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BSISD trustees OK Anderson renovation funds

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD trustees gave the green light Thursday night to use funds left over from two bond series to renovate the old kindergarten center campus to house the new Anderson Accelerated High School.

"When kids go there...kids are way behind their credits," said Jay McWilliams, Big Spring ISD assistant superintendent. "They are in danger of not graduating." According to McWilliams, the new high school will have a computer based, self-paced curriculum.

"It's all online," he said. "Odyssey Ware has a program for every class that kids have to have in high school. We will have a teacher out there to moderate, to facilitate. It allows kids to possibly get caught up on their credits, maybe get ahead. It can be something for those kids that are struggling in a regular classroom setting."

According to Big Spring ISD CFO Susan Bryan, the district has already spent about \$133,000 to upgrade the facility.

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Steers to face Tigers tonight



File Photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotogray.com)

Pictured above Jeremiah Cooley, 23, rebounds for the Steers during a game held earlier in the season. The Big Spring High School boys varsity team take on the Snyder Tigers tonight at Steer Gym, 707 11th Place. The game begins at 6:15 p.m.

Rep. Darby named chairman of House Energy Resources committee

By AMANDA ELSTON
 Managing Editor

On Thursday, State Representative Drew Darby was named chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee for the 85th Texas Legislature. In addition, Darby was appointed as chairman of the Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility and as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees tax related matters.

"It is an honor to be named chairman of the Energy Resources committee," said Darby. "I look forward to working with the members of the committee as we work on important issues facing the economy, workforce, and landscape of Texas."

Darby is currently serving his sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives. Darby represents District 72, which consists of Howard, Coke, Concho, Glasscock, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling, and Tom Green counties.

"I'm also excited to be on the Ways and Means committee which will play a critical role this session in

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Trump's health secretary pick confirmed narrowly for Cabinet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Tom Price, President Donald Trump's choice to be health secretary, is the latest of a handful of Cabinet nominees to eke out a confirmation victory in a bitterly divided Senate.

Following the pattern of strictly party-line votes on two previous nominees — Attorney General-designate Sen. Jeff Sessions and Betsy DeVos for Education secretary — the Georgia congressman was approved early Friday on a 52-47 vote. Former Exxon-Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson fared somewhat better than Sessions and DeVos, but still won confirmation for secretary of state by only a 56-43 margin.

Two other controversial Trump selections are set for votes Monday. By a 53-46 margin, the Senate ended procedural hurdles to financier Steven Mnuchin's nomination to be Treasury secretary. Final approval for Mnuchin and for physician David Shulkin to be veterans affairs secretary was set for Monday.

Minority Democrats have used Senate rules, where possible, to delay elevation of some Trump's nominees. And following Price's confirmation to head the Department of Health and Human Services, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said: "The Republicans launch their first assault in their war on seniors."

Democrats prolonged the debate on the 62-year-old Price until nearly 2 a.m. EST Friday, in arguments tinged with bitter accusations, reflecting the raw feelings

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Borden Co. girl fares well at Fort Worth Stock Show

By AMANDA ELSTON
 Managing Editor

A Borden County girl's hard work paid off at the 2017 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo recently. Aubree Blissard, a 4-H member from Borden County, exhibited the 1st place heifer in the Junior Simmental Heifer Show on Jan. 23.

"Aubree has been in 4-H since she was in third grade, but she started showing animals when she was three," said Amanda Blissard, Aubree's mother. "She started showing mini herefords when she was four."

The 10 year old competed among junior exhibitors from 238 counties around the state while in Fort Worth. According to Amanda, Aubree has gone many years to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

"She has two heifers and she also shows steers," said Amanda. "She made the sale in Fort Worth with her steer the week after that and placed ninth with a heavyweight



Courtesy photo

Aubree Blissard, pictured in pink, has participated in stock shows since she was three. The Borden County youth exhibited the first place heifer in the Junior Simmental Heifer Show at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

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American steer. When she sold that she got \$8.50 a pound for that."

The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo's main objective is to support the 4-H and FFA programs in the state.

"Cultivating tomorrow's business and civic leaders goes to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo's core purpose," said Stock Show President Brad Barnes. "Our commitment to these young men and women remains strong and we're humbled that so many Texas youth choose to exhibit at the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo."

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Obituaries

David Mack "Cheese" Garcia



David Mack "Cheese" Garcia, 2, of Carlsbad, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, in Carlsbad.

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

David was born Oct. 20, 2014, in Big Spring, Texas, to Esther Gutierrez Garcia and

Jesus Garcia. He and his family moved to Carlsbad in October 2016.

He is survived by his parents, Esther and Jesus Garcia of Carlsbad; four brothers, Malachi Luz Garcia, Johnathan Anthony Hernandez, Dionicio Richards Levi Hernandez, and Isreal Izayah Hernandez; two sisters, Alexandria Alazay Garcia and Alana Christina Garcia; his grandparents, Christina Yanez, Cruz Gutierrez Sr., Jesus A. Garcia, Isabel Yanez, David Yanez, and Irma Garcia; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandmother, Eva C. Yanez, on July 4, 2014.

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

Flora Salazar



Flora Salazar, 82, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with a vigil service starting at 7 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish with Father Sam Matthiesen and Father Frank Chavez officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Flora was a Certified Nurse's Aide, starting at Malone and Hogan Hospital and retiring with Scenic Mountain Medical Center after 40 years.

Survivors include her sister, Mary Salazar; broth-

er, Joe Salazar and wife Cruz; and a sister-in-law, Gina Salazar; all of Big Spring. She is also survived by 7 nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Isabel and Catarino Salazar; sisters, Juanita and Inez Salazar; brothers, Tim and Frank Salazar; and sister-in-law, Ruth Salazar.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Howard/Glasscock Counties Relay for Life, www.relayforlife.org; or the Oblate Madonna Residence (retirement home for Oblate priests), 5722 Blanco Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78216.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TIFFANY JO BAKLEY**, 18, of 1402 Tucson St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **FABIAN BARRIENTES**, 20, of 1501 Wood St. was arrested on a warrant for speeding.

- **DEMIS ROBERT TORRES**, 19, of 505 E. 14th St. was arrested on warrants for disregarding a red light and failure to appear; and on another outstanding warrant.

- **CARL KEITH SPIVEY**, 39, of 1507 Hilltop Rd. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property \$100

to \$750.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of East Interstate 20, the 600 block of Elgin Street, and the 1200 block of East 11th Place.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2400 block of South Gregg Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TIFFANY JO BAKLEY**, 18, was booked by BSPD on warrants for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500) and theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **FABIAN BARRIENTES**, 20, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for speeding.
- **COURTNEY RAE DUGAN**,

32, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **MERCEDES HENDERSON**, 26, was booked by Glasscock County on a bond forfeiture for assault causing bodily injury, and on a warrant for open container.

- **AUGUSTINE RIVERA**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **MARIO SANCHEZ**, 27, was booked by Glasscock County on warrants for open container, no driver's license, speeding,

and failure to appear for driving while intoxicated; and on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, expired registration, and driving with an invalid license.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Joshua Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of East 11th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was report-

ed in the 1200 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of West Seventh Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

- Parkplace Retirement Living, will hold a Valentine's Dance Friday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Big Spring Senior Center, 100 Whipkey Dr. There is no charge to attend and the dance is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

- The Howard County Fair needs volunteers to cross stitch squares for the annual quilt fundraiser. The theme for this year's quilt is "It's a Jungle Out There." You can pick up a square from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for more information.

- The late Greg Bodin had his first "Photographic Exhibit" at the Heritage Museum a couple of years ago. In his memory, the museum is offering a last look at his talent. His photographs are on sale one



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Debra Purser

Debra Purser, 64, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, at her home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Friday: Warmer, sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night: Mostly clear. Lows around 50. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Windy. Much cooler. Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the upper 50s.

Sunday night: Colder. Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday: Colder. Cloudy with rain likely. Highs around 40. Chance of rain 70 percent.

Monday night: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain or snow. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow. Highs in the upper 40s.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the lower 30s.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

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

Support Groups

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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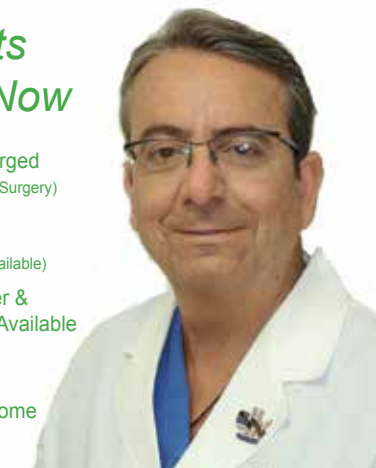
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Healthy Heart, Healthy You set for Feb 16.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be recognizing heart health month with the Healthy Heart, Healthy You event at Hotel Settles. The event is February 16 and tickets are \$20 per person or \$250 for a reserved table of 10. There will be a free health fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. To purchase tickets stop by Scenic Mountain Medical Center or call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699.

