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Renovations begin on historic spring



Courtesy photo

By AMANDA ELSTON
 Managing Editor

Construction has officially begun on the renovation of the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park. The area around Big Spring's namesake will undergo upgrades such as a surrounding plaza, an observation deck, and a walking trail.

said Debbie Wegman, community services director for the city of Big Spring. "There is going to be a large stone plaza and eight storyboards that will tell the history of the spring. The water will be flowing and there will be an area dedicated to the Native American history in our community along with some teepees. We will also

have a walking trail and a performance stage." While the area is getting a major makeover, some older, historic aspects of the spring will be preserved. "The original pumphouse foundation and the current observation deck that's on the foundation, we won't be See **SPRING**, Page 3

Scam alert sent out by Big Spring Chamber

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has sent out a warning of a possible scam regarding an e-mail allegedly circulating from CW Promotions soliciting ad space for the "City of Big Spring 2017 Community Information Event Calendar Booklet".

own inquires, she sent out a scam alert e-mail to warn citizens. "We produce a similar type directory, but when we do our directory and our map, we send out letters to our members to let them know someone is coming to town to sell and would be calling and visiting with them," ValVerde said.

According to City Manager Todd Darden, the city has not contracted with CW Promotions to sell any calendar booklet. "We only do something like that through the Chamber of Commerce," he said.

According to ValVerde, she called the number listed on the e-mail and left a message. She also sent a message to the address listed in e-mail. By Thursday afternoon, the company had not responded to ValVerde's request for more information, she said.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said she received the e-mail Wednesday and was soon contacted by a chamber member asking for more information. After making her

A Google search of the 888-275-7918 phone number listed on the e-mail turns up the website of City Wide Promotions LLC, a company located See **SCAM**, Page 3

Instrument 'petting zoo' to be held before symphony performance

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Ever seen a bassoon or a French horn up close? Have your kids or your grandkids? Before Saturday evening's "Winter Wonderland" performance by the Big Spring Symphony, the orchestra and the Big Spring Symphony Guild will be hosting an "instrument petting zoo," said guild member Nadine Reyes.

Street and East Third. They'll be able to handle and experience and ask questions about instruments. There will be several different kinds of instruments that they can observe, in what we're calling a 'petting zoo.' And of course they'll get to do a meet-and-greet with some of the orchestra members and talk a little bit about their specific instruments."

cert, the program will consist of four well-known orchestral pieces: "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini" by Sergei Rachmaninoff; "Academic Festival Overture" by Johann Brahms; the overture to "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg" by Richard Wagner; and "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy" by Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

"We're going to have an instrument petting zoo where children can have hands-on fun with the instruments and meet the Big Spring orchestra members," she said. "It's from 6 to 7 (p.m.). It is free, and it's prior to the actual symphony concert this Saturday, Feb. 4, at the City Auditorium on the corner of Nolan

The actual concert will kick off at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a few guests. The first, guest conductor John Giordano, is a recurring feature of Big Spring Symphony concerts; he's picked up the conductor's baton for several local performances in past years.

The second guest participant in the concert, 16-year-old Steven Dong, will play solo piano along with the orchestra for the Rachmaninoff "Rhapsody."

"He's one of the winners of last year's Juanita Miller competition, and he's going to be performing for us that evening as well," Reyes said. "It's a real honor for him to be able to come down here. It's a nice opportunity for other kids who have an interest in music to see what they can accomplish if that's what they choose to do."

Tickets for the concert 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.



Courtesy photo

Medical clinic construction moves to back parking area

Special to the Herald

The West Texas Medical Plaza, located at 1501 W. Eleventh Place, parking lot project is in the second phase, which includes the back parking area and the east side parking. These areas are blocked off during the construction. This section is expected to be completed in 10 days, but may extend depending on weather conditions. The front parking lot section has been completed. Patients and visitors, of the West Texas Medical Plaza, are asked to park in the front of the building (access from

Martin Luther King Blvd.) or in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Parking area.

The \$4^{1/2} million project to renovate the former Malone and Holgan Clinic began back in the spring of 2016.

Greystone purchased the building in April 2016 from the city of Big Spring and the Big Spring Economic Development Board through an incentive agreement.

Since then, the development company has overseen major renovation to the aging building and marketing space to healthcare agencies.

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Obituaries

James Wiley Weaver



James Wiley Weaver, born on Aug. 28, 1936, to C.M. and Ethel Weaver in Big Spring, Texas, passed away on January 13, 2017, at Baylor Hospital in Carrollton, Texas.

James is survived by his wife, Beatrice Weaver; daughter, Mary Braun; and son James Weaver; five grandchildren, Lauren, Will, Jake, Stormy, and Bodey; brother, Marcellous "Boosie" Weaver; sisters Ramona Harris, Sonia Lusk, and Mary Jane Weaver Phillips. James has many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He loved his family dearly. James is

preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Aubrey Weaver and R.H. Weaver; and sister Helen Chapman.

James, like his father and three brothers, served in the U.S. Military. He was stationed in Germany. James owned The Transportation Center, a used car dealership, in Big Spring for decades. He was passionate about cars, animals, and the city of Big Spring. James was a man that was known to give the shirt off his back to help a friend in need. He will be dearly missed.

Funeral service is Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel at 301 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas. Burial at Weaver Cemetery, West Leatherwood Rd, Big Spring, Texas.

Paid obituary

Maudie Fay Perdue Stephenson



Maudie Fay Perdue Stephenson of Duncan, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, Texas, went to be with our Lord and Savior on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017.

She was born Jan. 8, 1932, in Eastland County, Texas, to Arren and Artie Bell (Coombes) Perdue. Maudie married the love of her life, T.E. "Steve" Stephenson on Nov. 5, 1948, and spent the next 63 years with him. Maudie was a devoted wife, mother, Nanny, and friend. She loved God, her family, and her friends. Maudie was happiest when she was surrounded by family and friends. She loved to cook, talk, play cards and dominoes, and spend time at the lake.

Maudie was preceded in death by her husband,

T.E. "Steve" Stephenson; her parents, Arren and Artie Perdue; an older sister, Dicie Fonville; and a younger brother Marvin Perdue.

Maudie is survived by her son, Terry Stephenson and wife Mary of Farmington, N.M.; daughter, Vonda Stephenson and life partner Pat Dunham of Big Spring, Texas; Stanley Stephenson and wife Patti of Duncan, Okla.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Della Pearl Richie of Seminole, Texas.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, at 2 p.m. at College Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas, with Pastor Ken McMeans officiating. A private burial will be held prior to the memorial service at the Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco, Texas, under the direction of Callaway-Smith-Cobb Funeral Home of Marlow, Okla. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas. 432-267-7429.

Paid obituary

Dorothy Stovall



Dorothy Stovall, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at her home.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dorothy was born April 27, 1931, in Canon City, Colo., to Agnes McDougal Essmeier and Donald Essmeier. She married Jack Stovall on April 3, 1954, in Gonado, Texas. She has been a resident of the Big Spring community since 1977, coming from Midland after living there since 1966. She was a Rehabilitation Therapist at the Big Spring State Hospital. After ten plus years, she retired in

1991. She acquired 12,500 Volunteer Hours at Scenic Mountain medical Center since 2000. She also did volunteer work at Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City, Texas. She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Jack Stovall of Big Spring; four children, Deborah Westfall and husband Mark of Odessa, Ray Don Stovall and wife Diann of Midland, Leta Henson and husband Randy of Stanton, and Gary Stovall and wife Charlotte of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Essmeier and wife Lydia, and Sammy Essmeier, all of Louisiana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two grandsons, one granddaughter, and one brother, Charles Essmeier.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MARY JACQUELINE CERDA**, 54, of 421 Edwards was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).
- **RONALD STANLEY HASELBY**, 66, of 538 Westover Rd. Apt #124 was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO**, 27, of 1500 Mesa Ave. was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving with an invalid license.

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- **MELISSA MARGARITA PORTALES**, 23, of 200 Fifth St. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).
- **DAAYANA DELAROSA**, 36, of 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. #604 was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **JACOB RENE ACOSTA**, 24, of 907 S. Runnels St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **MICHAEL HOFFMAN**, 40, of 1207 Young was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of Edwards Boulevard.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Wright Street and the 2400 block of Old Highway 80.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Runnels Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 15th and Runnels streets.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of North Lamesa Highway.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of West Sixth and Lancaster streets. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Sycamore.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Wildfire Road.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5900 block of North Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of North Highway 87 and County Road 46.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole.

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



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Ken Cobb

Ken Cobb, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017. The family will receive friends Sunday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Grave-side service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Reynaldo Abelar

Reynaldo Abelar, 86, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Bobbie Holden

Bobbie Holden, 83, of Big Spring died Thursday, February 2, 2017, at a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JACOB RENE ACOSTA**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.
- **KIMBERLY ANN CASTANEDA**, 29, was booked by DPS on warrants for driving with an invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and violation of promise to appear.
- **MARY JACQUELINE CERDA**, 54, of 421 Edwards was arrested on a charge of assault class C.
- **DAAYANA DELAROSA**, 36, of 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. #604 was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and violation of promise to appear.
- **KELVIN WAYNE FLARITY**, 24, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for forgery of a financial instrument.
- **JAMES ANDERSON FORTENBERRY**, 32, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving with an invalid license.
- **RONALD STANLEY HASLEBY**, 66, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **MICHAEL HOFFMAN**, 40, was booked by HCSO on warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.
- **ALBERT MARTINEZ**, 38, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **MELISSA MARGARITA PORTALES**, 23, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property

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Texas Senate panel OKs so-called sanctuary cities bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas Senate panel on Friday approved a so-called sanctuary cities bill that would withhold state money from local jurisdictions that don't hand over immigrants already in custody for possible deportation.

The Senate's state affairs committee passed the measure after more than 16 hours of often emotional testimony marked by outbursts and protests from spectators.

The bill moves to the full Senate for a vote expected next week.

Hundreds of people registered to testify before the panel Thursday, and the hearing was disrupted repeatedly, prompting security to remove several people. Committee Chairwoman Joan Huffman warned that the chamber would be closed if the outbursts continued.

The term "sanctuary cities" has no legal definition, but Gov. Greg Abbott has promoted the legislation as a move to crackdown on criminal suspects who are in the country illegally.

Individual sheriffs and police chiefs — particularly those in heavily Democratic areas of the state — have long opposed enforcing federal immigration law. Abbott has already ordered \$1.5 million withheld from the Travis County sheriff who has said the jails in the state capital, Austin, would no longer honor most federal immigration detainees. That money supports projects such as family violence education and a special court for veterans. Abbott has warned that more money could be cut.

