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## BSISD: Four campuses to earn "met standards" TEA rating

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD expects four of its campuses to receive a "met standard" rating when the Texas Education Agency releases official ratings this August.

According to early released test score results, Big Spring ISD expects

to have Big Spring High School, Moss Elementary, Big Spring Junior High, and Big Spring Intermediate schools earn a "met standard" rating while three schools — Marcy, Goliad, and Washington elementaries — will earn "needs improvement," the district announced this week.

"You can see where our highest need is in

elementary," said Dr. Raemi Thompson, director of curriculum, instruction & assessment. "Those are the campuses that are still in 'needs improvement.' This reconfiguration that we are doing with our elemen-



tary, that is primarily to pull all our resources into centralized locations. We really think that is going to be a key, key factor into getting those campuses out of 'needs improvement' by the end of next

year." Earlier this year, Big Spring ISD officials announced the district will reconfigure its elementary schools from a neighborhood type setting to focusing on specific grades. Moss and Marcy Elementary schools will become kindergarten through second grade campuses, Washington Elementary School will house the

district's third grade, and Goliad Elementary will be the fourth grade campus.

According to Thompson, data from the state assessment scores show the district is continuing to improve in the area of math while reading scores flatlined.

"We are improving in math across the

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## CASA of West Texas advocates for normalcy for foster children

**Special to the Herald**

July in Texas is full of sun, swimming pools, and tons of outdoor activities. While most children have the opportunity to enjoy their summer vacation by attending camps, participating in sports or having a summer job, there are many children who do not get the chance to experience these sorts of summertime activities through no fault of their own.

Removed from home and placed in the child welfare system because of evidence of abuse or neglect, these children are already facing trauma — yet on top of all of that, for decades, they have been denied common normal childhood activities.

In the past, foster children were obligated to receive approval from their caseworker before participating in any type of normalcy activity. "Normalcy" is a term for any experiences that contribute to a child's autonomy and social functioning. Common activities such as sleeping over at a friend's house required background checks on all members of that household. Often, a child's foster parents chose to avoid liability issues entirely by simply denying the child's request.

But change is coming. CASA of West Texas understands how important it is for foster children and youth to have the chance to build peer relationships and partake in everyday activities to promote positive mental health.

"Friendship and socialization are essential for children to maintain good health and psychological well-being," said Patty Pisklak, executive director of CASA of West Texas. "Our CASA volunteers strive to help ensure each child can experience as normal of a childhood as possible."

During the 2015 legislative session, Texas CASA and the statewide CASA community championed Senate Bill 1704, the so-called "normalcy bill," that allows foster parents to use a prudent parenting standard to make decisions about a child's participation in age appropriate activities. This bill grants foster parents protection from liability for injuries or negative outcomes

## A nice, cold glass of tea



*Courtesy photo*

**McAlister's Deli, located at 1010 Lamesa Highway, handed out free 32 oz. glasses of tea Thursday for "Free Tea Day 2017"; and, with temperatures in the 100s, a number of customers took advantage. At top from left to right, Jonah Yanez, Naleyah Bautista, and Ethan Bautista celebrate Free Tea Day with lots of cold tea and balloons. At right, long lines were braved at McAlister's Thursday evening for fresh sandwiches and free sweet and unsweet tea.**



## Trump urges GOP to repeal Obama law now, replace later

**By ALAN FRAM**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump urged divided congressional Republicans on Friday to break their logjam over dismantling President Barack Obama's health care law by "immediately" repealing it and replacing it later, a formula that GOP leaders dismissed months ago as politically unwise.

Trump's early-morning tweet embraced a sequential approach favored by only a handful of conservatives eager to take quick action on one of the party's foremost priorities — repealing Obama care, something Republicans have long promised to do. But his suggestion threat-

ened to sharpen divisions between conservatives and moderates, who are leery of stripping coverage from millions of constituents without something to substitute for it.

"If Republican Senators are unable to pass what they are working on now, they should immediately REPEAL, and then REPLACE at a later date!" Trump tweeted.

Supporters of that idea include Sens. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., and Rand Paul, R-Ky.

House and Senate leaders long ago abandoned initial thoughts of first erasing Obama's law, and then replacing it.

Such a step-by-step approach would leave Republicans vulnerable to Democratic accusations that they were simply tossing people off coverage without helping them obtain medical care. And the idea would leave unresolved the quandary stumping lawmakers

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Trump



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## Obituaries

### Dean Bohannon



Dean Bohannon, 70, of Midland passed away on Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

A Celebration of Life will be at 10 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland on Friday, June 30, 2017.

Dean was born on March 9, 1947, in Hobbs, N.M., to Omer and Aileen Bohannon. He was a very loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Dean loved to spend his spare time outdoors and hunting. His favorite thing to do was to spend time with his family and friends. Dean had a personality that was larger

than life and he will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; son, Eric and wife Tiffani; son, Trey and wife Allison; grandchildren, Nick, Noah, Kelsey, and Landon; and three siblings, Danny, Cheryl, and Katy.

Dean is preceded in death by his parents; and sons, Keith and Kyle Bohannon.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards the many friends and extended family that have been supportive during this difficult time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MICHAEL TODD MCCLINTON**, 41, of 1400 Johnson, was arrested on a warrant for failure to control speed.
- **DAMIAN ISMAEL LUJAN**,

32, of 1014 Nolan, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **JAMES LEE MILLER**, 22, of 108 Merrick, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of West I-20, the 200 block of West FM 700, and the 900

block of William Street.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of East 3rd Street and the 1300 block of Wood Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of Highland Drive.

## Take Note

The community is invited to a ribbon cutting/open house of the newly renovated gift shop at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on July 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. SMMC Gift Shop is located inside the main lobby at Scenic Mountain, 1601 W. Eleventh Place.

“Getting Back to School Ready” will be presented – at Scenic Mountain Medical Center - by Dr. Joseph Chavez for the next Lunch 'n' Learn, July 13 at 11:30 a.m.

The presentation is free to attend and will focus on immunizations and getting kids ready to go back to school.

To RSVP, call 432-268-4699.

Maranatha Baptist Academy has open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year; the enrollment is underway and lasts through July 13, 2017.

Office hours are 8 to 10:30 a.m. Come in and pre-register for the new year. The Academy uses the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, and is open to age four years through high school.

Please contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon at 432-213-1046 for an appointment.

Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

KBST and Back in Motion Chiropractic will hold their annual Community Blood Drive Friday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of Back in Motion, 1113 S. Scurry St. Donors will receive a KBST Pops in the Park T-shirt, an entry in a drawing for four Schlitterbahn tickets, a July 4 Goody Bag, a free cholesterol check, and grilled hot dogs and ice cream; plus, the opportunity to meet your favorite KBST radio personality. Appointments are strongly encouraged. To make an appointment, call Maegan at 267-2225, or 1-877-UBS-HERO and give them the sponsor code "motion"; or enter "motion" at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com).

The Big Spring Salvation Army is holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

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.

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

Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Rob-

erts 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 has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

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

Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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 432-271-2138.

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,

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

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

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

Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

### Marvie Wheeler

Marvie Wheeler, 69, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 29, 2017 in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MICHAEL TODD MCCLINTON**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to control speed.
- **DAMIAN ISMAEL LUJAN**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for defective or no tail lights.
- **JAMES LEE MILLER**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, and on a charge for criminal trespassing.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported near the North 11th and San Antonio intersection. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Cindy Lane.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Highway 176. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 9000 block of North County Road 31.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 176. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of Highland Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1300 block of Highway 176.
- **TRASH FIRE** was reported in the 700 block of West I-20.

## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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# TRUMP

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today — how to replace Obama's system of online insurance markets, tax subsidies and an expanded Medicaid with something that will get enough Republican votes to pass Congress.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., declined to comment on Trump's tweet.

On Thursday, Senate Republicans were considering breaking a stalemate over what their replacement bill should do by preserving a tax boost Obama's law imposed on high earners. Keeping that tax increase in place was a bid to woo party moderates and rescue their sputtering push to repeal his health care overhaul.

The break from dogma by a party that has long reviled tax boosts — and most things

achieved by Obama — underscores McConnell's feverish effort to rescue the Senate legislation from the brink of possible defeat.

The money from the tax boost would instead be used to bolster proposed health care subsidies for lower-income people.

The change, proposed by Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., would give a more populist flavor to the bill. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says that as the legislation now is written, it would boost out-of-pocket costs for many poor consumers and produce 22 million uninsured people while cutting around \$700 billion in taxes over a decade — largely for richer people and the health care industry.

"You're increasing the burden on lower-income citizens and obviously alleviating the burden on the wealthy. That is not an equation that

works," Corker said. He said he was "very confident" that leaders would address the issue in the updated bill.

Top Republicans also considered an amendment pushed by conservatives to let insurers offer plans with low premiums and scant benefits. To do so, a company would also have to sell a policy that abides by the consumer-friendly coverage requirements in Obama's 2010 statute, which the GOP is struggling to repeal.

Both proposals were encountering internal Republican opposition, and it was uncertain either would survive.

McConnell postponed a vote on an initial version Tuesday because of opposition from conservatives and moderates alike. By this week's end, he wants to nail down changes that would assure the bill's passage after Congress' week-long July 4 recess. No more than two of the 52 GOP sena-

tors can oppose the measure for him to prevail, and there were no indications he'd achieved that margin as senators left town Thursday.

"We're kind of at a stalemate right now, I'd say," said Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W. Va., who with Ohio GOP Sen. Robert Portman and others wants to forestall reductions the measure would make in Medicaid.

The Medicaid program for low-income and disabled people has grown dramatically in their states and others, but the Republican bill would cut it, with reductions growing over time.

Under Corker's proposal, the bill would retain Obama's 3.8 percent tax increase on investment income for married couples making more than \$250,000 a year and individuals making more than \$125,000. Keeping that increase would save \$172 billion over 10 years, and moderates

want to use that money to make coverage more affordable for poorer consumers.

Conservatives said they opposed the idea, along with the chairmen of Congress' two tax-writing committees: Senate Finance chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and House Ways and Means chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas.

Also in play was a proposal by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, to let insurers offer skimpier policies, which conservatives say would lower premiums.

Moderates oppose that, especially if it lets insurers raise premiums on people with pre-existing medical problems.

Republicans also said party leaders agreed to add \$45 billion for battling opioids abuse to their bill. They were also considering a proposal by conservatives to let people use tax-advantaged health savings accounts to pay health care premiums.

# CASA

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that result from normalcy activities — shifting the decision-making role from caseworker to caregiver.

Having normal, age-appropriate childhood experiences is important for children to form positive relationships — participating in social activities ultimately leads to happiness, higher cognitive capacity, and overall enhanced well-being.

CASA volunteers are essential in helping youth in foster care have normal childhoods by educating foster parents, caseworkers and others about the normalcy bill and by speaking up for children to have access to normalcy activities. Within their role, they can help children and youth understand that access to normalcy activities is a right that is granted to them, as well as remind foster parents of the importance of these sorts of activities and connect them with information about free activities in the community.

