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## Law enforcement conducting city wire fraud investigation

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer  
 Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan confirmed this morning of an ongoing investigation into a wire fraud investigation regarding thousands of dollars of city funds.  
 According to KBEST and CBS 7 News, a hacker broke into City Manager Todd Darden's work e-mail

and sent out a request under his name for a \$36,000 wire transfer to an account in Dallas. That money is suspected to have been moved out of the country. According to CBS 7, the money was transferred to an account in Africa.  
 McLellan confirmed an investigation is underway by the Big Spring Police Department and the Texas Rangers. McLellan said he could not comment any further, citing the ongoing investigation.



File photo

## Joyful Season to be held this weekend

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer  
 The annual Joyful Season Shopping Extravaganza has almost seventy vendors lined up this weekend for people to get a chance to purchase some unique items they wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity too.  
 This weekend a large selection of

vendors ranging from handmade crafts to home decor are setting up shop in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.  
 "There will be crafts, home décor, wood working, jams, jelly, burritos," said Elissa Bancroft, who helped organize the event.  
 Although this is the fourth year for

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## Tickets on sale for Children's Miracle Theater performance

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer  
 Tickets are on sale for the spring performance of the Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts. The program will host two performances of Leo Tolstoy's "Three Questions" Saturday and Sunday.  
 Tickets are \$5 for ages 12 and older. There is no charge for admission for those younger than 12. Performances are Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., at New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Road.  
 "Three Questions," is a parable about a king. He is concerned in finding the answers to three questions: When is the best time to do each thing? Who are the most important people to work with? What is the most important thing to do at all times?  
 "This was the kid's choice," said Sharon Rich, program director. "They did this last year and they wanted to redo it this year."  
 The Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts is a program geared for ages six

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## Holy Trinity hosts ag workshop



HERALD photo/Robert Barlow

Executive Director Jim Ennis speaks at an agriculture workshop at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Tuesday morning. The workshop was put together by Catholic Rural Life. Around 60 area farmers and preachers were in attendance.

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer  
 Around sixty farmers and preachers from across the basin gathered at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish to listen to a workshop put together by Catholic Rural Life, who works with 96 dioceses across the nation, discuss agriculture and religion on Tuesday.  
 Bishop Michael Sis from the diocese of San Angelo helped organize the event, bringing a national organization's workshop to the town of Big Spring to help benefit the farmers and people in the agricultural workforce.  
 The presentation aimed at informing those in attendance the significance of farming in conjunction with faith. Jim En-

nis, executive director of the organization, ran the workshop and followed along with a new booklet put out by the organization called "Vocation of the Agricultural Leader".  
 "The role of farmers is so significant, but often understated," said Ennis. "Agricultural leader is a noble profession. People have been called into this way of life."  
 In the book it stated, "At the heart of a sound vision of agriculture lies the theology of creation," which was an underlying theme of the presentation.  
 "The Catholic Church sees farming and agriculture as so important to life, you know, no farms no food," said Ennis. "All those involved in food and fiber production provide for the world."

At one point during the workshop, Ennis asked the tables to discuss among each other problems that they were facing within their local communities and occupations. One reoccurring problem that was mentioned was the general age of farmers has been increasing and there is a lack of young people entering the field. Another issue faced by those in the agricultural business involved the impact the oilfield has on them. In addition, there is also the problem with potential employees being drawn away.  
 After the discussion, Ennis went over some of the topics discussed and how these problems are impacting rural communities around the world and what Catholic Rural

Life is attempting to do to fix that.  
 "Different groups, differently countries have different strengths," Ennis said. "Just how can we as a community support local farmers and do this in a way that honors and that takes care of the local communities?"  
 Ennis went on to cover some more topics in the booklet and some key problems that seem to be facing the rural farming community. He explained the purpose of the organization and the book, which was "to serve as a spiritual guide for the agricultural leaders" by promoting commitment to the environment, the overall good of the world, and to help people understand that

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## Obituaries

### Teddy Joe Fowler



Teddy Joe Fowler, 88, of Coahoma died Thursday, April 27, 2017, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Teddy was born Oct. 23, 1928, in Mitchell County, and married Eula Bell Self March 20, 1953, in Coahoma.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma. Teddy served on the Coahoma City Council and on the Board of the Howard County Water Dis-

trict. He ranked as Corporal in the United States Army from 1954 to 1955 during Operation Castle on Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Teddy owned Fowler Service Center in Coahoma since 1952, and continued to work there after his son took over the business.

Teddy is survived by his wife, Eula Bell Fowler; a daughter, Dietra Tuttle and husband Gene of San Angelo; a son, Joe Fowler and wife Cindy of Coahoma; eight grandchildren, Stephanie, Scott, Chad, Matt, K'Ja, Megan, Tyler, and K'Leigh; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rufus Edgar and Jessie Morrow Fowler; a sister, Quma Fowler; and three brothers, Hershel Fowler, Wallace Fowler, and Rufus E. Fowler.

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.

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### Raul "Pelon" Gonzales Sr.



Raul "Pelon" Gonzales Sr., 65, of Big Spring died Sunday, April 23, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

Raul was born July 28, 1951, in Big Spring, Texas, to Luz Gonzales and Miliano R. Lopez. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He married Anita Castaneda on Aug. 4, 1972, in Big Spring. He worked at Creighton Tire for many years and most recently at Fiberflex. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Anita Gonzales of Big Spring; four sons, Gilbert Gonzales and wife Susan

of Big Spring, Michael Gonzales and wife Dominique of Ft. Worth, Raul Gonzales Jr. and wife Jessica of Ft. Worth, and Edward A. Gonzales and wife Jessica Barker of Big Spring; one daughter, Priscilla Marie Gonzales and husband Juan Guzman of Dallas; his father, Miliano R Lopez of Arizona; five brothers, Ernest Gonzales of Ft. Worth, Miliano G. "Max" Lopez of Arizona, Philip Guzman, Tom Guzman, and Joe Guzman, all of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Luz Gonzales Guzman; and one brother Daniel Guzman.

Pallbearers will be Michael Gonzales Jr., Noah Gonzales, Gilbert Gonzales Jr., Darren Gonzales, Tommy Guzman, George Hernandez, and Rocky Guzman. Honorary pallbearer will be Joe Guzman.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Deina Biggs Harvell

Deina Biggs Harvell, 86, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Eddy Pitchford officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Deina was born March 14, 1931, in Big Spring, and married Noel Rose Harvell Jr. July 17, 1948, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 9, 1996. She was a bookkeeper for White's Auto and also worked

for the State National Bank. She was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Deina is survived by her church family at Coahoma Church of Christ.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by a son, Noel Leon Harvell; an infant son; two infant daughters; and her parents.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M., 88130.

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.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ANNA ISABEL RIVERA**, 24, of 1907 19th St. in Snyder was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **MARTIN JOSE FUENTES**,

19, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **CHARLES KILLCREASE**, 50, of 1322 Harding was arrested on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of East 12th Street and the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **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 2700 block of Clanton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa Highway.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Sun-

set Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of South Austin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of East 16th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Algerita.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of South Main Street.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 600 block of Colgate.

## Take Note

- The Salvation Army of Big Spring welcomes former Big Spring Salvation Army officers Majors Russ and Linda Keeney for a homecoming weekend at the Salvation Army Headquarters in Big Spring. Events will include a church picnic Friday at 5:30 p.m., a Welcome Home Banquet Saturday at 5 p.m., and a family revival service Saturday at 6:15, and Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. followed by lunch.

The Keeneys served as officers of The Salvation Army in Big Spring for 7 years. Through that time, they served countless families and individuals as they spread the love of Jesus. The Majors also envisioned The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club that serves nearly 100 children every day with after school and summer activities.

For more information, contact the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239.

- The West Texas Marine Corps League will be having our first meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Meeting location will be at 705 FM 700 in Big Spring.

The Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines, retired, active duty or reserve, FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains, who proudly wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor of the Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps League is Marines helping Marines in and around Howard County. For more info call Doc Rodman at 325-232-0665

### Samuel Ray Myers Jr.



Samuel Ray Myers Jr., 90, of Big Spring died Monday, April 24, 2017, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will be at Trinity Memorial

Park.