Opponents of the measure also contend immigrant communities wouldn't cooperate with law enforcement for fear of deportation.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, one of only two Democrats on the state affairs committee, said he has "moral" objections to the bill.

"(This) undermines trust between police and immigrant communities. We risk further endangering women and children who fall prey to violence and extortion such as human trafficking," Lucio said Thursday.

But the author of the bill, Republican state Sen. Charles Perry, said local authorities must enforce the law.

"This is not a deportation bill, this is a rule-of-law bill," Perry said. "We have almost a culture of contempt for federal immigration law."

First female firefighter in Bellmead proud of her job

BELLMEAD, Texas (AP) — After months on the job, Amber Barnes still gets surprised looks when she arrives at the scene of a local emergency and takes off her fire helmet.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports Barnes, a

32-year-old mother of three from China Spring, became the first female firefighter for the city of Bellmead on July 7.

"I was the tomboy growing up. I was never the princess type, staying in a room. I was always the one going outside and getting dirty," Barnes said. "I always knew I was either going to be a firefighter or a police officer. I just like to help people, and I've always wanted to be a part of something that was bigger than yourself."

Making her mark as the city's first full-time female firefighter, Barnes doesn't give much thought to her status as a pioneer.

"I am held to the same standards as everyone else. You can't really change standards when you go out on the type of calls that we do, but I would never want to be held to different standards," she said.

"When we go to schools for events, some of the kids say, 'Oh, it's a female firefighter,' but I just tell them that I am just a firefighter. I get more comments from people who have known me for a while . . . but sometimes people are kind of surprised."

Bellmead Fire Chief Billy Hlavenka said he never gave a second thought to hiring Barnes, who passed testing and physical requirements similar to her male co-workers. Hlavenka, who has been with the fire department for nearly 25 years, said hiring the city's first female firefighter was an adjustment, but Barnes is fitting in well.

"She went through our process of hiring with testing, interview process and the physical assessment and she passed all of them," Hlavenka said. "We had to make some adjustments to make sure she is comfortable, but she fits in."

Lt. Justin Shaw, Barnes' shift supervisor, said the adjustment was more notable to the 11 other firefighters than to Barnes. He said Barnes came in with a sense of humor and a dedication to hard work, making her a good addition to the firehouse.

"I think it was more of a culture shock for us rather than for her when she came in, because there is a lot of 'guy talk' that goes on, so we were really watching our p's and q's for the first few weeks," Shaw said. "The fire service has been a man's world, but now females are coming into it. That is great. I just wanted her to let me know if it ever got too much for her and we could tone it down, but she can give it back just as much as we can."

Rules of the firehouse were adjusted and partitions were added in dorm sleeping quarters, Hlavenka said. Wesley Hunke, a Bellmead firefighter for nine years, and Jeremy Rosas, a firefighter for seven years, agreed that the camaraderie and respect continue to grow between Barnes and her male counterparts.

"She stepped into a firefighter's role, so that is how we all look at her," Hunke said. "Females in emergency services is not something new when you consider we have a female police chief and

other strong female leaders here, so this is nothing new for Bellmead."

Bellmead Police Chief Lydia Alvarado is the only female police chief in McLennan County, while Lacy Lakeview Fire Chief Patty Byars-Faulkner is the first-ever female fire chief and only female fire department employee in Lacy Lakeview. Byars-Faulkner, who has been chief for about 3½ years, said when she began her career in Dallas in 1989, a woman's role in the fire department was rare with only 11 women on the force.

"I've learned that this is really about what you bring to the table. I've learned that once you know how your body works and what you can do, the sky is the limit," she said. "I think when you do your job and you don't expect preferential treatment because of your gender, I think everyone learns that you can do your job."

Information from the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Texas 'bathroom bill' may pose big test for sports leagues

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas knows how to throw a party, and for the Super Bowl in Houston, a new 29-story luxury hotel with a rooftop pool shaped like a meandering "lazy river" is the kind of glitzy welcome mat that keeps big events coming back. But that status may soon be put to the test.

Undaunted by the NCAA and NBA punishing North Carolina over bathroom laws that target transgender persons, powerful Texas Republican lawmakers are pushing to pass similar measures by June, and in doing so are daring leagues to boycott some of the biggest cities and stadiums in the U.S.

The stakes are bigger than Texas: other GOP-controlled states that watched the economic fallout in North Carolina could grow newly emboldened if sports executives decide that Texas is essentially too big to bail. Conservatives lawmakers have filed measures in almost a dozen states that would require people to use bathrooms or facilities that correspond to the sex on their birth certificate. LGBT advocates condemn the measures as discriminatory.

As the New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons settled in Houston this week, the NFL issued a statement embracing "tolerance and inclusiveness" without comment on Texas' bill or whether it could jeopardize future Super Bowls in Texas. The NCAA, which has 14 championship events booked in the state between now and 2019, declined comment.

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Visitation for James Weaver was held at 10:00 AM this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Memorial Celebration for Greg Bodin will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2017 from 2:00 until 3:00 PM at the Heritage Museum.

Dorothy Stovall, 85, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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in Davenport, Iowa. According to the company's website, City Wide Promotions services includes city information guides, sports calendars, football schedules, and baseball schedules.

A message left by the Herald to the 888 phone number was not returned by press time.

The e-mail touts "up to 5,000 exclusive full color Information Booklet and Event Calendars will be delivered in May 2017" to high traffic areas for distribution throughout the community. The booklets are supposed to include information such as emergency contact numbers and phone numbers to local schools districts and utilities.

The contact person listed on the e-mail

advertiser is John Wilber of CW Promotions.

According to an article published Jan. 27 on the Decatur Daily Democrat newspaper in Decatur, Indiana, a similar incident occurred with a local school district. Jason Arnold, athletic director of the school district in Decatur, informed the paper of a letter sent to at least one local business selling advertising space for the school's athletics, the paper reports

"The letter was sent from 'Samantha at CW promotions' and she presented herself as a member of the US Chamber of Commerce. The letter asks for advertising money for the SA 2017 football schedules and lists a contact number as 888-275-7918. Anyone receiving anything from this group is asked to disregard it," the Decatur Daily Democrat article states.

Valverde said if anyone receives something questionable regarding the city or

the chamber, to please bring it to her attention.

"We will look into it for you," she said. "We just want people to be aware especially if money, payment is involved."

To contact the Chamber, call 263-7641.

Reporter's note: The Decatur Daily Democrat is owned by Horizon Publications, the same company which owns the Big Spring Herald.

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disturbing that," said Wegman. "We will keep that current observation deck and will be adding another one that will be out on the dam."

According to Wegman, construction began on the renovation project in mid-January. Currently, the project is

in the demolition phase, clearing out the area around the spring.

"I'm excited that they've started construction," said Wegman. "Once the actual construction starts, we will get a little better time frame on when the project will be complete."

City officials estimate that the project will be complete sometime

this summer. While the renovation is taking place, the area around the spring will remain closed. In addition, the walking trail that goes behind Dora Roberts Community Center to Belaski Pavillion will be closed as well.

"Construction fencing will prohibit anyone from entering the area," said Wegman in an e-mail. "Please do not go

into the spring area until construction is complete.

"I know that everyone is curious with the fencing up," continued Wegman. "We just ask that people to stay out of the way of the contractors."

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Colorful tiles turn former San Angelo firetruck into artwork

Organizers say more than two dozen people took turns placing thousands of colorful tiles on a retired firetruck to create artwork for a San Angelo park dedicated to emergency responders.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reports the mosaic firetruck was unveiled Wednesday at Firefighter's Memorial City Park. Some San Angelo city workers and current firefighters were part of the project affiliated with the group Art in Uncommon Places.

The vehicle was driven by Fire Chief Alvin "Tom" Biggs of the San Angelo Fire Department from 1941 to 1964. The donated truck carries a plaque dedicated to Biggs.

Abbott's picks for UT regents headed to full Texas Senate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A state Senate committee has approved Gov. Greg Abbott's three nominees for the University of Texas System Board of Regents.

Former UT regent Janiece Longoria, ex-state Sen. Kevin Eltife and businessman Rad Weaver have been tapped for six-year terms.

The committee voted 5-0 on Thursday to approve them, sending the nominations to the full Senate, where approval is expected to come easily.

Abstaining was Houston Democratic Sen. Borris Miles. He and the Senate's only other black member, Dallas Democratic Sen. Royce West, have criticized Abbott for not choosing any African-Americans.

The three would succeed regents Wallace Hall, Alex Cranberg and Brenda Pejovich.

Hall has sued UT to get access to hundreds of thousands of pages of emails, interview notes and other records. Cranberg and Pejovich were Hall allies.

Children's Health pays \$3M fine over patient data breach

DALLAS (AP) — Children's Health has paid an almost \$3.2 million federal penalty after a multiyear investigation into patient data privacy breaches.

Scott Summerall, a spokesman for the health system, said Thursday that the Children's Medical Center of Dallas self-reported the breaches that were part of the federal investigation. He said hospital administrators don't think the stolen data has been used in a way that has negatively affected patients or their families.

"We have also enacted many levels of protection across our variety of devices. We train our colleagues on the importance of protecting patient information, and the methods by which they do so," he wrote in an emailed response to questions from The Associated Press.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights said Wednesday that the finding against the hospital was the result of "impermissible disclosure of unsecured" health information. The hospital self-reported the loss of three devices, two of which contained patient data.

According to the report, a BlackBerry containing unencrypted patient information for 3,800 individuals was lost at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in 2009, and an unencrypted laptop containing information for almost 2,500 patients was stolen from the hospital in 2013.

"Children's issued unencrypted BlackBerry devices to nurses and allowed its workforce members to continue using unencrypted laptops and other mobile devices until 2013," according to the statement published on the Health and Human Services' website. Summerall said the system decided to pay the fine rather than contesting the determination because it would be a "long and costly distraction from our mission to make life better for children."

Churches, synagogue offer to help Texas mosque razed by fire

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — Four churches and a synagogue have offered to host prayer services for members of a South Texas mosque that was destroyed by fire last weekend.

Omar Rachid, a member of the Islamic Center of Victoria, said Thursday that the offers gave "comfort at a time of great loss."

He says the congregation has decided instead to use a commercial building that provides the space and amenities to accommodate prayer services.

Demolition of the charred remains of the mosque began Wednesday and the intention is to rebuild on the same site.