"These children have been through enough. The last thing they need is to be punished by not being allowed to experience normal activities with their peers," said Patty Pisklak. "This summer, we aim to help foster children in our community have the opportunity to partake in fun, exciting experiences so they may flourish and grow as other children do."

CASA volunteers are specially trained and appointed by judges to speak up for a child and advocate for their unique needs in court, at school and in other settings. They also get to know the other adults in the child's life, including foster parents, caseworkers, counselors and more, and work with them to ensure the best interests of the child comes first.

Ultimately, true normalcy is achieved when children are placed in a forever home with a loving family, but while they are in the child welfare system, they need a voice to speak up for them, to ensure they are able to participate in any hobby or occupation they wish to pursue. They need a consistent, familiar and trustworthy adult in their life that they can count on.

To learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer, take advantage of CASA of West Texas next training date on Oct. 23, 2017. For information, visit [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org) or call 432-683-1114.

# BSISD

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district. We have some work to do in reading," Thompson said. "One of (Big Spring ISD superintendent) Mr. (Chris) Wiggington's goals, part of his five-year plan, is, all of the students are reading on grade level by grade three. By focusing and drilling down with our K through 2 — putting all of our K through 2 resources into those two areas (Marcy and Moss Elementary) — we can get more focused in ... and also meet the needs of those third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders as well."

If the district's predictions about official ratings come true in August, this will be the most number of campuses to receive a "met standard" ratings at one time. Official ratings in 2016 rated Big Spring High School, Marcy and Moss elementaries as "met standards" while Big Spring Junior High, Big Spring Intermediate, Goliad and Washington elementaries

received a "needs improvement" rating.

In 2015, only Big Spring High School and Big Spring Junior High received a "met standard rating." Big Spring Intermediate did not receive any rating since it was newly open. Also, 2015 marked the first time in five years, the district as a whole received a "met standards" rating. This district first slipped into a low academic performing school district status in 2011 because of testing scores.

In 2014, Big Spring High School, the Big Spring Junior High, and Moss Elementary School were the only schools to receive a "met standard" rating.

"What we are wanting to get rid of is the roller coaster up and down," Thompson said. "We want to create a sustainable environment so that each year, we continue to improve our schools, so we don't worry about going back to 'needs improvement.' That's our focus here. That's why we are excited about the reconfiguration. We are

more excited than ever that this is the right thing for the kids, and we are going to get stronger because of it."

Paper copies of individual students' test performance will be sent to parents once the district receives them from the state, Thompson said; but added that parents can view their child's results now online. A link to the site is available on the district's Facebook site along with instructions on how to access the data, or parents can go to <http://www.texasassessment.com/>.

"If parents have any concerns about their child's scores, they are more than welcome to call the district," Thompson said. "We can walk them through that. The state changed the level for passing so if it approaches grade level, it is considered passing, meets grade level is passing, and masters grade level is considered passing."

Although the new school year is still a few months off, Thompson advises parents to encourage their

children to read during the summer as a way of strengthening their reading skills.

"Our kids have to be reading. They have to be reading out loud," Thompson said. "We are really going to key on that with parents this year. 'What can I do? I want to help with homework?' Your homework is to read."

This is the last year for the "met standard"/"needs improvement" rating system. Next year, the state will transition to an "A-F" rating for school districts and individual campuses. Public schools will be judged in five areas or domains: Student Achievement (Domain I); Student Progress (Domain II); Closing the Performance Gaps (Domain III); Post Secondary Readiness (Domain IV); and Community and Student Engagement (Domain V).

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mailing [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com).

## Nike to start selling sneakers through online giant Amazon

NEW YORK (AP) — Nike said it will sell some of its sneakers through e-commerce giant Amazon, part of a plan to make its swoosh-branded products available in more places online.

Shoppers can already find Nike goods on Amazon, but they are sold by third-party sellers. Nike said the new partnership with Amazon will help it better control its brand's presentation on the site. Only a small selection of shoes, clothing and accessories will be available at first. But Nike may sell more

products on the platform if the test is successful.

"We're in the early stages, but we really look forward to evaluating the results," said Nike CEO Mark Parker, in a conference call late Thursday.

Earlier this month, Nike said it would slash 1,400 jobs in a restructuring aimed at selling more shoes directly online. It already has deals with Amazon's rivals in China and Europe, and Nike is making its sneaker-selling apps available in more parts of the world. In addition to

the Amazon deal, Nike also partnered with Instagram to make it easier for users to buy sneakers through the photo-sharing app.

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Victor Correa, 67, of Rio Vista, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 1, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. A reception will follow immediately at Howard College in the Fireplace Room of the Student Union Building. Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 2-4:  
**Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center Closed For Independence Day Holiday**

July 3:  
**Pops in the Park:**  
Comanche Trail Amphitheater  
Pre-Show featuring Vocal Trash

July 8:  
**Big Spring Super Sprint and Kids Triathlon:**  
Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center  
[www.permlanbasinevents.com](http://www.permlanbasinevents.com)

July 15:  
**Victim Services Benefit featuring Little Joe y la Familia:**  
Howard County Fair Barns.  
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## Texas retail gasoline prices down nickel, reach \$2.04 gallon

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — Retail gasoline prices across Texas have declined a nickel to settle at an average \$2.04 per gallon.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported that compares to a 4-cent price decrease for gasoline across the U.S., averaging \$2.24 per gallon.

The association survey found Amarillo has the cheapest gasoline statewide this week at an average \$1.89 per gallon. Drivers in Galveston are paying the most in Texas at an average \$2.07 per gallon.

AAA officials say as of Thursday the price of gasoline had declined for 27 consecutive days. Experts cite record refinery rates, high gasoline and crude inventory and less-than-favorable demand this year.

## Appeals court to review case of Argentine on Texas death row

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal court has agreed to review the appeal of an Argentine man who is on death row in Texas for a 1995 killing.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Wednesday that it will examine whether 44-year-old Victor Saldano was competent to stand trial and whether his trial lawyers were deficient for not requesting a competency hearing before his trial.

Saldano was sentenced to death for the killing of 46-year-old Paul King, who was abducted from a Plano supermarket, robbed and shot. Records show Saldano was in the U.S. illegally.

Saldano's case has caught the attention of Pope Francis, who is also Argentine and has met at least twice with the inmate's mother. The Catholic Church opposes capital punishment.

## Mistrial declared in case involving 5 ex-El Paso educators

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has declared a mistrial involving five former El Paso school administrators after prosecutors for a third time turned over evidence to defense lawyers well after the trial had already begun.

U.S. District Judge David Briones said the defendants will be retried after declaring the mistrial Wednesday, more than two weeks into the proceedings.

A prosecutor told Briones that she didn't believe the latest records that were withheld were germane to the case.

One of the former administrators had testified earlier that he conspired with other educators to rig test scores and take other illegal steps to meet federal accountability standards.

Authorities allege educators fraudulently boosted test scores, attendance and graduation rates.

## Texas pilot bound from Oregon pleads guilty to hauling drugs

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors say a Texas pilot whose suspicious flight pattern from Oregon to Arizona drew law enforcement scrutiny has pleaded guilty to smuggling more than 200 pounds of marijuana.

Wayne Douglas Brunet pleaded guilty Wednesday in Austin to possession with intent to distribute marijuana. The 64-year-old Austin man faces up to 20 years in federal prison.

Brunet was arrested in March after a late-night landing at Llano Municipal Airport, about 70 miles northwest of Austin.

Officials didn't immediately provide more details about the flight pattern that prompted them to track Brunet's single-engine plane from Medford, Oregon, then to Holbrook, Arizona, to refuel.

## 3rd suspect arrested in fatal shooting of Houston infant

HOUSTON (AP) — A third suspect has been arrested and awaits charge in the fatal shooting of a 10-month-old boy killed in his father's arms.

Houston police announced the arrest in a statement Wednesday. The statement says the suspect's identity is being withheld pending a charge.

Already charged with capital murder are 20-year-old Kravon (KRAY'-vahn) Human and 24-year-old Jared Balogun. Both remain in the Harris County Jail without bond.

Prosecutors have said Balogun, Human and a third man approached 22-year-old Nigel Marshall on June 14 at a suburban Houston apartment complex as he was helping his young son walk while taking out the trash. An argument ensued and gunshots were fired. As the father tried to flee while carrying the boy, the child was hit.

# Perjury case dropped against ex-trooper in Sandra Bland case

HEMPSTEAD, Texas (AP) — A judge dismissed a misdemeanor perjury charge against a fired Texas state trooper Wednesday in a case arising from his 2015 arrest of Sandra Bland, a black woman who was later found dead in a county jail.

The charge against Brian Encinia was dropped after he agreed to surrender his state law enforcement license and certification and to never again seek work in law enforcement in any capacity, according to court documents. Encinia also agreed to never seek to have the charge against him expunged.

If he violates the agreement, he faces having the case against him renewed, according to the documents.

"Brian and his family appreciate the thoughtful review by the prosecutors," Encinia's attorney, Chip Lewis, said in a statement. "Dismissal was the right thing to do."

An attorney for Bland's family, Tom Rhodes, didn't immediately return a message seeking comment.

State Rep. Garnet Coleman criticized the dismissal.

"It is upsetting that the prosecutors decided to drop the charge of perjury against Trooper Encinia," Coleman, a Democrat from Houston, said in a statement. "The trooper's actions were the catalyst for Ms. Bland's death, and his roughing up of Ms. Bland was unacceptable."

I'm sorry to Ms. Bland's family for how poorly Texas has treated their loved one."

During the recent Legislature, Coleman proposed the "Sandra Bland Act," in which he initially asked for more police accountability and safeguards against racial profiling by police. Before being signed into law, the bill was drastically slimmed down to focus on better training for jail workers and mental health care access for inmates.

Bland's death provoked national outrage and drew the attention of the Black Lives Matter movement.

The 28-year-old Chicago area woman was found dead in her cell at the Waller County Jail outside Houston three days after Encinia, who is white, pulled her over for not signaling a lane change. Authorities say Bland hanged herself with a plastic garbage bag.

A Waller County grand jury indicted Encinia after video from his patrol car contradicted his claims that Bland assaulted him without provocation during her July 2015 arrest. The Texas Department of Public Safety then fired Encinia.

Encinia pulled Bland over in Prairie View, northwest of Houston. Bland, who was in the process of moving to



AP photo  
This Jan. 7, 2016 file photo released by the Waller County Sheriff's Office in Hempstead, Texas, shows former Texas State Trooper Brian Encinia, after his arrest on a perjury charge. The misdemeanor perjury charge has been dismissed against the fired Texas state trooper in a case arising from his 2015 arrest of Sandra Bland, a black woman who was later found dead in a county jail.