DARBY

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reducing the business tax burden and finding relief for homeowners on their property tax bills," said Darby.

The Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility is a new committee appointed to monitor actions of the federal government including federal legislation and regulations that require or advise that states take certain actions or pass legislation.

"The Committee may assess the economic impact on the state of the feder-

al government actions or inactions," stated a press release from Darby's office. "The committee may also consider issues related to the federal budget and its impact on Texas. The committee shall examine unfunded federal mandates and their impact on the state. The committee shall also consider proposals to amend the U.S. Constitution."

The 85th Texas Legislature is currently in session until May 29.

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BSISD

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"We anticipate spending another \$55,000 more," Bryan said.

According to Bryan, \$272,000 was left over from the 2010/2011 bond series used to fund the construction of the four elementary schools and renovation to Big Spring High School. According to district officials, that money can only be used for facilities.

The Anderson campus already houses the district's District Alternative Placement (DAP) program. Students are placed in DAP because of disciplinary issues.

Trustees meet for their regular

meeting at the high school board room. In other business, they approved:

- An amendment to district of innovation plan which gives administrators the option to work an occasional shorten school days into next year's district calendar and add back an extension for teacher certification.
- Heard the district's enrollment numbers on at Feb. 3, where at 3,874, down about 205 students from last year at this time.
- Ordered the May 6 board of trustee election.

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enveloping Washington early in Trump's presidency.

Just four of 31 votes for then-President Barack Obama's Cabinet vacancies drew at least 40 "no" votes, as did only two of 34 votes for Cabinet positions under President George W. Bush.

No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Cornyn of Texas said Democrats' "obstruction" of Cabinet nominees was a rejection of Trump's Election Day victory and threatened "the stability of the government and that peaceful transition of power" from President Barack Obama.

Republicans see Price, an orthopedic surgeon and seven-term House veteran, as a knowledgeable leader who will help scuttle Obama's health care overhaul, partly by issuing regulations weakening the law. Democrats describe an ideologue with a shady history of trading health care stocks and whose policies will snatch insurance coverage from Americans.

"He seems to have no higher priority than to terminate health coverage for millions of people," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H. She said his preference for limiting women's access to free birth control was "not only wrong, it's arrogant."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Price "knows more about health care policy than just about anyone." He said Price would help "bring stability to health care markets that Obamacare has harmed."

Price's nomination is part of a larger clash in which Republicans want to quickly enact priorities long blocked by Obama. Democrats, with few tools as Congress' minority, are making a show of resistance, stretching some floor debates to the maximum 30 hours Senate rules allow.

The high stakes plus Trump's belligerent style have fed the combativeness. They've also produced remarkable scenes, including Democratic boycotts of hearings, Republicans suspending committee rules to approve nominees and GOP senators voting to bar Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., from joining a debate.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, accused Democrats of opposing Trump's nominees with "apocalyptic visions of a future world gone mad." He wondered how Democrats kept "their outrage settings turned to 11 without getting completely exhausted."

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said Trump was

shaping a Cabinet that "benefits those at the top and their allies, but really hurts the workers and families."

Until recently chairman of the House Budget Committee, Price has proposed repealing Obama's health law and replacing it with tax credits, health savings accounts and high-risk pools for sick, costly consumers. Democrats say those ideas are inadequate and would leave people unprotected against significant health expenses.

Republicans have yet to produce a replacement plan and have differed over when they will do so.

Price has supported ending federal payments to Planned Parenthood, and paring Medicaid and giving states more power to shape the health care program for the poor.

He'd reshape Medicare's guaranteed health coverage for the elderly into a program offering subsidies for people to buy policies.

Democrats have accused Price of lying about his acquisition of discounted shares of an Australian biotech company and benefiting from insider information. They've also asserted he pushed legislation to help a medical implant maker whose stock he'd purchased.

Price has said he's done nothing wrong. It's illegal for members of Congress to engage in insider trading.

By 53-46, the Senate ended procedural hurdles to financier Steven Mnuchin's nomination to be Treasury secretary. Final approval for Mnuchin and for physician David Shulkin to be veterans affairs secretary was set for Monday.

The Senate has approved the previous three consecutive Cabinet nominees along mostly party lines.

Sessions, an Alabama Republican, became attorney general by 52-47 after Warren was punished for reading a 1986 letter by Coretta Scott King criticizing him. DeVos was approved as education secretary, rescued by Vice President Mike Pence's tie breaker in a 51-50 vote.

That contrasts with the past four decades, when Senate records show most Cabinet selections

Take Note

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

have been approved overwhelmingly.

During that period, no secretary of state nominee received fewer than 85 votes. The closest tally for health secretary was the 65-31 roll call for Obama's 2009 pick, Kathleen Sibelius.

Just four of 31 votes for Obama Cabinet vacancies drew at least 40 "no" votes, as did only two of 34 votes for Cabinet positions under President George W. Bush.

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Francisco L. Gonzales, Sr., 72, died Friday. Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Charlie Rene McCalister, 64, died Saturday. A wake will be held from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. this evening at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Connie Barnett, 66, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

David Mack "Cheese" Garcia, 2, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with the funeral expenses.

Debra Purser, 64, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jose Hilario, 48, died December 3, 2016. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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Man dies after detained by Ector County sheriff's deputies

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Investigators in West Texas say a 47-year-old man has died after becoming unresponsive while being held in a patrol vehicle.

The Ector County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday identified the man as David Shain Maestas. An autopsy will be done.

A sheriff's statement says officials with the Ector County Environmental Office were in Gardendale on Tuesday and requested help from deputies. Representatives with the Texas Comptroller's Office were also present in a stolen property investigation.

The statement says investigators detained Maestas at the scene and put him in the back of a patrol vehicle. Officials didn't immediately say why Maestas was being held.

Maestas was later found unresponsive and taken to an Odessa hospital, where he was declared dead.

Texas Rangers will help investigate the death. Further details weren't immediately released.

Bond for Texas murder suspect set at whopping \$4 billion

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — A Texas court official has imposed a \$4 billion bond on a 25-year-old man charged in a fatal shooting.

Bell County Justice of the Peace Claudia Brown recently set the bond for Antonio Marquis Willis, who is charged with murder in the December killing.

County sheriff's Deputy Chief Chuck Cox told the Temple Daily Telegram he's never heard of such a high bond.

Willis' lawyer, Billy Ray Hall Jr., says he'll ask to have it reduced.

Another Bell County lawyer, Michael White, says bond is designed to protect the public and ensure a defendant appears in court. Lawyer Jeff Parker says the \$4 billion bond could be challenged as unconstitutional.

The Associated Press left a message at Brown's office Thursday asking why she set such an expensive bond.

Fire danger into the weekend for Southern High Plains

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Forecasters say the Southern High Plains will have elevated fire danger conditions Friday and Saturday before a cold front approaches and brings higher humidity levels.

The National Weather Service says the combination of low humidity, dry vegetation, high temperatures and winds means that any fire that develops could spread out of control quickly. Temperatures in Oklahoma are expected to reach the 70s Friday with wind gusts up to 35 miles per hour. Saturday temperatures are expected to reach the low 80s with wind gusts up to 30 miles per hour.

The Storm Prediction Center says the fire risk will be "elevated" from the Big Bend region of Texas to southwestern Nebraska today and Friday, and the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles at the adjoining part of New Mexico on Saturday.

Hobbs endorses measure against recreational marijuana use

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — A southeastern New Mexico city in the heart of oil and gas country is refusing to light up for recreational marijuana.

The Hobbs News-Sun reports Hobbs City Commissioners this week endorsed a resolution opposing the legalization of marijuana for recreational use in New Mexico.

City Manager J.J. Murphy presented the commission with a resolution and says recreational marijuana would be a detriment to Hobbs.

He says growers in California cannot deposit their money in most banks and instead hiding money in safe houses, which become targets of gangs.

A proposal in the New Mexico House seeks to legalize recreational marijuana in the state. New Mexico Gov., Susana Martinez has previously said she didn't support legalizing recreational marijuana use.

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In this Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, file photo, voters walk through a polling station in Dallas. Republican-controlled state legislatures around the country, such as in Texas, are taking steps to tighten voting laws, which critics say is an attempt to suppress Democratic voters.

Republican state lawmakers push for restrictions on voting

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — As President Donald Trump hurls unfounded allegations of colossal fraud in last fall's election, lawmakers in at least 20 mostly Republican-led states are pushing to make it harder to register or to vote.

Efforts are underway in places such as Arkansas, Iowa, Maine, Nebraska and Indiana to adopt or tighten requirements that voters show identification at the polls. There is a move in Iowa and New Hampshire to eliminate Election Day registration. New Hampshire may also make it difficult for college students to vote. And

Texas could shorten the early voting period by several days.