A GoFundMe campaign to rebuild the mosque has exceeded \$1 million.

Trump's 'sanctuary city' order splits red and blue states



AP photo

Ahmed El Shenawy carries the American Flag around a wall of humans intended to protect the stage on the steps of the capitol for Texas Muslim Capitol Day, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at the Texas Capitol in Austin, Texas.

By **ANDREW SELSKY**

Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — President Donald Trump's promised crackdown on "sanctuary cities" has triggered divergent actions from blue and red states, revealing the deep national divide on immigration as some move to follow his order and others break with the U.S. government to protect immigrants in the country illegally.

California, the nation's most populous state, is pushing for a statewide sanctuary that would prohibit law enforcement from cooperating with federal immigration authorities, while a fellow U.S.-Mexico border state, Texas, is seeking to withhold funding from cities with the policies.

Trump's recent executive orders threatening to withhold federal funding from communities with sanctuary policies and calling for a border wall have produced widespread protests and fears that more immigration restrictions are in the future. The president's supporters have hailed the efforts.

Cities have mostly taken up sanctuary laws. There's no official definition, but often they tell police not to inquire about the immigration status of those they arrest or they decline requests from immigration officials to keep defendants in custody while they await deportation.

But liberal states like California would not be the first to block police from enforcing federal immigration law. Oregon pioneered statewide sanctuary in a 1987 law, when immigrant workers and their families were sometimes housed in appalling conditions despite their importance to agricultural profits.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said she will enforce that law.

"They mow our lawns. They pick our grapes," Brown said last week. "They take care of our children and they take care of our seniors, and I want to make sure they feel welcome in Oregon."

Advocates say the laws ensure people in the country illegally will come forward to report crimes without fear of deportation. Opponents cite concerns about crime, including the shooting death of Kate Steinle in San Francisco. Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, who was in the country illegally after multiple deportations to his native Mexico, has been charged with murder.

San Francisco reaffirmed its commitment to sanctuary policies by suing Trump on Tuesday, the same day California state senators advanced legislation that would provide money for lawyers for immigrants facing deportation and hamper any attempt to create a Muslim registry.

The state is home to an estimated 2.3 million immigrants in the country illegally.

"We want to make sure that police officers don't abandon their beat and go enforce immigration laws," said Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon of Los Angeles.

Some California Republicans fought back. State Sen. Jeff Stone voted against the measure, saying, "I think this bill is making it that much more difficult for the federal authorities to get the most dangerous criminals that we want to deport to keep our

communities safe."

Three states away, Texas' Republican governor, Greg Abbott, embraced Trump's order, saying the administration is showing the potential to secure the border.

He instructed lawmakers to send him a bill by June that punishes local governments that don't cooperate with federal immigration authorities. Abbott wants to withhold taxpayer money to cities that don't detain immigrants and to remove locally elected officials if they don't comply.

Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez, who runs the jails in the liberal enclave of Austin, plans this week to stop honoring all federal immigration requests to detain suspects and only comply with requests to hold those accused of murder, aggravated sexual assault and human trafficking. Abbott responded by blocking \$1.5 million in criminal justice grants to the county.

Idaho also is moving to enforce Trump's order, though the state has no sanctuary cities. A bill this week would hold back taxpayer money.

The actions come in a different political climate from when Oregon instituted its statewide protections. The governor's office said Oregon has not faced any federal reprisals over the years but that it could change.

Gov. Brown said she would fight for Oregon's law, including taking legal action, if Washington tries to withhold federal funding as leverage.

The law means immigrants

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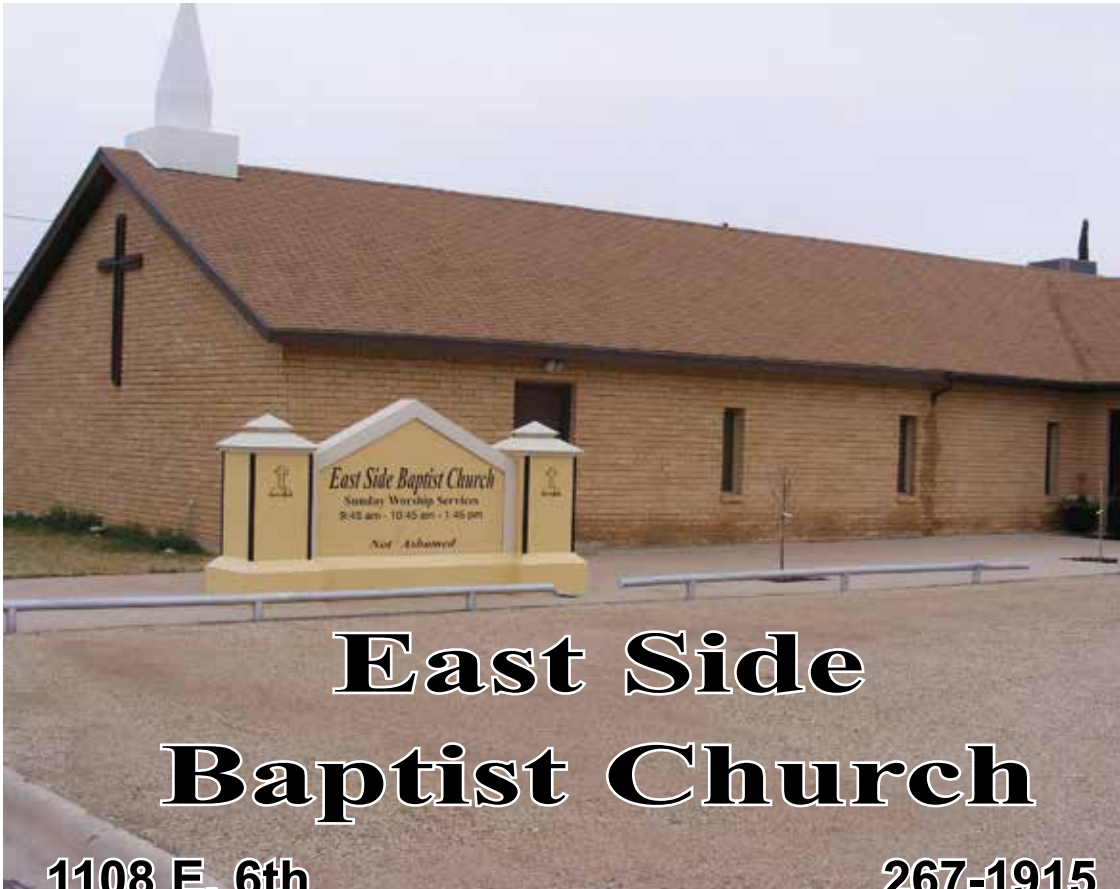
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After Deborah died, the Israelites slipped back into baal worship. For seven years the Lord allowed them to be under the power of a coalition of nations led by the Amalekites and Midianites. They were very oppressive people who all hated Israel; they often set fire to Israel's grain fields. They set up their camps in the middle of fields to harass the Israelites and observe their movements. The Israelites cried out to their God for help.

While Gideon threshed grain in a winepress, which was better concealed from the enemy, the Lord sent an angel to him.

The angel greeted Gideon, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." Gideon was astonished, "If He is with us, where are all His wonders that our fathers told about?"

The angel said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel. Am I not sending you?" (Judges 6:13, 14 paraphrased).

Do you recognize that the Lord God has just commissioned Gideon to lead Israel and whip their oppressors? Gideon didn't! Since God did not come down in all His Glory and tap Gideon on each shoulder with a sword, Gideon doubted. He ques-

tioned the angel and asked for a sign.

The angel had Gideon slaughter a young goat and make unleavened bread. He placed them on a rock near the angel; fire flared from the rock and consumed them. This was a sacrifice to God and God provided the fire! Now Gideon was committed to serve his God. He built an altar there to the Lord.

The Canaanites built altars to their gods on every high hill and Gideon's father, Joash, did also. The Lord had Gideon take two bulls and tear down Joash's altar to Baal and cut down the tall tree called the Asherah pole. Do you remember that Asherah was the goddess of immoral sexuality and this baal was Molech who required that the resulting babies be killed in the fire?

God had Gideon build an altar to the Lord in place of the heathen altar. Gideon and his servants built it at night because they feared the people. Using the Asherah pole as firewood, Gideon sacrificed the second bull on the Lord's altar.

Next morning, the men of the town intended to kill Gideon. But Joash said, "Must you fight for Baal? If Baal really is a god, he can fight for himself."

That day Israel called Gideon "Jerub-Baal" meaning 'Let Baal defend himself'

Now, the Canaanite tribes united, preparing for battle. Gideon, too, called for soldiers from

Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali.

Again Gideon questioned God. He asked the Lord for a sign... a very specific sign. Gideon said, "If you will save Israel by my hand, let this fleece on the threshing floor be wet with dew tomorrow morning and let the ground be dry."

The next morning Gideon wrung a bowlful of water from the fleece, yet the ground was dry.

Again Gideon tested the Lord. The second night he asked that the ground be wet with dew and the fleece be dry. Again God did as Gideon requested.

Does this sound familiar? A much more publicized story is the Greek myth of Jason and the Golden Fleece. One story of Jason's return with the fleece has him asking the gods to tell him what to do by the same means. If the fleece alone is wet with dew, Jason will attack his enemy. The Greek myths also fashioned Hercules after Samson.

Check the dates on this. This Bible history is from before 1000 BC. There are no written records of the several civilizations that battled for dominance in Greece until after 1000 BC.

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

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

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

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

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

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

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

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

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 mercy, while evening worship is at 5 p.m., with a message on rebels in the church.

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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Julie, and the people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to join them for worship services Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700.

For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

Sunday, Feb. 5: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - The congregation continues its journey 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.

Currently being offered is a powerful married couples only class entitled "Radical Marriage." Your marriage can be the greatest adventure of your lives when you let God evolve your relationship with your spouse.

Experience a radical marriage to the fullest. The class is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Chapel/academic resource center. Remember you do not have to be a member to attend.

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

Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. and Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message from scripture titled "Joyful Giving."

Drawn from Acts 20:35, this provoking passage reminds listeners to serve the Lord with joyous humility, working not only for oneself but for the privilege of honoring God through giving to others.

Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead morning worshippers in a selection of songs to honor God that include: "To God Be The Glory," "How Great

Is Our God," "Ancient of Days," and "I Surrender All." If you are unable to attend, you can join the service online through the live stream at fbcbig-spring.org.

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 and direct you to coffee.

