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Missing woman last seen in Big Spring

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Midland police are asking the public for help in locating a missing Midland woman who was last seen in Big Spring on July 14.

Police are searching for Shaila Jiwani Noormohamed, 59, who was last seen around 6 a.m. at the Big Spring State Park. According to a friend of the family, Noormohamed has not used any credit cards or her cell phone since she went missing.

Noormohamed has not contacted her family in



Noormohamed

Midland police describe Noormohamed as 5-foot-5 inches tall and weighs around 200 pounds, with shoulder length brown hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a dark shirt and slacks and maybe wearing a hat. She could be driving a 2001 dark green Ford Ranger

pickup, authorities said. Anyone with information about her whereabouts should contact the Midland police at 432-685-7108.

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

Annual block party set for Forsan Baptist Saturday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Folks in Howard County love a good party, and they're going to throw a humdinger in Forsan this weekend.

It's Forsan Baptist Church's annual Block Party, and it will kick off at 6 p.m. Saturday on the grounds of the church, 201 Main St. in Forsan.

"We're going to start it at 6. The reason for that is, it's all going to be done outdoors, and we're hoping it might start cooling off by then," said Pastor Darren Weaver. "We'll have a water slide for the kids. We'll have all kinds of food. We'll have outdoor cooking, so we're going to do brisket, chicken, we're going to do beans, all the sides, all the desserts. I'm sure there will



Weaver

be watermelon, things like that. So plenty of food. Refreshments. There will be games, all kinds of outdoor games and activities."

The fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down, either.

"After the sun sets, we're going to be showing 'Pollyanna' on a big screen outside in our west parking lot," Weaver said.

The event, open to the public, is becoming a tradition in Howard County.

"We have been doing it a while. I want to say this is the fourth one we have done with this format," he said. "It's an annual event, and we usually get an incredible turnout. It's a community event. Of course we get people from our church, but mostly people from the surrounding area. The entire community. It's really just something that we like to do as

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"Laissez les bon temps rouler!"



With tears in the eyes, laughter in the air, and New Orleans music on the lips, family, friends, and colleagues said goodbye to the late Don Richard Thursday afternoon. A memorial service was held in the 118th District Courtroom for Richard, who died June 24 in San Antonio. The service drew a large crowd. Richard had practiced law in Big Spring since 1977. During the memorial service, friends recounted humorous tales about Richard, his love of education, and his passion to help his clients. Richard was from New Orleans. He graduated from New Orleans Saint Aloysius High School in 1963, and from the University of Southern Louisiana in 1968 with a degree in engineering. In 1974 he received his Juris Doctor from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. His ashes will be buried in New Orleans and Big Spring, his long-time friend and colleague Rick Hamby, pictured above, said. Richard served as the assistant district attorney for several years before going into private practice in Big Spring.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

"Project Mone't" now on Amazon

Local film makers' award winning documentary now has international distribution

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Project Mone't, an award-winning short documentary about a local metal artist, now has international distribution. The 20-minute film about Rae Ripple of Big Spring and created by two local film makers, James Fite and Brandon Johnson, is now available for viewing on Amazon streaming.

"We always planned on trying to find some type of distribution to get it out to a bigger audience," said Fite, the direc-



tor and writer of the film. "I was doing some research one day and found out all the details of getting it on Amazon. Netflix was another one we were looking at but Amazon, they make it really easy for independent film makers to distribute on them.

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Finger-pointing begins on health care bill fails

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican finger-pointing commenced after the Senate's dark-of-night defeat of the GOP's flagship effort to repeal much of the Obama health care law in a startling vote that dealt a blistering blow to President Donald Trump.

"3 Republicans and 48 Democrats let the American people down," Trump tweeted early Friday after GOP leaders failed to patch party divisions and the Senate rejected a last-ditch bill to keep the effort alive. "As I said from the beginning, let Obam-

aCare implode, then deal. Watch!" The "skinny repeal" bill — erasing several parts of President Barack Obama's law — was rejected just before 2 a.m. EST on a vote of 51-49. All Democrats were joined by GOP Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of

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Obituaries

Bonnie Jean Burris

Bonnie Jean Burris passed away at the age of 85 at her home in Silver Creek. She was born in Shamrock, Texas, on Nov. 27, 1931, to Claude Harrison Arrick Sr. and Jewel Hartgraves Arrick.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Darrel G. Burris; sisters, Sherri Wisener of Burnet, Sue Larimore of San Angelo, and Sonja Patterson and husband Phil of Austin; brothers, John Arrick and wife Sidney of Odessa, and Jerry Arrick and wife Georgia of Big Spring. Bonnie is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and extended family. She will be missed and was loved by all.

During her lifetime, Bonnie was involved in professional modeling for many years and participated in the movie industry, where she performed with

many movie actors and actresses in Hollywood. Bonnie was active in the Republican Party for many years; and served in many local, state, and national positions for the party. She and her husband were able to travel to many countries during his military service career. She and Darrel moved to the Silver Creek community on Lake Buchanan in 1993.

The graveside service for Bonnie will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to your favorite charity or organization. Condolences may be offered to www.clements-wilcoxburnet.com.

Arrangements made by Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Burnet, Texas.

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Mindy Gober



Malinda Jane (Crocker) Gober, age 75, of Brady, Texas, passed away Thursday, July 20, 2017, in Austin.

