be yours. The Lord will hand Sisera over to a woman" (Judges 4:9).

The Lord did go ahead of Barak and his men, and they routed the large army of Sisera. As they fled, Barak and his army slew them all. Not a man was left.

But Sisera had stationed his chariots and fled battle. In his flight, he came to the tent of Heber, one of Barak's soldiers.

Heber was probably a descendant of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law. Remember Jethro had been a Moabite priest, an idol worshipper, who had turned

to worship the God of Israel. "Heber" is a Hebrew word meaning "crossing over." Hence, Heber had crossed over from idol worship to serve the God of Israel.

Heber's wife, Jael, was alone when Sisera arrived at her tent. Fearing that he would kill her, she was gracious to him and gave him refreshment from a goat-skin pouch. This was most likely 'Kefir,' fermented milk, similar to yogurt. It is delicious and a way to keep the milk from souring.

He needed rest, but he feared that Barak's men might find him while he slept. Jael laid covers over him to make him feel secure. And while he slept, she drove a large tent peg through his temples pinning him to the ground.

Picture this in your mind. Barak led the army overwhelmed the enemy and pursued the fleeing survivors. But how many people really remember his name? People remember Deborah the prophetess and they remember that Sisera was killed by a woman while he slept.

God offered Barak a great blessing, but he did not have enough faith to grasp it. Do we?

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



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Church News

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

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

Sunday services start at 9 a.m. with Bible study; this week's lesson is on abortion. Morning worship follows at 10 a.m. with a message on grace, while evening worship is at 5 p.m., with a message on the Bible passage Titus 1:10 through 16.

Wednesday, Ladies' Class starts at 9:30 a.m., while evening Bible study and devotional starts at 7 p.m.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

Sunday, Jan. 29: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. This is youth Sunday, which means the church's youth serve in all areas. Help encourage the youth as the congregation all seek to discover what it truly means to be radical. Find out how your life is impacted when you become radical in your prayer, praise, and generosity.

Sunday, Jan. 29: Marriage Enrichment Sunday School Class is postponed while upgrades are being completed.

Monday, Feb. 13: Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry. All ladies are welcome, and will gather in the youth area at 6 p.m. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and laughter. Each lady is asked to bring a favorite dish to share. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) holds worship services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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

First Baptist Church

"He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds" Psalm 147:3.

The congregation of FBC invites you to worship services Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead morning worshippers in a selection of songs to honor God that include: "O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing," "Open

The Eyes of My Heart," "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and "You're Worthy of My Praise." Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message titled "Generous Giving." Drawn from Matthew 6:1-21, this Scripture passage warns listeners to be careful not to be seduced by what the world offers; or to live our outside, visible life in a manner to garner praise from others, but to seek after God with a sincere and humble attitude which begins in each person's heart. If you are unable to attend, you can join the service online through the live stream at fbcbigspring.org.

If you need assistance into the building due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive and someone will be glad to help you inside and park your vehicle.

At 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, Bible Fellowship groups meet throughout the building, with college students, youth, and adults gathering in second-floor classrooms; while children meet on the first floor. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship; greeters are available to help you find your class.

All area children are welcome to participate in Kids Connection at 5:30 p.m. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for more information about this fun time of Bible based activities. There is no fee to attend.

Teens are invited to gather at 6 p.m. at the Raffini's home for a light meal and a time of prayer and encouragement for one another. Transportation is available; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details.

Evening worship begins at 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

All area women are invited to attend Bible study Monday morning at 10 a.m.. The study has just begun and is "Entrusted" by Beth Moore. Workbooks are \$13, and childcare is available. Call 267-8223 or contact Carol Boyd at 816-9915 for additional information. Bring a friend, enter through the west doors, and turn right to room 201.

Upward Basketball games continue each week. Go to fbcbigspring.org for game information or call 267-8223. Come cheer on the participants in this Bible based sports program.

Wednesday night activities begin at 6 p.m., and include something for all age groups. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700.

FBC basketball program headed Upwards



Courtesy photo

Area 5th and 6th grade girls participate in First Baptist Church's Upwards Basketball program. Upwards games are held on Saturdays throughout the season, and participants range from age 5 through 6th grade.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Big Spring. Each Sunday begins with fellowship at 9:15 a.m., Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, Jan. 28, 2017, First Christian will have guest minister Sandy Sandlin preaching the word. Assisting Rev. Sandlin will be the Rev. Joel Miller. Also, assisting in worship will be Joyce Davis who will serve as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's Table will be Joyce Davis and Shirley Burgess. Helping to enhance the worship with music will be Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault.

All are welcome to attend any service. If you have any questions regarding services or any other goings on, please call the church office at 432-517-4821.

First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible Study led by Craig Holstedt will meet at 5 p.m., and the Chancel Choir will rehearse at 6 p.m., both on Wednesday.

The Children's Choir practice is at 5:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Also on Sunday, the Youth has the following schedule: dinner at 6 p.m., handbells at 6:30, and Confirmation Class at 7:15 in the Youth Room.

Ellen Austin is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for Sunday, Jan. 29, following worship. There will be a Potluck Lunch with the meeting. Members of the Session are furnishing the meat, and everyone else is asked to bring a side dish, bread, or dessert.

The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany is Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; I Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the Introit "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" by Eric Routley. The Rev. Craig Holstedt, minister, will present the sermon. This is "Noisy Offering" Sunday; members are reminded to bring

change to rattle the buckets and help feed the hungry.

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

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

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 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 "What Does the Lord Require?" The message is taken from Micah 6:1-8.

During Wednesday Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall, Pastor Ivins will continue a study which surveys the major portions of the Bible. This week's study will transition to the New Testament with an examination of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. 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.

The church is back to its regular Wednesday night schedule with



Called to be God's hands and feet

In the "Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew 5 through 7, Jesus is teaching and explaining what righteousness is. True righteousness begins within, and then manifests itself outwardly. It is not just about "putting on a show" (Matthew 6:1-18). It is about seeking God first and foremost in our lives, and trusting in him rather than riches, prestige, or my own abilities (Matthew 6:19-34).

When we trust in God and live the way Jesus teaches, it will transform our relationship with God and our relationships with one another. In our previous article, we discussed the proper attitude to have when dealing with matters of judgment (Matthew 7:1-6). We must look at ourselves first and compare our lives individually with God's teachings and make corrections before we can help others bring their lives in line with God's word. Jesus then reassures those listening to his words on that hillside and those reading the same words today that God will hear, answer, and help his children. Matthew 7:7-12, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be



GREG SURLES

opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (ESV).