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 meet at 6 p.m. at the Raffini's home. Transportation is available; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details.

Evening worship begins at 6 p.m. in the Chapel, and Pastor Mark will continue teaching from the book of Ephesians.

Women's Bible study Monday morning at 10 a.m. in Room 201. The study is "Entrusted" by Beth Moore and all area women are welcome. Contact Carol Boyd at 816-9915 for additional information.

Triple L (Living Longer and Loving It) group invites you to join them Tuesday, Feb. 7 at noon in the church dining room. Bring a friend and enter through the east kitchen doors to enjoy a tasty meal and great company.

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

Area teens are encouraged to participate in the "Discipleship Now" youth retreat weekend Feb. 10 through 12. The theme is "Fearless," and the weekend will focus on how to respond in situations that stir up worry or stress. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for more information or to register your teenager.

Upward Basketball games continue Saturday, Feb. 4, but there will be no games Feb. 11 because of the youth retreat.

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

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700.

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, Feb. 5, 2017, First Christian will have guest minister Dan Miracle preaching a sermon taken from Matthew 5:13-20.

Assisting Rev. Miracle will be Mary Beth Johnson as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's Table will be Shirley Lee and Shelane Roberts. 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

Upwards youth basketball ongoing at FBC



Courtesy photo/First Baptist Church

A 5th- and 6th-grade boys' team in First Baptist Church's Upwards youth basketball program poses before a game. Upwards, described by FBC as a "Bible-based sports program," is ongoing at the church on Saturdays.

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 group has the following schedule: dinner at 6 p.m., handbells at 6:30, and Confirmation Class at 7:15 in the Youth Room.

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

The lectionary for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany is Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; I Corinthians 2:1-16; and Matthew 5:13-20.

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 and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

The choir will present the African-American spiritual "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian" as the anthem and "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee" from "Processionale" as the Communion anthem.

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

Two gates, two ways

Choice. We all love to have choices. Even when offered a gift by someone, we might still ask, "What are my choices?" Having the ability to choose makes us feel in control to a certain degree. Choosing gives us a sense of empowerment and the more choices the better.

The goal of this article is not to focus on secular and material views of naturalism (atheism). However, the brief point must be made that if you believe that the material universe is all that there is and there is nothing after this life, then that will affect the choices that you make. It usually leads people to the YOLO mentality – you only live once – and their choices become based on self-gratification.

For those that believe there is more than what we can physically perceive, there are still choices

available. Multiple world religions exist and offer different choices for people to make. Again, people like to have choices. The road that many cultures have taken toward relativism ultimately have people saying that one way is just as good as another. You get to make your own choice.

Narrowing our focus even further, within Christianity the same mentality has crept in through the centuries. Why are there so many different groups who all claim to follow Jesus? Even when we claim to follow Jesus we still love our choices! And that's where we get to the real problem – who ultimately gets to decide what the choices are?

Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (ESV).

Jesus teaches that we are able to choose, but instead of hundreds, or thousands, of paths that all lead to heaven, he says that it really comes down

to two choices – disobedience (which is usually the easier choice) or obedience.

We all have a choice to make – we can choose to obey God or we can choose to disobey. The right choice does not depend on what I think is right, nor does it depend on what I feel is right. The right choice does not differ from person to person – it is not relative to the individual or the situation! The right choice is determined by the one who has been given all authority (Matthew 28:18). The right choice is based upon his teachings and his inspired words (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The only question is – which way will you choose? There are only two, and the way that you choose will lead you to one of only two gates. In the end, it will be destruction or life for each and every one of us. May we all choose wisely!

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



GREG SURLES

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at both worship services entitled "Let Your Light Rise in the Darkness" The message is taken from Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 5:13-20.

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 focus on the Book of Ephesians as an introduction to the Letters of St. Paul. 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 continues with its regular Wednesday night schedule with supper at 5:30 p.m. and various age level groups meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday night's menu includes pulled pork sandwiches with potato salad and baked beans, or corn dogs for the kids, dessert, and a drink.

This Wednesday, the Children's Ministry will begin working on its spring musical. The musical is entitled "Judge Julie Truly and the Case of the Holey Roof." Rehearsals are from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Hall. The musical will be presented to the congregation on Mother's Day, May 14, during the 11 a.m. worship service.

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.

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.

The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) is planning a Mardi Gras Celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. There will be no Wednesday Noon Bible Study or regular Wednesday Night activities the following day in observance of Ash Wednesday;

however, there will be an Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. on March 1.

It will be a very busy spring and summer at First United Methodist Church. Upcoming events and dates to remember include the Ash Wednesday Service on March 1 at 6:30 p.m., the annual Confirmation Retreat for Junior High students March 24 to March 26, Palm Sunday on April 9, Good Friday Service on April 14 at 7:30 p.m., Easter Sunday on April 16, Confirmation Sunday on April 23, Vacation Bible School from June 12 to June 15.

The church's youth ministry and children's ministry is also getting geared up for a busy summer camping season.

Several camps will be offered for children and youth at Ceta Canyon Camp, Camp Butman, and a youth camp in Colorado Springs. For more information on any of the camps, please phone the church office.

For more information on any activity, please visit the 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 2:1-10, and is called "Brought to Life."

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

Reflections: Welcoming the stranger?

Last Friday, with one stroke of his pen President Trump swept away more than two centuries of American history in which we prided ourselves on our generosity, our goodness and our commitment to embrace the oppressed. He replaced it with fear and self-interest. With that same stroke of his pen, he struck through the famous words inscribed on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"



BILL TINSLEY

Trump's order prohibited travel from seven mostly-Muslim nations. None of the terrorists who successfully carried out attacks on U.S. soil came from any of these countries.

But, we all came from somewhere.

Native Americans came first, beating all of us to this continent by a few thousand years. My "multi-great" grandfather, Thomas Tinsley, landed in Jamestown in 1638 after a risky voyage across the Atlantic. My mother's family, the Harpers, came later from Ireland. Along with them came others from Norway, Poland, Germany, Italy, and a host of captives from Africa. They were followed by still more from Asia, including refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. We have come from every corner of the earth. We are a nation of immigrants.

We are one nation with many ethnicities embracing every skin color and many languages. More than 90 languages are spoken in Houston. Polish is the third largest language group in Chicago with a Polish population equal to Warsaw.

We like to keep the teachings of Jesus in the tepid category. We don't like for Him to mess with our assumptions. But this is what got Him into

trouble. His teachings are radical when it comes to loving people who are different than we are.

The Jews of Jesus' day despised Samaritans. But Jesus specifically went out of his way to enter Samaria and to visit with a Samaritan woman. When she pointed out that the Samaritans worshipped at Mt. Gerazim while Jews worshipped in Jerusalem, Jesus replied, "An hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth."

When Jesus wanted to illustrate what it means to love our neighbor, He told of a Samaritan who risked his own safety to help a stranger who had been beaten and left for dead.

When Jesus introduced himself to the synagogue in his hometown at Nazareth, he infuriated the crowd by stating that God loved the Syrians. He reminded them that Elisha healed a Syrian leper when there were many lepers in Israel. They were so enraged they tried to throw Jesus off a high cliff (Luke 4:16-30).

Today the oppression in Syria represents the world's greatest refugee crisis. Eleven million Syrians, more than half of them children, have fled the brutal attacks by ISIS. Most of them are Muslim. But many Christian organizations are reaching out to these refugees providing shelter, blankets, water, food, and comfort. Virtually every denomination is represented as well as para-church groups like Samaritan's Purse and World Vision.

We are always afraid and suspicious of people who are different than we are. But "perfect love casts out fear." Isaiah says, "Hide the fugitives, do not betray the refugees. Let the fugitives stay with you; be their shelter from the destroyer. The oppressor will come to an end, and destruction will cease; the aggressor will vanish from the land" (Isaiah 16:3-4).

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

on the South Service Road in Sand Springs. The church offers fellowship and Bible study

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Jordanian teen caught up in extra scrutiny after travel ban

HOUSTON (AP) — A Jordanian teenager who has been held for five days after flying to Houston might have been detained due to heightened scrutiny following President Donald Trump's executive order to curb immigration from seven Muslim-majority countries, according to attorneys.

Mohammad Abu Khadra remained in custody Thursday at a detention center in Chicago after being detained at Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport on Saturday, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Mohammad is from Jordan — not one of the seven countries included in the order. But Ali Zakaria, an attorney representing Mohammad's family, said it appears that U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials are tagging travelers from other Muslim-majority countries for secondary security screenings, and that Mohammad might have revealed he was enrolled at a Houston-area high school, a violation of his tourist visa.

"Even if it's visa violation, that doesn't mean he should have been sitting at the airport for 48 hours and transferred to Chicago, away from his family, where it will take several days or weeks to reunite them," Zakaria told the newspaper.

The 16-year-old, who lives in the Houston suburb of Katy with his brother, Rami, is among dozens of visa holders and immigrants who were detained at U.S. airports after Trump signed the order prohibiting citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen from entering the United States for 90 days.

The order also indefinitely bars all Syrian refugees from entering the United States and suspends all refugee admissions for 120 days.

Sabah Rafie, a spokeswoman for the Jordanian foreign ministry, said Jordanian authorities are following up on the situation with Mohammad with U.S. officials and the teenager will be freed when the situation allows and when it is safe.

"Rejecting his entry is not connected to Trump's recent decision," she said.

Zakaria did not immediately return a phone call from The Associated Press on Thursday.

Michael Olivas, an attorney with immigration expertise who's not connected to the case, said that while it does not appear that Mohammad's case is directly related Trump's executive order, increased scrutiny of travelers from Muslim-majority countries appears to be a side effect.

"They could send him back or could have had him come in if he promised not take classes once he was advised of the rule," Olivas said. "He seems a little caught up in the drama of all of this."

Supreme Court nominee a champion of federal restraint



AP photo
Supreme Court nominee Judge Neil Gorsuch, center, arrives with former New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017, for a meeting with Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn.

By JEFF DONN and GEOFF MULVIHILL

Associated Press

Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch has repeatedly favored extending greater power to states, counties, towns and American Indian tribes, according to an Associated Press review of his appeals court opinions and other writings and speeches.

The judge on the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has railed, often eloquently, about what he views as government overreach, sometimes by the courts themselves. He has promoted instead the concept of federalism, which favors states' powers to run their own affairs. He has frequently dissented from his court's majority when it sought to impose federal authority over other governing bodies.

President Donald Trump's nomination of the 49-year-old Gorsuch has drawn cheers by conservative groups that view him as fulfillment of Trump's campaign promise to appoint a conservative to the high court.