Samuel was born Sept. 14, 1926, in Lamesa, Texas, to Billie Lois Sipes Myers and Samuel Ray Myers Sr. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1927. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was active in Disabled American Veterans and did volunteer service at the VAMC for over 25 years with a total of 7,500 hours. He married Peggy Slagle in 1952, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 17, 1996. He later married Margie Windsor on April 24, 1999. He retired from Merchants Fast Motor Lines. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Samuel is survived by his wife, Margie Myers of Big Spring; five sons, Charles Myers and wife Hallie of Appaloosa, La., David Myers and wife Jennifer of Katy, Phillip Myers of Big Spring, Bruce Myers and wife Martha of Kerrville, and Thomas Myers and wife Mary of Houston; four stepsons, Bob Petty and wife Sandra of South Lake, David Petty and wife Peggy of Mobile, Ala., Jim Petty and wife Melissa of Snyder, and Mike Petty and wife Sherry of Bridgeport; a daughter-in-law, Karen Petty of Georgetown; one stepdaughter, Carol Northrip of South Lake; one sister, Betty Honea and husband Jimmy of Big Spring; 22 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a stepson, Alan Petty.

Pallbearers will be David Myers, Bruce Myers, Tommy Myers, Phillip Myers, Jake Myers, and Mike Petty.

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

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### Richard Dwaine Robertson

Richard Dwaine Robertson, 79, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in an Abilene care center.

Funeral services will be held at noon Monday, May 1, 2017, at the Bailey Howard Funeral Home Chapel in Clyde. Burial will follow in the Tye Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. before the service on Monday.

## Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOSE ANGEL CASTILLO**, 61, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated (second offense).
- **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 63, was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **CRYSTAL DAWN MOORING**, 25, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **DEHALIE MARIE NUNEZ**, 37, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **MICHAEL DALE PARKER**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **ANNA ISABEL RIVERA**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **RAUL ROBLES IV**, 18, was booked by BSPD on charges of accident involving damage to a vehicle and driving with an invalid license.
- **JAMES DAVID RUSSELL**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **BRITTANY MARIE SCHULTZ**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **MARGIE LEANNA VIGIL**, 28, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia, violation of promise to appear, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and no driver's license.
- **JARRETT ALLEN WEAVER**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

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# SHOP

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the event to be held, this is the first time it will be located at the coliseum, allowing for a much larger selection of vendors. Some local vendors include Splurge Boutique and Junk For Joy, as well as some new names from out of town like All Things Fabulous from Lubbock and Wildtree from Denver, Colorado.

Bancroft and Pinkerton, who are both teachers at Big Spring High School, partnered up at one of the last events where they both had booths. They teamed up to help organize the

event and have since expanded, making this event even bigger than the previous years. Pinkerton spoke of how they wanted to make events like this more possible in the community to help support small businesses and give something for Big Spring residents to look forward to.

"We really wanted to make it like a community staple, a tradition," said Pinkerton. "It's mainly support for small businesses, we all support each other whether this is a side business they have or if it's their main income. People love to shop, so it's just mixing those two together and it's a lot of fun."

In addition to all the vendors that

will be available, there will also be a mobile arcade trailer and a performance by the Dance Gallery which will take place on Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Joyful Season Shopping Extravaganza will take place on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and also on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. making this the first year the event has spanned across two days. There is a small admission cost of four dollars per person but kids under twelve get in for free. People we also able to get a weekend pass that would gain access to both days of the event for six dollars, saving them a couple dollars for anyone planning on attending Saturday and Sunday.

"A portion of the admission cost is going to Operation Christmas Child," said Bancroft. "We try to give back a little bit."

The event benefits multiple organizations and helps the community out overall which is exactly what Pinkerton and Bancroft had intended for it in the first place.

"We like for everything we do to have a purpose," said Pinkerton. "So we want people there who can really make a difference."

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# PLAY

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years old to 11 to encourage the love of fine arts while teaching leadership, team work, confidence, self-discipline, imagination, social awareness, and memory skills. Ultimately, the program is aimed at character building,

Rich said.

Now in its third year of existence, Rich said she has seen her students blossom.

"I see the growth in all the children," she said. "They are learning confidence, responsibility. It is a team effort."

Rich added she sees the students bring their own individual personalities to the group and over

all performance. Their hard work will be on display for the two performances this weekend.

For more information about the Chilean's Miracle Theater for the Arts, call Rich at 432-517-0723.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

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farming is more than just a business undertaking.

"Financialization kind of reduce things to monetary calculus, and looking at both commodities as a profit and loss but taking the dignity of human life into their calculation," Ennis said. "Today the world produces more food than ever before, and yet at the same time unemployment rates and rates of hunger are higher."

The presentation lasted about two hours and was followed by

mass at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and then afterwards a lunch was provided by the church.

Catholic Rural Life, which was founded in 1923, has recently been traveling to several states across the country in a program to help get the word out about their organization and the new booklet. They also aim to bring awareness to rural communities and those in the agricultural business in order to improve their way of life.

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## Jerusalem mayor: City's diverse residents 'all my children'

By ARON HELLER

Associated Press  
JERUSALEM (AP) — Fifty years after Israel conquered east Jerusalem, the city's mayor says the upcoming anniversary is a time to celebrate, despite the deep rifts and occasional bursts of violence that disrupt daily life in the volatile city.

But like other prominent politicians of the hard-line Likud Party, Nir Barkat says Jerusalem must remain united under Israeli control, rejects Arab claims they are second-class residents — even though the vast majority are not even citizens — and insists the city's diverse array of inhabitants are "all my children."

"Jerusalem is the crown jewel. It will always stay the united, undivided capital of the Jewish people with respect to all religions," the 57-year-old Barkat told The Associated Press this week at his office, which overlooks the Old City. "The prayer of all Jews, for thousands of years, is to return to the city of God, the holy city of Jerusalem."

Barkat presides over perhaps the most complicated city in the world: deeply divided between Arab and Jew, religious and secular, rich and poor — and claimed as a capital by both Israelis and Palestinians.

On the other side of the Mideast conflict, the half-century mark of Israel's victory in the 1967 six-day war is being perceived quite differently.

"They can call it 50 years of whatever they want. But for us, the Palestinians, it is 50 years of occupation and this occupation should end," said Adnan Husseini, the Palestinian minister for Jerusalem affairs.

Jerusalem's nearly 900,000 residents are split almost evenly three ways among secular and modern Orthodox Jewish residents, Muslim Palestinians and ultra-Orthodox Jews. All in all, it's one of Israel's poorest cities.

The Arab population lives almost entirely in east Jerusalem, where many neighborhoods suffer from lack of resources, poor infrastructure, overcrowded classrooms and overall neglect.

Recent figures gathered by the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research think-tank found that 82 percent of the Arab population lives below the poverty line, compared to 28 percent of the Jewish population, among several statistics indicating vast gaps between the groups.

In another indicator of the wide disparities, Ir Amim, an Israeli advocacy group that promotes coexistence in the city, found in a 2014 report that the municipality allocated only an estimated 10 to 13 percent of its annual budget to east Jerusalem, even though Arab residents make up just over a third of the city's population.

"I admit we have a lot of catch-up to do," said Barkat, who be-

came mayor in 2008 after a successful run as high-tech entrepreneur and venture capitalist. Since retiring from his business career, Barkat has worked for the city for a token salary of one shekel (27 cents) a year.

"I'm committed and I'm accountable to close gaps for all neighborhoods, Muslim, Christian, Jews — everyone," he said.

Israel captured east Jerusalem, home to key Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy sites, from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed the area in a move that has not been recognized internationally.

The fate of Jerusalem remains at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. While past peace talks have discussed partition options, Israel's current prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, says that's out of the question.

Barkat, who recently joined Israel's ruling Likud and considers himself a potential successor to Netanyahu, also flatly rejects the notion and claims a majority of the city's Arab residents would prefer to stay under Israeli rule even if a Palestinian state were to be established.