Supporters say the measures are necessary to combat voter fraud and increase public confidence in elections. But research has shown that in-person fraud at the polls is extremely rare, and critics of these restrictions warn that they will hurt mostly poor people, minorities and students — all of whom tend to vote Democratic — as well as the elderly.

They fear, too, that the U.S. Justice Department, under newly confirmed Attorney General Jeff Sessions, will do little to intervene to protect voters.

Some election watchers see voting rights under heavy attack.

"What is really happening here is an attempt to manipulate the system so that some people can participate and some people can't," said Myrna Perez, director of the Voting Rights and Elections project at New York University's Brennan Center for Justice.

Even so, there are more bills around the country aimed at making it easier to vote, according to the Brennan Center. Starting or expanding early voting

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Fire that destroyed South Texas mosque ruled arson

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — A fire that destroyed a South Texas mosque has been ruled arson, but there's no evidence of a hate crime at this time, federal investigators said Wednesday.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Houston did not reveal the nature of the evidence that led to the arson conclusion related to the Jan. 28 fire at the Victoria Islamic Center.

"We have to hold that back in the event we get a suspect," said ATF Senior Special Agent Nicole Strong in an email to The Associated Press.

As for the underlying motive for arson, Strong said that remains to be determined. "It means there is no evidence to suggest a hate crime, but that could change if new evidence is uncovered," she said.

No one was hurt in the pre-dawn fire in Victoria, about 80 miles north of Corpus Christi. Authorities say the mosque was burglarized about a week before the blaze.

A \$30,000 reward is being offered for information leading to arrests and indictments, ATF said Wednesday. The agency,



Photo by Barclay Fernandez/The Victoria Advocate via AP, File

In a Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 file photo, Victoria firefighters respond to a fire at the Islamic Center of Victoria, in Victoria, Texas. Federal investigators say the fire that destroyed a South Texas mosque has been ruled arson and at this time there's no evidence of a hate crime.

the Victoria Islamic Center and Crime Stoppers each offered \$10,000 toward the reward.

The absence of any hateful messages or graffiti at the scene of the fire leaves no proof of a hate crime, said Mustafaa Carroll, executive director of the Texas chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

That could change once a suspect is identified and investigators are able to access online statements and browsing histories, Carroll said.

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1 John 4:18

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

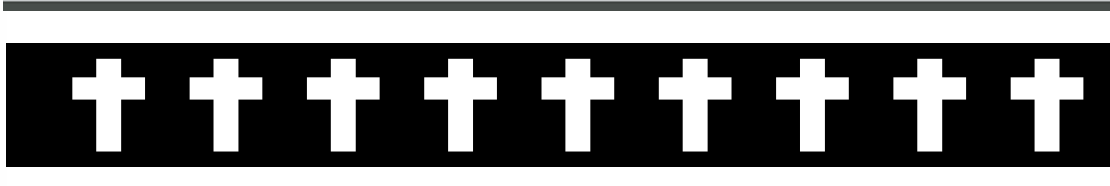
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Did you ever wonder? Gideon's battle

The Midianites and the Amalekites were nomadic tribes who habitually came to the hills of northern Canaan in the spring to find green pastures for their herds. They were aggressive and accustomed to fighting for whatever they wanted.

They appeared overnight and set up their tents wherever they pleased. This may be in the middle of a grain field belonging to the Israelites.

As leader of Israel, Gideon called for soldiers from the northern tribes of Asher, Zebulun, Naftali and Ephraim. Thirty-two thousand men responded.

The Lord God said, "There are too many people with you for Me to hand Midian over to them. I don't want Israel to boast against Me that they saved themselves by their own strength. Send home anyone who is anxious or afraid" (Judges 7:2-3).

Twenty-two thousand men left, but ten thousand remained. God said, "There are still too many. Have them drink from the stream."

Three hundred men dipped water with their hand repeatedly and drank (lapped as a dog drinks), and the rest knelt, putting their mouths to the water surface. God chose the three hundred and dismissed the rest.

The camp of the Midianite army filled the valley "as thick as locusts." That night God told Gideon, "Get up and attack, for I have given them over to you." He instructed Gideon and his servant, Purah, to go to the edge of the Midianite camp and spy on them.

Some guards stood by a campfire, and Gideon overheard one of them telling of a dream. "I saw a loaf of barley bread fall into the camp of Midian. It came to the tent and struck it so hard that it overturned the tent and knocked it flat."

This gave Gideon the faith and strength to follow God and attack the Midianites.

Gideon stationed his 300 men all around the Midianite camp. Each man carried a shofar (trumpet made from a sheep's horn) and a clay pitcher with a torch inside.

At Gideon's command, the Israelites blew their 300 shofars and broke the pitchers. Seeing the torches, the Midianites suddenly realized they were surrounded and supposedly outnumbered. In panic they ran into each other and began to fight each other and flee.

Gideon sent runners to the men he had sent home. He told them to quickly occupy all the river crossings and slay the Midianites as they tried to cross the Jordan River. The Israelites slew 120,000 Midianites, but some escaped. Gideon and his 300 chased after them and caught them. God had in-

deed given the enemy into Israel's hands.

Gideon's father had many wives and many sons. The two Midianite chieftains with their 15,000 men had captured all 77 of Gideon's brothers and executed them on a certain rock.

Gideon cut off the heads of the Midianite chieftains, as was the traditional punishment for leaders of the times. And he took all the golden ornamental crescents from around their camel's necks.

Gideon's soldiers were entitled to all the booty of the defeated army. Gideon asked for only the golden earrings of the Midianite army. This gold weighed 42 pounds.

He made an ephod of the gold. An ephod was customarily a piece of priestly clothing that covered the chest, usually made of beautiful cloth. Since this was metal, I picture it something like a breastplate of armor.

He placed the ephod on display in Orphah, the city of his father, as a monument to Gideon's brothers and to the victory over Midian.

Gideon ruled over Israel for 40 years and there was peace. However, the Israelites began to worship there, making the ephod an idol and a snare to them.

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



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Church News



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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.

McKenna Alsobrooks 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. Morning worship follows at 10 a.m. while evening worship is at 5 p.m.

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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

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

First Baptist Church

"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD" (Psalm 31:24).

Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:50 and will be a special time of praising God for His power and presence throughout the youth's Discipleship Now local retreat. The worship experience will be the culmination of the D-NOW weekend whose theme is "Fearless." The featured speaker is Mr. Jon Harper, and the focus is how Jesus responded in stressful or fear provoking situations and how each listener can implement His divine responses into their own life. If you are unable to attend, you can join the service online through the live stream at fcbigspring.org. For those with mobility issues, use the west circle drive and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle.

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

Sunday evening schedule includes: Kids' Connection at 5:30, and worship service in the chapel at 6. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues teaching from Ephesians.

All area women are invited to participate in Bible Study at 10 a.m. Monday. The study is "Entrusted" by Beth Moore. Contact Carol Boyd at 816-9915 for additional details.

The Music Ministry of FBC announces a special 'Composer Weekend' March 4 and 5 featuring the music of Heather Sorensen. Plan to attend this enriching time of praising and honoring God through song; a special concert will be 6 pm on March 5th. For more information contact Music Minister Alan

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

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. 12: 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.

Sunday, Feb. 12: 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.ccbigspring.org.

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 clas-

sic hymns of the faith. The Bridge at 11 a.m. is led by the church's worship band and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio and many others. The Bridge is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will share a message at both worship services entitled "A Matter of Life and Death." The message is taken from Deuteronomy 30:1-12 and Matthew 5:21-26.

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 I Corinthians. The lesson will explore life in an early Christian congregation and the lessons that can be learned from their struggles as a young church. 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 chili with cornbread or hot dogs, dessert, and a drink.

This Wednesday, the Children's Ministry continues working on its spring musical. The musical is entitled "Judge Julie Truly and the Case of the Holy 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

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Reflections:

The Doomsday Clock

Last week the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists moved the Doomsday Clock 30 seconds closer to midnight. Humanity is now only two and one-half minutes away from total annihilation. It is the closest the Doomsday Clock has been to the moment of ultimate catastrophe since 1953.



BILL TINSLEY

The Doomsday Clock was created by scientists in 1947, after World War II, to warn the world of the nuclear dangers that lay before us. Those of us who were children in the 1950s can remember bomb drills, hiding beneath our desks (as if that would have saved us). My uncle built a bomb shelter in his backyard, stocked it with food, batteries and a radio to hide from the ultimate disaster.

We haven't thought about the Doomsday Clock in a while. When the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, the clock was set back to 17 minutes to midnight. But, with the recent rhetoric and saber rattling by powers that possess the ultimate weapon, scientists have moved it to within 150

seconds of our doom. Last week, Mikhail Gorbachev, the man who oversaw the dissolution of the Soviet Union, was quoted in Time Magazine, "Politicians and military leaders sound increasingly belligerent and defense doctrines more dangerous ... It looks as if the world is preparing for war."