If confirmed by the Senate, Gorsuch would take the seat occupied by Justice Antonin Scalia until his death a year ago. Democrats, civil rights groups, and advocates of gay and abortion rights have widely panned the selection.

Over the years, Gorsuch has argued for a federal hands-off approach toward an e-commerce tax in Colorado, for letting Oklahoma use state law to bar convicts from arguing their lawyer was ineffective, and for tribal jurisdiction over crimes on Indian lands in Utah.

"Federal courts aren't free to intervene in any old dispute and rule any way they wish," he wrote in 2014. He was dissenting from the appeals court majority when it allowed a federal challenge to the Colorado voter-approved law requiring public approval of new taxes. The court majority based its objections to the tax on the Guarantee Clause of the U.S. Con-

stitution, which says that the federal government must guarantee "a republican form of government" in the states.

In a 2015 case, he added that the federal government should exercise "diffused and divided power, the better to prevent its abuse."

Gorsuch has also bemoaned what he sees as overuse of the court system itself. He has voiced frustration that it too often operates at a snail's pace and at unjustifiable costs.

"No doubt our complex and consuming litigation wringer has assumed the shape it has so courts might squeeze as much truth as possible out of the parties' competing narratives," he wrote in a 2015 decision upholding the right of the Ute Indian people to prosecute tribal

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programs; Refreshments are provided and children are welcome. For more information call 263-6274.

Spring Creek Fellowship

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.

"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>

The Connect Four class meets once a month immediately following Sunday services. 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 the church for the February date.

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 pm. 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 Groups

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

If you would like any further information regarding ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit the website.

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Seecan go to police when they are a victim of a crime or witness one, without fearing deportation, said Jann Carson, associate director of the ACLU of Oregon.

"The biggest result is that Oregon police have not participated in INS, now ICE, raids on migrant farms, apartment buildings, roadblocks," Carson said.

She said immigrants here illegally can't receive welfare benefits but that many pay taxes. The Social Security Administration estimated immigrants and their employers paid \$13 billion in payroll taxes in 2010.

Former lawmaker Dick Springer helped pass Oregon's measure 30 years ago. He said it

was driven by unsanitary and crowded living conditions for migrant workers and the agriculture industry's dependence on those workers.

"We were aware of really atrocious conditions for farmworkers ... 50 people would be living in a barn," Springer said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

The 1987 measure received bipartisan support. Asked if it makes Oregon a sanctuary state, Springer said that was his intent.

"We're not going to hassle people that want to make a living and are contributing to our economy," he said, choking up with emotion. "They have a very strong work ethic. They have commitment to faith and to family. Those are the families we cherish, embrace and welcome."

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Audrey Sutterfield and the Howard College women's basketball team snapped a four-game losing streak Thursday, defeating Clarendon College, 96-49. The men's team made it a clean sweep for Howard as it downed Clarendon, 78-68.

How to sound like a NFL fan while watching Super Bowl

The Associated Press

If you're among the millions of people who watch precisely one NFL game each year, yet want to sound like a real football fan during Sunday's Super Bowl, The Associated Press has you covered.

This guide includes talking points for some of the biggest storylines and critical characters that everyone will be watching and discussing when the New England Patriots face the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl 51 in Houston:

TOM BRADY: Brady is New England's 39-year-old quarterback, their superstar with the cover-boy, their and the Brazilian supermodel wife. He is certain to be the most yapped-about player in the game — and not merely because he is trying to become the first starting QB to win a fifth Super Bowl ring and first player at any position to win a fourth Super Bowl MVP award. As he throws passes to Chris Hogan (whose college lacrosse days are worth knowing about) or hands off to one of three running backs who could be important, you'll hear plenty about Brady's four-game suspension at the start of this season for what became known as ...

'DEFLATEGATE': The NFL determined the Patriots intentionally underinflated footballs used during their AFC championship game victory two years ago and said Brady fired a shot. Eventually, after a federal court sided with the league, Brady served his punishment; the NFL fined the Patriots \$1 million and took away two draft picks — all of which



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is why if New England beats Atlanta, all eyes will be on ...

ROGER GOODELL: The commissioner of the NFL could be put in the awkward position of sharing a post-game stage for the trophy ceremony with Patriots owner Robert Kraft and Brady. Goodell avoided going to Foxborough, Massachusetts, for either of New England's home playoff games last month (he attended two games in Atlanta) and was mocked by Patriots fans' chants of "Where is Roger?" This wasn't the first time Goodell punished the Patriots for running afoul of league rules while they've been coached by ...

BILL BELICHICK: Considered by some the greatest coach in NFL history, branded as a cheater by others, Belichick can break the record for most Super Bowl championships for a coach by winning No. 5. A flop with the Cleveland Browns in the early 1990s, Belichick then infa-

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Belichick follows familiar script

HOUSTON (AP) — He values the team's overall culture ahead of its individual parts.

He rules his team with an iron fist, and yet, instills that team with a sense of family.

He can appear heartless — quick to say "goodbye" to those who no longer fit in — and yet, he is deeply loyal.

He has hard-and-fast ideas about how to run his own team, but is never against learning and adding bits of others' expertise to his own repertoire.

Yes, this is a description of New England coach Bill Belichick, who can set himself apart Sunday by winning a record fifth Super Bowl title as a head coach.

It's also a description of for-

mer coaches Chuck Noll of the Steelers and Tom Landry of the Cowboys and Alabama's Nick Saban.

As well as Gregg Popovich of the Spurs and former UCLA coach John Wooden and pretty much every other person who has cemented him or herself on the Mount Rushmore of the profession.

"Xs and Os are the price of admission," says John O'Sullivan, founder of the Changing the Game project, who speaks often about the importance of coaching in society. "But great coaches, the first thing they do is connect. When you connect with people, they'll run through a wall for you."

Belichick, a people person? The same might have been said, or asked, about Noll, Landry, Saban or any of these coaches, whose time facing the public usually involves 5- and 10-minute segments with the media during which their main goal is to reveal anything important about their game plan — or much about themselves.

The effort — and sometimes, accolades — they get from their players says more.

Terry Bradshaw couldn't stand four Super Bowls with winning Pittsburgh. Only years later did the Hall of Fame quarter-

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AP file photo

New England coach Bill Belichick argues with an official during a game earlier this season. Sunday, Belichick will lead the Patriots against Atlanta in Super Bowl LI.

Hawks come from behind vs. Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Dwight Howard repeatedly insisted that this had nothing to do with revenge.

Howard scored 24 points and grabbed 23 rebounds in his first game in Houston since signing with Atlanta in the offseason, leading the Hawks to a 113-108 victory over the Rockets on Thursday night.

"I didn't really think about it like that," Howard said. "It wasn't like, 'Aww, we've got to beat Houston because it's my first time back.' I just knew we needed the win."

The Hawks trailed by as many as 20 points and entered the fourth quarter down 13 before Howard led a late comeback.

Tim Hardaway Jr. had a career-high 33 points for Atlanta, including a driving dunk with less than a minute remaining that gave Atlanta a three-point lead. Hardaway scored 23 points in the fourth quarter, going 8 for 11 from the field, 3 for 5 from the 3-point line and 4 for 5 from the foul line.

Howard said Hardaway gets a scary look on his face when he's angry enough to take over a game, and he saw it in the fourth quarter.

Teammates teased Hardaway in the postgame locker room, jokingly providing him special services, such as bringing him deodorant and offering to make him a plate for his dinner.

"These guys can play all they want, but what was working was DeAndre' Bembry — you've got to give him all the credit," Hardaway said. "He

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Popovich ties NBA mark for wins with 1 franchise

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gregg Popovich greeted his latest career milestone with his usual self-deprecation and deflection, insisting he only achieves these records because he is old.

Friends and players rarely disagree with the San Antonio Spurs' emotional coach. But, they did this time.

Popovich tied the NBA record for the most career wins with a single franchise, earning his 1,127th in the Spurs' 102-86 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Thursday night.

Popovich matched Jerry Sloan of Utah for the league mark, but did so while saying he's not the equal of the coach who resigned in 2011 after 23 seasons with the Jazz.

"He's in a different league than me," Popovich said.

Philadelphia coach Brett Brown said that's

nonsense. He spent 11 seasons with San Antonio before joining the 76ers and is one of Popovich's closest friends.

"In 2017, where professional sports are so ruthless and cutthroat, survival rates and people that can last are rare," Brown said. "He would say, 'Well, that must mean I'm old.' I think it means he's good, really good."

Popovich's abilities are evident this season. San Antonio has seven new players on its roster and lost franchise stalwart Tim Duncan to retirement in the offseason.

Despite the turnover, the Spurs maintained the league's second-best record at 38-11 with their 12th straight victory at home over Philadelphia and 11th straight overall against the 76ers.

"It's amazing," Spurs veteran Tony Parker said. "To have Pop up

there, he's going to keep going. It looks like he's not getting tired, he's not going to stop anytime. It's very impressive to coach that long and keeping your team motivated with the same message, it's not easy."

San Antonio had 15 steals and forced 23 turnovers, both season highs, as both teams played short-handed.

The frontcourts for both teams were depleted, with San Antonio missing LaMarcus Aldridge and Pau Gasol, and Philadelphia without Joel Embiid, Nerlens Noel and Robert Covington. Aldridge and Embiid were both late scratches with minor knee ailments.

Kawhi Leonard scored 19 points and Dewayne Dedmon had 13 points and 10 rebounds for his second double-double for the Spurs.

"I think Dewayne Ded-

mon was the star of the show tonight," Popovich said. "Everything he did was great."

The 76ers' frontcourt got 25 points and 10 rebounds from Ersan Ilyasova, and Dario Saric added 14 points.

Philadelphia was held to 33 points in the second half, and San Antonio outscored the 76ers 31-20 in the third quarter after losing an eight-point lead in the second. Philadelphia only made 10 shots in the second half.

"I think defense was the key in the second half," said rookie Davis Bertans, who finished with 12 points. "If you can keep teams to 33 points a half, I think you'll win all the games."

Ilyasova had seven points during a 14-2 run beginning midway through the second quarter that gave the Sixers their first lead.