To that end, he says he expects the Trump administration to follow through on its promise to move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem — a scenario encouraged by Israel but bitterly opposed by the Palestinians.

"What I understand is that President (Donald

properly registered and ownership is often difficult to establish. Regardless, he said that he has consistently increased annual investment in Arab neighborhoods of east Jerusalem and most of the city's new schools have been built there.

"The prioritization system of where we invest is not symmetrical. We invest more where there are gaps," he said. "The quality of life of the Arab residents of Jerusalem is far superior to anywhere else around us in the Middle East ... and they know that very, very well."

Barkat insists that, even with a wave of Palestinian stabbings and other attacks over the past year and a half, the city is far safer than other major cities around the world.

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George Hartley, 61, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## United to offer bumped flyers up to \$10,000 after video flap

By **DAVID KOENIG**, AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — United Airlines says it will raise the limit — to \$10,000 — on payments to customers who give up seats on oversold flights and will increase training for employees as it deals with fallout from the video of a passenger being violently dragged from his seat.

United is also vowing to reduce, but not eliminate, overbooking — the selling of more tickets than there are seats on the plane.

The airline made the promises Thursday as it released a report detailing mistakes that led to the April 9 incident on a United Express plane in Chicago.

United isn't saying whether ticket sales have dropped since the removal of a 69-year-old passenger by three airport security officers, but the airline's CEO admits it could be damaging.

"I breached public trust with this event and how we responded," Oscar Munoz told The Associated Press.

"People are upset, and I suspect that there are a lot of people potentially thinking of not flying us."

To head off customer defections, United had already announced that it will no longer call police to remove passengers from overbooked flights, and will require airline crews traveling for work to check in sooner.

On Thursday, it added several other new policies including:

- Raising the limit on compensation to \$10,000 for customers who give up their seats starting Friday.

- That is a maximum — it's unclear how many, if any, passengers would see that much.

- The current limit is \$1,350.

- Delta Air Lines earlier this month raised its limit to \$9,950.

- Sending displaced passengers or crew members to nearby airports, putting them on other airlines or arranging for car transportation to get them to their destinations.

- Giving gate agents annual refresher training in dealing with oversold flights. Munoz said he also wants agents and flight attendants to get more help at de-escalating tense situations.

While not a factor in this month's incident, United also said that starting in June it will pay customers \$1,500 with no questions asked if the airline loses their bag.

For United, the timing of the viral video could hardly have been worse. The airline struggled badly after a 2010 merger with Continental, enduring several technology breakdowns that

angered customers.

In the past year, however, the airline has flown more on-time flights and lost fewer bags.

It recently rolled out plans for expanding service this summer.

Instead of being commended for those signs of progress, however, it has faced more than two weeks of withering criticism and mockery. David Dao, the passenger injured when he was yanked from his seat, is almost certain to file a lawsuit.

Munoz apologized again and faulted his own initial response, in which he defended airline employees and called Dao belligerent.

"That first response was insensitive beyond belief," Munoz said. "It did not represent how I felt," saying that he got "caught up in facts and circumstances" that weren't initially clear, instead of expressing his shock.

On Thursday, Thomas Demetrio, Dao's attorney, said in a statement that the policy changes "are passenger friendly and are simple, commonsense decisions on United's part to help minimize the stress involved in the flying experience."

In Thursday's report, United provided new details about the incident.

It said Flight 3411 to Louisville, Kentucky, was oversold by one ticket, but a volunteer gave up his seat. After passengers boarded, four crew members of Republic Airline, which operates many United Express flights, showed up late after their Louisville-bound plane was delayed by a mechanical problem.

United said it was a mistake to let the Republic crew board late, which required removing four paying passengers; calling officers when there was no safety or security issue; and not offering enough money to entice volunteers to give up their seats.

"We could have spent a lot of \$10,000s and made that thing right," Munoz said.

United said it will reduce overbooking, particularly on flights with a poor track record of finding volunteers to give up their seats, but won't end the practice. Munoz said if airlines can't overbook there will be more empty seats and fares will rise.

Delta CEO Ed Bastian called overselling flights "a valid business process."

Politicians in Washington and elsewhere have called for a ban on overselling flights. Some critics have said airlines should leave a few seats empty if they think they will be needed by crew members.

# Texas House OKs 'sanctuary city' ban with tough jail penalty



**Texas Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, at podium, is surrounded by fellow lawmakers as he speaks against an anti-"sanctuary cities" bill that has already cleared the Texas Senate and seeks to jail sheriffs and other officials who refuse to help enforce federal immigration law, Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in Austin, Texas.**

By **WILL WEISSERT**, Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Republican-controlled Texas House approved a strict ban on "sanctuary cities" early Thursday, empowering local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration law against anyone they detain and threatening police chiefs and sheriffs who refuse to do so with jail.

The vote came just before 3 a.m. and followed 15-plus hours of heated, sometimes tearful debate, much of it from outnumbered Democrats.

The bill would allow Texas to withhold funding from county and local governments for acting as sanctuary cities — even as President Donald Trump's efforts to do that nationally have hit roadblocks.

Other Republican-led states have pushed for similar policies, but Texas would be the first in which police chiefs and other officials could face a misdemeanor criminal charge of official misconduct and be removed from office for not helping enforce immigration law.

An entity that fails to follow the law could be subjected to a civil penalty of \$1,500 for a first offense and \$25,500 for any subsequent violation.

The proposal is needed to "keep the public safe and remove bad people from the street," said Republican Rep. Charlie Geren of Fort Worth, its House sponsor.

The term "sanctuary cities" has no legal definition, but Republicans want local police to help federal authorities as part of a larger effort to crack down on criminal suspects in the U.S. illegally.

The Texas House bill originally allowed local law enforcement of officers to inquire about federal immigration status only if someone

is arrested. A version passed in March by the state Senate went further, permitting immigration inquires of anyone who is detained, including during traffic stops.

But a floor amendment backed by the tea party movement extending the House version to apply to those detained as well as those arrested passed on an 81-64 vote — bringing the full bill closer to what the Senate previously approved.

Democrats, and even some veteran Republicans, opposed the change to no avail. It drew rebuke from the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops, who tweeted: "We're disappointed House voted to allow police to inquire into legal status during detention rather than arrest."

Trump is trying to withhold federal funding for sanctuary cities, but a federal judge in California on Tuesday issued a preliminary injunction preventing him from doing so. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has declared the issue an "emergency" item, say-

ing the state is poised to pass an anti-sanctuary cities law, regardless of what happens nationally.

Sally Hernandez, the sheriff of Travis County, which includes liberal Austin, enraged conservatives by refusing to honor federal requests to hold suspects for possible deportation if they weren't arrested for immigration offenses or serious crimes such as murder. But Hernandez softened her policy after Abbott cut grant funding to the county and she has said she'll conform to the state's ban if it becomes law.

Other sheriffs warn the bill could make their jobs harder if immigrants — including crime victims and witnesses — fear the police.

"Today we've made real that fear," said Roland Gutierrez, a San Antonio Democrat. Many of his colleagues decried what they called a "show me your papers law."

Wednesday night, dozens of protesters, many waving signs and banners skewering the bill and its supporters, gathered inside the

Texas Capitol to chant pro-immigrant slogans in English and Spanish. Some later filed into the House visitors' gallery to applaud bill opponents on the floor. "God is watching what you're doing," one woman yelled at Republican lawmakers before being escorted out.

Things had quieted hours later, when the bill was approved. Still, Democratic Rep. Mary Gonzalez of El Paso, on Texas' border with Mexico, wept openly as she recalled being sexually assaulted, saying the bill will empower criminals. Rep. Victoria Neave, a Dallas Democrat, staged a four-day fast in opposition.

"I have seen the fear of children who worry their parents are going to be deported," Neave said.

The state Senate's version is different enough from what the House passed that the two chambers must compromise before sending a bill to the governor. Similar efforts have collapsed in the past, though, meaning the issue isn't yet fully settled.