Jesus says that God will provide! Now some try to twist Jesus' words to say that you just need to ask God for an enormous house or luxury SUV or private jet and he will give it to you. Remember what Jesus has been saying, however. He has been talking about the basic necessities for life - specifically food and clothing.

Now God can provide for his children by whatever means he chooses. In this passage, Jesus teaches one way (and I believe the main way) that God answers the cries of his children - through the actions of others. That word "so" at the beginning of verse 12 could also be translated as "therefore." It is a conjunction joining together what comes after it with what came before. The provision for the

needs of those who are asking, seeking, and knocking is directly connected with the actions of others.

This principle can be seen in other passages such as: Acts 2:44-45; Acts 4:34-37; Galatians 6:6-10; Ephesians 4:28; James 2:14-16. Jesus also told his disciples that the difference between those who will be blessed for all eternity and those who will be cursed for all eternity when he returns in his glory is whether or not they ministered to those in need (Matthew 25:31-46).

If I was hungry with no money to buy food, would I want someone to help me, even with just one meal? If I didn't have a place to stay, would I want help, even for just one night? If I was cold, would I want a coat or blanket or a small space heater? If I was hurting and felt all alone, would I want someone to talk to or just be with me? If I was lost, would I want someone to search for me and guide me to where I would be safe? The Lord said, "Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them!"

Father, help me be your eyes to truly see those in need. Help me be your feet to go to them. Help me be your hands to help them. Help me be your mouth to tell them of your great love.

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

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supper at 5:30 p.m. and various age level groups meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday night's menu includes King casserole, salad, dessert, and a drink.

The Bridge Worship Band also rehearses at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The adult Celebration Choir will rehearse at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Suite upstairs.

This Wednesday, the Children's Ministry will hold a launch party at Skateland for it's spring musical.

For more information, please contact Becky Woodall in the church office.

Pastor Bill Ivins will lead a group to the Holy Land in June 2017. Anyone interested in traveling to the Holy Land may phone Pastor Ivins in the church office to receive more information. The registration deadline is Feb. 27.

Make plans to attend "City Rock Fest 2017" on Saturday, Feb. 18. Sponsored by First United Methodist Church, the free concert will feature Christian rock bands like Disciple, Project 86, and Seventh Day Slumber. The concert will be held at the Municipal Auditorium in downtown Big Spring. Admission is free and doors open at 6 p.m. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

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 1:15-23, and is called "Eyes of Enlightenment."

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.

Men's Breakfast will take place on Feb. 4 at 9 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 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. each week, followed by worship services at 10:50 a.m. Evening worship is at 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 at 432-213-2348.

Midway Baptist Church

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

United Night of Worship is Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. at the City Auditorium. Several churches from the area are involved.

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

Spring Creek is starting a Food Pantry Ministry called "Our Daily Bread". If you are interested in participating in this ministry or need more information, please contact Kay Pittman. The next meeting for this ministry will be Feb. 19.

Youth and Family Camp will be heading back to Colorado this summer. If you are interested in this camp, contact Lloyd Wells.

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

Reflections: What do you know?

No one knows what you know. And everyone else you meet knows things you don't. Even though my wife and I have been married 48 years, we each know things the other doesn't.

At birth we know nothing, but very early in life our knowledge base, which is built on observation and experience, begins to form. Perhaps due to the fact that we shared a significant common base of knowledge in our formative years, most of us tend to remain close to those siblings and friends for a lifetime who shared our earliest years.

But as we grow, our knowledge differs. We follow different paths, study different subjects, pursue different careers, live in different places and meet different people. Our individual knowledge becomes unique, like our fingerprints.

The pursuit of knowledge is a good thing. And we should celebrate each achievement that increases our knowledge. But how much does any one of us really know? And how much do we all know if the knowledge of every human being could be combined?

Scientists are continually trying to piece together the puzzle of the past, to reconstruct our origins and the path we have taken to get to where we are. Since 2012, physicists have been celebrating what appears to be the discovery of the Higgs boson, what some refer to as the "God particle," which could answer the origin of all mass and the fate of our universe.



BILL TINSLEY

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song, as well as a few other songs written and performed by the Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Even with this discovery, the sum total of our scientific, philosophical and historic knowledge represents only a small fragment of the total knowledge in the universe. The more we discover, the more we realize what we don't know. The puzzle pieces of the past are often misleading, causing us to rearrange and reconfigure our preconceived ideas.

Solomon, who was famous for his wisdom, wrote, "I concluded that man cannot discover the work which has been done under the sun. Even though man should seek laboriously, he will not discover; and though the wise man should say, 'I know,' he cannot discover." (Ecclesiastes 8:17).

Perhaps the most important discovery is not what we know, but the fact that we are known. David stated, "You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all."

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

As we expand our personal knowledge and strive to understand the universe, we can live with confidence that the One Who made it all knows us and loves us as He demonstrated in His Son, Jesus.

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

The Connect Four class meets once a month, with 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. Contact

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Hundreds honor 3 astronauts lost in Apollo fire 50 years ago

By **MARCIA DUNN**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Moonwalkers and dozens of others who took part in NASA's storied Apollo program paid tribute Thursday to the three astronauts killed in a fire 50 years ago.

On the eve of the Apollo 1 anniversary, hundreds gathered at Kennedy Space Center to honor Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee. They died during a countdown rehearsal at the launch pad, inside their burning spacecraft, on Jan. 27, 1967.

On Friday, NASA is opening an Apollo 1 exhibit featuring the hatch that prevented the three astronauts from escaping. It has been concealed for the past half-century along with the capsule. The families of Grissom, White and Chaffee got an early look Wednesday evening at the display at the visitor complex, and liked what they saw.

"Really awesome," said daughter Sheryl Chaffee, who just retired from NASA. "It's very fitting. We all feel like it's about time."

The Apollo 1 fire — NASA's first space tragedy — has long been overshadowed by the 1986 Challenger and 2003 Columbia accidents. The 14 lost shuttle astronauts also were recognized Thursday, along with seven other U.S. astronauts killed in plane crashes.

The anniversaries of all three big accidents fall within days: Apollo 1 on Jan. 27, Challenger on Jan. 28 and Columbia on Feb. 1.

Among the many astronauts attending Thursday's ceremony were the two surviving crew members of Apollo 11, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, as well as Apollo 16 moonwalker Charlie Duke and Apollo 10's Thomas Stafford.