While some fear the threat of nuclear war, others fear global warming, pollution of the environment or genetically engineered viruses. In 2014 Stephen Hawking stated that he believed development of full Artificial Intelligence could result in the annihilation of the human race. "Once humans develop Artificial Intelligence, it will take off on its own and redesign itself at an ever increasing rate. Humans," he warned, "... would be quickly superceded."

Predictions for the end of the world are not new. Jesus spoke of it when He said, "For then there will be a great tribulation, such has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short" (Matthew 24:21-22) Peter predicted, "The present heavens and earth are being reserved for

fire, kept for the day of judgment" (2 Peter 3:7). John wrote the book of Revelation predicting the end of time and the ultimate battle between good and evil.

The Bible is not just a "feel good book." The Bible deals with real dangers, real life and death issues. It warns us of the dangers of pursuing prejudice, violence, hatred, greed, anger and lust. Those paths always end in death and destruction.

But the Bible offers hope. Any individual and any generation can turn from their sins, place their trust in God and receive His loving forgiveness through Jesus Christ and be saved. Left to our own devices, we are doomed. But God has prepared something better. "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind" (Isaiah 65:19). "But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13).

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

Two trees

I heard someone say concerning the idea of a person being "honestly mistaken" – an individual may be honestly mistaken until they are confronted with the truth, then they are no longer mistaken or they are no longer honest.



GREG SURLES

Jesus declared to his apostles in no uncertain terms that he is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6). There is only one way to get to heaven and dwell with God forever. Jesus has shown the way – he made the way because he is the way! It is my choice, along with everyone else, to follow him or not (Matthew 7:13-14).

Along the way, Jesus also wants his followers to be leaders in a sense. As we follow him, we are to share his teachings with others so that they might also follow him. This began with the apostles and has continued on since the establishment of the church in Acts 2 (see John 17:20; Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20).

Jesus warns that there will be some people who would intentionally teach what is false. Matthew 7:15-20, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but every diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits" (ESV).

Those who would change or pervert or twist the teachings of Jesus for their own gain will be judged by the Lord. The punishment for leading people away from Jesus will be severe (Luke 17:2). We must beware! How can a person know if something they are taught is right or not? You must ask whether it agrees with the teachings of Jesus. Don't just accept what someone says, check it against God's word.

Sometimes those false teachers make their message look and sound so appealing. They might even quote a lot of scriptures themselves. That's why Jesus said they would be disguised. They make it appealing and they make it sound a little biblical so they can lead the sheep away from the Good Shepherd.

We must be like those in Berea who heard the gospel from Paul and Silas. They didn't just "take their word for it." Acts 17:11, "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (ESV). We must test everything and hold fast to what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). We must test the spirits to see whether they are from God (1 John 4:1). We must abide in the word of God and the teachings of Christ and bear good fruit so that others might know about Jesus and come to an understanding of how to enter his kingdom.

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



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.

First Presbyterian Church

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 9, at noon a Valentine's Luncheon for seniors featured good food and a guest speaker. Ellen Austin was in charge.

The Session is sponsoring a light dinner and dessert with a presentation on Cuba on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Some members of the congregation and others from the Presbytery plan to visit the church and Presbyterian Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba. In prepara-

tion for the trip, tentatively set for September, Mike and Monika Robinson and the Rev. Jose Luis Casal, current General Missioner of Tres Rios Presbytery, will share a presentation from their trip to Cuba last fall. In addition, a pastor from one of the churches that they visited in Cuba will also be present at the dinner. Everyone is encouraged to attend this opportunity to learn more about the Presbyterian Church in Cuba.

The Service Committee has designated February for the annual Hygiene Products Drive. They are asking for travel size items such as deodorant, shaving cream, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, razors, toothbrushes, and combs. These will be collected on Feb. 19 and 26, or may be dropped off at the church any time before Feb. 26.

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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 Wednes-

day; 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,

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Helen Glass is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Danny Kennemur is Lector for February. Ushers for the month are Ellen Austin, Susan Holstedt, Tom Koger, and John Yater. Communion servers last Sunday were Paula Farquhar, Susan Holstedt, Danny Kennemur, and John Yater.

The lectionary for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the Introit "God Is Here" by Cyril Vincent Taylor. The Rev. Craig Holstedt, minister, will present the sermon. The choir will present "Shout to the North" by Martin Smith as the anthem and a Creek Indian melody "Halleluyan, We Are Singing" as the offertory 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 Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St., Big Spring. They have a fellowship hour each Sunday morning starting at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 in the Parlor and Worship starts at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday February 12, 2017, First Christian will have guest minister Rev. Sandy Sandlin who will preach a sermon called "Keeping The Main Thing The Main Thing" taken from Matthew 22:34 to 40. Assisting

Rev. Sandlin will be Dan Miracle who will lead Communion, Shirley Burgess who will serve as the Liturgist, and Erma Dunne and Joel Miller who will serve at the Lord's Table. Adding their special expertise are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault who are preparing a selection of music to enhance worship.

To celebrate Valentine's a little early, First Christian Church members are having a "Chocolate and More" luncheon directly after worship. Each member is asked to bring their favorite dish to share and you shouldn't forget the chocolate.

If you are looking for a church home or would just like to visit you are most welcome. If you have any questions regarding their services or any goings on, please call 432-517-4821.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"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.

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.

"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 the church and its beliefs. It is a two-hour session and childcare will be provided. Contact the church for the 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.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit the website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

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 2:11-13, and is called "Brought to the Family."

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

Youth and children's activities have resumed on Wednesday evenings, including classes for elementary students at 4 p.m., a meal for youth at 5:30, and classes for youth and adults beginning at 6. Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m. each week, followed by worship services at 10:50 a.m. Evening worship is at 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Midway Baptist Church

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

West Side Helping Hand in Corpus Christi assists families

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Eulalio Martinez, 27, knows what it's like to grow up without mom and dad.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times (<http://bit.ly/2k7GJjf>) reports he knows what it's like to look at aging grandparents as his parents.

He knows what it's like to juggle high school homework and a part-time job to help the household make ends meet.

Martinez also knows that there are several others just like him in the city's Westside who still struggle with the need for emotional and academic support and yearn for a hint of stability.

That's why West Side Helping Hand opened its doors at the heart of the Westside, near Morgan and Baldwin Avenue, last year to help low-income children succeed.

The program, which is free, offers one-on-one after school tutoring, recreational activities, and character formation.

Martinez became the program's academic dean and said his experience growing up on the Northwest side of Corpus Christi, near Manchester Avenue and Up River Road, has helped him understand and connect with the children.

"We were poor and it's rough. I had to help out my grandparents, I only had two sets of clothes and there are so many kids here with those same stories," Martinez said. "I can see where these children come from and it comes very naturally for me to help them and communicate with them."

West Side Helping Hand operates inside Our

Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, on Hiawatha Street, and the idea for the program was ignited by Rev. James Farfaglia about six years ago.

When Farfaglia took lead of the church he saw the need for a youth outreach program, he said.

"We saw a collapse of the families," Farfaglia said. "We see families where the father is absent, there are a lot of single mothers or grandparents raising children."

We knew we wanted to help the families by helping the kids," Farfaglia said.

Virginia Cruz is raising three of her grandchildren on her own. The children — Gianna, 9, George, 8, and Adrian, 13 — were abandoned by their parents a few years ago, she said.

"They just took off," Cruz said. "I'm by myself looking after them and it can get hard. It's hard to keep kids out of the streets and out of trouble."

She's relieved to have

found the program, she said.

"I was really stressed out because I can only help them so much with their homework," Cruz said. "This is the first time I see anything like this around here and it has been so helpful."

West Side Helping Hand is open from 3-7 p.m. Monday through Friday for students in the fourth to 12th grades. It also offers job training and resources, counseling and classes for parents.

The program helps about 30 children daily and Farfaglia credits the program's success to the one-on-one mentoring and a loving environment.

"That personal attention, the tracking of the students' grades has made this go beyond what started out as a Parish-based project," Farfaglia said. "This is a home away from home for these kids and it's so neat for us to see."



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Hawks fall to Western Texas



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Howard College's Dante Scott is fouled while attempting a shot during the Hawk's road loss at Western Texas on Thursday night.

Alumni game to raise money for BSHS softball

SOFTBALL ALUMNI GAME!



When: March 5th, 2017 2-4 pm
Where: Lady Steer Softball Field

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

Calling all Big Spring High School softball alumni!

The Big Spring softball team and booster club are having an alumni softball game and home-run derby to raise funds for their program.

"We are trying to raise money for new uniforms, and we are also trying to build a new locker room for the girls," said Tonia Pilgrim, Big Spring High School assistant softball coach. "Our goal for the uniforms is around \$1,500, but to raise enough money for a new locker room is anywhere from \$50-60k."