Texas, had accepted a job at Prairie View A&M University, a school she had attended.

Dashcam video from Encinia's patrol car shows the traffic stop quickly became confrontational. The video shows Encinia drawing his stun gun after Bland refuses to get out of her car and telling Bland, "I will light you up!" Bland can later be heard screaming off-camera that Encinia was about to break her wrists and complaining that he knocked her head into the ground.

Encinia wrote in his

affidavit that he had Bland exit the vehicle and handcuffed her after she became combative, and that she swung her elbows at him and kicked him in his right shin. Encinia said he then used force "to subdue Bland to the ground," and she continued to fight back. He arrested her for assault on a public servant.

Encinia said in the affidavit that he removed Bland "from her vehicle to further conduct a safer traffic investigation," but members of the grand jury found that statement to be false.

## Texas man indicted in deadly church bus crash

UVALDE, Texas (AP) — A grand jury has indicted a Texas man whom authorities accuse of causing a traffic collision that killed 13 people in a minibus returning from a church retreat in March.

The Uvalde (yoo-VAL'-dee) County district attorney's office said Thursday that Jack Dillon Young, 20, was indicted Monday on multiple charges, including intoxication manslaughter and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily injury.

Young turned himself in Wednesday and was being held on a \$380,000 bond, District Attorney Daniel Kindred said in a statement emailed Thursday. He has a court hearing scheduled for late July.

A message left for Young's attorney was

not immediately returned.

A National Transportation Safety Board report says Young told investigators he was checking his phone for a text when the crash happened March 29, near San Antonio. He said he had taken prescription drugs before the crash and investigators found marijuana in his pickup, the report said.

An NTSB review of a 14-minute video shot by a motorist trailing Young's pickup prior to the crash showed Young's truck cross the double yellow center line 19 times, the solid white shoulder lines 37 times and the grass shoulder at least five times, according to the report.

The driver and 12 passengers on the bus from First Baptist Church

of New Braunfels were killed. One passenger survived and was hospitalized with serious injuries. All were senior adult members of the church.

At one point, the video even shows the pickup driving on the wrong side of the road. Investigators estimated the truck was traveling from 67 to 71 mph (108 to 114 kph) in a 70-mph (112-kph) zone, based on an analysis of the video.

Officials from Uvalde and Real counties confirmed they had received phone calls about a white pickup driving erratically and crossing the highway shortly before the wreck.

Young, of Leakey,

Texas, was not wearing his seatbelt while most if not all of the 14 church bus occupants had been wearing theirs, the NTSB said.

The wreck happened on a two-lane highway about 75 miles (120 kilometers) west of San Antonio.

An affidavit from a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper seeking a blood test for a toxicology report said there was probable cause to believe Young was intoxicated during the collision because Young acknowledged ingesting the prescription drugs, including clonazepam and the generic forms of Lexapro and Ambien.

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## Border officers play key role in enforcing travel ban

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press  
SAN DIEGO (AP) — U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers will be key players in putting President Donald Trump's revised travel ban into effect on Thursday, affecting visitors from six mostly Muslim countries.

They are the officers dressed in blue who are stationed at airports and border crossings and screen people coming into the U.S. They stamp passports, inspect travel documents, confiscate drugs and other illicit items and make sure belongings and purchases are properly declared.

Customs and Border Protection officers were embroiled in chaos when an earlier version of President Donald Trump's travel ban took effect, forcing them to turn away visa holders who were later allowed in. They will be in the mix again for the new ban affecting visitors from Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran and Yemen.

Here's a look at what they do:

**WHAT IS CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION?**

The agency was created as part of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003 after attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Its largest division — the Office of Field Operations — admits people and goods at 328 airports, land crossings and seaports. They admitted 390 million travelers during the fiscal

year that ended Sept. 30, including 119 million at airports.

Much of the work done by the agency is at border crossings along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The busiest point of entry is San Diego's San Ysidro crossing with Tijuana, Mexico, with 31.8 million admissions during the latest 12-month period, an average of 87,000 a day. El Paso, Texas, across from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, was second-busiest with 28.8 million admissions, followed by San Diego's Otay Mesa crossing (17.8 million), Laredo, Texas (17.7 million), and New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (15.9 million).

The travel ban will mostly affect airports because that's how visitors from the six countries generally arrive. Aside from JFK, the only airports to crack the top 20 in passenger volume are Miami International (No. 11), Los Angeles International (No. 12) and San Francisco International (No. 20).

**HOW WILL OFFICERS ENFORCE THE TRAVEL BAN?**

The Trump administration on Wednesday set new criteria for visa applicants from the six countries and all refugees that require a "close" family or business tie to the United States.

Visas that have already been approved will not be revoked, but instructions issued by the State Department say that new applicants from the six countries must prove a relation-

ship with a parent, spouse, child, adult son or daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or sibling already in the United States to be eligible. The same requirement, with some exceptions, holds for would-be refugees from all nations that are still awaiting approval for admission to the U.S.

Grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, fiancées or other extended family members are not considered to be close relationships, according to the guidelines that were issued in a cable sent to all U.S. embassies and consulates late on Wednesday. The new rules take effect at 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday (0000GMT on Friday), according to the cable, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

The task falls largely to the State Department but Customs and Border Protection officers would get involved if someone from one of the six countries arrived without a visa or there was a reason to question the validity of their documents.

**WHAT ILLEGAL ACTIVITY DO OFFICERS FIND?**

Agents primarily seize drugs and stop people seeking to enter the country illegally.

Drugs — increasingly heroin and methamphetamine — are commonly smuggled into the United States by car from Mexico. People enter the country illegally by hiding in trunks or

by using someone else's travel documents.

Officers denied admission 274,821 times at airports, land crossings and seaports during the latest fiscal year, an increase of 8 percent from the same period a year earlier. They seized 257 tons of marijuana, 26.3 tons of cocaine, 18.8 tons of methamphetamine and 2.1 tons of heroin.

An estimated 40 percent of people in the country illegally overstay their visas, and one of the agency's top priorities is to better track them. The absence of a system for people to check out when they leave the country makes that a daunting and expensive endeavor. Homeland Security said in May that nearly 740,000 foreigners overstayed visas during the latest fiscal year, and that was only for those who arrived by plane or ship.

**IS IT DIFFERENT THAN BORDER PATROL?**

The Border Patrol is another division within the agency. Customs and Border Protection agents wear blue uniforms and patrol ports of entry. Border Patrol agents work areas between and wear green uniforms.

Customs and Border Protection is the nation's largest law enforcement agency, with about 60,000 employees and an annual budget of \$13.5 billion. Trump has requested 21 percent spending increase, partly to build a wall on the border with Mexico and hire more Border Patrol agents.

## Sheriff: Woman blamed boyfriend's death on YouTube stunt

HALSTAD, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota woman charged with fatally shooting her boyfriend in a failed YouTube video stunt foreshadowed the event when she tweeted that it would be "one of the most dangerous videos ever."



Monday, a 19-year-old woman, Halstad, was charged Wednesday with second-degree manslaughter in the death of Pedro Ruiz III. Perez, who is pregnant, was released on \$7,000 bail. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

According to the criminal complaint filed by the Norman County Sheriff Jeremy Thornton, the 19-year-old Perez told investigators that Ruiz wanted to make a video of her shooting a bullet into a book he was holding against his chest.

She says she fired from about a foot (0.3 meters) away.

Hours before the Tuesday night shooting, Perez tweeted: "Me and Pedro are probably going to shoot one

of the most dangerous videos ever. HIS idea not MINE."

The complaint says Ruiz set up one camera on the back of a vehicle and another camera on a ladder nearby.

Ruiz's aunt, Lis Primeau, told the Star-Tribune that her nephew was always chasing a thrill and "putting a dangerous twist on everything he did." Primeau said that included jumping into a swimming pool from the top of a house.

Many of the videos on Perez's YouTube channel are of her and Ruiz playing pranks and performing stunts. The most recent was posted the morning before the shooting.

It's titled "Doing Scary Stunts at the Fair, Part I" and shows the couple attending a fair last week.

"Imagine when we have 300,000 subscribers," Perez says during the video.

Primeau said Ruiz liked guns and had "plenty" of them. Authorities say Perez used a .50-caliber Desert Eagle pistol in the stunt, which is described by retailerabela's in an online ad as "one of the world's most powerful semi-automatic handguns."

Perez died from a single gunshot wound to the chest.

## Sinkhole swallows up car in downtown St. Louis; no injuries



AP photo

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A man who scored what he thought was a prime parking spot in downtown St. Louis said he returned from a Thursday morning trip to the gym with his fiancée to find his car swallowed by a sinkhole.

Jordan Westerberg told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (<http://bit.ly/2tpTCZm>) that when the couple came back to his Toyota Camry shortly before 7 a.m. and didn't see the car, they figured it had been towed.

Street workers were gathered at the parking space, a tipoff that

something was amiss. That's when Westerberg, 25, found the vehicle in the gaping hole — about 20 feet (6 meters) deep and 8 to 10 feet (2.5 to 3 meters) across — that took up the entire southbound lane of the street, next to a vacant building expected to feature apartments, office space and retail.

No injuries were reported. "It's pretty crazy," said Westerberg, who lives in a loft downtown. "We could've been in the car. It's a compact car. It's not like it's heavy."

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the collapse, though an 8-inch, below-ground water main at the site appeared to have been broken for some time, given the amount of erosion.

Vincent Foggie, of the city's water division, said hole was missing mounds of dirt that normally support the road's asphalt-topped concrete. He called such voids large enough to swallow a vehicle a rarity in the city.

"We don't know what happened," Foggie said. "I have no idea where the dirt went."