Mindy, as she was known by many of her friends, was born Jan. 31, 1942, in Big Spring, Texas, to Howard Verdo Crocker and Lona Mae (Bennett) Crocker. She married William Martin Blackburn Jr. in September of 1961 in Big Spring, Texas. She served as Governor

John Connally's receptionist from 1963 to 1966. After moving to Dallas, she worked as a model and for Ford, Bacon, and Davis. Later, in Big Spring, she was the church organist and pianist at Wesley United Methodist Church, offered music therapy at the Big Spring State Hospital, and worked at the Medicine Shoppe. Mindy married Robert Gober on July 4, 1996, in Big Spring, Texas, and moved to McCulloch County, where she worked for the 4K Ranch, BSAK Ranch, and was a devoted aid to the Brad Woodard family, who she dearly loved. She used her many talents and gifts to joyfully serve beyond these capacities. She enjoyed painting, art, music, gardening, and Bible study. She was a master gardener and an accomplished musician. She was an active member of the Rochelle Baptist Church, where she played the piano and organ. Mindy was a member of the Master Gardeners Club, the Dam Rosch Music Club, and served on the Board of the McCulloch County Senior Citizens Sunset Center. Malinda loved God and loved others (Matt 22:36-40)! Our hearts may be broken over our loss, but "the Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). We mourn our loss but not as those without hope (1 Thess 4:13-18) for Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25).

Funeral services for Malinda Jane (Crocker) Gober will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29, 2017, at the Rochelle Baptist Church in Rochelle

with Reverend Kenneth Barr and Chaplain Reeves Flint, USN, officiating. Interment will follow at the Rochelle Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Leatherwood Memorial Chapels in Brady. Friends may view Mindy's Memorial Video Tribute and/or sign the online memorial guest book at www.leatherwoodmemorialchapels.com.

Pallbearers will be Bill Spiller, Terry Beard, Joey Ranne, Brad Woodard, Vaughn Managan, and Reeves Flint.

Mindy is survived by her daughter, Victoria Flint and husband Reeves of Columbus, Ind.; Robert's children, Guy Gober of San Antonio, Texas, and Teresa McAnally and husband Mark of Austin, Texas; brothers, John Crocker and wife Ruth of East Bend, N.C., and Sonny Crocker and wife Betty of Big Spring, Texas; grandchildren Grace Flint, Esther Flint, Samuel Flint, and Joel Flint, Chase McAnally, Claire McAnally, and Aaron Gober; aunt, Barbara Ann Ballenger and husband Dewey of Granbury, Texas; nieces, Diane Newton and husband Larry of Big Spring, Texas, and Christy Richards and husband Vance of Phoenix, Ariz.; great-nieces, Alyssa Deanda, Annie Richards, Ashley Kemper; great-nephews, Colby Newton, Jack Richards, Ntal Richards, Jonathan Crocker, and Jeremy Crocker; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Gober; and sisters Ann (Crocker) Miller and Betty Jean Crocker.

Memorial contributions in memory of Malinda Jane (Crocker) Gober may be made to the Rochelle Baptist Church, P.O. Box 123, Rochelle, Texas, 76872; and/or the Hope From The Heart, P. O. Box 1207, Brady, Texas, 76825; and/or Compassion International, Inc., 12290 Voyager Parkway,

Colorado Springs, Colo. 80921-3668 or online at www.compassion.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Leatherwood Memorial Chapels Funeral Home and Cremation Services, www.leatherwoodmemorialchapels.com, 1001 South Elm St., Brady, Texas 76825. 325-597-0714.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RAUL JACOB URIAS**, 29, of 505 Young Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARIA DEL CARMEN TERRAZAS-MATA**, 50, of El Paso, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **RONNIE EUGENE LEAL**, 27, of 1733 Purdue Avenue, was arrested on a warrant for driving

while license invalid.

- **NICHOLAS DANIEL LOPEZ**, 20, of 1402 Tucson Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block and 800 block of West I-20.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the

3600 block of West Highway 80 and the 2400 block of South Gregg Street.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Mittel Avenue.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison Drive.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry Avenue.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 7000 block of Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Mittel. One person was transported

to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of West 18th Street.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of South Main

Street One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Moss Lake Road and Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **FASLE ALARM** was reported in the 1600 block of Purdue and near mile marker 176 on East Interstate 20.
- **GAS LEAK** was reported in the 100 block of South Main.

Take Note

• 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.

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

Jerry W. Roach



Jerry W. Roach, 67, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at University Medical Center.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service with Military Honors will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Bert Guzman officiating.

Jerry was born June 28, 1950, in Lubbock, Texas, to Wanda Northam Roach and Joe Roach. He married Susie Baker on Oct. 20, 1970, in Big Spring. He and his wife Susie owned Wagon Wheel, Lone Star Auto, and Retrievers Auto Recovery. He had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam. Jerry was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Susie Roach of Big Spring; two sons, Edward Roach and fiancée Karly, and Randy Roach and wife Carmen, all of Big Spring; one brother, Lewis Bryant of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, Kassie Wilson, Patrick Bauer, Karlie Roach, Tyler Roach, Alexis Roach, Erica Roach, Madison Roach, and Garrett Roach; his nephew, Willie Joe Roach and wife Jessica and their three children; and several other nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby Roach and Tommy Roach.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jesse Baker, Mike McCormick, Joe McCormick, Willie Joe Roach, Khas Baker, Hubert Hodges, JR Rodriguez, Alvin Baker, Robert Baker, Seth Wilson and Gary Watkins.

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

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Freddie Eugene Puga



Freddie Eugene Puga, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at his home. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 30, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Freddie was born March 8, 1943, in Colorado City, Texas, to Virgie "Billie" Campbell Puga and Frank Puga. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He worked for several oil companies and also B.S.I.S.D. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Freddie is survived by one son, Ricky Puga of Benbrook; one daughter, Brenda Puga of Big Spring; two brothers, Charlie Puga and wife Socorro of Odessa, and Johnny Puga of Big Spring; two sisters: Betty Sanchez and husband Salvador of Big Spring, and Mary Urquidez and husband Frank of Fort Worth; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, James Puga; and a sister, Pat Jimenez.

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

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.
- **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 41, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for theft of property between \$100 and \$750 and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **BRANDON LEE ELLISON**, 47, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for theft of property between \$20 and \$500 by check, and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **MARIA DEL CARMEN TERRAZAS-MATA**, 50, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for fraud (insufficient funds by check).
- **RAUL JACOB URIAS**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHRISTOPHER BRYAN WESTLING**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for unlawful carrying of a weapon and on a surety withdrawal warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- **NICHOLAS DANIEL LOPEZ**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.