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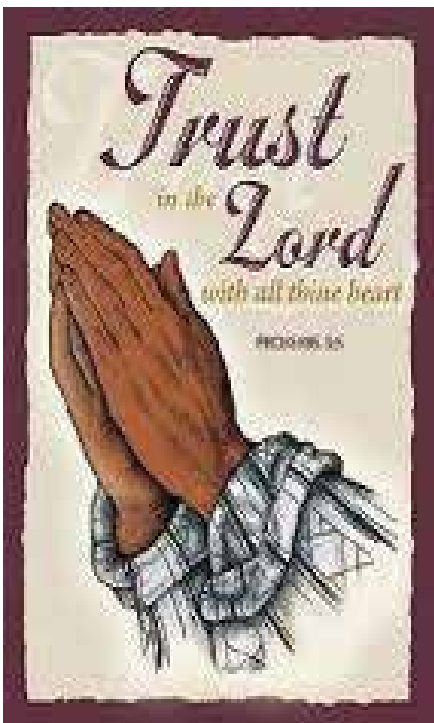
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## Reflections:

## Thy Kingdom come on Earth

Last week Dyen returned from her home in Indonesia where she spent four months as an intern with the United Nations working with refugees. Next month she will graduate with a master's degree in Social Work from Baylor University. She is a remarkable Christian, always bubbling with life, energy, and happiness. She spent the night with us upon her arrival. The next morning we visited over breakfast on our patio.

I usually spend the early mornings in devotion and prayer in my backyard. The sun slowly rises, flickering through the sycamore leaves until it clears the trees and floods the yard with light. Most of my prayers are for personal things, the day-to-day things most of us are concerned about. I pray for friends who are battling cancer, a friend recovering from an accident and for my four-year-old granddaughter who fell and broke her pinky finger. I give thanks to God for his answers, continually amazed at how often He seems to listen and how often He seems to answer.

But this morning we visited with Dyen. I asked her about her work with the refugees. Her face grew clouded with sadness. She told us of a child who watched her mother die, a boy who returned home to find his house destroyed and his family dead, a little girl who lifted her skirt to show the bullet wounds she had suffered. None of the children in the refugee camp have parents. Most of the girls have been raped.

She told how she had struggled as a Christian to counsel these, trying to give hope and encouragement to innocent children victimized by war, op-

pression, vengeance, and violence. I suddenly felt my prayer life to be rather small. Dyen's burdened voice brought us close to the cruel stories easily dismissed as so much "news."

I was reminded of what Jesus taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." What would that look like? I suppose it would look like Jesus' response to John when John asked if He was the Messiah. Jesus said, "The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor" (Luke 7:22).

I am beginning to pray more for these distant places and these victims. I am praying more for our own nation. I am praying that God will turn the tide of violence, anger, hatred, resentment, prejudice, and vengeance. The world seems increasingly dangerous. If His Kingdom were to come on earth, all of this would be swept away, replaced with kindness, gentleness, thoughtfulness, forgiveness, and love.

We cannot control national events. But we can make a difference in the place where we are. Like Dyen seeking to comfort refugees in Indonesia. We can bring the Kingdom near where we live and wherever we go, like Jesus did when He walked through the hills of Galilee.

It is okay to pray for our immediate personal concerns. After all, Jesus taught us to ask for "daily bread." But too often my prayers stop there. They need to go beyond to the Kingdom issues that reside in the heart of God.

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com)*



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## Church News

## Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to join them for Sunday services at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Select the time that best fits your schedule and gather with BHDC for a time of praising and worshiping the faithful and loving Heavenly Father. Pastor Jim Waltherhouse will share a message from Scripture. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at [jwaltherhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwaltherhouse@gmail.com).

## First Baptist Church

"Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken" Psalm 55:22.

The people of First Baptist Church invite you to worship services Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Pastor Mark Lindsey's morning sermon is titled "The Relationship Broken."

Drawn from Genesis 3, listeners will examine how Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan in the form of a serpent and disobeyed their loving Father God, thus earning God's curse because of their sin. And yet the seeds of restoration were already sown through God's love and mercy. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of foundational hymns of the faith and contemporary praise and worship songs.

If unable to attend, you can join the service through the live stream on the website at [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org).

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children coming together in the Good News Garage on the first floor; while teens, college students, and adults gather in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find a class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship.

At 5:30 p.m., all area children are invited to participate in Kids' Connection under the direction of Children's Minister Justin Green. This is a fun time of Bible-based activities and there is no fee to attend.

At 6, teens will gather at the Raffini's home for a light meal and time of fellowship, prayer and Bible study. Transportation is available; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details.

Evening worship service begins at 6 in the chapel, and Pastor Mark's message will continue to

lead worshippers through Ephesians.

All women are invited to take part in the "Ladies' Time Out," Saturday, April 29, at 9:30. The theme is "Altogether Lovely." Brunch will be served, and Linda Henry will share tips for a more lovely you.

Tuesday, May 4, you're encouraged to join the Triple LLL(Living Longer & Loving It) group at noon in the church dining room. Bring a friend and enjoy a time of food and fellowship. Enter through the east kitchen doors.

Vacation Bible School is almost here. It will be held June 5 through 9 from 6 to 9 p.m., and this year's theme is "Galactic Starveyors: Discovering the God of the Universe." To sign up to help or for additional information call Justin Green at 267-8223.

FBC offers many summer camp opportunities for children and their families. Step-Up Camp is for children that will have finished 4th grade through 6th grade. The dates are July 9 through 12, and will be in Sherman, Texas, at Austin College. Family Camp is for the entire family, and will be July 28 to 30 at the Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders, Texas. Call 267-8223 to reserve your space.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6, and offer something for all ages. Go to [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org) for details.

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

## Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

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

This Sunday, Bible study begins at 9 a.m. and the topic will be "How to Study the Bible"; Morning Worship starts at 10 a.m. and the message will be on "Hell." Evening Worship begins at 5 p.m., and the message will be on "Hope."

On Wednesday, Ladies Class at 9:30 a.m. will study the Gospel of John; and Bible study and devotional begin at 7 p.m.

## First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Sunday services begin with a fellowship hour at 9:15 a.m., and Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Worship then begins at 10:50 a.m. Their doors are open to all.

This week, Pastor Sandy Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called, "God's Greatest Gift" taken from John 14:16-17. Assisting

Pastor Sandlin in Worship will be Mary Beth Johnson who will serve as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's Table will be Shirley Burgess and Dan Miracle. Preparing music for Worship are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thi-beault. Some selections they are presently working on are "Come Thou Almighty King," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "Just as I Am."

Choir rehearsal will continue Wednesday, May 3, at 6 p.m. Anyone wanting to join is welcomed. CWF will meet at the Country Club on Thursday May 4, at 11:30 for business meeting and lunch.

For more information on these and upcoming events, please call 432-517-4821.

## First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, meets at 5 p.m., and the Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m.

On May 7, 2017, the Tardy Bells handbell choir will present a concert at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. They will be joined in this "Spring Ring" by Laura Holleman, organ, and Donovan Salinsa, trumpet. The concert will include a variety of music. Ms. Holleman, organist at First Presbyterian, will play "Prelude and Fugue in F Major" by J.S. Bach. The Tardy Bells will ring music as varied as "Processional" by Martin Shaw and selections from Mary Poppins. To conclude the concert, the handbells and organ will be joined by Mr. Salinsa on "This Is My Father's World," by D. Linda McKechnie. The public is cordially invited to attend.

This month's meeting of Presbyterian Women, Tuesday, April 25, will be a work day, pizza lunch, and Bible study of Lessons 8 and 9, led by Lucy Odom. Work clothes will be appropriate as the group cleans the parlor, cleans and defrosts the parlor refrigerator/freezer, and polishes the communion articles.

The Discovery Class began a study last week by author Philip Yancey entitled "The Bible Jesus Read." Yancey presents the Old Testament as God's biography, the story of His compassionate encounter with people, and also as a prequel to the story of Jesus. Session 1 was "Is the Old Testament Worth the Effort?" Session 2 is "Understanding the Old Testament." 3, "Job: Seeing in the

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## A Jesus patch

In Matthew 9:14-17, we read, "Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, 'Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?' And Jesus said to them, 'Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved'" (ESV).