Collins, who orbited the moon in 1969 while Aldrin and Neil Armstrong landed on it, said Apollo 1 never launched, but in many ways was as important as later flights.

"Without Apollo 1 and the lessons learned from it," he noted, a fire probably would have occurred on a flight in space and seriously stalled the moon program.

"Yes, Apollo 1 did cause three deaths, but I believe it saved more than three later," Collins said. "It slowed things down for a year or so," but spacecraft improvements enabled Apollo missions to get going by the fall of 1968, pick up speed, and land on the moon on July 20, 1969.



From left, Sheryl Chaffee, daughter of Roger Chaffee; Thad Altman, president of the Astronauts Memorial Foundation; Lowell Grissom, brother of Virgil Grissom; and Bonnie Baer, daughter of Ed White, carry a wreath to the base of the Space Mirror Memorial at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Florida on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017. Moonwalkers and dozens of others who took part in NASA's Apollo program paid tribute to the three astronauts killed in a fire 50 years ago.

NASA was able to meet the end-of-decade deadline set by President John F. Kennedy, to land a man on the moon and return him home safely.

"Grissom, White, Chaffee, Kennedy. I think these four names are appropriately mentioned in the same breath," Collins told the crowd.

More than 100 fifth-graders from Apollo Elementary School, just across the Indian River in Titusville, packed the ceremony hall. Afterward, they posed in front of the massive granite Space Mirror Memorial. To student Noah Duncan, 50 years ago

seems like 100. "10 years is a long time. I'm only 10!" added classmate Lyzara Figueroa.

It was an emotional day for all the families; Chaffee's widow, Martha, dabbed her eyes during throughout the tribute. They will gather again Friday evening at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station's abandoned Launch Complex 34 to mark the exact time of the accident, 6:31 p.m.

"To each of you who knew these three men so well, thank you for your sacrifices," Collins said. "The Apollo crew was magnificent."

California utility must run ads over deadly blast conviction

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday sentenced California's largest utility to pay a \$3 million fine and run television commercials publicizing its pipeline safety convictions as punishment in a criminal case stemming from a deadly natural-gas explosion in the San Francisco Bay Area.

U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson also ordered Pacific Gas & Electric Co. employees to perform 10,000 hours of community service and ordered an independent monitor to oversee

the safety of its gas pipeline system.

"I find the crimes at issue to be very serious and to pose a great risk to public safety, and that's why I am going to impose the maximum possible fine and maximum possible probation terms allowable under the law," Henderson said. The sentence closes one of the final chapters in the legal and regulatory fallout from the 2010 blast in the city of San Bruno that killed eight people and destroyed 38 homes.

California regulators previously fined PG&E

\$1.6 billion for the explosion, and the company has spent hundreds of millions of dollars settling victims' lawsuits.

"The judge served justice today," San Bruno Mayor Jim Ruane said after the sentencing. "It's satisfying in some ways, but for us it will never be over."

PG&E said it was committed to transforming the company into the "safest and most reliable energy provider in America" and earning back the trust of the communities it serves.

"We sincerely apologize to the families and

friends of those who lost their lives or were injured in this tragic explosion, and we want them to know our mission and our commitment to safety will never stop," the company said in a statement.

The advertising component of the sentence requires PG&E to air TV commercials over three months at a maximum cost of \$3 million. The commercials should publicize the utility's convictions, the punishment imposed and steps taken to prevent the recurrence of similar crimes, the judge said.

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by recent revenue trends, as well as the prospects for continued economic growth and moderate fuel prices," he said.

JetBlue, however, reported weaker pricing in January, and its shares fell.

Southwest sees a possible end to the two-year trend of lower average fares right around the corner. It predicted that a key measure of revenue per mile will be flat to down 1 percent in the first quarter, an improvement over the 2.9 percent decline in the fourth quarter.

The average fare on Southwest fell more than \$5, or 4 percent, to \$144.43 in the fourth quarter. It was \$158 two years ago.

The airlines are trying to push prices higher by slowing the growth of new flights. Southwest expects to shrink its fleet of planes this year by retiring its oldest Boeing 737 jets, although the number of seats will rise because of the addition of newer, larger 737s.

The Dallas-based airline said it earned \$522 million in the fourth quarter, down 3 percent, or \$14 million, from a year earlier. Excluding losses on fuel-hedging contracts, the company said it would have earned 75 cents per share, beating Wall Street forecasts.

The 16 analysts surveyed by FactSet expected 70 cents per share; nine surveyed by Zacks Investment Research predicted 69 cents per share.

Revenue rose 2 percent to \$5.08 billion, also beating Wall Street forecasts.

Operating costs climbed 7 percent, led by a 19 percent increase in fuel spending.

For many years, Southwest has hedged as insurance against sharp increases in fuel. That strategy has worked brilliantly at times but backfired when oil prices were lower than the airline expected, as happened in the fourth quarter. Fuel-hedging losses added 50 cents a gallon to Southwest's fuel bill and resulted in far higher cost per gallon than at Delta Air Lines and United Airlines.

Southwest expects higher costs to continue in 2017, partly the result of pay raises for union workers covered by new contracts.

For all of 2016, Southwest earned a record \$2.24 billion. For those who keep track — and Southwest does — that is its 44th straight profitable year, a streak unmatched by any other U.S. airline. Southwest carries more passengers in the U.S. than anyone, although its smaller international network places it behind American, Delta and United in total size.

JetBlue Airways Corp. fourth quarter profit fell 9 percent to \$172 million, as higher costs offset a 3 percent increase in revenue. The New York-based carrier

earned 50 cents per share, a penny better than analysts expected.

The average fourth-quarter fare fell more than \$6, or 4 percent, to \$155 compared with a year ago, and executives said that revenue for each seat flown one mile, a proxy for average fares, was falling 8 percent or 9 percent in January, a surprisingly weak outlook following comments from rivals.

On a conference call, analysts pressed JetBlue leaders about cutting passenger-carrying capacity to boost fares.

Executive Vice President Marty St. George said the airline has reduced its growth rate and might do more cutting: "We are on it, and we'll be announcing something soon." He added that booking trends in February, March and April looked better than January, but the shares kept falling as executives kept talking.

In midday trading, Southwest shares rose \$3.35, or 6.8 percent, to \$52.81, while JetBlue stock dropped 48 cents, or 2.2 percent, to \$21.29.

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the church for the February date.

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The title of the study is "Ephesians".