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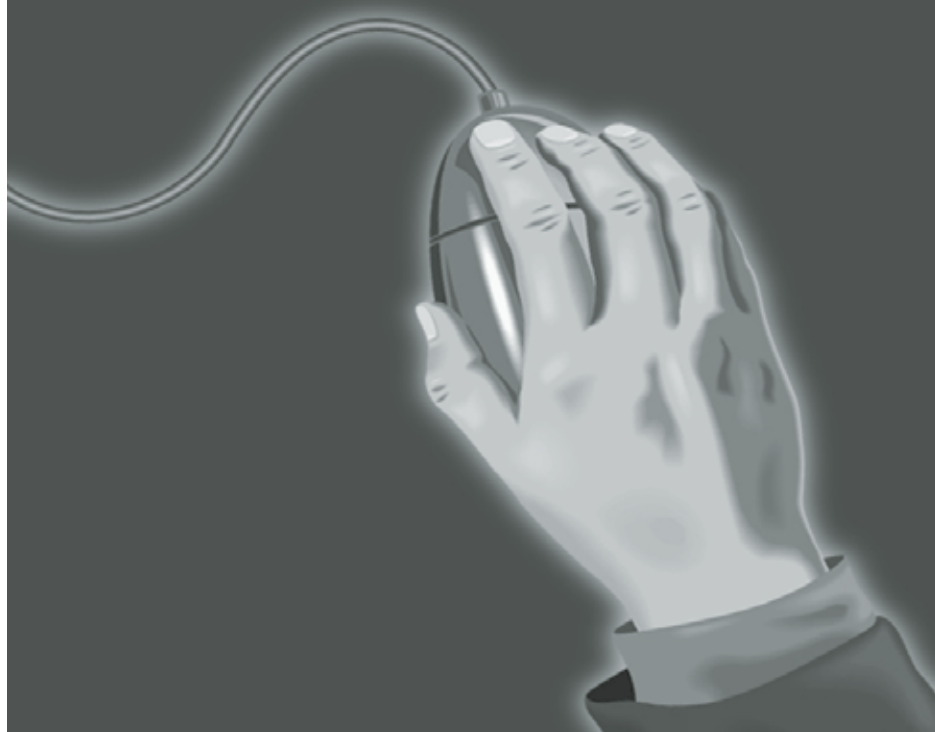
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 3). Realizing that you can't keep everything the way it is and still get what you want, you'll approach this solar return with scrutiny. What can you trade? What are you unwilling to compromise about? Tough questions will lead to a plan that nets you a superstar transformation by

the end of May. July brings a windfall. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 38, 14, 22 and 19.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You'll get what you want by being the bigger person. Give in on some of the smaller points. **TAURUS:** Your affection will be returned in kind. **GEMINI:** Wit trumps physical beauty, but you'll hit the bonanza and get both in one person! **CANCER:** There's a high level of trust in a relationship, and you'll be careful to protect that. **LEO:** Your honest, unique and flawed interactions will be much more effective than a canned perfect one could possibly be. **VIRGO:** It will be your pleasure to keep the air flowing under the other person's wings. **LIBRA:** You want to build on the relationship. One brick at a time, though. **SCORPIO:** Of all your social options, the one who plays with you the best will be the most intriguing. **SAGITTARIUS:** Relating to another person is different from outdo-

ing another person. **CAPRICORN:** The problem is a lack of love, entertainment, interest, excitement -- and both parties are looking for a mutually agreeable solution. **AQUARIUS:** Temporary arrangements need but a few kinks worked out to become long-term. **PISCES:** Trivial matters are only fun to get into if they involve flirting. If not, withdraw fast.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The friction between Taurus and Aquarius this weekend causes sparks. To the untrained eye these two may seem almost to dislike each other, but to one experienced in human dynamics, it's clear that their sparring is a way of generating excitement. Sensual, reasonable Taurus and intellectual, eccentric Aquarius could switch roles with one another this weekend, giving the relationship fresh interest.

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Venus Enters Aries

Being a relatively weak physical specimen (as compared to the lions, wolves and sharks) the survival of mankind is dependent on fighting, fleeing and forbearance. Whatever challenges this new journey of Venus through the hostile climate of Aries brings our way, we will be better, sharper and stronger on the other side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are plenty of available options, but the ones that meet the criteria of being the right thing at the right time in the right way are few and far between. Trust in life's unfolding today. Relax, align yourself, and wait for it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a

Annie's Mailbox

the country, because I sound as if I have an "English accent."

I've been asked so much that I've tried to take it as a compliment, but now that I have a new job working with customers full time, it's becoming more of a problem. It gets annoying, but with a customer service job, I cannot get angry with our customers. I talked with my parents about it, and they said that I just have to try to not

have it get to me.

The problem is that because I am asked almost constantly, I've become very self-conscious. I try my best not to have my speech problem, but it's not something that I can fully control. I need advice on how not to be fast to anger when asked about my "accent." Have any pointers to help me get through my day? -- Speech Problems in Pennsylvania

Dear Speech: I'm printing your letter because you offer an invaluable perspective. I will now think twice before asking someone about an "accent," which might turn out to be an alienating and awkward question, as you've shown. As for your getting

through the day, focus on what you can control. You can't control what customers say, but you get to decide whether or not it bothers you. For what it's worth, I've found that meditation can work wonders to make all the annoying, stressful parts of daily life a little less so.

Dear Annie: Your suggestion to scroll down and hit "unsubscribe" on unwanted emails could result in your reader's being hacked. My computer guru tells me to first check the email address of where it originated to make sure it is not spam (i.e., from a malicious or fraudulent sender, as opposed to a vendor whose mailing list you're actually on).

Hitting "unsubscribe" tells the sender there is someone working that email address.

Any emails not wanted should be blocked instead so they go into the junk email folder. Any emails wanted can be sorted by going to the search box at the top and putting in the name or subject. That will reduce the list of emails to be sorted through.

I am sure other readers have more suggestions. -- Full Inbox, Too

Dear Full: Right you are. Here's another.

Dear Annie: Once "Inbox Infinity," who has 6,972 unread emails, clears out her inbox and prevents future floods, she should

set up one account for friends and family only and a second account for commercial transactions and shopping. The second account would be disposable, so if it got overwhelming or were spammed or hacked, she could close it easily and start a new one. We have done this for years with great success. -- Jean in Florida

Dear Jean: That's a useful tip. Divide and conquer.

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Speech Problem

Dear Annie: I'm almost 19 years old, and I've had a speech problem ever since I could talk. When I was about 7, I started getting help to correct my speech, and I continued until I graduated high school. Around that time, I got a part-time job. I worked with a lot of customers, and a lot of times they would ask me whether I came from out of

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds, and North leads the jack of spades (either a singleton or a doubleton). How would you play the hand?

WEST	EAST
♠ A K 6 5	♠ 10 4 3
♥ A 8	♥ Q J 2
♦ A Q 10 9 8 5 2	♦ K J
♣ —	♣ A 10 8 5 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

WEST	EAST
♠ A 9 7	♠ 2
♥ K Q 5	♥ J 7 4
♦ A 7 6 4 3	♦ K J 5
♣ A 8	♣ K Q 7 6 4 3

1. The best method of play — is to win the spade, cash the king, and lead a trump to dummy's jack, discard the eight of hearts on the ace of clubs and play the queen of hearts.

If South covers with the king, ruff it and return to dummy with a trump to discard one of your spade losers on the jack of hearts. All you can then lose is one spade.

If South plays low on the queen of hearts, discard a spade. If the queen wins, you have 12 sure tricks; if it

loses to North's king, you will still have an excellent chance to make 12 tricks by later discarding another spade on dummy's jack of hearts.

2. You can't be sure of the contract, but there is a best way to proceed. Nine tricks are obviously yours for the taking if the clubs are divided 3-2. So, to give yourself an added chance — if they split 4-1 (or 5-0) — start by ducking two rounds of spades, discarding two hearts from dummy. Win the third spade with the ace and lead a low club to the queen, followed by a low club back to the ace.

If both opponents follow suit, you're home free, but if either of them shows out, you next play a low diamond to dummy's jack. If North was dealt the doubleton or tripleton queen, you can still make the contract.

Observe that if you start the clubs in the more usual way by playing the ace and another club, and you run into a 4-1 division, it becomes impossible to score five diamond tricks regardless of how the opposing diamonds are divided. This is because if you are forced to start the diamonds from dummy, the suit automatically blocks, and you can't take more than three diamond tricks no matter how you proceed.

Tomorrow: Abnormal procedure.

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sudoku

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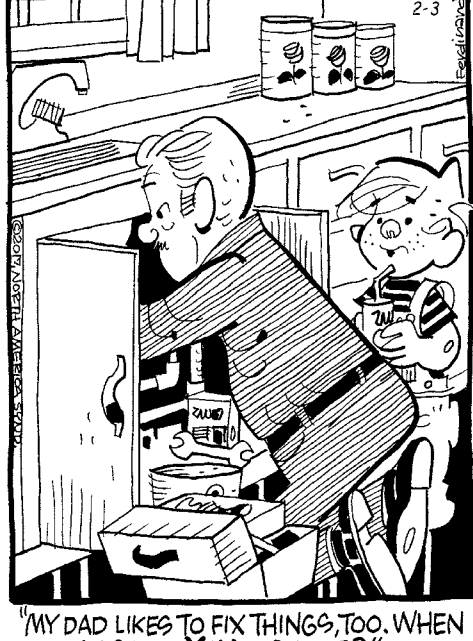
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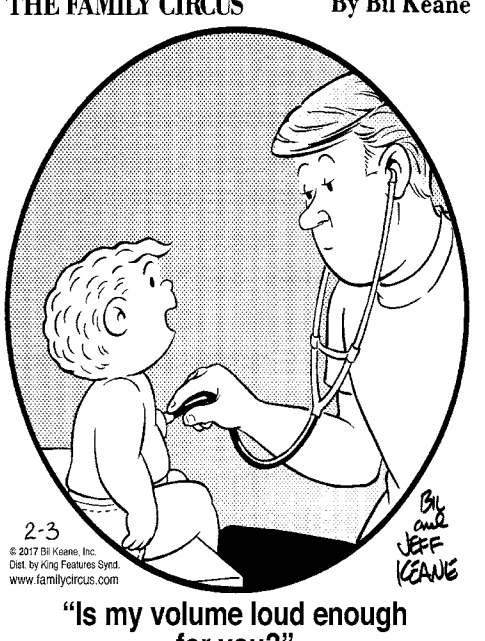
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"MY DAD LIKES TO FIX THINGS, TOO. WHEN DO YOU START YELLING AT IT?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