According to Pilgrim, this is the first year that the program has ever had an alumni game.

"This is the first alumni softball game and home run derby fundraiser," Pilgrim added. "We plan

to make this an annual event."

The cost to play in the game is \$5 and each player must have played softball in high school. In addition to the game, the team will also be having a home run derby.

"Anyone and everyone can participate," read a press release from Pilgrim. "If you're interested in the home run derby, you must pay \$5 for balls/cuts. The winner of the home run derby will receive a prize."

In addition to the game and home run derby, the booster club and softball team will be selling brisquets and tacos.

The softball game will take place on Sunday, March 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lady Steer softball field.

Contact Sports Editor Marissa Loftin at 432-263-7441 ext 237 or by email at sports@bigspringherald.com

Stone scores winner in 3rd, Senators top Stars

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Dion Phaneuf was looking for a big performance after his team dropped back-to-back games by a combined 10 goals.

He led by example in the Ottawa Senators' 3-2 win over the Dallas Stars on Thursday night.

Phaneuf was a force as he scored the opening goal, fought with Stars captain Jamie Benn and seemed determined to get the Senators back on track.

"He really set the tone for a character game," Senators coach Guy Boucher said. "I think he was the big leader."

Phaneuf was celebrating the anniversary of his trade from the Toronto Maple Leafs to the Senators one year ago and the significance clearly wasn't lost on the 31-year-old defenseman.

"The bottom line is there's a relief that we continued to stick with (the game plan) and we found a way to win," Phaneuf said.

"We did not feel very good about ourselves after the last game, that goes without saying, and we found a way to respond. We did a great job. Every guy through and through."

Mark Stone and Chris Kelly also scored for the Senators, and Mike Condon made 31 saves.

Antoine Roussel and Benn scored for the Stars, who are on a four-game losing streak. Kari Lehtonen made 24 saves.

The Stars were visibly deflated by the loss, especially

considering Jiri Hudler scored into his own net in the first period to give Ottawa a 2-0 lead.

"I think we've picked almost every way of losing so far, including shooting into your own net," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said. "It is frustrating. We battled hard in the second, but at the end, we just couldn't quite push through."

With the game tied at 2, Stone scored his team-leading 19th goal at the six-minute mark of the third when he grabbed the puck behind the net and beat Lehtonen on the wraparound in front of 17,676 at Canadian Tire Centre.

"It was a huge win," Stone said. "Maybe not our best game we've played all year, but able to find a way and that's what good teams do."

Dallas fell behind 2-0 in the first period, but Roussel got the Stars in the game midway through the second period when he took a pass from Radek Faksa for the easy tap-in from the side of the net.

Benn tied it with under four minutes remaining in the period as he was able to get a shot through traffic from just inside the blue line.

"We're a proud team, we play with speed, character and we try to show it every night," Roussel said. "Meanwhile, it doesn't work our way every time and it just seems to be like that lately."

Barnes leads Mavericks' rally to beat Jazz 112-105 in OT



AP photo

Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) of Germany prepares to take a shot as Utah Jazz's Derrick Favors (15) defends in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017.

DALLAS (AP) — Harrison Barnes and his Dallas teammates looked up and saw they trailed by 21 points midway through the third quarter on Thursday night.

Barnes picked up the pace to finish with 31 points, including eight in overtime, and the Mavericks rallied to beat the Utah Jazz 112-105.

"This is a great vic-

tory for us," Barnes said. "We've put ourselves in tough situations, some of which we've battled out of and some which we haven't."

When Utah last visited Dallas on Jan. 20, the Jazz won 112-107 in overtime.

A big difference was that Jazz center Rudy Gobert, who had career highs of 27 points and 25 rebounds that night, fouled out with

22 seconds left in regulation and the Jazz leading 100-96.

"(Derrick) Favors is a good rim protector, too," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said, "but Gobert is probably the best in the game."

"(Barnes) was quicker than some of the guys his size, and he was certainly quicker than the bigger guys. He went by Favors once or twice.

He got by (Boris) Diaw."

The Mavericks scored the final four points of regulation, on a dunk by Barnes and a rebound basket from the edge of the foul line by Dirk Nowitzki with 3 seconds remaining.

"That's what (Nowitzki) does," Dallas Wesley Matthews said. "That's why he's

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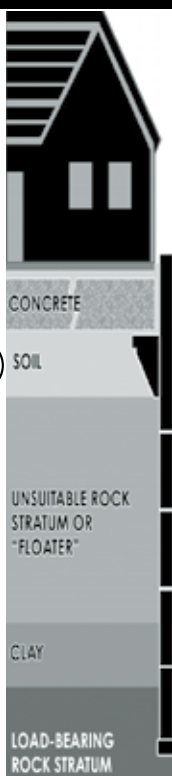
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your allies and your adversaries are strong, and ultimately this is the stroke of good fortune that helps you to stay strong yourself. A worthy opponent is a great blessing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The shortest distance between two points is

a straight line, something that pretty much never occurs naturally. For instance, your personal path will curve, switchback, pitch up and down -- but it's all progress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Why do you find it so much easier to be wise for others than for yourself? Because when you give advice, you're not the one who has to follow it. But if you do choose to follow your own advice now, it will lead to fast success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll celebrate the big events when they come up, but don't wait for big events to celebrate. The silly, small events will be more memorable. Anyway, why do you even need a reason to revel in all that's good?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be making "notes to self" all day long. It will help you to write them down, or you're likely to forget. You're onto something; you just don't know what it is quite yet. Look at what you've covered and where you're going next.

VIRGO (Aug.

23-Sept. 22). No one will think any less of you if you stick to your values even when the cool kids are smoking in the bathroom (or whatever the grownup version of that is). Your integrity makes you more than cool; it makes you hot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is better to try and fail than to do nothing and succeed. Take a chance. The more you risk rejection and emotional injury, the easier it gets. The easier it gets, the bigger your life becomes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are things you'd like to do that never seem to fit into your schedule. That's how you know that they are not really the important things. You always have time for what is truly important to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Big breakthroughs rarely come -- a few times in a lifetime for the lucky. Most accomplishments are the result of incremental efforts, building momentum by chalking up a little progress each day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your friendships will

open doors, bring out your best and bring you great joy. As Capricorn President Woodrow Wilson said, "Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What holds the skyscraper up is buried hundreds of feet deep in the ground; the taller the building, the deeper the foundation. Be patient with your own building process. You won't show signs of height so much as depth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It is easy to mistake imagination for ego. Both tend to work in the language of illusions and distortions. Much depends on who is at the center of the fantasy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 2). Let people spoil you like they want to this month, even though you don't need all of the fuss. They'll be better off for the energetic investment, and more attached to you, too. A new talent blossoms in March. April brings a move. Love has you doing unexpected

things in July. A wind-fall happens in October. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 21, 38, 4, 6, and 44.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Do it for you. When you do it for the other person, the dynamic will quickly become uncontrollable. **TAURUS:** You're being asked to compromise more than will be comfortable for you. **GEMINI:** Much about romance will depend on the flow of the environment. **CANCER:** You don't know what your needs really are until they go unmet. **LEO:** The one who inspires you to be your best self is not always a friendly force. **VIRGO:** Are they protecting their heart, or do they not have one? Discern! **LIBRA:** Don't believe those who say they love you without providing evidence. The love is the evidence. **SCORPIO:** In matters of love, you won't be content to know that you did your best unless your best was enough to get the job done. **SAGITTARIUS:** Love has strange powers of fortification and disablement; it

can strengthen the weak and weaken the strong. **CAPRICORN:** You can save money on Valentine's Day by acting now to erect emotional barriers all around you. Or you can give into love and expect to spend. **AQUARIUS:** Unless you are absolutely into it, it's kinder to just say no. **PISCES:** You've developed methods of heart protection that have served you well, though someone special will have you laying down your defenses.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Leo and Aquarius are zodiac opposites who will be very attractive to one another during this full-moon lunar eclipse. The full Leo moon will illuminate intriguing qualities in Aquarius, and Aquarius will love Leo's unpredictable spontaneity. The best dates will center on a problem they can solve or a game they can play together.

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Annie's Mailbox

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I drove her to every doctor's appointment and every

radiation and chemotherapy appointment, as well as all over the country as we searched for clinical trials. However, after two-plus years, her fragile body could fight no longer, and she died in my arms.

The reason I am writing to you is that I am a total mess. Friends and family are calling me to come to dinner. I don't want to be around people as I grieve; I prefer to be alone all of the time. Our house is just as it was on the day she died because I simply can't part with her things at this time. Yet seeing these things sends me into pain and sobbing sessions that may last for hours. I have completely lost faith in everything, and I don't trust professionals. I

have joined several grief support groups, but I do not find solace in them yet.