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MONE'T

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It took about a month of work, but it finally got accepted and put on there. We're trying to keep the story going out there."

The film explores painful struggles Ripple endured during her childhood and teenage years. Interspersed throughout the film are glimpses of the artist creating a piece that symbolizes her life story so far. Fite, Johnson, and Fite's wife, Amanda produced the film.

"Amazon is a pretty big thing for us," Fite said. "It's kind of great going to my Amazon account and going to see my movie. It's there for anyone in the world to watch. It's distributed all through the United States, Australia, Japan, and England."

Fite added the film makers also plan to distribute the film through the website tugg.com, which is a platform to bring one-time film screenings to local theaters or community venues.

"What they do is for event screenings," Fite explained. "Say Rae got asked to go speak somewhere at a women's group or college, they can go to that website. Tugg will make all the arrangements to set up the event screening for her to speak at. It will be distributed that way."

Project Mone't has won several awards in the indie film circuit including "Best Short Documentary" and "People's Choice Award" at the Rendezvous Film Festival in Florida, "Best Cinematography-Short Film" at the Roswell Film Festival in Roswell, N.M., and the "Film In High Regard" award at the Big River Film Festival in Savannah, Ga.

It's available for rent at Amazon's video streaming service - www.amazon.com.

Fite and Johnson haven't slowed down since they produced Project Mone't. On Saturday, Aug. 5, they will show off their newest film "I See Something."

The film is a 17-minute horror short and will be shown on an outside screen near the Desert Flower Art Bar & Lounge, located in downtown Big Spring, 123 S. Main St., beginning at 9:30 p.m. The free showing will be a part of a double feature, Fite said. Following the screening of the short film, "Super 8," a film by Hollywood Director/Producer/Writer J.J. Abrams will be shown. "Super 8" is 2011 a science-fiction thriller film that tells the story of a group of teenagers in the late 1970s who witness a train derail and release a dangerous presence into their town.

US-Mexico border mayors worry about NAFTA makeover

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The first meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Border Mayors Association since Donald Trump became president of the United States was marked Thursday by worries that more limits on trade could stifle economic growth in a region of 12 million people stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico.

The 17 city leaders paid little attention to Trump's plans to build a "big, beautiful wall" separating the two countries and to add 5,000

Border Patrol agents, focusing instead on how the U.S., Mexico and Canada are preparing to overhaul the 23-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, one of Trump's favorite punching bags. They worked toward a joint resolution to underscore the benefits of trade under NAFTA.

"As the discussions occur in Washington, D.C., surrounding NAFTA, it's incredibly important for us to tell our story, a story of success, because if we're not telling it, nobody else is going to tell it for us," said San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer. "Free trade works."

As with other border gatherings of mayors and governors, one challenge was getting enough elected officials to attend. This year's hosts, Faulconer and Juan Manuel Gastelum of Tijuana, Mexico, ensured that two of the region's largest cities were represented, though Gastelum missed the opening sessions due to illness.

Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, registered, as did McAllen, Texas.

El Paso Mayor Dee Margo couldn't attend because he will be in the state capital for meetings with the governor and legislators, said spokeswoman Olivia Zepeda. Pete Saenz, mayor of Laredo, Texas, needed to tend to city

affairs after two weeks of business travel, said spokeswoman Blasita Lopez. Absent mayors from Mexico include the leaders of Mexicali, Nogales and Nuevo Laredo and Matamoros. Border mayors generally advocate for robust trade between the two countries and expanded, well-staffed international crossings to ease the flow of goods and people. They have given a cold shoulder to Trump's wall.

Panels at the two-day gathering — the group's sixth since 2011 — included NAFTA infrastructure, the state of U.S.-Mexico relations, public health and urban development.

"Border mayors and governors have struggled over the years to create and sustain forums in which they can get to know each other and work together on a common agenda," said Christopher Wilson, deputy director of the Wilson Center's Mexico Institute in Washington.

The group's rotating venues may prove more challenging for small-city hosts who have more limited budgets and resources.

"Right now the border mayors association is a great idea with enough energy to get a meeting off the ground but without a structure," Wilson said. "They need some glue to the organization."

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part of our community outreach. It's not really meant as an end-of-summer event in particular. It has just sort of turned out that way the last couple of years."

Weaver stressed that the event will have something to offer all ages.

"It's an all age kind of thing," he said. "Kids may want to bring something that they can get wet in if they want to get on the water slide."

For more information, contact Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Contact staff writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at life@bigspring-herald.com.

GOP

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Alaska and the ailing John McCain. The 80-year-old Arizona senator made a dramatic return to the Capitol Tuesday after being diagnosed with brain cancer to cast a decisive procedural vote that for a time had advanced the legislation.

Following rejection of two broader GOP repeal plans earlier in the week, the early Friday vote cast doubt on whether divided Senate Republicans can advance any health bill despite seven years of promises to repeal "Obamacare."

The measure that was defeated Friday would have repealed an Obama mandate that most people get health insurance and would have suspended a requirement that larger companies offer coverage to their employees. It would have also suspended a tax on medical devices and denied federal payments to Planned Parenthood for a year.

"This is clearly a disappointing moment," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky, said. "I regret that our efforts were not enough this time."

"It's time to move on," he said. McConnell put the health bill on hold and announced that the Senate would move onto other legislation next week.

Conservative Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala., who's running for a vacant Senate seat, suggested it was time for McConnell to relinquish his post.

"If they're going to quit, well then by golly, maybe they ought to start at the top with Mitch McConnell leaving his position and letting somebody new, somebody bold, somebody conservative take the reins," Brooks said on CNN. He added, "How is he going to get the job done on the rest of President Trump's agenda?"