In this passage, Jesus answers a question posed by John's disciples. I want to focus on the illustration Jesus used concerning the patch of cloth. Jesus was making the point that others were following the old pattern – along with their traditions. He had come to fulfill the old law, but he also represented the new covenant and new teaching.

The Pharisees thought that they were righteous (Matthew 9:13 [Jesus calls them righteous in the same way that we would say it and make "finger quotes"]; also notice Luke 18:9). They were among those Jews whom Paul would mention in Romans 10:1-3, seeking to establish their own righteousness because they were ignorant of God's righteousness.

Jesus points out that their teaching and practice was flawed. It was torn and damaged. Sometimes people think that they are doing fine and that they don't need Jesus. They are content doing things their way and even believe that they are pretty good people all on their own.

Others may realize that parts of their life are not what they should be. However, they don't want to completely change in order to follow Jesus. They just want to cut off a small piece of him and try to "patch" their life up with it. They want the forgiveness of sins part without worrying about the whole "take up your cross" part. They want his blood to wash away their sins while they are still wallowing in them. They want to claim him as their Savior without submitting to him as their Lord and Master!

You can't have just a little bit of Jesus – just a Jesus patch. He is either Lord of all or he is not Lord at all. The Bible and the teachings of Jesus are not like some medicine cabinet that you search through for just the right pill to take or cream to rub on a problem and hope it goes away. Have you bowed in submission to him? Only when we stop trusting in ourselves and completely trust in him in faithful obedience will he save us by his grace.

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

## Local author publishes personal story of faith



*Courtesy photo*

**Local woman Donna Bird shares the story of her illness and faith journey in her new book "His Faith is Sufficient," available on Amazon Kindle.**

## Special to the Herald

A local woman has a story to share.

Donna Bird was diagnosed with an acute disease requiring a liver transplant. That diagnosis set her on a journey, and she relates the details of that journey in her new book, "His Grace is Sufficient," releasing tomorrow on Amazon Kindle.

According to a press release about the book: "This story is a 25-year compilation of the extraordinary circumstances the Bird family found themselves in when they realized that it was all a part of God's amazing plan for their lives. God brought together family, friends and com-

munities during these trying times. This book is for anyone who has ever experienced illness that seems too great to overcome, relationships that require a lot of work, separation from loved ones, lonely nights where the morning can't come soon enough, or those who just don't know what life is all about and aren't sure that God has a plan for them."

"I would like to share a few pages from my life with you," said Bird in the press release. "I pray that it would encourage others to know that God is in control; He is sovereign; He is amazing; and His grace really is sufficient for every day and every situation we could ever experience."

# Did you ever wonder? Saul is chosen

The Ark of the Covenant remained at Abinadab's house, and Israel began to mourn for the Ark to be in its place in the Tabernacle. Samuel said to the House of Israel, "If you mean to return to the Lord with all your heart, you must give up all other gods and remove all statues and Ashtaroth trees from the land" (1Sam 7:5-6 paraphrased).



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So the people discarded their idols and cut down the trees under which they had sacrificed to other gods. God blessed them and made peace for them with the Philistines. For 20 years the Ark remained at the house of Abinadab.

Samuel judged Israel as long as he lived, traveling between four cities to judge in all sections of the land. When he was old, he appointed his two sons,

Joel and Abijah as judges in the far away cities.

His sons did not love God as Samuel did. They were interested in personal gain, and so they were corrupt judges. The people clamored for Samuel to appoint a king over them.

When Samuel prayed about this, God said, "Heed the demand of the people, for it is not you that they have rejected. It is Me they have rejected, forsaking Me as their King. Heed their demands, but warn them solemnly about the practices of any king who will rule over them" (1Sam 8:7-9 paraphrased).

Samuel reported to the people -- a king over you will take your sons for his army or to work in his fields. He will take your daughters for perfumers, cooks, and bakers. He will seize the best of your fields, your groves, and your vineyards and give them to his courtiers. He will take the best of your slaves and your donkeys to work for him and also one tenth of your flocks.

You shall become his slaves. On that day when you cry out to the Lord, he will not answer you!

Saul was a very nice-looking young Israelite and much taller than other people. He stood out in a crowd and was popular with the people.

When some of his father's donkeys went missing, Saul was sent to search for them. After three days Saul came to the town in which Samuel was judging.

At that time a prophet such as Samuel, was also called a "seer" by the people because they could ask him questions and get immediate advice. Samuel told Saul to go home, for the donkeys had been found.

As Samuel walked with Saul to the edge of town, he poured oil on Saul's head. He told Saul that God had chosen him to be ruler over His own people. At that time Saul was humble and wondered if this could be true.

Saul was not from a prominent family. He was also from the tribe of Benjamin. Remember that the tribe of

Benjamin was not in a favorable position after the incident of the concubine and the civil war that followed.

Nevertheless, Samuel gave him three signs by which Saul would be reassured that this was the Lord's will. Samuel instructed Saul to make his way to Gilgal, the location of the Tabernacle; but he must tell no one. God would make it known when Samuel arrived.

The signs were fulfilled before the day ended. As Saul met a band of prophets on the road, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him and he spoke in strange tongues as the prophets were doing.

Saul immediately fell in with the group of prophets and followed them to the shrine to pray.

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

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Dark," 4, "Deuteronomy: A Taste of Bittersweet," 5, "Psalms:

Spirituality in Every Key," 6, "Ecclesiastes: the End of Wisdom," 7, "The Prophets: God Talks Back," 8, "Advance Echoes of a Final Answer."

The Children's Choir meets at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Youth activities on Sunday are as follows: 6 p.m. Youth Dinner, 6:30 Handbell Choir, 7:15 Youth Group.

Ellen Austin is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Tom Koger is Lector for April. Ushers for the month are Paschal and Lucy Odom, and Jerry and Katie Grimes.

The lectionary for the Third Sunday of Easter is Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; I Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the Introit "Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing" by Melchior Vulpus. The Rev. Craig Holstedt, minister, will present the sermon. The anthem will be "Alleluia! Alleluia!" by Deborah Governor. The offertory anthem will be "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers," arranged by Alfred V. Fedak.

A note of personal interest to the congregation: Pastor Craig Holstedt is appearing in several roles in the Howard College production of "Chess" this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Seeing the preacher in a college musical production should prove an interesting experience. Tickets are available from Ethan Wills at ewills@howardcollege.edu, or by phone at 432-264-5103.

Please note that 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 can listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting www.fpcbs.org. On the website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

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A new Wednesday Evening Bible Study will

start soon. More information will be coming. 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 congregation this Sunday.

Dolline Budke 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.

### Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week comes from Ephesians 4:17-24 and is called "Cleaning House."

Men's breakfast will be on Saturday, May 6, at 9 a.m. at Crispy's Café.

There will be a Ladies' Tea on Saturday, May 6, at 11 a.m. at the church.

On May 7 there will be a youth luncheon fundraiser after morning worship. The proceeds will go toward youth camp.

Children's activities on Wednesdays include a light snack after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. for pre-k through fifth grade. A youth meal is served at 5:30, with IMPACT youth beginning at 6. The Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. continues throughout the year.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 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.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring Creek offers thanks to all who came out to support the "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry Fundraiser. It was a great success. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, would like to make a donation, or need more information, please contact Kay Pittman.

The next Connect Four class meets on May 7 right after services. 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 dates will be announced. Lunch and childcare will be provided for those attending.

A Deacon Ministry Class is scheduled for May 7 at 5 p.m. If you are interested in finding what the responsibilities of being a Deacon are, please join us for this class. This is a four-week course to introduce the men of the church to what being a Deacon really means.

Two of Spring Creek family members have set up "GoFundMe" accounts. Carla Mosely is requesting help with funds for a kidney transplant she needs soon. Leela Schooler is looking for funding to help pay expenses for a Study Abroad opportunity at the

University of Oxford in England. She will be studying the works of C.S. Lewis. Any help, including prayers for these members, would be greatly appreciated.