My wife and I spent 50 years of our lives together. She was my best friend, my soul mate and my only love. Without her, I feel empty and incomplete. Although people keep telling me that things eventually will get better, I have my doubts. I am trying to take care of myself and to do the things I believe she would want me to do if she were still alive. The only thing I really have difficulty doing is sleeping. I would appreciate any advice you can offer. -- Neil

Dear Neil: I know that nothing I say can reduce the enormity of your loss -- that my response may come across as cliched or

maybe even a little hollow -- because in the face of such grief, words look ridiculous and small. Still, I must say, with all of my heart, that I am so sorry for your loss.

In these times of deep grief, turn to the memories you and your wife shared. Let them warm you through the night like a blanket. They are eternal. No one can ever take those away from you. Your wife lives on in your heart. Let her strength help you through this.

Be patient with yourself and permit yourself to grieve as long and as deeply as you need. But it sounds as if your wife was an amazing fighter, and she would want you to fight -- to be strong, to wring as much joy and happi-

ness out of life as you possibly can, every single glorious day on this earth.

You are blessed to have friends and family who want to lift you up. When you are ready, you will let them. One day, someone close to you will find himself in this same unfathomable situation, and your friendship will be his saving grace. Think how proud your wife would be to see you spread that love.

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Dealing With Debilitating Grief

Dear Annie: I am a 69-year-old man who, until now, only read your column periodically. Each time I read your advice to someone, I would say to myself, "Hmm, that's really good advice." I never ever thought that I would need to write to you. Well, now I am eating those words.

In late August, I lost the most important person in my life



By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1♦
Pass ?

What would you bid with each of the following hands?
1. ♠ J2 ♥ 84 ♦ AQ95 ♣ KJ963
2. ♠ Q95 ♥ J104 ♦ 8 ♣ AK9854
3. ♠ K14 ♥ AJ6 ♦ 10763 ♣ Q85
4. ♠ J7 ♥ AQ962 ♦ QJ843 ♣ 7

1. **Three diamonds.** Many of the hard-and-fast principles that govern responses to an opening bid do not apply after a player has passed originally. Thus, while a two-club response to one diamond would be unconditionally forcing without a previous pass, the same response would not be forcing after your initial pass.

The reason is obvious. The opener is frequently in a position to judge that game is virtually impossible once partner has passed. Therefore, if opener has minimal values, he might elect to pass what would normally be regarded as a forcing bid by an unpassed hand.

The recommended jump to three diamonds shows good trump support and values just short of an opening

bid. It urges but does not command partner to bid again.

2. **Two clubs.** There is some temptation to respond three clubs to show your near-opening-bid values, but it is better to proceed slowly in hands where a trump fit is not yet established. Two clubs shows at least 10 points passed hand or not and is therefore a constructive response.

3. **Two notrump.** Ordinarily, two notrump would promise a balanced hand of 13 to 15 points and be forcing to game, but after an initial pass, the range is 11 or 12. Opener is thus free to pass whenever his hand indicates that that would be the wisest thing to do.

4. **Two hearts.** Most hands change in value as the bidding progresses. Not many players would regard this hand as worth an opening bid, but once partner opens with one diamond, the hand increases greatly in value and assumes the stature of an opening bid.

The best way of describing such values is by a jump-shift, indicating a strong suit and implying a fit for opener's suit. Partner is thus warned that if he passes two hearts -- which he may do in an extremely rare case -- he is running the risk of losing a game in either hearts or diamonds.

Tomorrow: Steppingstone to a coup.
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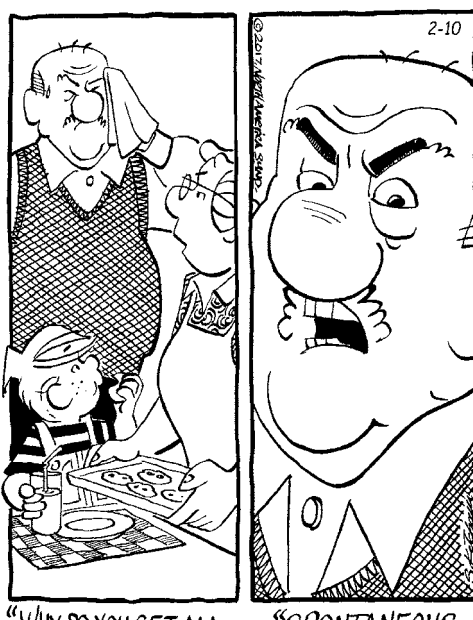
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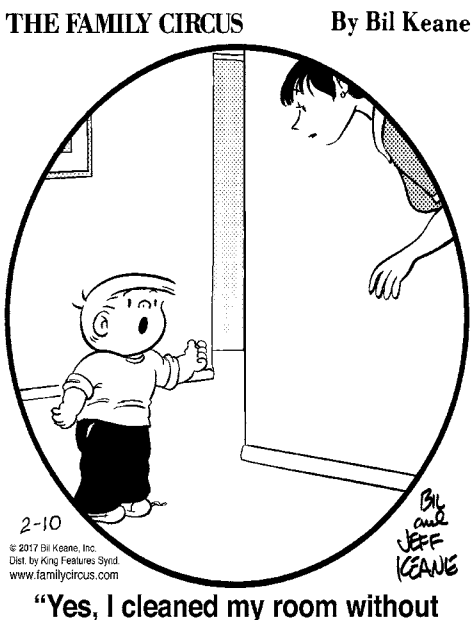
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"Why do you get all hot and bothered when Dennis is here?" "Spontaneous combustion!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



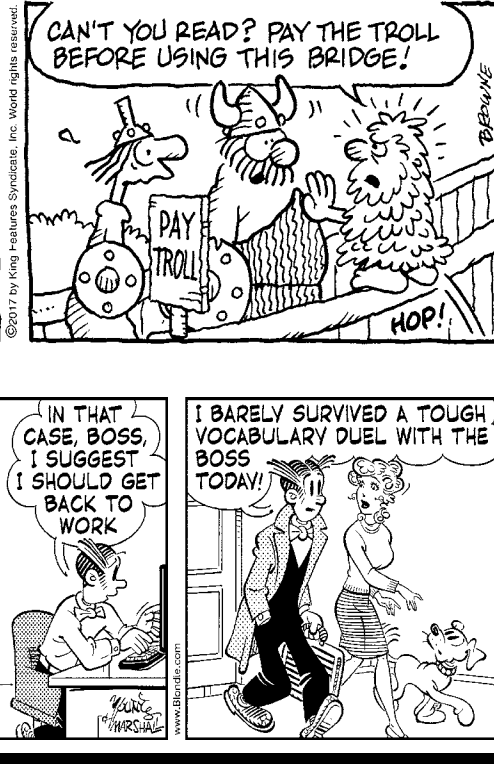
"Yes, I cleaned my room without being told. Why does that make you think I'm up to somethin'?"

HAGAR



I DON'T SEE ANY TOLL COLLECTOR! LET'S CROSS! CAN'T YOU READ? PAY THE TROLL BEFORE USING THIS BRIDGE!

BLONDIE



BUMSTEAD, DO YOU KNOW WHO PUT THIS STUPID SUGGESTION IN THE SUGGESTION BOX? ARE YOU SUGGESTING I DID IT, BOSS? I'M NOT SUGGESTING ANYTHING, BUMSTEAD. IN THAT CASE, BOSS, I SUGGEST I SHOULD GET BACK TO WORK. I BARELY SURVIVED A TOUGH VOCABULARY DUEL WITH THE BOSS TODAY!

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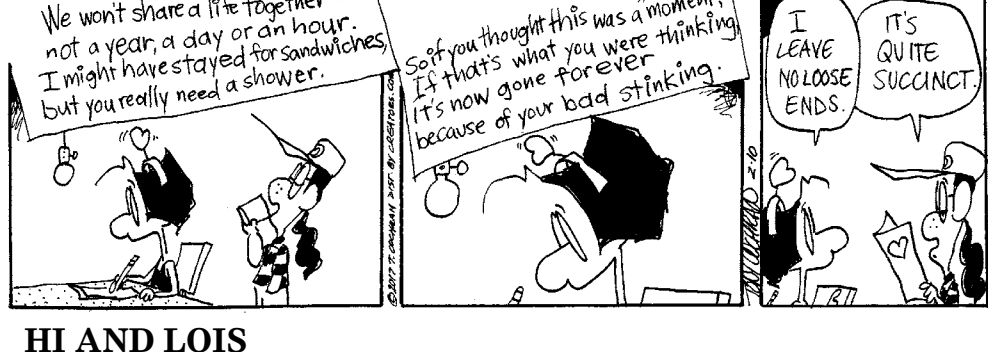
WHAT CAN I GET SO THE CUTE CHICK WILL LIKE ME? THIS BABY SHOULD DO THE TRICK. IT'S A MASK OF YOU. WITH GREAT LOOKS COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