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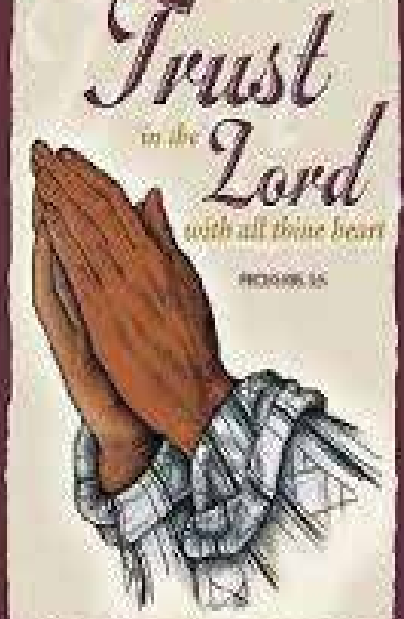
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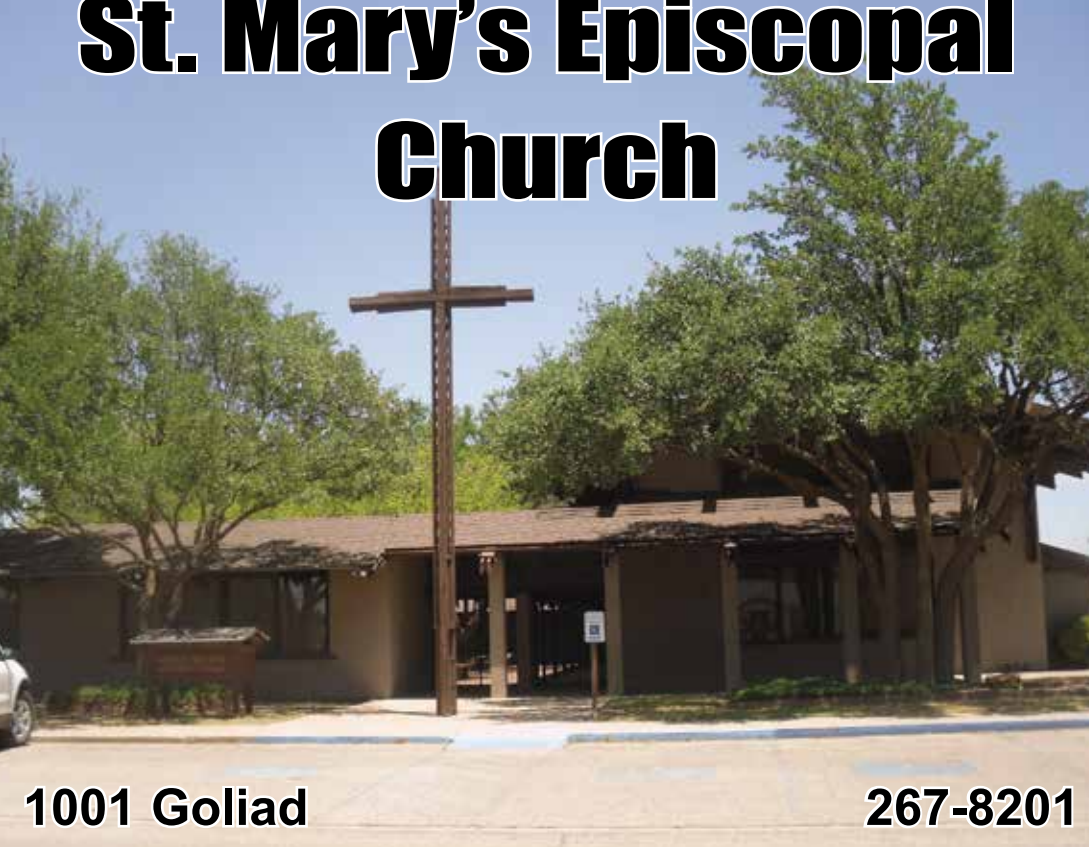
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# A conscious universe

Recently NBC News published an article asking the question, "Is the Universe Conscious?" The article referred to a paper by Gregory Matloff, a physicist at the New York City College of Technology. Matloff is not alone. Others who support the idea that the universe is conscious of itself include David Chalmers, a New York University philosopher and cognitive scientist, neuroscientist Christof Koch of the Allen Institute for Brain Science and British physicist Sir Roger Penrose.



BILL TINSLEY

According to the article, three decades ago Penrose theorized that "consciousness is rooted in the statistical rules of quantum physics as they apply in the microscopic spaces between neurons in the brain." Bernard Haisch, a German physicist, took this further in 2006, proposing that "quantum fields that permeate all of empty space produce and transmit consciousness." According to Koch, "ubiquitous consciousness is strongly tied to scientists' current understanding of the neurological origins of the mind."

If all of this confuses you, we are in the same boat. I am not a

scientist and doubt that I comprehend the ideas behind scientific debate regarding "consciousness of the universe."

But I know that I am conscious. I know that family and friends are conscious of me and that we shape each other's thoughts and actions. I know that animals are conscious. This must be the reason so many people love their dogs, cats, and horses. My dog knows me, recognizes me, and interacts with me. He expresses happiness, sadness, loneliness, and love. All of which, I assume, scientists could reduce to a Pavlovian theory. But it seems real to me.

The Bible is clear that there is a greater consciousness in the universe that gives rise to our own. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways," declares the Lord, 'as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.'" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

God is conscious of our every thought. He knows every word before it is formed by our tongue. "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain."

God's greater consciousness is expressed not in logic but in love. "But God demonstrated His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

It is this love that binds the entire universe together: "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ... For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross" (Colossians 1:15-20).

*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)*

# Did you ever wonder? The Temple Mount

The armies of David and Absalom fought each other and David's army won. Absalom was killed and David mourned greatly for his son.

Have you noticed that the tribes of Judah and Benjamin supported David and the other ten tribes supported Absalom? This is probably the beginning of hard feelings that caused the separation between Judah and Israel. It eventually split the nation of Israel and lasted for centuries.

David's troubles continued; there was constantly turmoil between different factions of the tribes and for some time there was turmoil and treachery between King David and the descendants of Saul.

Wars with the Philistines broke out again. The four brothers of Goliath came out to battle Israel at separate times. Each time, one of David's mighty men defeated the Philistine giant.

David became impressed with the victories of his army and his pride was puffed up. He decided to take a census of his fighting men. In the ten tribes of Israel there were eight hundred thousand able-bodied men; in Judah there were five hundred thousand.

Do you remember that when the Hebrews came out of Egypt the Lord instructed Moses to take a census of the fighting men? At that time He did not allow them to count heads. God had each man to bring a coin to the priest and the coins were counted.

Now, God sent His prophet, Gad, to speak to David. Since David had counted the soldiers without God's permission, God gave David his choice between three punishments. His choices were three years of famine in the land; three months of fleeing from their enemies; or three days of plague in the land.

David answered Gad, the prophet, "I am in deep distress. (I don't know how to choose.) Let us fall into the hands of the Lord, for His mercy is great; but do not let me fall into the hands of men." (2 Sam 24:14).

Seventy thousand Israelites died of plague. But the Lord was grieved when the angel was about to destroy Jerusalem. When the angel was standing at the threshing floor of Araunah, the Jebusite, the Lord instructed the angel to withdraw his hand.

God commanded David to build an altar on the threshing floor; so David bought the threshing floor from Araunah and also his team of oxen. David built the altar there and sacrificed the oxen to the Lord God. Then the Lord stopped the plague on Israel.

This threshing floor and the surrounding land that accompanied it became the place where the Temple was built. This is what is now called the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

The threshing floor was a large flat stone. The Temple was built around this stone and this became the resting place for the Ark of the Covenant.

*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](mailto:Fillereunice@yahoo.com).*



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# Church News

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

The people of Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to connect with you this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, July 2 - The message this Sunday is entitled "Punchcard: Your assembly is required." Separate components fitting and working together, all pieces are needed. Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." The people of CCC look forward to sharing God's word with you, and getting to know you better.

Sunday, July 2 - Changing Sunday Worship Service Time: In an effort to better serve the church family and the community at large, CCC has decided to add an additional Sunday worship service. The current 10:30 a.m. service will move to 11 a.m. starting Sunday July 2. Then, starting Sunday, Aug. 20, CCC will add a second service at 9 a.m., just in time for the 2017 Back To School Service.

As CCC has grown, they are working toward adding more parking space; the plan is to make the west side of the church a temporary parking lot, and possibly the site for a new sanctuary, depending on the advice of an architect.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) invites you to join them every Sunday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions please contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015, or email [Info@cccbigspring.org](mailto:Info@cccbigspring.org). You can also visit [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](http://facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) if you would like more information.

## First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. in Big Spring. This Sunday July 2, 2017, is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Sandy Sandlin will preach a sermon called, "The Contagious Jesus," which is taken from Luke 5:12-15.

Several members will assist Pastor Sandlin; helping to enhance wor-

ship with their music will be Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault. A few pieces they are working on are, "There's Within My Heart A Melody," "Precious Name," and "Just As I Am," to name a few. In addition, a solo will be sung by either Tara or Lawrence.

If you decide to visit you are most welcome to join them for morning fellowship with coffee and donuts, which begins at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding services or any other goings on, call 432-517-4821.

## First Church of the Nazarene

NazFamily Church is looking forward to a great summer filled with lots of activities.

Vacation Bible School is set to begin this evening, and run through July 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Kids in pre-K through fifth grade will enjoy "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God." Following the Sunday service this week, there will be a church pot luck with homemade ice cream. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The WOW-Women of Worth Conference in Wichita Falls will be Aug. 3-5. Kids, families, and youth camps are also going on throughout the summer.

Congratulations to Morgan Callender for winning the gold at General Assembly in the World Quiz Meet in Indianapolis, Ind.

This Sunday, Pastor Cal will continue the series on Philippians, "Letters from Prison." If you are unable to make the service, be sure and tune in on the NazFamily App, or on Facebook for the Live Feed.

Nazfamily also offers two different types of services. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria for a contemporary setting, or the 1400 Lancaster campus, which offers a more traditional Sunday Service beginning at 10 a.m.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m., the Cedar Road Campus has a meal, Bible study and children's and youth activities. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Lancaster campus has prayer and children's and youth activities. Other small groups meet throughout the week. If you are interested, pick up the small group bulletin. For more information contact the church office at

432-267-7015.

## Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Choose the service time that fits your schedule, and praise and celebrate the world's Savior, Jesus Christ. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, contact Pastor Jim at [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

## First Baptist Church

"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty'" (John 6:35).

FBC congregation welcomes you to join them for Sunday morning worship service at 10:50. In recognition of the upcoming July 4 holiday, attendees will be recognizing and thanking God for His faithfulness to our nation as the Young Marines post the colors and lead the pledge of allegiance. Marc Couch will lead worshippers in music selections which will include "Rock of Ages," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Come Christians Join to Sing," and "Grace Flows Down." Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Follow God." Titled "No Fear," Sunday's message is drawn from Matthew 10:28-31, and emphasizes that time spent with Jesus Christ

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# Callender takes gold in Worlds Quiz



Courtesy photo

Morgan Callender, 10, center, shows off the gold medal she won at the Worlds Quiz Meet Saturday in Indianapolis, Ind. The meet, in which 1,800 quizzers from 162 countries answered Bible questions, was part of the Church of the Nazarene's international General Assembly, an event which takes place every four years. With Morgan are her parents, the Rev. Calvary and Ceresa Callender.

## CHURCH

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is the best preparation for whatever work we do in this world, and that one is to draw near to Him not only by choice, but also in response to His beckoning. Additionally, Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini will present a video of highlights from the recent youth camp, and Katie Averette will share testimony. If unable to attend, you can join the service through the live stream on the website at fbcbig-spring.org.

At 9:30 a.m. each week, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor; and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second-floor classrooms. Greeters are happy to assist you with finding your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship and some coffee.

There will be no Sunday evening activities this week.