Spring Creek has set a goal of 90 percent participation in church ministries, and will be focusing on two ministries each Sunday morning to get the word out about what is available. Please stop by the Connections Table in the garden area to get more information. Join the "90% Club" by getting involved!

The Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on Spring Creek's smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

Youth and Family Camp will be heading back to Colorado this summer. Ask a youth member about their current fundraiser raffle! Tickets are \$20 each. Contact Lloyd Wells for more information.

A "Women's Weekend" is planned for May 19 to 21 at Camp Butman at Merkel, Texas. All women are invited but spaces are limited. For more information, contact Adriana Kocak.

Parents who want to keep up and share in their children's Sunday Bible Lessons can go to the church website at www.springcreekfellowship.org for the information. Just click on "Kid Connect" for past and current lessons.

"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 Abendschan at 432-528-7397.

Wednesday Night Kid's Activities are back in session from 6-8 p.m. in the children's areas. A small snack will be served at 7:30. The schedule is set for parents that are participating in Missional Communities or youth. Drop off is at 5:45. The activities will include children from babies through 5th grade. Please let Donna Wennik know if you are interested in bringing your kids or helping out.

The Worship Team is fundraising for eight wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint Bratcher.

"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

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

Check the Spring Creek App. With this app you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, and follow prayer. We will also have a Bible reading plan. Go to your app store on your smartphone and search for Spring Creek Fellowship and download.

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### Steer softball comes to a close after 9-2 playoff loss to Vernon

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring varsity softball team made their way to Stamford on Thursday to take on Vernon for the first round of playoffs, but unfortunately they could not keep up and fell short to the Lady Lions in a 9-2 defeat.

The Lady Steers were able to grab an early 1-0 lead when Ashley Gonzalez scored on an error by Vernon catcher Caroline Taylor in the bottom of the first inning.

After a scoreless second inning, the Lady Lions went on a six-run rally thanks to a score by Cameron Alaniz on an error, a score by Avery Kinney on a steal of home, and an RBI single by Lauren Hager in the third, followed with a 2RBI inside-the-park home run in the fourth. Amber Martinez, of Big Spring, answered back with a double out to center field which drove Ciera Martinez across the plate for a Lady Steer run, and ended up being their last run of the game. Vernon went on to put three more runs

on the board in the fifth inning, and managed to hold off the Big Spring for the rest of the game, ensuring their 9-2 victory in the first playoff game of the season. "After the game, there wasn't a dry eye in the huddle. Our team truly loves this game and each other," said head softball coach Chelsey Jordan. "The girls have overcome adversity and still continue to hold their composure. I am so proud of the team for never quitting and all of their hard work all season long."

Kynleigh Joy took the loss on the mound for the Lady Steers. She went the distance, surrendered nine runs on twelve hits, walked four, and sat four. Big Spring collected a total of seven hits for the game. Gonzalez and Jaci Aguilar led the team with two hits each.

"Jaci Aguilar played an amazing game to go out on," said Jordan. "She was the heart of this team and her work ethic really set the bar. We will truly miss her on the field and I know she has a bright future ahead."

### Spurs get much-needed time off before semifinal with Houston



**San Antonio Spurs forward, Kawhi Leonard (2), walks off the court after Game 6 of the team's NBA basketball first-round playoff series against the Memphis Grizzlies on Thursday, April 27, 2017, in Memphis, Tenn. The Spurs won 103-96 and advanced to the second round.**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Gregg Popovich feels like his San Antonio Spurs survived the Memphis Grizzlies and is grateful their first-round series finally is over after six games.

His Spurs desperately need a couple days off before hosting Houston on Monday night in their Western Conference semifinal.

The Spurs finished the game on a 22-8 run Thursday night after trailing by seven in beat-

ing Memphis 103-96 to take the series 4-2. Kawhi Leonard scored 29 points, and Tony Parker added 27.

"I'm seriously thrilled that we were able to get through that first round," Popovich said. "That's the good news. The bad news is that we now have to go play Houston."

The Spurs advanced by winning on the road, something neither San Antonio nor Memphis had managed against each other all season long. LaMarcus Aldridge

had 17 points and 12 rebounds as San Antonio outrebounded Memphis 46-28. They got 16 of those on the offensive boards, leading to 17 second-chance points.

Parker said the Spurs treated this like a Game 7 to make sure they avoided heading home to play a deciding seventh game that had been scheduled for Saturday. That would've meant only one day to rest and prepare for

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### Taco time in Texas: Cowboys target pass rush with Charlton



**Fans arrive ahead of the 2017 NFL football draft in Philadelphia, Thursday, April 27, 2017.**

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys addressed one need on defense and think they still have a good chance to target another.

The Cowboys drafted Michigan defensive end Taco Charlton with the 28th overall pick on Thursday night, believing the options for

a strong pass-rushing threat were fading while some cornerbacks they like will still be around late in the second round.

Charlton, who led the Wolverines with 9 1/2 sacks in 2016, is the first defensive end taken in the first round by the Cowboys in 10 years. Pass-rushing is the big-

gest need for Dallas, which was the top seed in the NFC last season but struggled to pressure the quarterback.

"As good as it was to help us get a good pressure player at the bottom of the first round, I think the draft sets up even better to get a really nice corner in the bot-

tom of the second," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said. "I think if you see how that first round went, there were a lot of pressure players that came off the board. We might not see one again for a while."

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### Bulldogettes fall to Early 9-4 in game one of playoff series

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

Thursday was a long day for the Coahoma varsity softball team as they made their way to Abilene Christian University and took on the Lady Longhorns in game one of their three game playoff series. The Bulldogettes fell to Early in a 9-4 defeat.

Both teams started the game with strong defense and held each other from scoring any runs for the first two innings.

Early grabbed a 2-0 lead with an RBI single by Makayla DeLeon and an RBI double by Laiken Reagan.

Coahoma answered back in the following inning when Lillian Sandoval stepped up to the plate and singled on a ground ball to third base, driving Makayla Overton in for a Bulldogette run.

Both Coahoma and Early plated three runs each in the fifth inning with a 2RBI double by Reagan and an RBI single by ShaynaKay Connelly for the Lady Longhorns, and an RBI

home run by Annie Chandler and RBI double by Caitlyn Corley for the Bulldogettes. With a 5-4 lead, Early managed to keep Coahoma scoreless for the remainder of the game, all while putting up four more runs to ice the game.

Lady Longhorn pitcher DeLeon induced two ground outs and a fly out in back-to-back fashion, bringing the game to an end and ensuring their 9-4 victory for game one.

Maddie Daniels began the game on the mound for the Bulldogettes. She threw for five innings, surrendered five runs on nine hits, walked two, and struck out six. Cassie Grant entered the game in the sixth inning, surrendered four runs on four hits, walked one, and sat one.

Coahoma collected a team total of nine hits. Chandler led the way offensively with two runs batted in from her home run out to center field in the fifth inning.

The girls will make their way back to Abilene tomorrow for game two vs. the Lady Longhorns, which is scheduled to take place at ACU at 5:00 p.m.



**Clemson's Deshaun Watson, left, poses with Roger Goodell after being selected by the Houston Texans in the 2017 NFL football draft, Thursday, April 27, 2017, in PA.**

### Houston Texans trade up to get QB Deshaun Watson

HOUSTON (AP) — Deshaun Watson is the newest quarterback for the Houston Texans.

For now, the two-time Heisman Trophy finalist is also a backup.

The Texans addressed their need at the position by trading with Cleveland to select the Clemson standout with the 12th overall pick in the NFL draft on Thursday night. They traded away the 25th overall pick in this year's draft as well as their first-round selection next season to

nab Watson.

The Browns already have Houston's second-round pick in 2018 after receiving it in the trade for Brock Osweiler this offseason. Houston was in desperate need of a quarterback after giving up on Osweiler and trading him away one inconsistent season after signing him to a \$72 million contract in 2016.