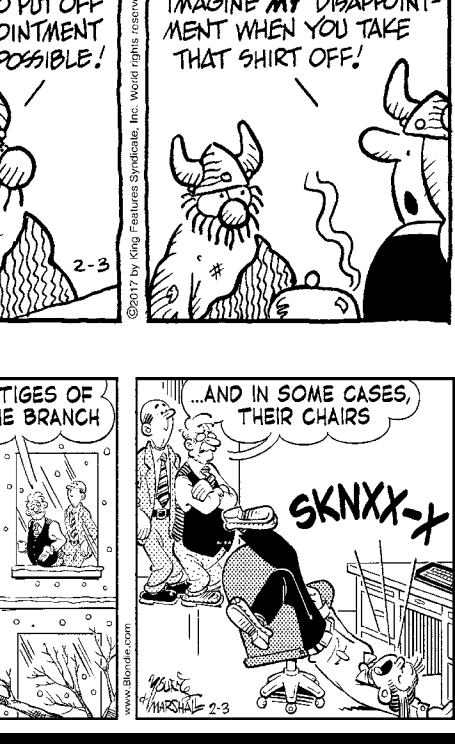


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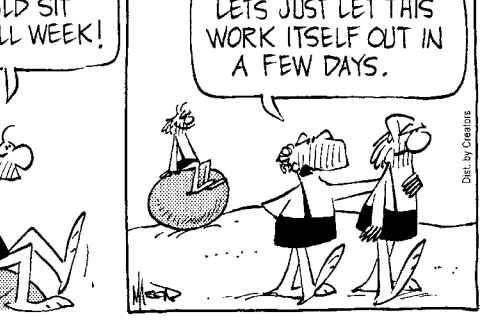
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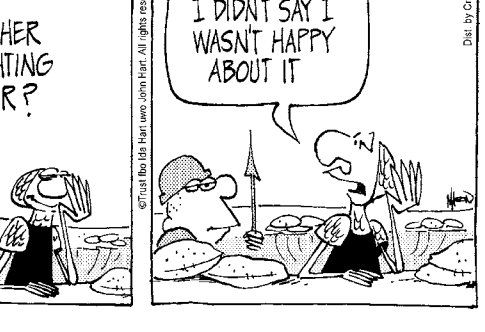
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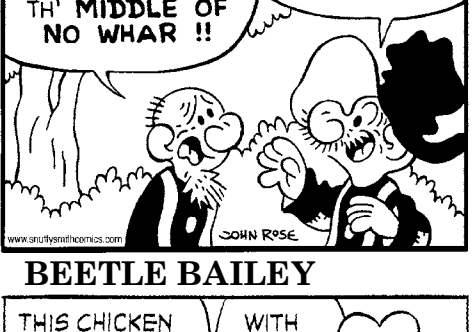
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2017. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 3, 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare, the same day an American cargo ship, the SS Housatonic, was sunk by a U-boat off Britain after the crew was allowed to board lifeboats.

On this date: In 1783, Spain formally recognized American independence. In 1867, Crown Prince Mutsuhito (muht-soosh-toh) became Japan's 122nd emperor at age 14 four days after the death of his father, Emperor Komei (koh-may). (Emperor Meiji (may-jee), as he's posthumously known, oversaw Japan's transition from a feudal state to a capitalist world power.) In 1877, the song "Chopsticks," written by 16-year-old Euphemia Allen under the pseudonym Arthur de Lulli, was deposited at the British Museum under the title "The Celebrated Chop Waltz." In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, pro-

viding for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington, D.C., at age 67.

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons. (He died just over a month later.)

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo; of the more than 900 men aboard, only some 230 survived.

In 1959, rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a small plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa. An American Airlines Lockheed Electra crashed into New York's East River, killing 65 of the 73 people on board.

In 1966, the Soviet probe Luna 9 became the first man-made object to make a soft landing on the moon.

In 1972, the XI Olympic Winter Games opened in Sapporo, Japan.

In 1989, Alfredo Stroessner, president of Paraguay for more than three decades, was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1995, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history.

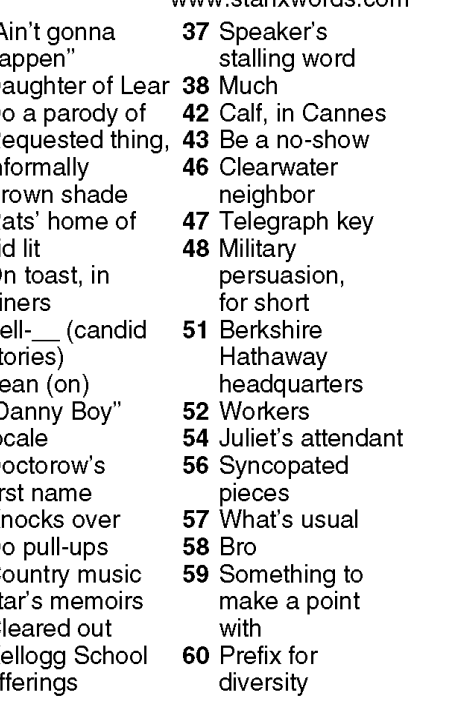
Ten years ago: A suicide truck bomber struck a Baghdad market in a predominantly Shiite area, killing 137 people. President George W. Bush designated four central Florida counties disaster areas in the wake of tornadoes that had ripped through the region, leaving 21 dead. Thurman Thomas, Bruce Matthews, Roger Wehrli, Michael Irvin, Charlie Sanders and Gene Hickerson were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Five years ago: Susan G. Komen for the Cure abandoned plans to eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood, following a three-day furor that resounded across the Internet, in Congress and among Komen affiliates.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Transportation Dept. agency
 - 8 87 or so
 - 9 Elite Eight org.
 - 13 "Pure Reason" philosopher
 - 14 Brewers Hall of Famer
 - 15 Poor excuse for an apology
 - 16 Schlep
 - 17 Fictional prisoner's locale
 - 18 Early ed. setting
 - 19 Part 1 of a department store sign
 - 22 Stet
 - 23 '30s workplace for Astaire
 - 24 Kemels' home
 - 27 Proofs of age
 - 28 S&L offering
 - 31 Trash-handling toon
 - 33 Part 2 of sign
 - 36 Sound of a smooch
 - 39 Region of Israel
 - 40 A pushover
 - 41 Part 3 of sign
 - 44 Unexcelled
 - 45 Wall fixture
 - 46 Longtime Richard Petty sponsor
 - 49 Taking time, in brand names
 - 50 Verizon subsidiary
 - 53 Range near Salt Lake City
 - 55 End of sign
 - 59 Europop superstar group
 - 61 More or less
 - 62 Financial buy-back agreement
- DOWN**
- 1 Didn't come through
 - 2 What hems may tickle
 - 3 Enjoyed greatly
 - 4 With elaborate intrigue
 - 5 Certain Pulitzer Prize recipient
 - 6 Fontanne's stage partner
 - 7 Working for
 - 8 Was rotten
 - 9 "Ain't gonna happen"
 - 10 Daughter of Lear
 - 11 Do a parody of
 - 12 Requested thing, informally
 - 13 Brown shade
 - 20 Rats' home of kid lit
 - 21 On toast, in diners
 - 25 Tell-___ (candid stories)
 - 26 Lean (on)
 - 29 "Danny Boy" locale
 - 30 Doctorow's first name
 - 32 Knocks over
 - 33 Do pull-ups
 - 34 Country music star's memoirs
 - 35 Cleared out
 - 36 Kellogg School offerings
 - 37 Speaker's stalling word
 - 38 Much
 - 42 Calf, in Cannes
 - 43 Be a no-show
 - 46 Clearwater neighbor
 - 47 Telegraph key
 - 48 Military persuasion, for short
 - 51 Berkshire Hathaway headquarters
 - 52 Workers
 - 54 Juliet's attendant
 - 56 Synopated pieces
 - 57 What's usual
 - 58 Bro
 - 59 Something to make a point with
 - 60 Prefix for diversity

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Answer to previous puzzle

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PATS

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back concede that he benefited from Noll's coaching. "Did I respect him? Of course I did," Bradshaw said last year. "Like him? No, I didn't like him."

Among the 15 blocks on Wooden's famed pyramid of success is "self-control," an attribute that applies to the players as well as the coaches and general managers choosing them. In a recent talk he gave to a group of coaches, Popovich spoke of the virtually mandatory requirement to resist talented players who are more focused on themselves than the team. "That's not easy," he said. "You have to follow through, be good to your principles. That person who's going to be good, who has potential, that's go-

ing to get you fired."

A lot has been made this year of New England's decision to part ways with two key cogs in its defense — Chandler Jones in the off-season, then linebacker Jamie Collins, who was (ruthlessly?) traded away to winless Cleveland in October. That defense still allowed the fewest points in the league.

Belichick is hardly the first coach faced with those sorts of choices. In the '70s, Landry spent a season shuffling between Roger Staubach and Craig Morton at quarterback. Eventually, he recognized the Cowboys could only succeed with one of them, and he chose Staubach, while trading Morton to the Giants.

"Sometimes it is unfortunate to have to make such a decision," Landry said at the time. "But it is important to

clear the air so there is no speculation on it from week to week."

Tom Thibodeau, coach of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves, spent time with Belichick a few summers ago and said he marvels because "the infrastructure is so strong" — one factor that allows great coaches to say goodbye to key players without missing a beat.

"You either conform and become a team-first guy, or you won't be there long," Thibodeau said. "I think every player really wants discipline. And they want to win. So when you give them the environment, they'll usually respond in a positive way."

But while the great coaches demand discipline, they also figure out ways to get their teams to bond. Former coach Packers coach Vince Lombardi had a well-earned reputation

as a taskmaster, and yet one epiphany that took him over the top was the concept, virtually unheard of at the time, that the word "love" really did belong in a locker room.

More recently, Tom Coughlin overdid discipline for most of his first 10 years in the NFL. Only when he let up a bit, then got Michael Strahan on board, did the Giants become winners. This year's other Super Bowl coach, Dan Quinn of the Falcons, has discussed his season-long quest to turn his group of players into a "brotherhood."

Belichick will never be confused as warm-and-fuzzy, though maybe Vince Wilfork's tweet after parting with the Patriots in 2014 painted the best picture about the sort of atmosphere the coach has created: "We are always family," Wilfork wrote.

HAWKS

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took the challenge of guarding possibly the MVP of the season, it's a hard task, but he stayed discipline."

Bembry matched up with James Harden for nearly the entire fourth quarter, holding him to just six points.