The Spring Creek smartphone app lets you make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains and learn about upcoming events on your smartphone. Search for "Spring Creek Fellowship" on your phone's app store. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office and keep you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service

9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Group

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.-"Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-12 noon-Worship Service

Tuesday-

12 noon- Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group

7 p.m. Women's Bible Study, "Damaged Goods"

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.-Study of Ephesians Men's Bible Study

Friday-

7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday-

7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

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

February 4:

Big Spring Symphony

"Winter Wonderland Concert":

Municipal Auditorium, 7:30PM

February 11:

Run 2 to Love 2 Run 5k:

Big Spring State Park, 10AM

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It's not pigskin! How the NFL gets footballs

The Associated Press

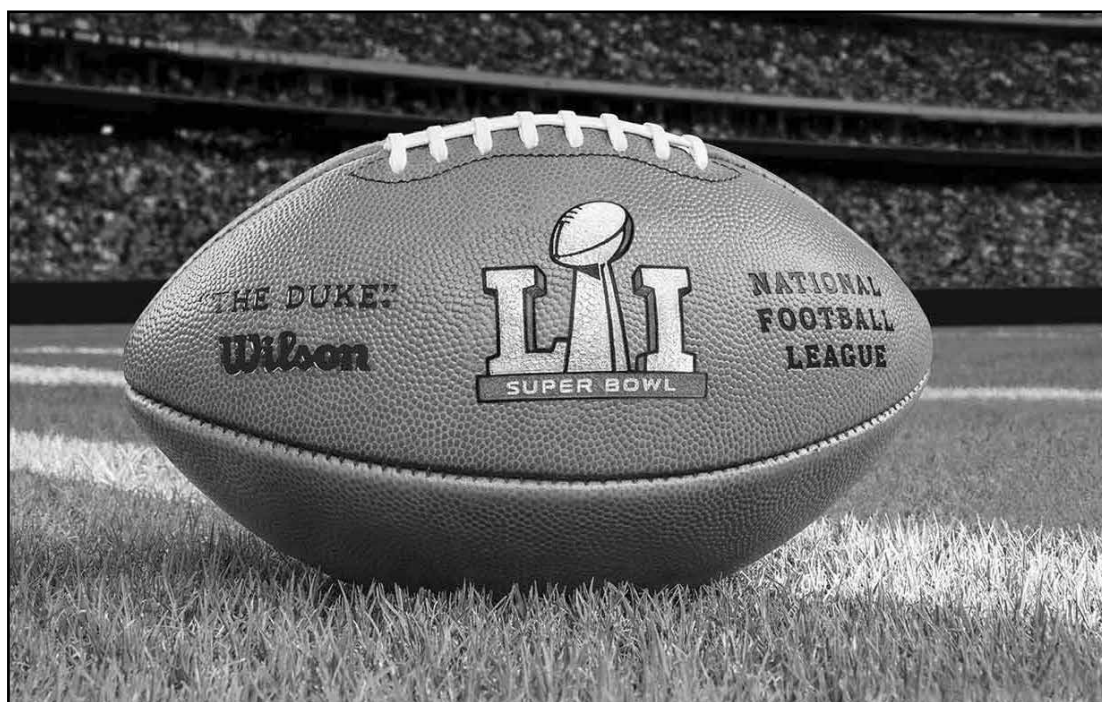
When the Patriots and Falcons meet in the Super Bowl on Feb. 5 in Houston, they will use approximately 120 footballs, including those selected for the kickers. All of them will have been produced by Wilson Sporting Goods at its plant in Ada, Ohio, using leather from the Horween Leather Co. in Chicago, just like every other Super Bowl dating back to the first on Jan. 15, 1967. Here is a look the balls at the center of the action:

family are heavy native steer, not cowhides or — shudder to think of it — pigskins. Many hides come from ranches in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

- The Horween family also produces leather for other football manufacturers, such as Nike, Under Armour and adidas, but only the leather sent to Wilson will be turned into NFL game balls.

- There are four panels on a game ball, and each of the 250 stitches holding them together is

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Courtesy photo

Hawks down NMMI



File photo

A strong first half propelled the Howard College Hawks to a 67-52 win over New Mexico Military Institute Thursday evening. Nic Thomas scored 12 points and KJ Riley (33) added 10 for the Hawks, who improved to 14-7 overall and 3-4 in conference play with this win.

Nadal sets up Aussie Open final vs. Federer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Rafael Nadal has fended off Grigor Dimitrov in five long sets to set up a vintage title match against Roger Federer at the Australian Open, where every singles finalist is aged 30 or over.

Nadal completed the 30-plus finals quartet Friday night when he repelled Dimitrov 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-4 in the energy-sapping, 4-hour, 56-minute semifinal.

Federer, 35, and the Williams sisters — 36-year-old Venus and 35-year-old Serena — had clinched their spots in the finals on Throwback Thursday.

With Federer and Nadal both returning from injuries, and neither having won a major since mid-2014, a ninth Grand Slam final between two of the previously most dominant men in the sport was considered an extreme long shot at Melbourne Park.

Nadal, returning from a couple of months off to rest his injured left wrist after an up-and-down 2016 that started with a shocking first-round exit in Australia, was ranked No. 9.

Together, they've won 31 Grand Slam titles. On Sunday, Federer will be aiming to extend his men's record to 18. Nadal will be hoping to cut the gap and move into outright second on the all-time list by winning his 15th.

Federer loves tennis, and most likely would have been watching Friday night's match at some point as a spectacle.

Nadal had to endure it. "Grigor was playing unbelievable. It was a great match. I feel very happy to be part of it, I enjoyed it a lot," he said. "To qualify for the final in a match like this means a lot to me."

Against the 25-year-old Dimitrov, dubbed 'Baby Fed' for the similarities he has with Federer's style,

Nadal showed signs of the brute strength and determination that carried him to the top of the rankings for 141 weeks in total from the day after winning gold at the 2008 Beijing Olympics — after spending 160 consecutive weeks at No. 2 behind Federer.

Dimitrov won the Brisbane International title earlier in the month, where Nadal was ousted in the quarterfinals, and was playing his second major semifinal. He also had a 1-7 record against Nadal heading into the match.

But he hit 20 aces, showed with precision, broke Nadal's serve four times, and pounded the Spaniard with 79 winners.

After clinching his 21st win in 24 major semifinals, Nadal dropped to the court and lay face down for several seconds before getting up and embracing Dimitrov at the net.

It will be the first time in the Open era that all four singles finalists are older than 30.

Nadal leads Federer 23-11 in their career meetings, and is 9-2 in Grand Slam matches, including 6-2 in finals.