Before the draft, Tom Savage and Brandon Weeden were the only quarterbacks on the roster.

The Texans insist that they're OK with that.

"I don't know if people believe us but we're comfortable with Tom Savage as our quarterback," general manager Rick Smith said.

Coach Bill O'Brien agreed, adding: "As a rookie quarterback it's a big jump. Tom is our starter and Deshaun will come in and he's going to work hard and we're

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**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You're not petty; you're generous! You don't condemn anyone for committing minor social sins, such as interrupting others or talking over the entertainment. And yet, today, you'll favor those with superior social habits.

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honed position.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're often hopeful, but it's not necessarily your first response. That's why the one who makes you feel like there's something special and magical in your future is a person you should hang out with more often.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** It's as though there was a leap without a landing. The unfinished thoughts are beautiful in their incompleteness, if you can bear the tension that takes the place of closure.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You may be considering taking things to the next level in a relationship, going from someone's "other" to someone's "only." Whether this is business-related or personal, exclusivity is a pretty big step, not to be rushed into.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** In the same way that marketers know scarcity can create an immediate impulse to buy, loss triggers love. Often, "the one that got away" is suddenly considered the best you've ever had, immediately after "get-

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** In some ways, you've become what you envisioned; you embody what you once envied; you project what you once only fantasized about. Satisfaction in this will be brief. You're already questing anew.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Do all you can to fortify your spirit and restore your body. Set yourself up to awaken in a good mood tomorrow so you're strong and ready for an amazing opportunity coming your way.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You don't regret building your life around certain people and principles, but you do recognize that things change. You'll reorganize to make room for new influences.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 28).** Relationships will thrive on stability. It's a year for extending roots, but that doesn't mean you can't also take vacations. In May you'll be offered what you've longed for. You'll follow your loved one into unknown territory and come to love

the adventure you share there. Excellent news comes in June; a windfall comes in November. Sagittarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 40, 33, 35 and 19.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** It is difficult to be a risk and a solid, reliable person at the same time. You'll pull it off. **TAURUS:** You may like the eye candy, but what you need is the soul food. **GEMINI:** For someone to become significant to you, the evidence must point to the fact that your life is enhanced by knowing him or her. **CANCER:** The one who makes you feel younger will figure into the weekend fun. **LEO:** Being hard on yourself dampens your magnetism. Attraction secret: Be nicer to yourself. **VIRGO:** Theoretical love won't do it for you. You want a love that's demonstrated, or what's the point? **LIBRA:** You'll get the answer to your love questions in words and in the hesitation between them. **SCORPIO:** There are things that are bigger than your attraction to a

certain someone, but you probably either forgot what they are or you haven't discovered them yet. **SAGITTARIUS:** "Hotness" comes from within. The fire inside you will burn brighter than fire around you. **CAPRICORN:** Two will compete for your attention. **AQUARIUS:** Nostalgia paints relationships in dreamy, flattering and entirely unrealistic hues. **PISCES:** A friend's relationship isn't what it seems, so don't idealize it.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The Taurus sun and Cancer moon begin an experiment involving these two strong-willed signs. The water sign (Cancer) has a way of refining the rough edges of the earth sign (Taurus) in the manner of waves lapping at the shore, turning rocks to fine, soft sand. Taurus thirsts for the soul comforts Cancer can bring. Cancer grows to rely on the stability of Taurus.

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**Venus Returns to Aries**

As uncomfortable as love goddess Venus is traveling through Aries, the realm of the warrior, it sure seems like she can't get enough of that part of the sky. The edginess returns to romance. It's a passionate transit (a plus), but unfortunately, there's potentially a lot of energy wasted on intensity of feeling that could be put to more productive use.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You care -- a lot! In fact, today you may find that you care slightly more than feels healthy for you or good for the relationship. What would happen if you let go and trusted life's process?

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** A self-

**The Thrill Is Gone**

**Dear Annie:** My wife's sexual desire disappeared with menopause, although there was little desire even before then. I still like, need and enjoy sex. We have had many discussions about this conflict between us but have been unable to resolve it on our own. Apparently, one of us will be unhappy about the outcome regardless of what we do. My question is: What

do your readers do to resolve this conflict so that they and their spouses stay together? Do you have any recommendations? It is my strong impression that many marriages suffer from the same conflict. -- Still Interested

**Dear Still:** Though there's no "right" frequency with which all married couples should be having sex, it's important that both partners feel fulfilled. There are a number of possible reasons your wife has lost interest

**Annie's Mailbox**

in recent years. The factors that influence sex drive range from psychological to physical. It's important to discuss the former before getting into medicinal treatments. Is she stressed about work or finances? How is your marriage outside the bedroom? How does she feel about your sex life? For more insights, check out "Wanting Sex Again: How to Re-discover Your Desire and Heal a Sexless Marriage," by marriage counselor and certified sex therapist Laurie Watson.

Lastly, if you haven't done so already, consider seeing a marriage counselor.

With good communication, you and your wife could work through this together, just as you've worked through countless issues over the years. Be patient.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to "Daughter in Distress" and anyone who is concerned because a parent is in a nursing home and keeps asking to go home. Please listen to my experience.

My beloved mother suffered from gradually progressive dementia for the last 10 years of her life. Because of our circumstances, she was able to get care from us in her own home, but

still she used to plead, "I want to go home." A very kind caregiver explained to me that what she meant was she wanted to go back to a better time, not a different place.

This realization has come to me fully, as I still mourn the loss of my parents and my husband and find myself crying out, "Please take me home. I want to go home." I want to go back to the emotional comfort of earlier times, not to a different place.

People should not ever feel guilty when they place their aging loved ones in well-run, caring facilities to optimize their care.

-- From a Different Perspective

**Dear Different:** What a beautiful, insightful and heart-breaking letter. I'm so sorry for your loss. I appreciate your reaching out even in your grief, as I'm sure your words will resonate with many readers.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
**Two double-dummy problems**

These are double-dummy problems, which means you're allowed to look at all four hands while trying to find the solution.

**1. You are declarer** with the South hand at Six Clubs, and West leads the king of spades. How would you play the hand?

**NORTH**  
♠10 9 8 7 5 4 3  
♥A  
♦AK  
♣Q 3 2

**WEST**  
♠K Q J 2  
♥8 7 6 5  
♦Q 6 5 4 3  
♣

**EAST**  
♠A 6  
♥J 10 9 4 3 2  
♦2  
♣7 6 5 4

**SOUTH**  
♥—  
♦K Q  
♠J 10 9 8 7  
♣AK J 10 9 8

**1. About as good a way as any** — even if you don't see the East-West hands — is to ruff the spade lead and play four rounds of trumps, discarding the ace of hearts from dummy! Then cash the K-Q of hearts, discarding dummy's A-K of diamonds! Your housecleaning done, concede the jack of diamonds to the queen, and the rest of the tricks are yours.

**2. You are on lead** with the South hand. Diamonds are trump, and you must win all six tricks. (This is not an easy problem to solve.)

**NORTH**  
♥A 8  
♦—  
♠J 10  
♣J 2

**WEST**  
♥K J  
♦A 9  
♠—  
♣Q 4

**EAST**  
♥Q  
♦K 10  
♠—  
♣10 8 3

**SOUTH**  
♠4  
♥Q J  
♦—  
♣AK 9

**2. Cash the ace of clubs,** playing the jack from dummy as a preparatory move for a possible finesse later on. Next, ruff the queen of hearts in dummy and play the jack of diamonds.

East can do no better than discard the queen of spades as you also discard a spade. West, who cannot spare a spade or a club, is forced to discard the ace of hearts.

When you next cash the ace of spades, East cannot discard successfully and must either allow you to score the jack of hearts or the nine of clubs.