Everyone is invited to participate in summer Bible Study groups each Monday night. Women meet from 5:30 to 7:30 in the church dining room (use the east side kitchen entrance). The study is "Finding I Am" by Lisa TerKeurst. A snack supper will be provided, and childcare is available. Contact Courtney at 432-634-0462 or Lindsey at 405-308-3357 with questions.

Men meet at 6 p.m. in room 210. The study is "Wild at Heart" by John Eldridge.

Call 267-8223 for more information.

Triple LLL (Living Longer and Loving It) will celebrate the Fourth with their monthly get-together Tuesday at noon in the church dining room. Bring a friend, and enjoy some tasty food and some great fellowship.

The Mother's Day Out program and Summerama will be closed July 4, but resume their regular schedule Thursday, July 6. Church offices will also be closed July 4.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6, and the sole event this week is Adult Bible study and prayer time. The full Wednesday night schedule resumes July 12. Go to fbcbigspring.org and click on "calendar" for details of all activities.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. FBC prays you have a safe and blessed Independence Day, and offers thanks to God for the true and everlasting freedom found only in Jesus Christ.

## 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 Class at 9 a.m. will explore "How to Study the Bible"; followed by Morning Worship at 10 a.m., focusing on the subject "Fellowship." Evening Worship at 5 p.m. will delve into 2 Timothy 1:13-14.

On Wednesday, Bible Study and Devotional at 7 p.m. will feature guest speaker Allen Weakland from Odessa.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring Creek's Youth are in the midst of manning the Mr. W. Fireworks stand; their service will continue through July 4. This job is a fundraiser for camp and other activities. Please stop by and support the youth. If you would like to help with this fundraiser or need more info, contact Lloyd Wells.

The Women's Ministry is working through a Bible Study called "Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You" by Stasi Eldredge. Classes start at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays. For more info contact Adrianna Kocak or Janna Thompson.

The new Connection Group for ladies on Sunday mornings called "Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely" by Lisa TerKeurst begins July 16.

Look for the Spring Creek Blessing Box just outside the front doors of the church building. Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in participating in the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, would like to make a donation or need more information, contact Kay Elder.

SCF Kid Connection will meet each month during the summer for a fun time together. More info to come about a July event.... Kid Connection will start back up on a weekly basis when school starts. Carla Mosely is requesting help with funds for a

kidney transplant she needs soon. Carla has set up "GoFundMe" accounts and Spring Creek Fellowship asks you to consider donating to her cause.

The Men's Ministry is working through a study called "Spiritual Warfare" by David Jeremiah on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

"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.

Spring Creek Fellowship's children connection group is in great need of two pre-k thru kindergarten teachers, and another teacher for first and second grade. Dana Tompkins is the teacher for this class, but she could sure use some help. Contact Donna Wennik for more information.

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. 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, contact Donna Wennik.

Parents who want to keep up and share in their children's Sunday Bible Lessons can visit [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org) for the information. Just click on "Kid Connect" for past and current lessons.

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 <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429> and download.

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

With the Spring Creek app you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, and follow prayer. Go to your app store on your smart phone and search for Spring Creek Fellowship and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office 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.-noon-Worship Service  
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-  
Noon- Narcotics Anonymous  
6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group

Wednesday-  
Community Groups-various times and places  
Thursday

7 p.m.-"Spiritual Warfare" Men's Bible Study  
Friday-

7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact the church at 432-714-4584 or visit [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org) for more information.

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

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## What will they call you?

You have your given name and that is what most people will call you. Some folks are known and called by their job or position - plumber, electrician, or city councilman. Those who know you best may call you by a nickname.

Then there were people who did not like you. Maybe they called you by other names, ones that were not meant to be kind or funny. They might have called you a name that pointed out your body type, height, or some other physical characteristic which they thought was odd or unusual.

Hopefully, we have outgrown the name calling. Yet there should be one name that we want others to call us - Christian. In previous generations, this was not so unusual and certainly not frowned upon. However, our society seems to be going in the opposite direction and it is no longer just assumed that someone you meet will be a disciple of Jesus or desire to be called by his name.

In fact, it is becoming more common for those who claim to believe in and follow Jesus to be ridiculed and even persecuted. If we have studied our Bibles, we should know that this very thing is possible and even predicted by Jesus himself. Nevertheless, a disciple is a learner and follower. We must continue to be a disciple of Jesus regardless of what others may call us.

In Matthew 10:24-25, Jesus says, "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant to be like his master. If they have called the master of the house of Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household" (ESV).

Jesus is referring to what the Pharisees had said about his casting out demons back in Matthew 9:34. At that time we made note of the fact that some people, when they cannot dispute the message, will try to destroy the messenger. They tried to discredit him and his message. If we are following his teachings, then there will those who will try to discredit us.

In Matthew 10:22, Jesus even says that his followers would be hated. Being faithful to him means that we must endure and learn to persevere even in these types of situations. He gave the Apostles special gifts to help them. One of those gifts was inspiration - they would be given the words to say (Matthew 10:19-20). Because of that gift, we have the words of God, inspired by God's Spirit, which guide us and teach us today (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Don't be afraid to be called a name that isn't so nice if it's because you are following Jesus and his teachings. Remember that it's the one who endures to the end who will be saved (Matthew 10:22). It is the one who remains faithful all the way up to the point of death who will receive a crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

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



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### Correa has 2 HRs, 4 RBIs to lead Astros over A's 6-1

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Carlos Correa succinctly summed up his big day which led the Houston Astros to yet another win on Thursday.

"It's always good to hit a home run," he said. "It's even better to hit two."

Correa's two homers and four RBIs gave the Astros a 6-1 victory over the Oakland Athletics to improve their MLB-best record to 54-26.

Correa's two-run shot in the fourth put the Astros up 2-1. He extended the lead to 5-1 with a two-run homer to straight-away center field with no outs in the sixth inning to chase rookie Daniel Gossett (1-3).

"The first time through the order he was really tough," manager A.J. Hinch said of Gossett. "Our guys looked like the second time around

we really went out with a plan to hunt some pitches and we didn't miss them. Obviously when our guys get pitches to hit that they're looking for they can do some damage."

It was the fourth career multi-home run game for Correa, who has reached safely in a career-high 17 straight games, and his first this season.

The victory improves Houston to 10-2 against the Athletics this season and 17-2 against them since July 20, 2016.

Houston starter Brad Peacock (5-1) allowed two hits, one run and struck out seven but lasted only five innings after tying a career high by walking six.

Gossett, who was making his fourth major league start, allowed seven hits and five runs in five innings for his

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Houston Astros' Carlos Correa celebrates after hitting a two-run home run against the Oakland Athletics during the sixth inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 29, 2017, in Houston.

AP photo

### Kluber strikes out 12 as Indians beat Rangers 5-1



Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Corey Kluber delivers in the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Thursday, June 29, 2017, in Cleveland.

By STEVE HERRICK  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber is moving into select company when it comes to striking out batters.

Kluber allowed three hits and struck out 12 in eight innings to help the Cleveland Indians beat the Texas Rangers 5-1 on Thursday.

Kluber (7-2) tied a franchise record held by Hall of Famer Bob Feller with four consecutive games with double-digit strikeouts. Feller struck out 10 or more batters in his last three starts in 1938 and his first start in 1939.

"It's cool to do those kinds of things," Kluber said. "You take a moment to appreciate it and move on. It's probably something you appreciate more down the road."

It's the 30th time that Kluber has reached double figures in strikeouts in his career. He won

the AL Cy Young Award in 2014 and finished second in the voting last season.

"It's like the last three years he's been pitching," second baseman Jason Kipnis said. "It's who he's become."

Kluber is 41-0 in 45 career starts when the Indians have scored five or more runs.

Pinch-hitter Lonnie Chisenhall had a two-run double in Cleveland's three-run sixth inning. Francisco Lindor and Edwin Encarnacion also had RBIs for the Indians, who won six of seven over the Rangers this season.

Andrew Cashner (3-7) was struck on the right elbow by a broken bat in the sixth inning and was removed a batter later. The Rangers said he sustained a bruise and X-rays were negative.

Cashner was hit when

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### Free agency in the NBA looms, adding to frenzied offseason



AP photo

Minnesota Timberwolves General Manager Scott Layden speaks during a press conference announcing Jimmy Butler as the basketball team's new player at Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., on Thursday, June 29, 2017.

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — Drama is never in short supply during NBA free agency.

This year will be no exception.

Case in point: A Utah fan has been lobbying

Gordon Hayward to stay with the Jazz, citing a story this week about how the Massachusetts Legislature is aiming to raise taxes on those who make more than \$1 million a year. That fan happens to be U.S. Congressional hopeful Tanner Ainge, the son

of Boston Celtics President Danny Ainge. So even family ties get crossed during free agency, which starts Saturday at 12:01 a.m. Eastern, the moment when players like Hayward, Kyle Lowry,

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### Top Texas recruit's brother says he took improper gifts



AP photo

In this Jan. 14, 2017, file photo, Westtown School's Mo Bamba watches from the bench during a high school basketball game against Hillcrest Prep at the 2017 Hoophall Classic in Springfield, Mass.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The older brother of Texas basketball recruit Mo Bamba says Bamba took improper gifts and money from a Detroit financial adviser that would make him ineligible to play in college.

Ibrahim Johnson

posted a rambling, profanity-laced, 20-minute Facebook video Wednesday, accusing adviser Greer Love of giving Bamba money and gifts. Love previously worked in New York and was involved in youth sports in Harlem, where he got to know Bamba's fam-

ily.

Love told 247Sports Bamba asked him to help manage his recruitment. Love says he consulted with schools to ensure he wasn't breaking rules and wouldn't jeopardize Bamba's

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Sat 7am till 11am.

7 Family Sale Friday/Saturday  
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Fri & Sat 9-? No Sales before  
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Mark the envelope "Mineral  
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at 300 S Main St., Room 202,  
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also mail the sealed bid to  
Jackie Olson, Howard County  
Auditor, P O Box 1949, Big  
Spring, TX 79721.

Bids must be received by  
1:00 PM, July 7, 2017 in the  
Auditor's office.

Commissioners will be  
considering the bids on July 10,  
2017 at 3:30 PM in Commissioners  
Court.

The Commissioners reserve the  
right to refuse any or all bids.  
If you have any questions,  
you may call the Howard County  
Attorney's Office at 432-264-2205.

#9421 June 22 & 30, 2017

### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case  
No. 0305345  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 16,  
2017 Status/Permit No.