Harden finished with 41 points, eight assists and eight rebounds, but the Rockets struggled to make shots down the stretch. Clint Capela had 22 points and nine rebounds.

Houston lost its lead when Hardaway was fouled on a driving layup and converted the free throw to give Atlanta a one-point lead with two minutes remaining.

During the fourth-quarter rally, Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer made the bold call to

leave starters Paul Millsap and Dennis Schroder on the bench to keep the streaking unit in the game.

"I think it speaks to the character of the team to keep fighting until you find the right group that gave us the chance to win," Budenholzer said. "That group found a way without two of our best players and that was special."

Howard, who spent the last three seasons in Houston, received a mostly warm welcome by the Toyota Center crowd, with some light, scattered boos.

Howard dominated the game early, winning the tip against Capela and scoring eight points in the first four minutes. He had a double-double before halftime.

After a back-and-forth first half that featured 13 lead changes, the Rockets held a slim 50-47 lead at the break.

FAN

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mously resigned one day after getting the top job with the New York Jets in 2000, heading instead to New England. Long before "Deflategate," there was "Spygate," when the Patriots videotaped signals being sent in by Jets coaches during a 2007 game, earning a \$500,000 fine for Belichick. While his offense flourishes thanks to Brady, Belichick is a defensive mastermind, a trait that comes in handy against ...

MATT RYAN: Known as "Matty Ice" for his cool demeanor, Atlanta's quarterback is coming off one of the best seasons in NFL history,

including 38 touchdown passes and seven interceptions, making him a favorite to win the MVP award Saturday night. Ryan threw TDs to a record 13 receivers as part of a versatile ...

FALCONS OFFENSE: Orchestrated by offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan — expected to be hired soon to coach the San Francisco 49ers, he is the son of Mike Shanahan, who led the Denver Broncos to two Super Bowl trophies — Atlanta led the NFL by averaging 33.8 points. Receiver Julio Jones can score whenever he touches the ball, Mohamed Sanu is talented, too (and played QB in college, so look for a trick play with him throwing), and Taylor Gabriel is a speedster.

In six previous Super Bowls between the No. 1 offense and No. 1 defense, the defense went 5-1.

Another trend: Six previous Belichick-Brady Super Bowls (New England is 4-2) were all decided by four points or fewer, so a key role could be played by ...

THE KICKERS: It's been more than 25 years since a Super Bowl extra point was missed, but don't head to the fridge when New England's Stephen Gostkowski and Atlanta's Matt Bryant line up to kick. While both have had successful careers — although Gostkowski did miss three field-goal tries and two extra points in the first seven games this season.

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News in brief

Trump moves toward a tougher line on Israeli settlements

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is warning Israel that constructing new settlements “may not be helpful” to Middle East peace efforts, shifting toward a tougher line with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government.

Still, the White House made clear Thursday that the Trump administration “has not taken an official position on settlement activity,” departing from previous administrations that have considered the settlements illegitimate.

Trump has been perceived as sympathetic to the settlements. Shortly before taking office, he vigorously criticized the Obama administration for not vetoing a United Nations Security Council measure condemning settlements.

But in a statement Thursday, the White House said, “While we don’t believe the existence of settlements is an impediment to peace, the construction of new settlements or the expansion of existing settlements beyond their current borders may not be helpful in achieving that goal.”

The White House said the president would discuss the issue with Netanyahu when he travels to Washington later this month. The two leaders are scheduled to meet at the White House on Feb. 15.

US Defense Sec’y. Mattis reassures Japanese on US support

TOKYO (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis reassured Japanese leaders Friday that President Donald Trump is fully committed to defending Japan as a treaty partner.

Trump himself raised doubts about the value of the alliance by saying during his presidential campaign that the security partnership is a bad deal for the U.S.

Mattis was firm in stating that the Trump administration will stand behind Japan. He spoke at the start of a meeting with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Abe welcomed Mattis and said he looked forward to visiting the White House next week.

In South Korea earlier, Mattis delivered an explicit warning to North Korea, asserting that any use of nuclear weapons by the North on the United States or its allies would be met with what he called an “effective and overwhelming” response.

GORSUCH

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members accused of crimes on Ute territory. “But sooner or later every case must come to an end.” The argument hasn’t ended: the Utah city of Myton asked last month for a review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a 2013 speech, Gorsuch described the law itself as confusing and bloated: “And what happens to individual freedom and equality — and to our very conception of law itself — when the criminal code comes to cover so many facets of daily life that prosecutors can almost choose their targets with impunity?”

His writings have long reflected a deep respect for powers of the states.

As an undergraduate at Columbia University, he founded a newspaper called The Federalist Paper. And in 1991, long before he became a judge, he co-wrote a law review article defending state-imposed term limits on elected officials.

Many of his court rulings have also lifted up state over federal law. In a 2015 majority opinion, Gorsuch opened the door to restoring a jury verdict reached under state law giving landowners hundreds of millions of dollars for improper handling of nuclear weapons waste at the Rocky Flats site in Colorado. In this case lasting a generation, he also lamented “staggering delay and (no doubt) equally staggering expense the parties endured here.” The settlement with landowners finally gained preliminary approval last year.

Gorsuch wrote the majority opinion in 2007 that denied motorists’ claims over Oklahoma’s rules for specialty license plates. The motorists claimed the rules made it harder for them to display messages for abortion rights than pro-life slogans. In the same case, though, the ruling did let a reproductive rights group advance its claim of unfair funding by the state.

In yet another dissent in 2009, Gorsuch argued against interfering with an Oklahoma court ruling against two prisoners convicted of murder. He said the majority’s ruling “winds up treating state courts less like instruments of sovereign governments and more like federal agencies.”

Gorsuch’s work displays a belief that federal agencies too often overstep their authority. In an immigration case last year, he questioned the decades-old doctrine giving judicial deference to the way federal agencies interpret laws. He wrote that these principles “permit executive bureaucracies to swallow huge amounts of core judicial and legislative power and concentrate federal power in a way that seems more than a little difficult to square with the Constitution of the framers’ design.”

Then he added: “Maybe the time has come to face the behemoth.”

Alexander “Sasha” Volokh, a professor at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, said Gorsuch’s views on the power of federal agencies could be particularly important with Trump in the White House.

“For anyone who is concerned about abuses of power under Trump,” he said, “that sort of person would really welcome a theory that would limit how much authority the agencies would have to say what the statutes mean.”

French soldier shoots man who attacked them outside Louvre

PARIS (AP) — A French soldier shot and seriously wounded a man in a shopping mall beneath the Louvre Museum on Friday after he tried to attack them and shouted “Allahu akbar,” officials said.

The man was carrying two backpacks, and he had two machetes, and when soldiers and police officers on patrol told the man that he could not come in with his bags, he attacked, said Yves Lefebvre, a police union official.

“That’s when he got the knife out and that’s when he tried to stab the soldier,” he said.

A soldier opened fire and the man was struck five times, once in the stomach, Paris police chief Michel Cadot said. The backpacks didn’t contain any explosives, he said. One of the soldiers was slightly wounded on the scalp.

The French interior ministry said that anti-terrorism prosecutors are investigating the Louvre attack, but that there were still no details about the identity of the attacker. “Allahu akbar” is the Arabic phrase for “God is great.”

Guard killed at prison saved colleagues’ lives, union says

SMYRNA, Del. (AP) — Forced into a closet by inmates at Delaware’s largest prison, Sgt. Steven Floyd called out to officers coming to his aid, warning them that inmates had set a trap — saving their lives with his final actions, the head of the state corrections officers’ union said.

“Even in his last moments as the inmates attempted to take over the building, Sgt. Floyd told a couple of lieutenants to get out of the building and that it was a trap,” union President Geoffrey Klopp said.

Floyd was found dead early Thursday after authorities used a backhoe to smash through a barricade of footlockers and end a nearly 20-hour hostage standoff at the prison. A second hostage, a female counselor, was safely rescued minutes after tactical teams forced their way into a building at the all-male, 2,500-prisoner James T. Vaughn Correctional Center.

Delaware Gov. John Carney called the uprising a “torturous” ordeal. In a statement, he said authorities will hold accountable those responsible and “make whatever changes are necessary to ensure nothing like it ever happens again.”

US-led coalition trains Mosul police, plans for IS-free Iraq

BASMAYA, Iraq (AP) — The U.S.-led coalition is planning for the day when Iraq will be free of the Islamic State group, ramping up training of a future Mosul police force — even as the battle for the rest of the city is briefly on hold.

Sometime during the lull, significant numbers of

the security forces are expected to move into villages scattered across the plains of Ninevah province around Mosul and also into parts of the city retaken from IS over the past three months.

The Iraqi military declared Mosul’s eastern half “fully liberated” in January and is now preparing to battle for the city’s western sector — likely to be a much tougher fight in a dense and overcrowded urban environment.

The operation to free Iraq’s second-largest city has been the most complex challenge for Iraqi forces to date.

With more than 100,000 soldiers, police, tribal and militia fighters deployed for the offensive, Iraqi leaders are aware that after IS militants are routed from Mosul, a well-trained police force will be needed on the ground — to keep the hard-won victory.

In the blistery winter wind, a few hundred police recruits shuffled in place to keep warm during a recent training exercise at a coalition base run by the Spanish Army in Basmaya, east of the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

In New York refugee haven, new anxiety in age of Trump

UTICA, N.Y. (AP) — Around Utica, it’s not unusual to see tables full of Bosnians sipping strong coffee in cafes, Muslim women in hijabs shopping at grocery stores and Somalis raised in equatorial heat heading to work in the blowing snow.

An influx of thousands of refugees from around the world over the past few decades is credited with injecting new energy and optimism into this faded post-industrial city of 62,000. But now, Utica is beset with new anxiety in the age of Trump.

The president’s order restricting refugees and travel from Muslim countries has immigrants in Utica feeling uncertain about their place here. Some also worry they will not be able to bring over family members fleeing war zones and refugee camps.

“There’s one saying my mom used to tell me in camp in Iraq: A refugee will always be a refugee,” said 18-year-old Manal Alawsaj, a Palestinian who just became a citizen. “It makes me terrified. I ran out of Iraq because of this. And now I’m here, and yet I’m feeling the same way. ... Maybe this is not home, maybe I should move, or this is not my country.”

Thousands have settled in Utica, about 170 miles north of New York City, through the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, which grew out of efforts to bring over Vietnamese refugees in the 1970s.

It has since shepherded in 16,000 people from around the world, about 400 refugees a year, including Somalis, Bosnians, Syrians, Sudanese and people from Myanmar.

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