Federer, despite winning four titles in Australia, hasn't beaten Nadal on Rod Laver Arena.

The Williams sisters practiced at Melbourne Park on Friday, the day ahead of the women's final where Serena is aiming for an Open-era record 23rd Grand Slam title.

Venus Williams hadn't been to a major final since losing the 2009 Wimbledon final to her sister, and won the last of her seven Grand Slam titles the previous year in southwest London with victory over her sibling.

Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Lucie Safarova combined for their second Australian Open women's doubles title with a 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-3 win over Andrea Hlavackova and China's Peng Shuai.

Tiger trying to stick around at Torrey Pines

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods is trying to avoid something he has never done in all his years playing at Torrey Pines.

He has never left the tournament on a Friday.

Woods bailed out on Thursday the last time he played the Farmers Insurance Open in 2015 when he stopped after 11 holes because of tightness in his back. The year before that, he was forced out on a Saturday when he missed the 54-hole cut.

He has won six times on a Sunday, twice on a Monday.

In his return to the PGA Tour after a 17-month layoff to heal from two back surgeries, the objective now is simply to make the cut. Woods didn't make it easy on himself when he played a six-hole stretch in 6-over par on the back nine of the opening round Thursday and shot a 4-over 76.

He goes into the second round five shots outside the cut line.

If he's sent packing on Friday, it will be the eighth time in his last 15 starts against a full field that Woods failed to make the

cut. This from a guy who once went seven years without missing a cut.

Was it a surprise?

Not really, because not even Woods knew what to expect after having been gone from the tour for so long. More than his fighting his swing — it took him nine holes before he hit what could be considered a good short iron into the green — it was getting used to tournament golf.

That could be expected.

"So much is different," he said. "Playing in slower conditions. It's much softer than what we have at home. It's much cooler than what we have at home. It's just different. I'm trying to get used to a little bit of this, and I was fighting throughout the day, and I just didn't quite get it done after the middle part of that back nine."

And that's where it all fell apart.

He made his first birdie in 523 days — a number skewed by the fact it had been 523 days since his last PGA Tour appearance — on

the 10th hole when he hit a wedge from the first cut of rough into 10 feet. He followed that with a tee shot into 10 feet for another birdie. That put him at 1 under.

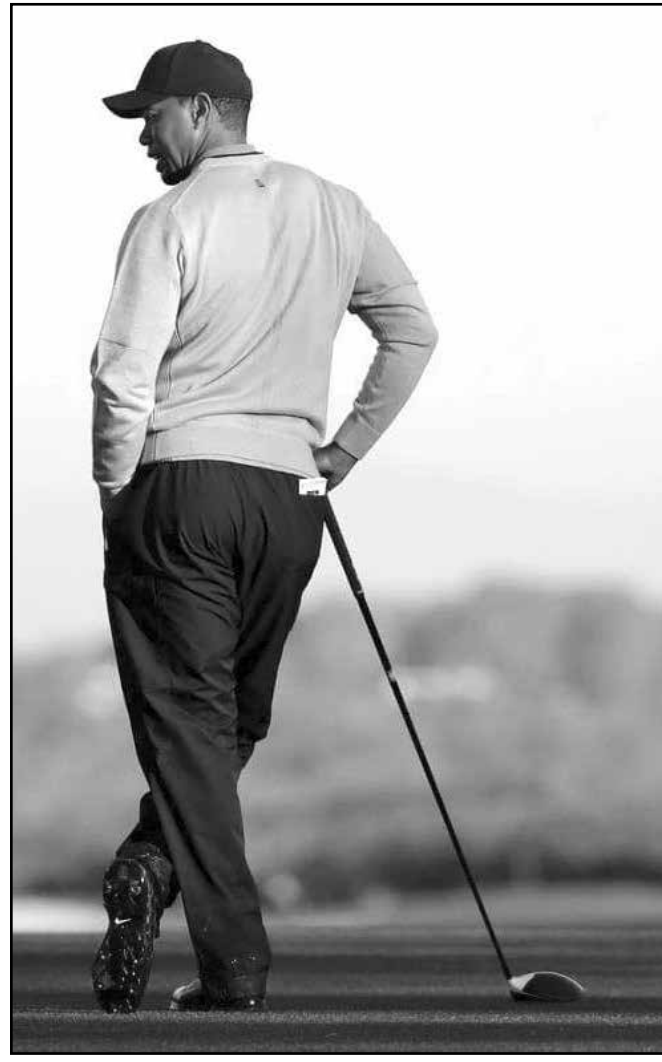
"And it went the other way," he said.

It was a little bit of everything, and it all happened so fast, even in the midst of what Woods referred to as a lot of waiting around.

No. 12: A bad tee shot to the right landed in rough so wet and thick that he used a fairway metal to chop down and gouge out the shot. He advanced it only 120 yards, still in the rough, hacked the next one out to 15 feet and missed the par putt.

No. 13: A tee shot into the rough, and an iron that stayed in the rough, so deep that Woods had to lift the ball to identify it. He did extremely well to hammer that out with a wedge onto the green some 50 feet away. Instead of getting out of there with par, he left his first putt 10 feet short and three-putted for bogey.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



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Aquarius New Moon

The human species is becoming increasingly technologically masterful and at the same time fostering an ever-increasing dependency on machines. With the sun in Aquarius and the new moon in the sign of technology and the future as well, we'll be reminded that, for better or worse, machines are here to stay. Learn them well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no way around it: Your choices will affect people you've never met in ways you can't control and may never know about. Gandhi said, "Live simply so others can simply live."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not here to judge. But can you really help it? If you don't make a

judgment, you won't know how to safely and healthfully interact with people. The best you can do is to be soft, open-minded and discreet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are responsible for your actions and reactions and that's all. Make your goal about the effort, not the outcome. You can't control the result, and it's better that way. Trust life's process.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some say, "Fake it 'til you make it," and others say, "Make it and keep making it so you won't ever have fake it." Which school do you belong to today? If you fall in love with the process, the need for acknowledgement lessens considerably.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's something transcendent about your connection with a certain person. Makes you wonder: Are you human having a spiritual experience, or are you spiritual having a human experience?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's time to move out of the research-and-development part of a project