### Public Notice

825431  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 21,  
2017  
Address: Railroad Commission  
of Texas ATTN: Drilling  
Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email:  
SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the CINNABAR OPERATING,  
LLC, [RRC Operator No. 153510]  
has made application for a  
spacing exception permit under  
the provisions of Railroad  
Commission Statewide Rule 37  
(16 Tex. Admin. Code section  
3.37). Applicant seeks  
exception to the LEASE LINE  
requirement for the AMENDED  
NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 9, Bk.  
34 T2S, WADE RR CO Survey,  
A-517, GARDEN CITY, S.  
(WOLFCAMP) and JAILHOUSE  
(FUSSELMAN) Fields,  
GLASSCOCK County, being 16  
miles SW direction from BIG  
SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS  
of Railroad Commission rules  
and regulations, this application  
may be granted **WITHOUT A  
HEARING** if no protest to the  
application is received within  
the deadline. An affected person  
is entitled to protest this  
application. Affected persons  
include owners of record and  
the operator or lessees of record  
of adjacent tracts and tracts  
nearer to the proposed well  
than the minimum lease line  
spacing distance. If a hearing  
is called, the applicant has  
the burden to prove the need  
for an exception. A protestant  
should be prepared to establish  
standing as an affected person,  
and to appear at the hearing  
either in person or by qualified  
representative and protest the  
application with cross-examination  
or presentation of a direct case.  
The rules of evidence are  
applicable in the hearing. If  
you have any questions  
regarding the hearing procedure,  
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Docket Services Department at  
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questions which are specific to  
the Application or the information  
set forth in this Notice, please  
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Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

**IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A  
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**THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
REQUIRES PUBLICATION**

The location and identity of  
the well is as shown below:

FIELD: GARDEN CITY, S.  
(WOLFCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name: MAT-THEW  
D  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 0906  
Lease/Unit Acres: 80.08  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 329.0

Lease Lines: 29.0 F East  
L, 1300.0 F North L  
Survey Lines: 1300.0 F North  
L, 1350.0 F West L Wellbore  
Profile(s): Directional  
Bottom Hole: BH1

BH County: GLASSCOCK

### Public Notice

Section: 9Block: 34Abstract:  
517 Survey: WADE RR CO  
Lease Lines: 329.0 F WEST L  
1040.0 F SOUTH L Survey  
Lines: 1600.0 F NORTH L  
1650.0 F WEST L

FIELD: JAILHOUSE (FUSSELMAN)

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Lease Lines: 29.0 F East  
L, 1300.0 F North L  
Survey Lines: 1300.0 F North  
L, 1350.0 F West L Wellbore  
Profile(s): Directional  
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BH County: GLASSCOCK  
Section: 9Block: 34Abstract:  
517 Survey: WADE RR CO  
Lease Lines: 1040.0 F  
SOUTH L  
329.0 F WEST L Survey  
Lines: 1650.0 F WEST L  
1600.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on  
the permit application are as  
follows: GARDEN CITY, S.  
(WOLFCAMP) :  
Special Rules 330/0, 160.0  
acres. Optional Rules 330/0,  
80.0 acres.

JAILHOUSE (FUSSELMAN) :

OIL Special Rules 467/660,  
160.0 acres. OIL Optional  
Rules 467/660, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an  
approximate depth of 11000  
feet.

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#9429 June 23, 30 & July 7,  
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1	7	6	9	4	8	3	2	5
2	4	9	3	5	1	7	6	8
3	5	8	2	6	7	1	4	9
7	1	4	5	9	2	8	3	6
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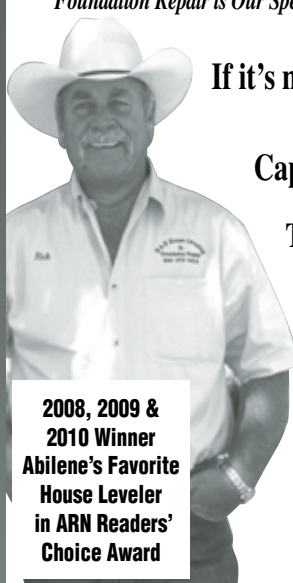
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To: Evelyn R. Robertson, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 A.M. on Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 10th day of July 2017, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 23rd day of May, 2017, cause number 51928 in the entitled cause styled

Moss Creek Resources, LLC vs Evelyn Robertson

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Real property - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 25th day of May, 2017

COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#9435 June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 2017

**Control Over Death**

**Dear Annie:** My question has to do with end-of-life care. I have been beside my father, my mother and my husband as they died. Hospice was used in all three cases. I have never had a good experience with hospice, but that is actually beside the point. My question is this: Does anybody still get to go and die at the hospital anymore, or is that a thing of the past? When the obituaries say the person died surrounded by family, did that person have a choice?

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

Scorekeeper's Moon

The moon enters Libra, the scales, and then antagonizes the sun by keeping score at too micro a level. Winning isn't always the point. Playing the game will increase awareness, empathy and appreciation regardless of who wins. Is that enough for you? If not, dig in; this could take a while. No one gets to win who doesn't stay in the game.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your mind is working on something important. Cut out artificial noise and false imagery. Solutions are more likely to be inspired from weathered wood, cracks in the pavement and clouds than from a glowing screen.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Today's problem will bring minds together. There's a riddle to solve, a code to break or a puzzle to piece together. Good teamwork will open the gates to a wonderland.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Most people are afraid to admit what they don't understand, for fear of being alone in mystification. Be courageous enough to speak up and you'll not only learn; you'll enlighten others who are too timid to voice their confusion.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** How can you keep from being led astray by charismatic leaders acting out of greedy self-interest? Question everything. This isn't the same as cynicism. Cynics assume the worst. Be a fact-checker, not a cynic.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your minds run on images. Images change thought; thoughts make real things happen. Illusions may not have the same properties as things that actually occur in the physical world, but that alone doesn't make them unreal.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Because you care about helping things grow, you'll go to great lengths to learn the unique environment conducive to growth for each thing you want to help. It will take patience, an open mind and an enthusiasm for experimentation.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** When the foundation is strong, the building will weather the storms and changes. You can apply this to a project you'll start from scratch. Unfortunately, it won't help the one with the foundation laid long ago.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Marcel Proust

suggested that the only paradise is paradise lost. But was that paradise really so idyllic? If it seemed so heavenly at the time, you wouldn't have risked it all for the proverbial apple.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You look at the same thing as the next person and see something entirely different. The world needs your point of view. Maybe you're not ready to share your thoughts yet, but work on them so you can share soon.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Be kind to their dreams. If they've given up hope, hold on for them. To keep the light of faith for another person is a rare and precious gift of friendship. It also reminds you to hold on to your own dreams.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Don't defer it until tomorrow. Yes, tomorrow will come, but how do you know you'll suddenly be in the mood to do the thing? You won't. Do it now, while you're also not in the mood. Show "the mood" who's boss.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** If you're not worried about it, it means you're wise, lucky or both. "A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone." -- Henry David Thoreau

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**Annie's Mailbox**

I totally adore my family, but I do not want them taking care of me when I am dying. I would much rather have a stranger do it. I do not want to die in my own house, and I certainly don't want anyone around me. Has insurance made it so that nobody can do this anymore? I want to die with dignity. This means that I do not want my family anywhere near me in my last weeks. Can this still happen? -- Death With Dignity My Way

**Dear Death With Dignity:** This is a complex, sensitive issue, and I want to be sure you're given all the information you need. I would recommend calling the National Institute on Aging at 800-222-2225. The NIA can mail you a copy of its guide titled "End of Life: Helping with Comfort and Care," which outlines options for end-of-life care and lists dozens

of additional resources. Be sure to communicate your decision to your family members ahead of time so they have time to process, accept and respect your wishes.

**Dear Annie:** Your response to "Frustrated Mom," who expressed her concern that her 35-year-old daughter is still unmarried, was fine as far as it went, but I have some more thoughts to add. I was 28 and going through the same unattached phase, going from one bad relationship to the next, when my mother said, "See a counselor." She actually found a great counselor and set me up with an appointment. With the help of this therapist, I discovered that with all the men I was dating, I was repeating the pattern I'd seen at home. My father's comforts always seemed to be of foremost importance,

so my mother catered to him. I was doing this with the men I dated, too, never standing up for what I wanted. I learned that men don't really like a person they can walk all over. With the next man I dated, I stood up to him -- and that was the man I married and have been ecstatically happy with for 44 years. -- Happily Ever After

**Dear Happily Ever After:** Therapy can be such a valuable tool for understanding yourself, yet people still resist it, so thank you for sharing your success story. Congratulations to you and your husband on 44 happy years.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Test your play**

**NORTH**  
♠Q 7 3  
♥Q 3 2  
♦Q 7  
♣7 6 5 3 2

**WEST**  
♠J 10 9 8 5  
♥J 9 6 4  
♦5 3  
♣J 9

**EAST**  
♠6 4 2  
♥10 8 7 5  
♦K 10 9 8  
♣Q 4

**SOUTH**  
♠A K  
♥A K  
♦A J 6 4 2  
♣A K 10 8

unblocking the suit so that dummy can cash the 7-6-5 of clubs. You finish by taking a diamond finesse to produce your 12th trick.

If East drops the queen of clubs under the ace at trick five, an entirely different approach is needed. You lead the jack of diamonds at trick six. If East takes the jack with the king, the queen of diamonds becomes an entry to dummy, and you finish with 12 tricks regardless of what East returns.

Let's suppose, therefore, that East refuses to take the jack of diamonds when you lead it. In that case, West becomes your pigeon. You cash the ace of diamonds to extract his last diamond, then lead the eight of clubs.

This forces West to win with the jack (or nine, if he has retained that card) and put you in dummy with a spade or a heart. As before, you discard your K-10 of clubs on dummy's major-suit queens, cash the 7-6-5 of clubs and so score 12 tricks.

Thus, you make the contract regardless of which way the defenders twist or turn. There is no way they can escape.

Tomorrow: The percentage play.  
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The Big Spring Herald will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day!