McCain, in an impassioned speech the day he returned, had called for bipartisan-

ship on major issues of national concern, and a return to the "regular order" of legislating by committee.

On Twitter, McCain said the repeal bill "fell short of our promise to repeal & replace Obamacare w/ meaningful reform."

The amendment was a last resort for Senate Republicans to pass something — anything — to trigger negotiations with the House.

"It's time to turn the page," said Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer of New York. "We are not celebrating. We are relieved."

Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price said in a statement that the Trump administration would pursue its health care goals through regulation. "This effort will continue," Price said. But insurers, hospitals, doctors, and consumer groups are pressing the administration to guarantee billions of dollars in disputed subsidies to help stabilize insurance markets around the country.

Buoyed by a signal from House Speaker Paul Ryan, McConnell had introduced a pared-down health care bill late Thursday that he hoped would keep alive Republican ambitions to repeal "Obamacare."

The Congressional Budget Office said the measure would have increased the number of uninsured people by 16 million, the same problem that vexed all the "repeal and replace" measures Republicans have offered. Obama's law extended coverage to some 20 million people, reducing the nation's uninsured rate to a historic low of around 9 percent.

Still, Ryan, R-Wis., had seemingly opened a path for McConnell earlier Thursday by signaling a willingness to negotiate a more comprehensive bill with the Senate. Some Republican senators had been concerned that the House would simply pass McConnell's "skinny bill" and send it to Trump. That would have sent a shock wave through health insurance

markets, spiking premiums.

Ryan sent senators a statement saying that if "moving forward" requires talks with the Senate, the House would be "willing" to do so. But shortly afterward, his words received varied responses from three GOP senators who'd insisted on a clear commitment from Ryan.

"Not sufficient," said McCain.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who'd been another holdout, turned around after Ryan assured him and others in a phone conversation that the House would hold talks with the Senate.

Opponents mobilized quickly against McConnell's trimmed-down bill.

The insurance company lobby, America's Health Insurance Plans, wrote to Senate leaders Thursday saying that ending Obama's requirement that people buy insurance without strengthening insurance markets would produce "higher premiums, fewer choices for consumers and fewer people covered next year."

And a bipartisan group of governors including John Kasich of Ohio and Brian Sandoval of Nevada also announced against it. So did the American Medical Association.

Numerous polls had shown little public support for the GOP's earlier proposals to repeal and replace Obama's law. A recent AP-NORC poll found only 22 percent of the public backing the Republican approach, while 51 percent were opposed.

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Myrtle Evelyn Mathies, 86, died Sunday. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. this morning Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jerry W. Roach, 67, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Praxedis "Pry" Gonzales, 56, died Tuesday. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Freddie Eugene Puga, 74, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Women's Night Out: A Wine and Canvas Event:
Heritage Museum. \$40 per person.
Registration ends July 28th
Contact: 432-267-8255

August 4:
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Big Spring State Park.
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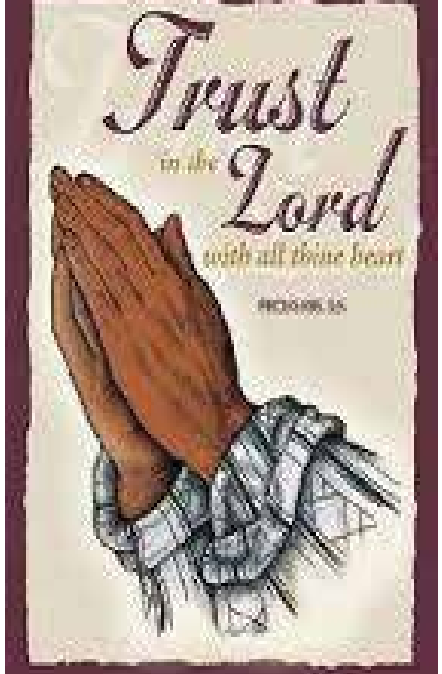


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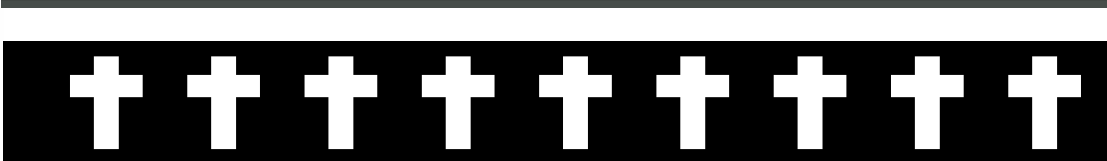


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(Joel 2:23)

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Did you ever wonder?

Rehoboam, son of Solomon

After Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam became king. Solomon had taxed his people heavily to finance all of his building projects and acquisitions.

The older men who were Rehoboam's advisors counseled him to reduce taxes and treat the people kindly. Rephrasing 1 Kings 12:7, "A good leader must be a servant of the people."

Rehoboam also asked for the advice of the young princes who were his peers. Haughtiness and greed influenced the young men; they advised the new king to increase taxes and store up wealth. Alas, youth does not understand that you can push people only so far before they rebel against authority.

The heads of the tribes residing in the northern portion of the land tried to reason with Rehoboam. When he would not relent, they stoned to death the officer who was in charge of forced labor.

Rehoboam readied his army to attack the northern tribes. But a man of God warned the men of Judah and Benjamin, "Do not go up to fight against your brothers, the Israelites. Go home, every one of you, for this is My doing," says the Lord." The people obeyed God and went home.

Notice here that God says the bad things that are happening are His doing! We are programmed to think that if bad things happen, God is punishing us. Many times in the Bible, we see God using strong nations to chastise the people He loves.

This is why many people say that God allows the

wicked to prosper, but the faithful, He chastises.

God loves everybody and desires that each of us will love Him. However, He gave us free will because He wants us to choose to love Him. If we turn away, He still loves us and gives us more time to come to love Him.

At this time the ten northern tribes became known as Israel; the tribes of Judah and Benjamin became known as Judah...separate nations.