and into preparation and planning. Even if you spend all day on this, you can count yourself enormously productive. Preparation will be crucial to success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As you become less concerned with winning friends or attracting attention, you focus mostly on fulfilling your purpose. With this mindset, anyone you attract will be a person who supports the most authentic parts of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a reason the words "strong" and "silent" often go together in describing a certain type of individual. The one who is confident and egoless enough to use words sparingly wields powerful charisma.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Talking and fantasizing about the goal can actually take the appeal out of (SET ITAL) doing (END ITAL) it because the mind gets bored and starts treating the idea like it's already been accomplished. Move quickly from vision into action.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There may be a lot of gray area about whether a choice is good or bad, so don't ask that question. Instead ask whether it's for you or not for you. Will it help you to do what you set out to do or not?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't pretend to know today, even if the others are expecting you to know. The pretense of knowledge is a vice that can only hold you back from gaining actual knowledge.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't know what it means? Maybe it's just not the time for that. Or maybe you'll never know the meaning. It would be a shame to let that stop you from moving forward, though. Stop trying to reason it out. Feel it out instead.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 27). You'll become masterful and powerful this year as you specialize. As the great fighter Bruce Lee said, "I fear not the man who has practiced 10,000 kicks once but I fear the man who has practiced one kick 10,000 times." New friendships blossom

in March. There's a makeover in April and important travel in July. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 25, 20, 16 and 32.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You don't have to reinvent love. The classic moves will work; the old advice will bring results. **TAURUS:** The way to stop a certain unwanted relationship dynamic is to create a new one. **GEMINI:** Courage, dignity, honesty and integrity; it's what you want to embody and what you're looking for in another. **CANCER:** If keeping love alive takes everything you've got, you have to ask: Should it really be this hard? **LEO:** Love is best when you can inspire one another. If your date doesn't inspire you, what are you doing together? **VIRGO:** You can't control it all, but if you were writing this love story, what would you want to happen next? **LIBRA:** Sometimes you have to fight the battle more than once, but if you're arguing all of the time, consider the benefits of surrender. **SCORPIO:** You have to wonder: Will this

person still do the right thing when no one is watching? **SAGITTARIUS:** Love should make your life better. If it doesn't, is it really love? **CAPRICORN:** Boredom is the enemy of romance. Spontaneity is crucial to attraction. **AQUARIUS:** When you participate in excellent self-care, you model a kind of treatment plan that others will follow. **PISCES:** Is this love an escape from reality or the seed of a new reality?

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The sun and the moon are both Aquarius, which is the sign of technology, the future and philanthropy. So can two Aquarius natives bond in love? The energy of Aquarius is well-known for being platonic. So while an Aquarius couple may get along famously, they may need to make extra efforts to keep passion alive. Travel, art and moving in exciting social circles will turn up the romantic heat.

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Annie's Mailbox

The Fruit of an Affair

Dear Annie: Last month, my wife of 60 years admitted to a five-year affair that occurred 55 years ago. I would call it a tryst -- with sex the same time and the same place almost every day in a five-day workweek. "Count

'em!" That's about 1,000 encounters, taking time out for the birth of three babies, vacations, etc.

The hurt has been indescribable. I think about it constantly. Fortunately, I have found a psychologist I can vent to. I keep telling myself it was 55 years ago, but it seems like yesterday. I still have my unfaithful

wife; she has no place to go, and alas, I still love her.

During that five-year period, three boys were born. The last one I am sure is not mine. He is aware that he is different from his siblings and has asked me whether he could have been switched at birth. The biological father is dead. I think our son should know who he was, but his mother does not. We are 80 years old and the only ones to know, and time is running out to tell him. With doctors using DNA information and with Ancestry.com, etc., it is only a

matter of time before he finds out he has different genes than his siblings.

I love him very much and don't want him to think I was involved in wife swapping or somehow a party to the affair. It is bad enough to know that he is the product of a cheating mother. My wife tells me she has no remorse, guilt or shame, but she cares about what our son would think of her. Tell him? Your opinion, please. -- It Was "Only" Sex

Dear Only: Should you tell your son? I'm inclined to say no. There's no

point in upsetting the balance and making him feel more like an outsider. Besides, he already knows who his real dad is: you.

But if his biological father suffered from any conditions of which genetics are a good predictor, then your son should be aware of that medical history. Raise that concern with your wife. She should want him to be equipped with all the best information to lead a long, healthy life.

I can't imagine the range of emotions you must be cycling through on a daily basis. I'm happy that you've found a therapist who can help you process things. Keep going. The sting of your wife's revelation will lessen with time.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Inbox Infinity," who was stressed out by having nearly 7,000 unread emails. I understand completely. I procrastinate, have generalized anxiety and attention deficit disorder, and am a perfectionist.

Please suggest to "Inbox" that he or she can start the culling process painlessly by signing up for Unroll.Me, which was suggested to me by a website for adults with

ADD. It is an amazing, simple program that will compile your incoming emails into a "daily digest" and make it easy to unsubscribe from what you don't want.

Unroll.Me will not do anything about the emails already archived in your inbox, however. It only organizes incoming mail. For those 7,000 pesky emails, I would suggest some tough love. Delete them. Simple as that. If they haven't been looked at in a week, a month or a year, they most likely are not important or have expired. Don't even look at them. Just delete them!

As for family members, consider emailing them after the purge, explaining that you want to reconnect but recently deleted a whole bunch of emails. They will understand, as they probably have several thousand archived emails also! -- Been There, Done That

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By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has gone:
West North East South
1♣ Dble 1♥ ?
What would you bid with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠A83 ♥J6 ♦K1092 ♣QJ74
2. ♠K754 ♥KJ853 ♦Q92 ♣6
3. ♠QJ8652 ♥7 ♦Q64 ♣A53
4. ♠96432 ♥5 ♦A193 ♣J85

1. Two notrump. When your partner doubles for takeout, he usually has at least the minimum values for an opening bid. If the next player passes, you must bid (except on the rare occasion where you think the doubled contract can be defeated). In today's problem, East's bid has relieved you of the obligation to respond, and with a poor hand you would definitely pass. A voluntary bid at this point would show at least moderate values, while a jump-response would suggest game-going possibilities.

This 11-point hand might easily produce a game in notrump opposite a double, and a jump-response is therefore in order. The absence of a heart stopper should not deter you from bidding two notrump, as partner is virtually certain to have some heart strength.

2. Double. East is probably horsing around, and the best way of exposing his inequity is by doubling. If the bidding takes a new turn, which is highly likely, you can next bid spades. Partner will thus be apprised of your heart and spade length as well as the moderate strength necessary for such bidding.

3. Four spades. Game in spades is extremely likely opposite a takeout double, and the simplest way of transmitting this message is by bidding it. You would have thought game probable had partner opened the bidding as dealer, and you should feel even more bullish here, as he has implied support for spades as well as opening values.