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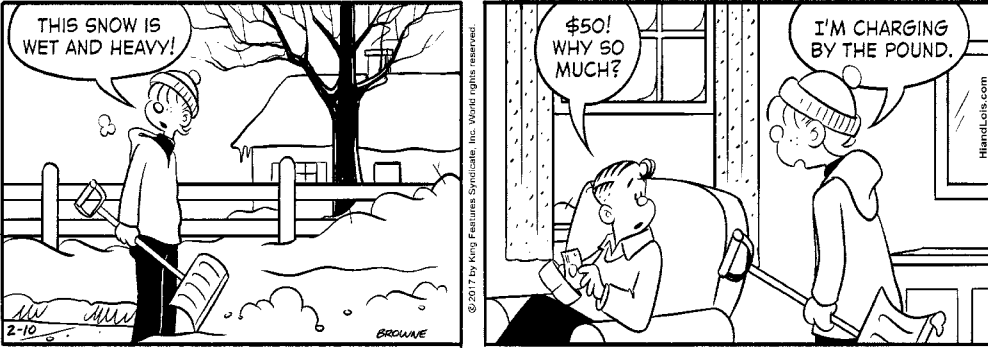
WE COME IN SEARCH OF OPPORTUNITY. BWHAAA HA-HA-HA HA-HA! YOU GUYS MAKE US LAUGH! COME ON IN! I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

AGNES



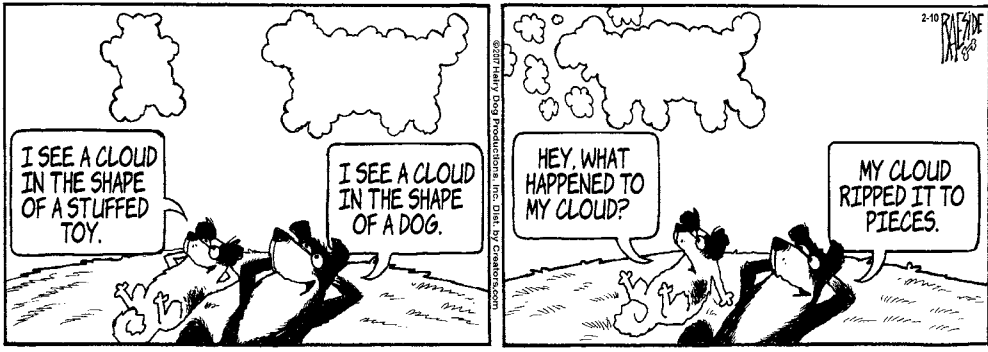
We won't share a life together - not a year, a day or an hour. I might have stayed for sandwiches, but you really need a shower. So if you thought this was a moment, if that's what you were thinking, it's now gone forever because of your bad stinking. I LEAVE NO LOOSE ENDS. IT'S QUITE SUCCINCT.

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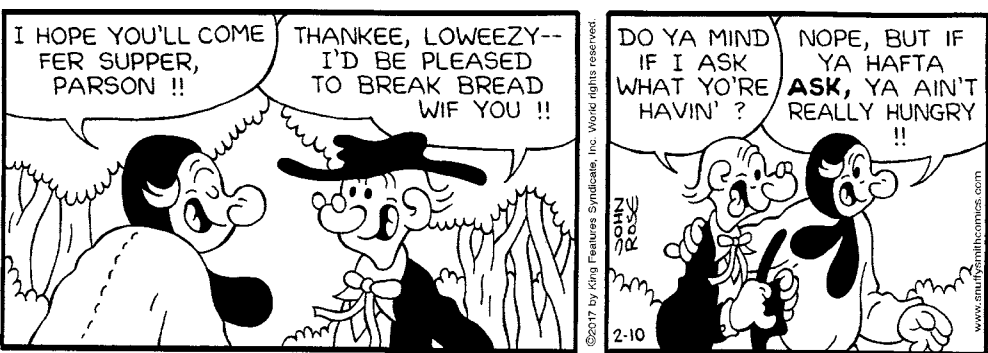
THIS SNOW IS WET AND HEAVY! \$50! WHY SO MUCH? I'M CHARGING BY THE POUND.

THE OTHER COAST



I SEE A CLOUD IN THE SHAPE OF A STUFFED TOY. HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO MY CLOUD? MY CLOUD RIPPED IT TO PIECES.

SNUFFY SMITH



I HOPE YOU'LL COME FER SUPPER, PARSON !! THANKEE, LOWEEZY-- I'D BE PLEASED TO BREAK BREAD WIF YOU !! DO YA MIND IF I ASK WHAT YOU'RE HAVIN' ? NOPE, BUT IF YA HAFTA ASK, YA AIN'T REALLY HUNGRY !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



LOOK! THEY'RE BRINGING LASSIE BACK! I'VE GOTTA SEE THAT! I LOVE SUPERHERO MOVIES!

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2017. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

On this date: In 1763, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War in North America).

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

In 1936, Nazi Germany's Reichstag passed a law investing the Gestapo secret police with absolute authority exempt from any legal review.

In 1942, RCA Victor presented Glenn Miller and his Orchestra with a "gold record" for their recording of "Chattanooga Choo Choo," which had sold more than 1 million copies.

In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater with Lee J. Cobb as Willy Loman.

In 1959, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1966, the Jacqueline Susann novel "Valley of the Dolls" was published by Bernard Geis Associates.

In 1968, U.S. figure skater Peggy Fleming won America's only gold medal of the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

In 1981, eight people were killed when a fire set by a bus-boy broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

In 1992, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson served three years in prison.) Author Alex Haley died in Seattle at age 70.

In 2005, playwright Arthur Miller died in Roxbury, Connecticut, at age 89 on the 56th anniversary of the Broadway opening of "Death of a Salesman."

Ten years ago: Less than a month after launching his presidential bid online, Barack Obama announced his candidacy in person, telling thousands outside the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois: "Let us transform this nation." Gen. David Petraeus took charge of U.S. forces in Iraq. The AFC defeated the NFC 31-28 in the Pro Bowl.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, under fierce election-year fire, abruptly abandoned his stand that religious organizations had to pay for birth control for workers, demanding that insurance companies step in to provide the coverage instead.

One year ago: Senate Democrats and Republicans united behind tougher sanctions on North Korea for violating international law by pursuing nuclear weapons. President Barack Obama took a nostalgic trip to the Illinois capital of Springfield where he launched

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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 - 16 VIP
 - 17 Dickensian kid
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 - 28 Board posting
 - 30 Thousand __, CA
 - 31 Be melodramatic
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 - 33 A to B, musically
 - 37 New Mexico attraction
 - 40 Where a cap is kept
 - 41 Camera shutter
 - 42 "Wonderfilled" treats
 - 43 Discussion point
 - 44 Rid (of)
 - 45 They're at the bottom of 37 Across
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 - 50 Brit's bullion coin
 - 51 Ramshackle boat
 - 54 Thoroughbred's ancestor
 - 57 Scrap or scrape
 - 60 Rice + broth concoction
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 - 2 Dubai dignitary
 - 3 Haberdashery
 - 4 Get too personal
 - 5 Arrive at
 - 6 Cold spike
 - 7 Step in Rio
 - 8 Sharp criticism
 - 9 LeRoy Neiman subject
 - 10 Luminaries
 - 11 Discussion point
 - 12 Luminaries
 - 13 Bit of a spreadsheet
 - 14 Lode contents
 - 21 Admonishments
 - 24 Spine line
 - 25 "Pocket rockets," in casinos
 - 26 Softest rocks
 - 27 Major lumber user
 - 28 Banjo part
 - 29 Gulf War ally
 - 32 Role for Natalie and Julie
 - 33 Suffice
 - 34 What a certain grinder can remove
 - 35 Nephew of Cain
 - 36 Call for attention
 - 38 Vera Miles, in Hitchcock
 - 39 Soccer ball brand
 - 43 Nietzsche's "self-disrespectful" thing
 - 44 Celestial
 - 45 Flash of energy
 - 46 Proscription
 - 47 Stylistic expressions
 - 48 What surrounds some spreads
 - 49 Certain Handel bars
 - 52 "Crossroads of the West"
 - 53 Soprano role since 1935
 - 55 Wore through
 - 56 Shout-out
 - 58 "Aaron Burr, __" (Hamilton song)
 - 59 "Tour" group

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MAVS

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one of the greatest of all time." In overtime, Barnes' drive for a three-point play ended an 11-0 run that began late in regulation and put Dallas ahead 107-100. Devin Harris scored the first four points of OT. Utah's Gordon Hayward scored a

season-high 36 points, but missed a 3-point attempt from the left corner as regulation ended. Nowitzki finished with 20 points. Gobert scored 15 points and added 15 rebounds. Dallas won for the first time in four games against the Jazz this season, and ended the Northwest Division leader's four-game winning streak. The Mavericks had lost two in a row.