Jeroboam became the leader of the ten tribes of Israel and he began to fortify some cities along the border. In his heart Jeroboam thought that the northern land would soon revert to the house of David because the people would still travel to Jerusalem to celebrate the feasts of the Lord.

Jeroboam made two golden calves. He placed one in the northern and one in the southern part of Israel. He even changed the dates of the feasts for his golden calf idols. Anyone caught going to Jerusalem for the feasts would be killed.

Since the priesthood was attached to the Temple, all of the priests, who were descended from Levi, stayed in Jerusalem. Jeroboam hired men from any tribe to be priests at his high places.

Golden calf idols, hired priests, and different dates for the celebrations! Doesn't it seem as if they have altogether abandoned God Almighty?

Did you realize that changing the dates which God set at Sinai changed it from "God's feasts" to "man's feasts?"

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.



EUNICE FILLER

Church News

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. in Big Spring. Pastor Sandy Sandlin and members welcome all visitors. Doors are open at 9:15 a.m. for a coffee and donut fellowship hour. Sunday school is at 9:45 and Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

Pastor Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called, "Overcoming The Obdurate", taken from Luke 18:1-8. Members called to serve this Sunday, July 30, will be Joel Miller, Liturgist; and serving at the Lord's Table will be Shirley Lee and Joel Miller. Greeters will be Deneice Walker and Larry Oster.

Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thi-beault work tirelessly putting together music that will enhance worship. A few selections that will be sung this Sunday are "I Love to Tell the Story," "Praise Him! Praise Him!" and "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," just to name a few.

If you have any questions regarding services or any goings on at First Christian Church, please call 432-517-4821.

First Church of the Nazarene

Summer's not over yet. The Cedar Road campus of NazFamily will be having "Zone," a VBS, again this evening from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There will be lots of messy activities for the kids to enjoy.

This Sunday both campuses will meet at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster church for "One to Another." There will be light worship before being dispersed into the community to do service projects. Then later in the afternoon at 6 p.m. there will be a meal at the Old Settlers Pavilion in the park, and Pastor Cal will do a message. To sign up to participate in a service area for Sunday, contact Ceresa.

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

The people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Waltherhouse will bring the message, which will honor and

glorify God for His unending love, mercy, and grace. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"The Lord your God is in your midst, The Mighty One will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing" Zephaniah 3:17.

Join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 as they come together in adoration and praise of The Living Hope, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of music which will include "Revive Us Again," "Your Grace Is Enough," "How Great Thou Art," "Soul On Fire," and "Take My Life, Lead Me Lord." Pastor Mark Lindsey will deliver the message titled "Unfollow." Drawn from John 12:12-19, listeners will be reminded that those who have an authentic esteem and reverence for Christ will neither be ashamed nor afraid to declare Him before men in any circumstance by which He will be honored and exalted. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the website at fbcbigspring.org.

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

Sunday evening at 5:30, bring a friend and have fun discovering what it means to be a church member in the 21st century. The summer study of Thom Rainer's book "I Am A Church Member" is for ages 5 years and up. The study is designed so that you can join in at any time, even if you have previously been unable to attend. A light supper will be served, followed by a time of worship and discussion of the material in small groups. Nursery will be available for younger children.

All area women are invited to participate in Bible study Monday evening from 5:30-7:30 in the FBC dining room. The study is "Finding I Am" by Lisa TerKeurst. Light snacks will be served, and childcare is available. Bring a friend and come make some new ones. Call Courtney at 432-634-0462 or Lindsey at 405-308-3357 for more information. Men's Bible Study also meets each Monday night from 6 to 7:30. Men are meeting in Room 210; enter through the east kitchen doors and take the stairs just inside the doors. The study is "Wild at Heart" by John Eldridge. Call 267-8223 for additional details. All area men are welcome. It's time to bring your donations of school supplies to the church in preparation for "Backpack Blessings." Please bring any items to the church by July 30; they will be distributed Aug. 10 at the Mission Center on Lancaster, and will assist local students who might not otherwise be able to have the needed school supplies. You may also make a monetary donation and someone will purchase the items for you. For a list of necessary supplies stop by the church or call 267-8223. Tuesday Aug. 1 at noon you're invited to join the Triple LLL (Living Longer and Loving It) group for a tasty lunch and some terrific fellowship. Bring some friends and enter through the east kitchen doors. Wednesday evening activities begin

at 6, and include Adult Bible study and prayer time, Adult choir practice, Real LYF for children, and "Saturate" Youth group for teens. For additional information go to the church website at: fbcbigspring.org. FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There's always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

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Is it worth it?

All throughout Matthew 10, Jesus has been encouraging, instructing, and warning his followers. He gave them the message to proclaim. He gave them details as far as where to go and what to do. He also prepares them for the reality that not everyone is going to listen to them. In fact, some may even become belligerent and try to stop them.

Jesus goes on to say that some of the opposition which his followers would face could come from their very own families. Even when that is the case, Jesus expects, in fact demands, that his disciples love him more than anything or anyone. If they don't, then they are not worthy to be his disciples.

We have studied through all of this in the last several weeks. If you have been following along and reading the text and meditating upon the words of Jesus, you might have had a thought, even for a brief instant - is it really worth it?

Do I want to lose some or all of my friends in order to follow Jesus and do what he says to do? Do I want to risk alienating myself from my own family because they do not accept what the Bible teaches? If it came down to it, would I really put my life on the line and keep talking to others about Jesus under the threat of physical harm or death? Is being a disciple of Jesus Christ really worth it?

In Matthew 10:40-42, Jesus says, "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (ESV).

All this talk about reward sounds great (who doesn't love the idea of a reward?). But, in reality, many of us are thinking, "Yeah, but how much is it worth? What is the value of this reward, Jesus?" If I could take it to someone and get it appraised, what would it be worth. If I could take it down to the dealership, what kind of car could I trade it in for? If I could cash it in at the bank, how many briefcases would it take to haul it out of there?