East's interference bid should not affect your outlook in any way. Your hand is worth about 12 points, counting distribution, and there should be little doubt in your mind that four spades is the right spot.

4. One spade. With six high-card points and a singleton, you have enough strength for a voluntary bid, so you should act at this point. Of course, your spades are nothing to brag about, but bidding them is much better than not bidding at all. Remember that you're leaning on an opening bid by partner with some support for spades.

Tomorrow: Selecting the method of play.
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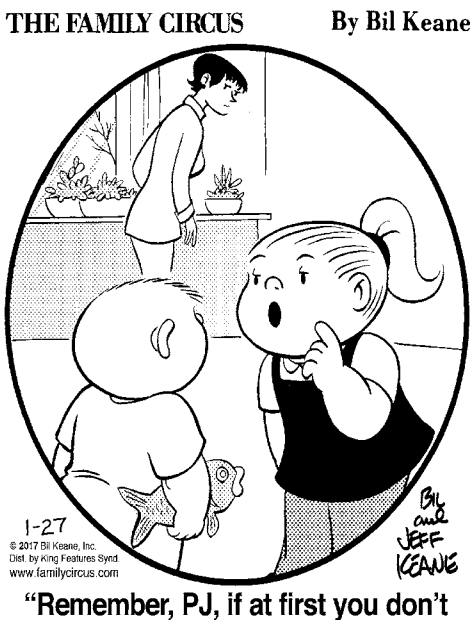
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"Remember, PJ, if at first you don't succeed, ask Mommy to do it for you."

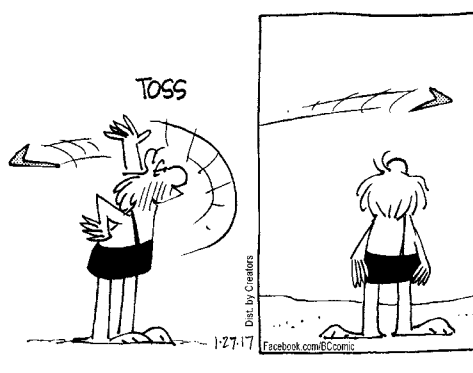
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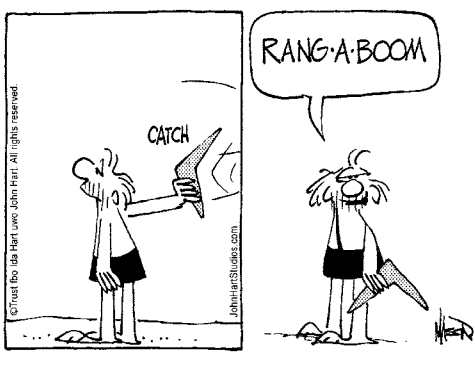
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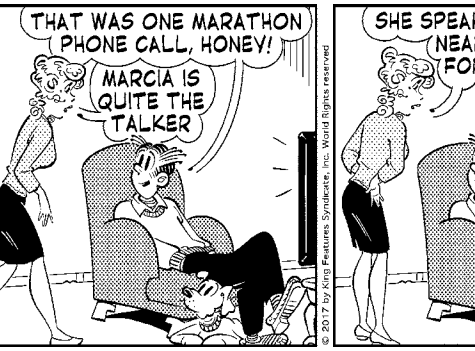
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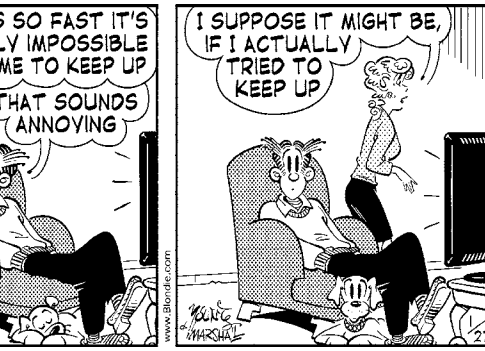
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2017. There are 338 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On Jan. 27, 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft. More than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the deploying of nuclear weapons in outer space. On this date: In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria. In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp. In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87. In 1913, the musical play "The Isle O' Dreams," featuring the song "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" by Ernest R. Ball, Chauncey Olcott and George Graff Jr., opened in New York. In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years. In 1945, during World War II,

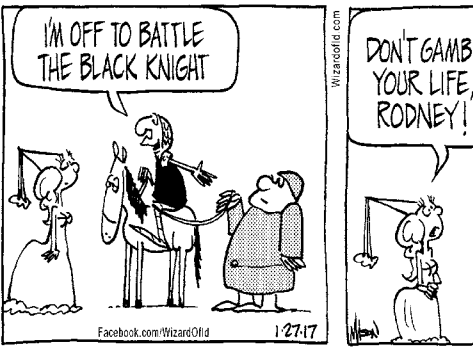
Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland. In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat. In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris. In 1977, the Vatican issued a declaration reaffirming the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests. In 1984, singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. In 1998, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, on NBC's "Today" show, charged the sexual misconduct allegations against her husband, President Bill Clinton, were the work of a "vast right-wing conspiracy." In 2001, 10 people were killed when a plane bringing people home from Oklahoma State University's basketball game against Colorado crashed in a field outside Denver. Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of anti-war demonstrators marched in Washington, D.C., calling for the U.S. to get out of Iraq. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi led a congressional delegation to Pakistan, where she met with President

Gen. Pervez Musharraf. Serena Williams won her third Australian Open singles title, routing Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-2. Kimmie Meissner and Evan Lysacek won their first national titles at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Spokane, Washington. Five years ago: Addressing students at the University of Michigan, President Barack Obama issued a warning to the nation's colleges and universities, threatening to strip their federal aid if they "jack up tuition" every year and give the money instead to schools showing restraint and value. A federal judge in Seattle sentenced "Barefoot Bandit" Colton Harris-Moore to 6½ years in prison for his infamous two-year, international crime spree of break-ins and boat and plane thefts.