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Sunday, July 1st      Deadline - Friday, June 30th by 10am  
Monday, July 3rd      Deadline - Friday, June 30th by 12pm  
Tuesday, July 4th      Deadline - Monday, July 3rd by 10am  
Wednesday, July 5th      Deadline - Monday, July 3rd by 12pm



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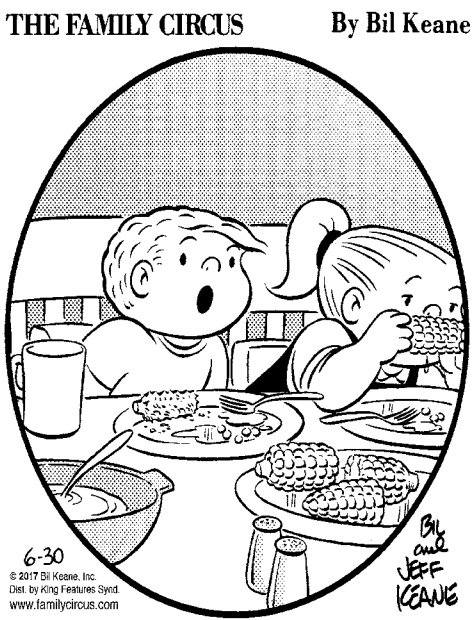
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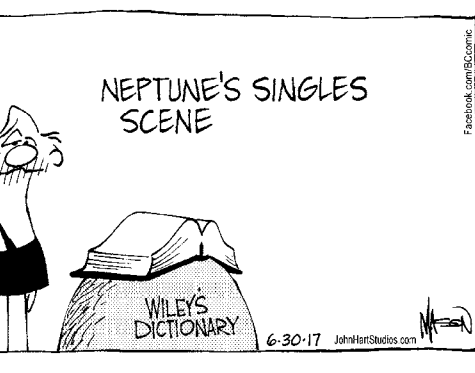
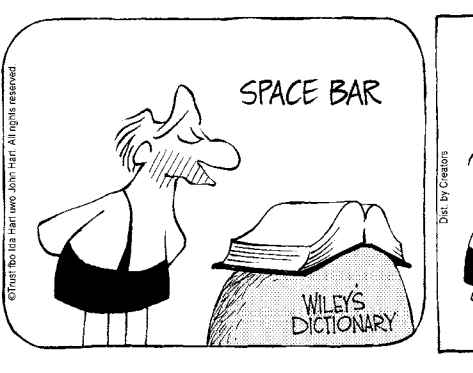
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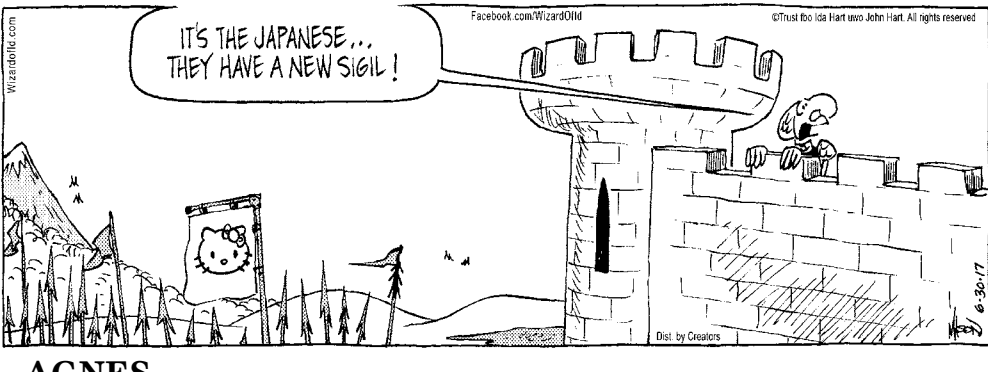


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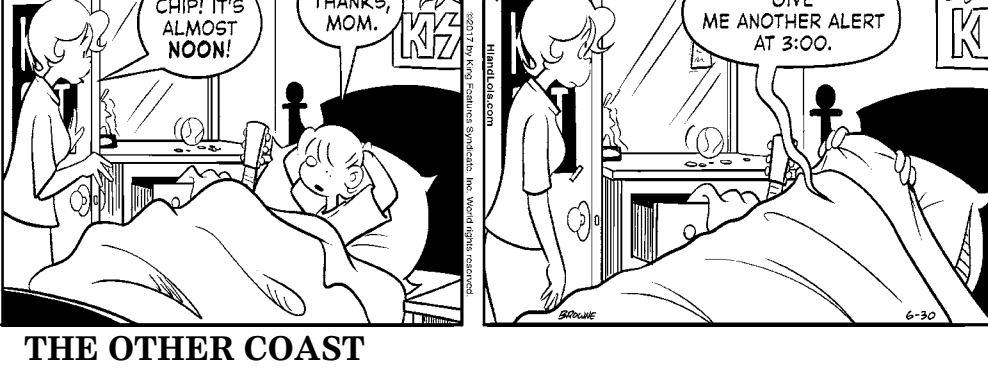
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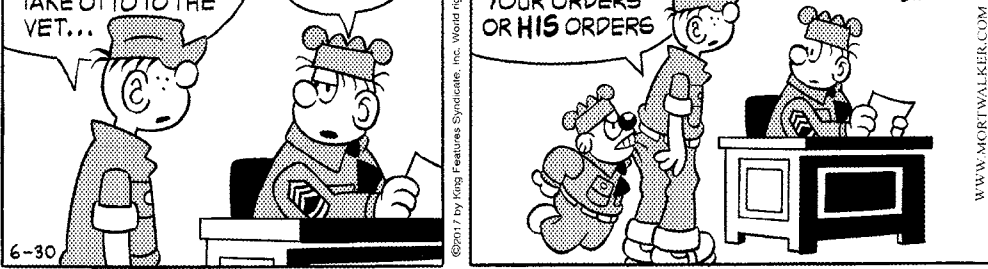
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, June 30, the 181st day of 2017. There are 84 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 30, 1997, the Union Jack was lowered for the last time over Government House in Hong Kong as Britain prepared to hand the colony back to China at midnight after ruling it for 156 years.

described as "almost white in color," were found "scattered about several gardens" and had "evidently been absorbed in a small waterspout" during a storm. In 1908, the Tunguska Event took place in Russia as an asteroid exploded above Siberia, leaving 800 square miles of scorched or blown-down trees.

er were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days. Ten years ago: Two men rammed an SUV loaded with gasoline canisters into the main terminal at Glasgow (GLAS'goh) Airport in Scotland, failing to set off an explosion, but seriously burning one of the suspects; the attack came a day after two cars rigged as bombs were found and defused in London.

Answer to previous puzzle: A 10x10 grid of letters for a crossword puzzle.

Newsday Crossword

KITCHEN SPACE-SAVERS by S.N.

- ACROSS: 1 Got a promotion; 2 A qtr.'s baker's dozen; 3 Chevy seen in NASCAR races; 4 Weepy rock music; 5 Asks and asks and asks; 6 Banquets; 7 Plays on stage; 8 Avenue; 9 Decision maker's list; 10 Make sense; 11 Kitty call; 12 Joining (with) a cause; 13 Participate in a pastime; 14 Shakespearean general; 18 Camry competitor; 24 Italian crossover tenor; 26 Pinto-bean alternative; 28 Either Mr. Wright; 30 60+-year diarist; 32 Physician in the Senate; 35 Pt. of IOC (microstate); 39 Foretokens of misfortune; 40 Afghans, for example; 41 Interviewer's invitation; 42 Bistro with bamboo; 47 Completely revised; 49 Plank-joining devices; 50 High-pH compound; 51 Guys who go along; 53 Better reasoned; 55 What papyrus was made from; 59 Hidden theme of the puzzle; 61 Seller of many university T-shirts; 64 Special talent; 65 Zapper's targets; 66 Venerable sci-fi play

Grid for the Newsday Crossword puzzle with numbers 1-70.

**BAMBA**

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eligibility. Texas officials said Bamba's amateur status had previously been reviewed by the NCAA and that he's been cleared to play, but the school did not release a statement from Bamba or address any specifics in the brother's video. Bamba is one of the top incoming players in the country next season.

"We're aware of the recent social media post regarding our men's basketball student-athlete Mohamed Bamba," the Longhorns said. "As is usual practice by the NCAA, Mo's amateur status was previously reviewed and final certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. The NCAA has not informed us of any pending issues or eligibility concerns at this time regarding Mo. If there are further questions, we certainly will cooperate with the NCAA to the fullest."

Love did not respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press. NCAA spokesman Chris Radford said the NCAA is "aware of the situation and we are working with the school," but declined further comment.

A 6-foot-11 forward, Bamba is considered the gem of coach Shaka Smart's incoming class and a player who could make a huge impact on a program that went 11-22 last season. He fills a critical need for the Longhorns after center Jarrett Allen was drafted by the NBA's Brooklyn Nets. Bamba picked Texas over Kentucky, Michigan and Duke.

The allegations leveled by Johnson do not directly involve the Longhorns, but focus on Bamba's relationship with Love. Johnson said Love gave his brother \$200 a week, paid credit card bills and paid for a trip to California.

Johnson, a former Division II player at the University of Montevallo in Ala-

bama, also complained of a falling out with his brother and said Bamba wouldn't help him get into graduate school at Texas.

Johnson said he reported his allegations of improper payments and benefits to the NCAA and was scheduled to meet with NCAA officials soon.

"He's not going to play" in college, Johnson said of his brother.

Love's response reported by 247Sports didn't address the specific allegations raised by Johnson.

"Doing things the right way has been our top priority since day one," Love said. "Mo's got way too much to lose to take any chances on anything even remotely impermissible. With my nine-year, pre-existing relationship on the line with Mo personally, let alone his college eligibility, I took several additional measures to ensure that Mo was fully compliant every step of the way."

**RANGERS**

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Encarnacion broke his bat hitting an RBI single. He went down on his knees behind the mound and held the elbow as manager Jeff Banister and a team trainer came out. Cashner threw a warmup pitch and remained in the game, but was removed after Jose Ramirez's single.

"It was definitely very scary," Cashner said. "I never saw it before it got to the mound."

"I'm sure he's going to be sore and stiff, but he dodged a bullet," Banister said. "He got lucky."

Cashner made his first start since June 14 after being on the disabled list with a strained left oblique.

Kluber was in command other than Nomar Mazara's two-out homer in the first. Rougned Odor had a leadoff single in the second and Adrian Beltre singled with one out in the seventh.

The right-hander, who walked one, is 4-0 with a 1.26 ERA and 64 strikeouts in 43 innings since coming off the disabled list on June 1. He was out for a month with a strained lower back.

**FAST ROOKIE**

Bradley Zimmer beat out an infield hit and scored from third on a wild pitch that bounced a few feet from home plate in the

third. "Talk about manufacturing with his legs," manager Terry Francona said. "I don't know how many guys are able to beat that ball out. I don't know how many guys can score. All the way around, that was just his speed."

**NOT A FUN VISIT**

Rangers DH Mike Napoli received his AL championship ring and was cheered in every at-bat, but his return to Cleveland didn't go well at the plate. He was 1 for 10 with seven strikeouts.

**HE LIKES IT HERE**

Andrus was 1 for 4 and has hit in 33 of 35 career games at Progressive Field. He's batting .415 (56 for 135) in Cleveland's ballpark.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (broken right thumb) continues to throw pitches every day, but has yet to play catch because his thumb cannot fit in a standard glove. He has been on the 10-day disabled list since June 24.

Indians: OF Austin Jackson (strained left quad) is expected to begin a minor league rehab assignment in a couple of weeks. He was injured running the bases Sunday.

**UP NEXT**

Rangers: RHP Austin Bibens-Dirkx opens a three-game series against the White Sox in Chicago. The 32-year-old rookie has won two straight starts on the road.

**NBA**

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Blake Griffin, Paul Millsap and many more can start officially taking meetings and hearing pitches that will ultimately help them decide where to play next season.

"You never know what's going to happen in free agency," Miami Heat President Pat Riley said. "We'll see what happens on July the 1st. It's always a pretty exciting time."