It is so hard, from our limited, physical perspective, to understand things of a spiritual nature. Paul told the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 3:1, "But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ" (ESV). We only focus on things in this life, and we have no understanding of the wonderful reward that awaits us if we are in Christ and living faithfully.

Paul tries to help us understand it better and put things in the proper perspective. Romans 8:18, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (ESV). Also in 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, "For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal" (ESV).

Receive the word of God, so that you can receive the one who gave them. Trust in him and be obedient to his word so you may have that eternal reward. Is it worth it? Absolutely! But until we see it and experience it for ourselves, we must trust in God and his promises that he has given us through Jesus and his word.

Matthew 16:26, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

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



GREG SURLES

First Baptist mission trip



Courtesy photo
A group from First Baptist Church of Big Spring pauses for a photo recently as they prepare to depart on mission trips to Colorado and Massachusetts. First Baptist is located at 705 W. FM 700 in Big Spring.

Reflections: Growing old with God

Someone, somewhere said, "Growing old isn't for sissies!"

At age 79, Thomas Jefferson lamented to his friend John Adams, "It is at most but the life of a cabbage, surely not worth a wish. When all our faculties have left, or are leaving us, one by one, sight, hearing, memory, every avenue of pleasing sensation is closed, and debility and mal-aise left in their places, when the friends of our youth are all gone, and a generation is risen around us whom we know not" (Monticello, June 1, 1822).

I am now a "senior citizen." How did this happen? I never intended to become one. I spent my life busy about making a living, raising kids, pursuing career goals, trying to serve God and others and, suddenly, I wake up and I am a "senior citizen."

This was never my goal. I never looked down the corridors of time and wished that someday I could become a senior citizen. It happened without my knowing. I was assigned the title without my con-



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sent.

Part of it is my own fault. I have sold out my pride for a few cents and asked for a "senior coffee," a "senior menu," or a "senior discount." Do I have no shame?

The first indicator was a card in the mail from AARP. I did not ask for this. It just came, about the time I turned 50. And now I receive advertisements from the Neptune Society encouraging me to think about cremation. I don't want to think about having my body burned, stuffed in a jar or thrown to the wind. I want to think about living.

Little things remind me I am aging. When I enter my birth year for a plane ticket on the computer, I have to page down four times to find the year. When I check out at Walmart, the cashier calls me "Sweetie." When I go to the barber the floor is littered with white hair clippings.

We discipline ourselves in our youth in order to live a longer life. But, when we live long, we discover that it leads to "old age." What is this? I want my youth back. I want to run and feel the exhilaration of running; to get out of bed without aching, to fly up the stairs two at a time, and to run down them

without a thought and without a limp. I want to eat whatever I want without gaining weight.

But, if we are successful and live long lives, old age will come.

The Bible affirms God's love for us as we age.

"You who have been borne by Me from birth and have been carried from the womb; even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will bear you!

I have done it, and I will carry you; and I will bear you and I will deliver you" (Isaiah 46:3-4).

In every stage of life we pass through troubled times, challenges, setbacks, fears, and anxieties. Pursuing an education, finding a job, getting married, having children, making ends meet, disappointments, layoffs, injury, and disease. Memory tends to erase the difficulties of the past, but the journey has never been easy.

In every stage of life, including the last one, God is sufficient and His love never ends.

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

CHURCH

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Birdwell Lane church of Christ

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

This Sunday, Bible Study at 9 a.m. will work on "Analyzing Acts 2." Morning Worship at 10 a.m. will focus on "Faith," while Evening Worship at 5 p.m. will take a look at 2 Timothy 2:3-6.

On Wednesday, the guest speaker for Bible Study and Devotional at 7 p.m. will be Mike Bonner from San Angelo, Texas.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

The people at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to connect with you. Please join them this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, July 30: This Sunday the current series entitled "Punchcard" continues. Find out how you can engage in Biblical fellowship with a dive into God's Holy Word. Fighting against the enemy of this world is difficult, especially on one's own. However, when Christians stand together with God as the centerpiece, they are more powerful than they can ever know.

Saturday, Aug. 12: The 10th Annual #B2S (Back To School) Picnic. Join the congregation Saturday, Aug. 12 at the Community Center in Coahoma from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for food and fellowship. There will be two water slides (one for kids and one for adults), basketball, volleyball and a variety of other games you can participate in.

Tuesday, Aug. 15: 50 and Over small group will gather at 7 p.m. for potluck and game night at the Flowers Residence, 2405 E. 25th St. For more info please contact Faye Flowers @ 432-213-3883.

Sunday, Aug. 20: CCC is excited about the growth both spiritually and in attendance at CCC. To better serve the church family and the community; the church is adding an additional service. Sunday, Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. will be the launching of CCC's first-ever early morning worship service. They would love for you to be in attendance for this monumental event. This special event is just in time for the 2017 Back-To-School Service.

Starfish Program: The first phase of CCC's Starfish program is to assist third-grade children by offering character-building principles; academic tutoring; and remedial and reinforce-

ment assistance.

Volunteers are needed to help turn this dream into a reality. If you are interested in being a part, and are willing and available to serve in this powerful ministry to the community, CCC would love to hear from you.

10th Anniversary Weekend: CCC is excited to announce the church's 10th anniversary is coming up this October. To honor this momentous occasion, they have planned a special Anniversary Weekend. The Anniversary Banquet will be Saturday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m., in the East Room at Howard College Coliseum, with comedian Fred Thomas. Then, Sunday, Oct. 22, guest speaker Pastor James Edwards will bring the Word of God at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

You're invited to worship at CCC every Sunday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015, or email Info@cccbigspring.org. You can also visit facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

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 rehearse at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The Service Committee requests help from every member of the congregation with the Annual School Supply Drive. They will provide lists of the items needed on Sunday, July 30, and be ready to receive those items on Sundays Aug. 6 and 13.