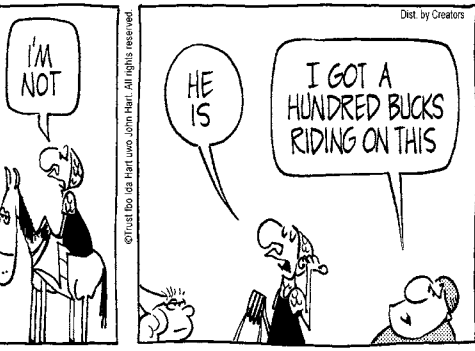
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Pearl City party, 5 Urgently, 9 Wings, to wrens, 14 Former superpower, 15 Except for, 16 Forewarned, 17 Living-room set accessory, 20 Some rodeo bulls, 21 KOA visitors, 22 Short time, for short, 23 Ob/gyn procedure, 24 Mom of the Kardashians, 26 See-through square, 27 Clancy protagonist, 28 Punview, 29 Try to pull, 30 High-school study, 31 Wild West show prop, 32 Amulet, 36 Some petty officers, 37 Scallion relative, 38 Unable to sit still, 39 Mental faculties, 40 Walked across, 44 Something funny, 45 Abacus part, 46 In concert, 47 Best effort, 48 Cultural support org., 49 Play title anagramming to "WORN OUT", 51 Hanseatic League language, 54 Web site, at times, 55 Lift, as ice cubes, 56 Breezy and bright, 57 Is in a buying mood, 58 Cowpoke's need, 59 Striders, in brief, 9 Muscles worked by rowing, 10 1945, 11 Film in which Streep sings, 12 Cranium, 13 Early Chaplin employer, 18 Wellness grp. installations, 19 Airport gate, 25 Fancy clothes, 26 Styling procedure, 28 Parentheses, for instance, 29 Tall order, 30 Iron significant fabrications, 31 Total, 32 Obelisk, for instance, 33 Phrase seen on autobiography covers, 34 Sudden blast, 35 Disillusionments, 36 New Providence's nation, 39 Abundance, 40 High-heels feature, 41 Dormmate, 42 Straight ahead, 43 Chain that began as a donut shop, 45 Comb user, 46 Comprise, 48 MLB playoff round, 50 Fleecy boot brand, 52 Scoop out, 53 It may mean "hugs"

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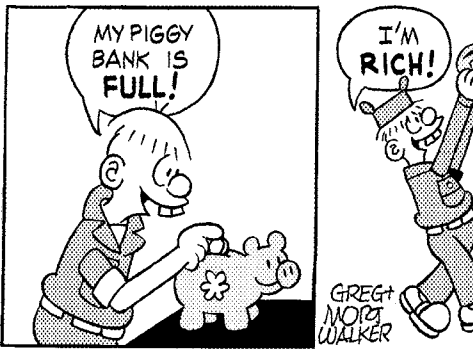
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Westbrook scores 45 as Thunder down short-handed Mavs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Just when it looked as if the Oklahoma City Thunder might squander a big lead, Russell Westbrook unleashed his full fury on the Dallas Mavericks.

Westbrook scored 17 of his 45 points in the final 8:23 to help the Thunder beat the short-handed Mavericks 109-98 on Thursday night.

Oklahoma City led by 16 late in the third quarter, but the advantage was down to six when Westbrook checked in after a Dallas timeout. The NBA scoring leader made 7 of 10 shots in the fourth quarter, including 3 of 4 3-pointers.

"I could tell in the timeout that he felt like he was getting

ready to kind of explode, to be honest with you," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said.

Westbrook was 16 of 29 overall from the field after being named an All-Star reserve earlier in the night. He had eight rebounds and three assists, ending his triple-doubles streak at three games.

Victor Oladipo added 17 points, and Steven Adams had 15 in Oklahoma City's third straight win.

The Thunder's excitement was dimmed when they learned that forward Enes Kanter fractured his right forearm punching a chair in the second quarter. Kanter is the team's No. 3 scorer and one of the league's top re-

serves. "It was tough, man," Westbrook said. "To do it the way he did it is very unfortunate. He's a strong man, and he'll be back better."

Adams said Kanter likely will struggle with how he has affected the team.

"He didn't mean to do it, obviously," Adams said. "It's just one of those frustrating times where it just happened to like — he did what he did, you know. He's already hard on himself. No one else can be as hard as he is on himself. He's probably just feeling so under the weather. I feel bad for him."

Harrison Barnes scored 31 points, and Justin Anderson

added 17 for the Mavericks. They had won five of seven.

Dallas was without four of its top five scorers. Forward Wesley Matthews sat out with a right hip strain, forward Dirk Nowitzki rested on the second game of a back-to-back, guard J.J. Barea was out with a left calf strain, and guard Deron Williams was out with a sprained left big toe.

Oladipo made a 3-pointer with 5.3 seconds left in the first half to put the Thunder up 53-52, but Dorian Finney-Smith answered with a 3 as time expired in the half to put the Mavericks up 55-53.

Oklahoma City gained control in the third quarter and

put the Mavericks into foul trouble. Westbrook scored 13 points in the period, and Oklahoma City led 87-73 heading into the fourth quarter.

Dallas roared back in the opening minutes of the final period and cut Oklahoma City's lead to three, but rookie Domantas Sabonis drained a 3-pointer, and Dallas called a timeout.

Westbrook then finished the job.

"We put up a good fight," Anderson said. "It's tough when we did great the whole night. Westbrook got hot there at the end shooting threes. We were answering him with twos, and that's a tough battle to win."

WOODS

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No. 14: A 3-wood off the tee that found the left rough and kept him from reaching the green. His pitch from short grass in front of the green came up 18 feet short, and the par putt spun out of the lip.

No. 15: A snap-hook over the gallery and down into a ravine. Woods started to go down to look for it until he realized even if he

found it, he would have no shot. So he took a penalty drop, hooked an iron through the trees into more rough, hit wedge to 25 feet and two-putted for double bogey.

No. 17: His 3-wood drifted just enough to the right to find more deep rough. He gouged another fairway metal out into the front bunker, blasted out nicely to 6 feet and missed the par putt.

At least he made a birdie on the 18th which brought out a smile,

perhaps because a long, tough day was finally over.

"I was fighting out there all day," Woods said. "Didn't really hit it that good. Greens were a little tough out there with some of the putts and I had a round which I let slip away in the middle part of the back nine and unfortunately didn't hit very good shots."

It might have been worse had he not made four tough par saves on the front nine, and if

Jason Day and Dustin Johnson played better. Johnson birdied the 18th for a 72. Day missed four putts from the 4-foot range and shot 73.

Day pleaded to be patient with Woods.

"Having 17 months off is a very, very long time," Day said. "I think everyone was kind of anticipating what the comeback would look like. But once again, I said it over the last cou-

ple days, we can't just break down everything he did today because it's been 17 months. Let him go a year, let him play and go from there. ... We can't panic too much at the start of the year."

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