Tomorrow: Rara avis.  
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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				4	2			3
4		2			5	9		7
	6	1	4		3			
5	7						2	6
			2	6	7	1		
9		7	5			8		1
3			8	1				
		6		2		4	7	

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# 2017 NFL Draft Selections



- (AP)- 1. Cleveland, Myles Garrett, de, Texas A&M.  
 2. Chicago (from San Francisco), Mitchell Trubisky, qb, North Carolina.  
 3. San Francisco (from Chicago), Solomon Thomas, de, Stanford.  
 4. Jacksonville, Leonard Fournette, rb, LSU.  
 5. Tennessee (from LA Rams), Co-roy Davis, wr, Western Michigan.  
 6. New York Jets, Jamal Adams, db, LSU.  
 7. Los Angeles Chargers, Mike Williams, wr, Clemson.  
 8. Carolina, Christian McCaffrey, rb, Stanford.  
 9. Cincinnati, John Ross, wr, Washington.  
 10. Kansas City (from Buffalo), Patrick Mahomes, qb, Texas Tech.  
 11. New Orleans, Marshon Lattimore, db, Ohio State.  
 12. Houston (from Philadelphia through Cleveland), Deshaun Watson, qb, Clemson.

13. Arizona, Haason Reddick, lb, Temple.  
 14. Philadelphia (from Minnesota), Derek Barnett, de, Tennessee.  
 15. Indianapolis, Malik Hooker, s, Ohio State.  
 16. Baltimore, Marlon Humphrey, db, Alabama.  
 17. Washington, Jonathan Allen, de, Alabama.  
 18. Tennessee, Adoree' Jackson, db, Southern Cal.  
 19. Tampa Bay, O.J. Howard, te, Alabama.  
 20. Denver, Garrett Bolles, ot, Utah.  
 21. Detroit, Jarrad Davis, lb, Florida.  
 22. Miami, Charles Harris, de, Missouri.  
 23. New York Giants, Evan Engram, te, Mississippi.  
 24. Oakland, Gareon Conley, cb, Ohio State.  
 25. Cleveland (from Houston), Jabrill Peppers, lb, Michigan.  
 26. Atlanta (from Seattle), Takkarist McKinley, de, UCLA.  
 27. Buffalo (from Kansas City), Tre'Davious White, db, LSU.  
 28. Dallas, Taco Charlton, de, Michigan.  
 29. Cleveland (from Green Bay), David Njoku, te, Miami.  
 30. Pittsburgh, T.J. Watt, lb, Wisconsin.  
 31. San Francisco (from Atlanta through Seattle), Reuben Foster, lb, UCLA.  
 32. New Orleans (from New England), Ryan Ramsey, ot, Wisconsin.

## TEXANS

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going to teach him and feed him a lot of information and he'll work at it." Watson seems prepared to do whatever the Texans ask of him. "All I need to do is put my head down, don't say anything, learn from all the veteran guys, learn from Tom Savage, learn from Brandon Weeden and just play my role," he said. "Whatever role that is play it well and help the team win." This is the first time the Texans have selected a quarterback in the first round since taking David Carr with the first overall pick in their first season. They've had a revolving door at the position in recent years, starting eight different players since 2014. In Watson they get a player who threw for 4,593 yards and 41 touchdowns last season to lead Clemson to the national title. He had 28 wins in his last two seasons and helped the Tigers to consecutive appearances in the national championship game.

## DALLAS

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It's the third time in four years that the Cowboys have taken a defensive end in the first two rounds, and both previous picks have fallen short of expectations. DeMarcus Lawrence, a second-round pick in 2014, has been slowed by back injuries, although he led Dallas with eight sacks in his second season in 2015. Randy Gregory was a second-round choice two years ago, but his draft stock slid over off-field concerns. He is suspended for almost all of 2017 for multiple violations of the NFL's substance-abuse policy. The 6-foot-6, 277-pound Charlton, whose given first name is Vidauntae, was a first-team All-Big Ten choice by The Associated Press. His senior season was the only one as a full-time starter for the Wolverines. Dallas has been looking for a dominant pass rusher since cutting franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware in a salary cap move in 2014. "I think I can really be a dominant player," Charlton said. "You watch a lot of the big games, I was able to take over those games and make big plays and be an impact player. I think I can I can do that in Dallas." The last time pass rushing was a first-round focus for Dallas, they were two years removed from taking Ware out of Troy with the 11th overall pick in 2005 and Marcus Spears from LSU nine picks later. Anthony Spencer was the choice out of Purdue as the

Watson went 32-3 in his career as a starter, which is the best winning percentage for a quarterback in school history. He finished his career third in Atlantic Coast Conference history with 12,094 yards of total offense and threw for 10,163 yards and 90 touchdowns in his career. "One of the things that stood out to me was how well he played in clutch moments, in big games, in games that really meant everything — national championship games, big ACC games, the guy came through," O'Brien said. "When the chips were down he was able to lead his team to victory. And I think that says a lot about a quarterback. In the end, one of the things that we always look at is the guy a winner and this guy is a winner ... I don't think anyone can argue with that." He joins a team featuring star receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who also went to Clemson. Watson is looking forward not just to playing with Hopkins, but with everyone on a team that has won the AFC South title the last two seasons.

26th choice in 2007, when the Cowboys were in the 3-4 defense. They're now in the 4-3. A year after one of the best drafts in franchise history yielded two Pro Bowl rookies in quarterback Dak Prescott and running back Ezekiel Elliott, the Cowboys had little doubt that defense would be the focus. And it was. "If you happen to on the morning of the draft to have been working in that particular range or that particular player area and it really be fresh on your mind, then that was good," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "We had had a lot of conversation about this very player all day long." Dallas also has needs in the secondary after losing cornerbacks Brandon Carr and Morris Claiborne in free agency along with safeties Barry Church and J.J. Wilcox. Church was perhaps the most significant of those departures because of his leadership role in the secondary. His absence was felt in 2016 when he missed four games with broken arm. Anthony Brown is a promising young cornerback as a sixth-round pick from last year, and Orlando Scandrick being a year removed from a major knee injury should bolster a position that hasn't produced many interceptions the past two seasons. Stephen Jones made it clear that cornerback is the likely focus in the second round Friday. The Cowboys have the 60th overall pick in the second round and the 92nd selection overall in the third round.

## SPURS

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the No. 3 seeded Houston Rockets with this semifinal starting Monday night in San Antonio. "We wanted those days off before playing Houston because it's going to be a fast-paced game against them," Parker said. "They have a great offense, and the key is going to be defense. So we're going to have to have our legs. I think this win is huge obviously, because we won the series, but even to prepare against Houston." For much of this series, Leonard carried the Spurs as he matched or topped his playoff career high in scoring in three of the five games. He also hit his first 42 free throws of this series, the most to start a postseason series in NBA history. But some of the other Spurs started stepping up as San Antonio turned a 2-2 tie into a series victory. Patty Mills came through in San Antonio's Game 5 win with 20 points off the bench, and he added

another 10 Thursday night. Manu Ginobili ended an 0-of-15 shooting skid with 10 points off the bench in Game 5. Parker had his best game of the series Thursday night, hitting his first six shots and finishing with 27 points. He also had two rebounds and four assists. The veteran guard, who turns 35 on May 17, was seen icing both feet and his left knee after the game but walked just fine talking to reporters. He said he talked with Popovich about how the Grizzlies were going under on pick-and-rolls and not giving shots for Aldridge. "I had to be aggressive," Parker said. "That's a choice that Memphis made. We talked about it last week. They just are going to leave me in the corner 3s and just go under the pick-and-rolls, so I had to be aggressive." The Spurs easily swept the Grizzlies a year ago when Memphis had a patchwork roster with Mike Conley and Marc Gasol injured on the bench. Then they lost to Oklahoma City in six games.

They agreed this series against Memphis will be much better preparation for what lies ahead. "It's an experience that helps you push through the tough times on the floor, and that's how you gain confidence," Leonard said. Leonard said the break also will be good for the older Spurs, plus himself after a very physical series. "We can just regroup, get our energy back and get our bodies prepared for the next round," Leonard said. "It's going to be tougher."

## CHURCH

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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 am-12 p.m.-Worship Service  
 Tuesday-  
 Noon- Narcotics Anonymous  
 6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group  
 Wednesday-  
 6-8:30 p.m.-Kid's Activities  
 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 and Fellowship

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