There will be a Fifth Sunday Pot Luck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship this Sunday, July 30. Everyone is welcome to come and share the new recipes that have been collected and tested over the summer.

Katie Grimes is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Tom Koger is Lector for the month. Ushers for July are John Brode, Cecilia Hallford, Susan Wilson, and John Yater.

Worship services will be held in the Sanctuary this Sunday, unless something unforeseen happens with the installation of the new heating/air conditioning system.

The lectionary passages for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost are Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (or Psalm 128); Romans 8:26-39; and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will de-

liver the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the service.

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.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Spring Creek Fellowship

New Connection Groups will be starting will be coming this fall. Stay tuned for more information.

Men are invited to participate in the next "Men's Warrior Weekend" Oct. 12 to 15. Contact the church office for more information

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

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

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

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

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

A new Connection Group for ladies

meets on Sunday mornings and is called 'Uninvited-Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, Lonely' by LisaTerKeurst begins July 16.

Carla Mosely is requesting help with funds for a kidney transplant she needs soon. Carla has set up "GoFundMe" accounts and Spring Creek Fellowship ask you to consider donating to this cause.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship's children connection group is in great need of two pre-k through kindergarten teachers and another teacher for first and second grades. 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.

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

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

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

Check out the Spring Creek App. With this app you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, and follow prayer. Search your app store for Spring Creek Fellowship and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office to keeps you updated about upcoming events and much more.

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Rangers' Adrian Beltre on the brink of 3,000th career hit



By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Adrian Beltre just wanted to work hard, be consistent and earn respect in the game. As a young player, he never even thought about historical numbers like 3,000 hits.

"Never in my mind did I think that I was going to be in the position where I'm at right now," Beltre said. "If I tell you that, that I was, I'm lying. For me, I just wanted to be a good player. ... When you play for a long time, you accumulate stuff."

Now 38 and in his 20th major league season, the Texas Rangers third baseman goes into a weekend series at home against Baltimore just four hits shy of 3,000 in his career. Only 30 other players have done that, with Ichiro Suzuki the only current active player in that club.

Next will be the five-time Gold Glove winner who got his first hit as a 19-year-old rookie with the Los Angeles Dodgers on June 24, 1998, four years after they had signed the kid from the Dominican Republic. This is Beltre's seventh season in Texas, where he finally made

it to a World Series, and he is signed through next season.

"Everything you see out there, to maintain that level of intensity, you can tell how much he loves being around his team and the game," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "He's got to be a first-ballot Hall of Famer, doesn't he? I mean, what else do you have to do?"

On the same weekend that former Rangers infielder Ivan Rodriguez is in Cooperstown for his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, Beltre could get his 3,000th hit.

Beltre has some quirky habits — he checks his own swing to umpires, hates being touched on the head and there are the shuffling feet and swiveling legs in the batter's box on inside pitches or those in the dirt.

But behind that imposing stare he sometimes shows is a guy who just really loves playing the game. He is a .286 career hitter who has hit for the cycle three times, and been a league leader in hits, doubles and home runs.

"This guy plays with a relaxed intensity that you

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Baseball Capsules



AP Photo

Washington Nationals' Bryce Harper trots home after he hits a two-run home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers, Thursday, July 27, 2017, in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Nationals tied a franchise record with eight home runs, including two epiques by Bryce Harper and Ryan Zimmerman, and Max Scherzer pitched six innings of three-hit ball in a 15-2 rout of the fading Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday.

Washington matched two major league records in a seven-run third inning: Most consecutive home runs (four) and most home runs in an inning (five).

After Harper connected off Michael Blazek (0-1) in the first inning, Brian Goodwin started the long-ball barrage in the third with a two-run drive. Wilmer Difo, Harper and Zimmerman followed with long home runs.

The streak was interrupted when Daniel Murphy flied out.

Anthony Rendon resumed the fun with a shot to dead center that finally chased Blazek, whose first major league start was memorable for all the wrong reasons.

Zimmerman and Jose Lobaton both homered off Wily Peralta in the fourth for a 15-1 lead.

The eight home runs tied the franchise set in July 1978 by the Montreal Expos against Atlanta.

Scherzer (12-5) allowed one run and struck out nine to bring his total this year to 201 — his sixth consecutive season with at least 200, the longest active streak in the majors.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Kyle Schwarber homered twice and drove in four runs, and the rolling Chicago Cubs beat the Chicago White Sox for their third consecutive victory.

Anthony Rizzo also connected and Jon Lester pitched seven effective innings as the Cubs improved to 11-2 since the All-Star break. The NL Central leaders also increased their advantage over the second-place Brewers to 1 1/2 games ahead of their big series this weekend in Milwaukee.

Lester (8-6) allowed two runs and four hits in his third straight win since he got just two outs in the shortest start of his career July 9 against Pittsburgh. The starting

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Texans pleased with Watson's offseason progress

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) — Houston Texans coach Bill O'Brien has insisted throughout the offseason that fourth-year quarterback Tom Savage is the starter entering the season.

And that's even with rookie Deshaun Watson having impressed during the offseason and two days of training camp.

Watson entered camp with plenty of accolades after a collegiate career that featured a national championship last year at Clemson and being a two-time Heisman Trophy finalist.

The Texans thought so highly of the 6-foot-2, 221-pound quarterback that they traded up in the NFL draft in April to take Watson with the 12th overall pick.

The selection was the first time the Texans had selected a quarterback in the first round since taking David Carr with the first overall pick in their first season.

So far, so good for Watson's progress — at least in the eyes of O'Brien.

"He's a very mature kid," O'Brien said after Thursday's practice. "Like I said last spring, he's wise beyond his years for a young guy. So, I think he's handling it well, from my perspective, to this point."