Seth Curry scored 16, Matthews added 15 and Harris had 13 for Dallas. Joe Ingles scored 16 for Utah, which won at New Orleans on Wednesday and seemed headed to another victory when it stretched a 12-point half-time lead to 74-53. "I feel like we played well to a point tonight, then we just didn't," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "We just weren't smart and we didn't maintain our focus. They're a tough matchup with Dirk. Barnes is a tough matchup for our bigs."

TIP-INS
Jazz: G George Hill did not dress because of a sprained left big toe. He did not play in 12 other games this season because of the injury, and has missed 25 altogether. Dante Exum started in Hill's place. ... Ingles made all four 3-point attempts in the first half, but missed three in the second to fall short of tying his career high of five. ... Gobert's double-double was his 36th this season. Mavericks: C Andrew Bogut missed his sixth straight game since aggravating a strained right hamstring, and G Deron Williams (sprained left big toe) missed his eighth in a row. ... Matthews left the game briefly in the first quarter, but

returned after changing his shoes. **SCORING 30**
Barnes had one 30-point game during his four seasons with Golden State, but has had six in his first season for the Mavericks, including a career-high 34 on Nov. 6. He has been the leading scorer in 28 of their 53 games. They're 3-3 when he has scored 30-plus.
Hayward has scored 30-plus points in three of the last four games. The Jazz are 6-2 in the eight games when he has scored 30. His career high is 37.
CUBAN IN CELEBRITY GAME
Mavericks owner Mark Cuban will represent the Western Conference again this year in the NBA All-Star Celebrity Game on Feb. 17 in New Orleans.
Cuban said he scored two points in last year's game in Toronto, and doesn't expect much more this year. "The only double-double I'm going to get is run down 10 times and run back 10 times."
UP NEXT
Jazz: Meet Boston on Saturday to begin a three-game homestand. Mavericks: Host Orlando on Saturday night in the third game of a four-game homestand.

Lady Hawks come up short



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Howard College Lady Hawk Camille Hoover takes a three point shot during Howard's road loss to Western Texas on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017.

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News in brief

'The Rock' joins critics of Under Armour CEO's Trump remark

BALTIMORE (AP) — Actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and professional ballerina Misty Copeland have joined basketball star Stephen Curry in criticizing the CEO of sports apparel company Under Armour for praising President Donald Trump. Kevin Plank, the CEO of Baltimore-based Under Armour, called Trump "an asset to the country" in an interview with CNBC this week. The company later issued a statement saying it engages in "policy, not politics."

Under Armour sponsors Johnson, Copeland and Curry, who plays for the Golden State Warriors. Johnson sent out a statement on social media on Thursday saying Plank's words "were divisive and lacking in perspective."

Copeland wrote in an Instagram post she was so concerned about Plank's comments that she spoke to him directly. None of the three has severed ties with the company.

New York man who completed 744 marathons dies at age 96

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — An internationally known runner who completed 744 marathons has

died. Don McNelly was 96.

The Richard H. Keenan Funeral Home in Fairport, New York, says he died Sunday.

The native of Brookville, Ohio, began running in the late 1960s after a close friend died of a heart attack.

McNelly ran his first marathon in Boston in 1969. He was 86 in 2006 when he completed his 700th marathon, eventually reaching his goal with marathon No. 744, the same number of his Navy destroyer in the Pacific during World War II.

He attempted to complete his 745th marathon at a race in Pennsylvania in November 2010 — at age 90 — but had to pull out midway through.

Fort Bliss soldier gets 15 months for immigrant smuggling

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A Fort Bliss soldier has been sentenced to 15 months in federal prison for trying to smuggle two immigrants through a South Texas border checkpoint.

Joseph Edmond Cleveland of El Paso was sentenced Thursday in Corpus Christi.

Cleveland pleaded guilty to conspiracy-related human smuggling counts. Officials say Cleveland tried to use his military status to drive two immigrants through the Falfurrias (fal-FYOO'-ree-uhs)

checkpoint last June.

Cleveland and another Fort Bliss soldier, Marco Antonio Nava Jr., of El Paso, were in civilian clothes with two passengers. Authorities say the immigrants were coached on responding to Border Patrol officers but lacked proper identification and were detained.

Prosecutors say Cleveland and Nava said a man had offered them \$1,500 to smuggle the immigrants.

Nava also pleaded guilty to conspiracy-related counts and awaits sentencing.

Skull along Red River is that of 17th century Caddo male

HOPE, Ark. (AP) — A skull found along the Red River in southwestern Arkansas in 2014 has been identified as that of a 17th-century Native American.

Hempstead County Sheriff James Singleton told the Texarkana Gazette (<http://bit.ly/2kA8dMU>) the Center for Human Identification at the University of North Texas Health Science Center said the skull was from a man in the Caddo tribe. A stud found with the skull was similar to those worn by some people today. Analysts say the practice was common among the Caddos in the 1600s.

Dove hunters found the skull south of Fulton. Its discovery had raised hopes among those searching for three people missing from Hempstead County.

Singleton said the skull will be given to the Arkansas Heritage Commission, which will decide how to return the skull to the Caddos.

VOTE

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and creating automatic voter registration are two popular proposals.

Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, for example, is backing a proposal to automatically register people to vote using their motor vehicle paperwork and to offer early voting for 12 days before Election Day.

Many of the restrictive laws became possible after the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013 struck down a key provision of the federal Voting Rights Act that required certain states and counties, largely in the South, to get Justice Department approval before changing their election laws. The 2016 presidential election was the first without those protections, and voters in 14 states faced new restrictions on voting or registration.

Kevin Hall, spokesman for the Iowa Secretary of State, said proposed legislation would provide non-photo identification cards to anyone who doesn't have another acceptable form of ID, such as a driver's license or passport. The bill would also update voting system technology.

"This is a commonsense approach just to protect the integrity of our election," he said. "We want to make sure it's secure and boost voter confidence as well."

Other states such as Maine and Nebraska, meanwhile, are looking to require photo identification for voting.

In addition to eliminating same-day registration, New Hampshire Republicans want to add a residency requirement that critics say could prevent college students from voting. People can now vote in New Hampshire if they consider it their home. Proponents say the new measure would ensure that only people who truly live in the state can take part in elections.

Many of these measures are certain to face court challenges.

Before the presidential election, federal courts rolled back some of the toughest restrictions in North Carolina and Texas. Those cases are still working their way through the legal system, and voting rights groups are worried the new attorney general will abandon efforts made under the Obama administration to fight the restrictions.

Over the past few years, "states and localities were emboldened unlike ever before in employing a

wide range of tactics to deny voting rights to people of color and people with disabilities," said Scott Simpson with the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. "We expect that this will get much worse with a Justice Department that is hostile to voting rights."

Trump has claimed without evidence that as many as 5 million people voted illegally in the presidential election, complaining that the voter rolls include dead people, non-citizens and people registered in multiple states. He has called for an investigation.

Election experts are more concerned about the age of the nation's voting systems and their vulnerability to tampering.

A federal commission responsible for working with states on those very issues is facing an uncertain future, after a House committee this week voted to eliminate it. The Election Assistance Commission was created after the "hanging chad" debacle in Florida during the 2000 presidential election. Republicans say the agency is a prime example of government waste.

The commission is scheduled to make recommendations later this year on new standards for voting equipment.

FIRE

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The fire occurred hours after President Donald Trump signed an executive order that blocked citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States. That order was later blocked by the federal courts, but the Trump administration is appealing the court order.

Dr. Shahid Hashmi, a Victoria surgeon and the mosque's president, said he's satisfied with the investigation so far.

A GoFundMe campaign that set a goal of raising \$850,000 to rebuild the mosque was closed after topping \$1.1 million, proving "that the majority of people are well-meaning and have good hearts,"

Hashmi said.

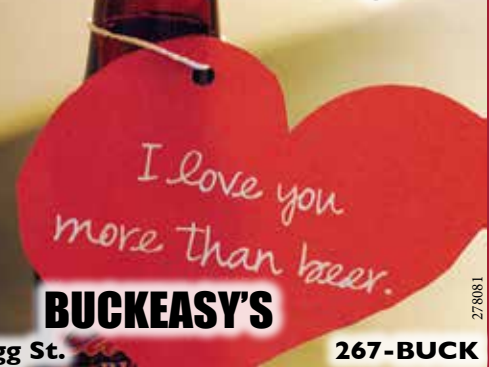
Demolition of the mosque's ruins is underway. Hashmi said after that work is finished, architects will be engaged to design the new mosque. "Our priority right now is security," he said.

In the meantime, Temple B'nai Israel, Victoria's synagogue, opened its doors to the displaced Islamic worshippers. The temple's worshippers can relate to what those who attend the Victoria Islamic Center are experiencing. In 2007, vandals spray-painted swastikas and anti-Semitic obscenities across the temple. One man was sentenced to eight years in prison for the incident and another received a 10-year deferred sentence.

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