With Chris Paul already traded to Houston, and since free-agents-to-be Kevin Durant and Stephen Curry are widely believed as locks to stay with NBA champion Golden State, Hayward could be considered the top available player in free agency. He'll meet Saturday with the Heat, a team that will have around \$35 million to spend once they officially part ways with Chris Bosh and get relief from the remainder of his contract.

No deals can be executed until July 6, but it's likely that agreements adding up to \$2 billion or more will be in place by when the moratorium ends. Everyone is chasing Golden State, and Houston has fired the first big salvo.

"We're going all-in," Houston general manager Daryl Morey said.

That's evident, given how the Rockets pulled off a series of six trades to acquire Paul from the Los Angeles Clippers this week. Houston is looking to add even more firepower to pair with Paul and MVP runner-up James Harden, potentially by getting Paul George (who has told Indiana he will play elsewhere in 2018, if not before).

"Paul is a special player," Pacers President Kevin Pritchard said. "He's been good for this organization. We felt like, in a few of the talks over the summer, that he wanted to win and he wanted to win here. So it was a little bit of a gut punch for us. We're adjusting right now."

George isn't a free agent, and neither is Carmelo Anthony. But both could be on the move now; the Pacers will likely have to trade George now to ensure that they don't lose him for nothing next summer, and Anthony could be freed by New York af-

ter the Knicks decided this week to part ways with Phil Jackson after three futile, playoff-free, turbulence-filled seasons.

Minnesota has already made a splash, getting Jimmy Butler on draft night. Butler says he's recruiting more players to join him, Andrew Wiggins and Karl-Anthony Towns.

"I think Jimmy's impact on our team will be great," Timberwolves general manager Scott Layden said. "That's what happens with great leaders. They are involved with their leadership and with making the team better."

There's a market for point guards, with Lowry, George Hill and former NBA MVP Derrick Rose all set for new deals. J.J. Redick, Kyle Korver and Dion Waiters will be among the shooting guards likely to get the most interest. Miami will aim to keep James Johnson out of a small-forward class that includes Andre Iguodala, the coming-off-an-injury Rudy Gay and Danilo Gallinari (along with Durant and Hayward).

Griffin has declared himself a free agent, meaning he potentially could leave the Clippers. He headlines a power-forward group that has Millsap, Serge Ibaka, Taj Gibson and others. And at center, perhaps the most interesting name out there could be JaVale McGee — who likely resurrected his career after a strong year with the Warriors.

There's also veterans like Dirk Nowitzki and Pau Gasol, who will almost certainly be free in name only: Nowitzki isn't leaving Dallas, and Gasol isn't leaving San Antonio.

There's so much money out there to spend, thanks to the salary structure that skyrocketed when the league's \$24 billion television deal began filling the NBA coffers. It led to some huge, eye-raising deals last summer — and teams might be more cautious this summer.

"Some of the contracts were sort of out of whack," Riley said. "I don't know if you're going to see that this year. I'd be surprised, because from my experience with talking to a number of teams this year, those contracts are already trying to be dumped. There might be a little bit more discipline in how teams go about that whole process."

**ASTROS**

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second loss to the Astros in 10 days.

"I wasn't getting ahead very well ... 1-0, 2-0 to every batter," Gossett said. "I've got to throw more pitches in the zone so stuff will happen. It's just quality of pitches late in the game."

Josh Reddick had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

The Athletics went 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position and left 11 on base as they lost for the second straight day.

Adam Rosales grounded into a force out to drive Oakland's only run in the fourth inning.

Gossett didn't allow a baserunner until Reddick doubled with one out in the fourth inning. He retired Jose Altuve before Correa's 15th homer this season landed in the bullpen in right field to give Houston a 2-1 lead.

Reddick singled to start Houston's sixth before scoring on a double by Altuve to push the lead to 3-1 before Correa's second home run.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Athletics: Manager Bob Melvin expects RHP Jharel

Cotton to start on Saturday after his scheduled start on Thursday was pushed back because of a blister on his right thumb. ... Melvin said he hoped that 1B Yonder Alonso would be back in the lineup on Friday after sitting out on Thursday after fouling a ball off his right knee the night before.

Astros: RHP Charlie Morton (strained back muscle) threw a bullpen session on Thursday, but the Astros are still unsure if he'll need a third rehabilitation start or if he'll come off the disabled list to start on Sunday. ... LHP Dallas Keuchel (pinched nerve in neck) is throwing catch and making "slow and steady" progress toward a return according to manager A.J. Hinch. But he hasn't yet been cleared to throw off the mound and Hinch doesn't have a timetable for when that will happen.

**JUMPING JOYCE**

Right fielder Matt Joyce robbed Reddick of a home run for the second out of the first inning when he reached into the stands to make the catch. As Reddick extended

his arm into the stands, a man stood staring with a glove just behind him and a woman covered her face as the ball approached. Joyce fell to the ground for a second after making the catch before popping up and seeing Reddick tip his cap in appreciation of the nifty grab.

"Kind of Reddick-esque and apropos that he robbed him," Melvin said. "I saw that he tipped his hat to him. That's a good play."

Reddick agreed.

"Anytime somebody makes a play on you like that it's just a great play," he said. "So you've got to recognize it and tip your cap to him."

**HOMER HAPPY**

The Astros have a major league-leading 128 homers.

It's the second-most in franchise history before the All-Star break, trailing only the 2001 team which piled up 134.

**UP NEXT**

Athletics: Sonny Gray (3-3, 4.45 ERA) will start for Oakland on Friday when they open a three-game series against Atlanta. Gray allowed four hits and two runs — one earned — in seven innings of a 5-3 win over the White Sox in his previous start.

Astros: Lance McCullers (7-1, 2.53) is scheduled to start for Houston in the opener of a three-game series against the Yankees on Friday. McCullers came off the disabled list and allowed four hits and one run while fanning eight in five innings of a win over Seattle in his previous start.

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## CHURCH

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### Crestview Baptist Church

This Sunday morning, Crestview's Sunday school, starting at 10 a.m., will continue a study in the Epistle to the Hebrews. The Worship Service begins at 11 a.m., and pastor Tom Lassiter will continue through the gospel of John, preaching from John 15:18-27. Crestview will observe the Lord's Supper, and will have a meal afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday night at 6:30 p.m., pastor will finish a series on Jesus as Prophet, Priest, and King. Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m., the pastor will speak on the subject of Knowing God.

Crestview Baptist Church is located at 2305 Gatesville Road in Big Spring.

### First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir will not rehearse during July.

Susan McDaniel is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Tom Koger is Lecturer for the month. Communion Servers are Ellen Austin, Buddy Cochrane, Danny Kennemur, Susan Wilson, and John Yater. Ushers for July are John Brode, Cecilia Hallford, Susan Wilson, and John Yater.

Worship services will be held in the Sanctuary this Sunday, but after that they will be held in the Chapel at Seventh and Runnels until further notice due to work on the air conditioning system in the Sanctuary.

The lectionary passages for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost are Genesis 22:1-14, Psalms 13, Romans 6:12-23, and Matthew 10:40-42. The guest preacher, who will also officiate at Communion, is Bernadette Coffee of San Angelo, Moderator of the Synod of the Sun. The Chancel Choir is taking its annual hiatus for the month of July.

First Presbyterian church is host to two scout troops. The Venture Crew Scouts, which is open to both boys and girls ages 14 to 18, meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The Girl Scout Troop meets Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6 in the Fellowship Hall.

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 can listen in on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting [www.fpchs.org](http://www.fpchs.org). On the website is a link to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt in audio format.

### Forsan Baptist Church

This week, the series on the importance of giving will continue. The message this Sunday comes from 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, and is called "Garden of Joy."

Men's breakfast is this Saturday, July 1, at Crispy's Café at 9 a.m.

Movie night has been moved to July 8. Mary Poppins will air beginning at sunset in the west parking lot.

Youth and children's activities on Wednesday evenings will resume when school starts in August. Wednesday evening adult Bible study will continue through the summer at 6 p.m.

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.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

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 for services this Sunday.

Bo Vizcaino 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.

Alive in Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach the church, call 432-264-7818, or e-mail [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com).

## Pope's top aide is accused in Australian sex abuse case

By **NICOLE WINFIELD and KRISTEN GELINEAU**

Associated Press  
VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis suffered a major blow Thursday when his top financial adviser, Cardinal George Pell, was charged in his native Australia with multiple counts of sexual assault from years ago, bringing a criminal case in the long-running abuse scandal inside the frescoed walls of the Vatican for the first time.

The 76-year-old Pell — the highest-ranking Vatican official ever implicated in the scandal — forcefully denied the accusations and took an immediate leave of absence as Vatican finance czar to return to Australia to defend himself.

"The whole idea of sexual abuse is abhorrent to me," Pell told reporters in the Vatican press office. "News of these charges strengthens my resolve, and court proceedings now offer me an opportunity to clear my name."

The pope thanked him for his "honest" work and collaboration, and set about trying to ensure that the financial reforms he had entrusted to Pell would continue in his absence.

But the case creates a thorny image problem for the pope, who has already suffered several credibility setbacks in his promised "zero tolerance" policy about sex abuse in the world-

wide scandal.

In 2014, Francis won cautious praise from victims' advocacy groups when he created a commission of outside experts to advise him and the broader church about the "best practices" to fight abuse and protect children.

But the commission has lost much of its credibility after its two members who were survivors of abuse left in frustration. Francis also scrapped the commission's signature proposal — a tribunal to hear cases of bishops who covered up for abuse — after Vatican officials objected.

That one of his top advisers now stands charged with abuse himself increases the pressure on Francis to get the abuse commission back on track and press ahead with the financial reforms that he was elected pope to enact.

"It's a big crisis for Pope Francis, because Cardinal Pell was the man he called from Sydney to Rome to reform the Vatican finances," noted Christopher Lamb, correspondent for the British Catholic magazine, The Tablet. "Pope Francis has said 'zero tolerance' for abusers, that he was going to sack bishops who cover up, but at the same time there have been number of cases where he's been accused of having not taken strong enough action."

Notably, Francis didn't force Pell to re-

sign his post. He said he would wait for Australian justice to run its course before making a judgment himself.

The developments also posed a new obstacle for Francis as he tries to overhaul the Vatican bureaucracy and bring its finances up to international accounting and transparency standards.

If the case drags on, he will be pressed to ensure that the economy secretariat can work effectively. Reforms already were strained by Pell's repeated clashes with the Italian-dominated bureaucracy, mired by delays, resistance and the complexity of bringing order to the Vatican's financial fiefdoms.

Just last week, one of Pell's top allies, the Vatican auditor general, resigned without explanation two years into a five-year term, raising questions about whether the reform effort was doomed.

The charges against Pell were announced in Melbourne by Victoria state Police Deputy Commissioner Shane Patton, who said the cardinal — Australia's senior Catholic — was ordered to appear in court July 18 to face multiple counts of "historical sexual assault offenses" — meaning offenses that generally occurred some time ago. Patton said there are multiple complainants against Pell, but he gave no other details.

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