Watson said following the draft that — however soon his time came on the field — he was prepared to do whatever Houston asked of him, saying "All I need to do is put

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AP Photo

In this May 31, 2017, file photo, Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson waits for a snap during the team's organized team activity at its NFL football training facility in Houston. Watson said following the NFL draft that—however soon his time came on the field—he was prepared to do whatever Houston asked of him, saying "All I need to do is put my head down, don't say anything and learn from the veteran guys."

Matt Kuchar fights dizzy spells in Canadian Open



AP Photo

Bubba Watson, left, and Matt Kuchar chat on the second tee during the first round of the Canadian Open golf tournament at Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ontario, Thursday July 27, 2017.

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) — Matt Kuchar fought dizzy spells in the first round of the RBC Canadian Open on Thursday, four days after finishing second behind Jordan Spieth in the British Open. "I had a couple of spells where I got a little bit of dizzy and I feel weak," Kuchar said. "I don't know where it came from. I've had plenty of time to get over the travel. Hopefully, it's just something that passes real quick. ... I

shook it off the couple times it happened."

The 39-year-old American became dizzy marking a ball and sought medical attention during the morning round at Glen Abbey. After playing the first 11 holes in 4 under, he made a double bogey on the par-4 third and bogeyed the par-4 eighth en route to a 1-under 71. Kuchar was six strokes behind leaders Kevin Chappell, Matt Evers, Brandon Hagyard and Ollie Schniederjans in the round that was suspended because of darkness

after afternoon play was interrupted for nearly two hours by lightning and rain. "He had been over to mark a putt after he missed it and got a little light-headed," said playing partner Bubba Watson, a stroke back after a 66. "He just came up a little slow. I don't know why. It's a little warm after the rain. Had a rain jacket on. Probably just a little light-headed. And then the travel. He played over there, a lot of energy used last week. Second place is a lot of energy used over that and then flying back over here with the time change, probably just one of those things. Maybe a little dehydrated."

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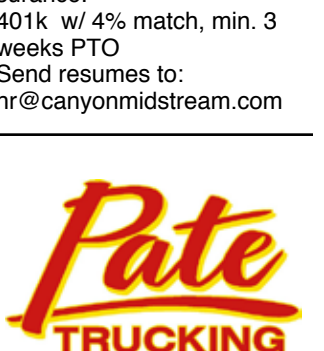
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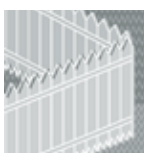
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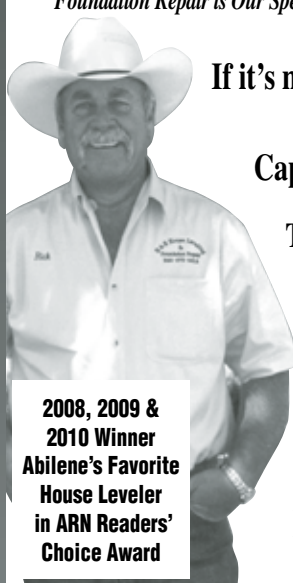
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DISTRICT 08
Rule 37
Case No. 0305786
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 19, 2017
Status/Permit No. 827080

NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 23, 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 SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] 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 distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 35, T&P RR CO / POWELL, M Survey, A-797, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13.3 miles W 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 applica-

tion. 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, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: LUMBERGH
Lease/Unit Well No.: 2528LS
Lease/Unit Acres: 643.78
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 420.0

Lease Lines: 500.0 F SE
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Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 500.0 F SE L
1692.0 F NE L
Terminus Location BH
County: MARTIN
Section: 36Block: 35 T1NAbstract: 718 Survey: T&P RR CO/DAVIS, H M
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SE L
750.0 F SW L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SE L
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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

#9461 July 21, 28 & August 4, 11, 2017

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO THE FOLLOWING :
Unknown Heirs of David Lincoln and Loia Jane Lincoln

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND ANSWER HEREIN at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration if 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation. Your answer due no later than 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, September 4, 2017. You may employ an attorney. Your answer must be filed at the office of the Clerk at 312 Scurry, Big Spring.

The suit is numbered 52024 and is styled "Enerlex, Inc. v. Unknown Heirs of David Lincoln and Loia Jane Lincoln. "The petition in this cause was filed on July 18, 2017, in the 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas. This lawsuit is an action for declaratory judgment for mineral and royalty interests.

Plaintiff's Attorney Name and Address

Robert D. Miller
608 Scurry
Big Spring, TX 79720

Public Notice

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation a default may be taken against you. Your answer is due no later than 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, September 4, 2017.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of office on July 18, 2017, at 312 Scurry, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Colleen Barton
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312 Scurry
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By: Jury Padron

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Legals

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Estate of Alice Ann Grantham
c/o Penny Peterson
400 N FM 1584
Big Spring, Texas 79720

DATED the 24th day of July, 2017.

R. Shane Seaton
Attorney for Penny Peterson
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P.O. Box 2211
Big Spring, Texas 79721
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#9472 July 28, 2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Grady Lee Grantham, Deceased, were issued on July 24, 2017, in Cause No. P-14687, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Penny Peterson and Terry Lee Grantham. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.


Estate of Grady Grantham
c/o Penny Peterson
400 N. FM 1584
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DATED the 24th day of July, 2017.

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#9473 July 28, 2017

Tomorrow's Horoscope



Libra Lunar Lessons
The people you don't give enough eye contact to are the ones you're around every day. You think this is fine because you've stared in their eyes plenty before, and you have your own communication

shorthand together, too. But there's no substitute for face-to-face, pupil-to-pupil contact. "Get in on it!" says the Libra moon of relationships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Suffering, the impermanence of life, the absence of self ... what a buzzkill! But these concepts are unavoidable in the process of spiritual evolution. To mature as a spiritual being is to accept existential pain.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is little to be done to enhance or detract from good chemistry. It's a matter of natural fit, and it's largely out of your control. If it's good, count your blessings. If it's not, don't worry about it or take it personally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) The good old days weren't all that good, and the ideal future won't be either. But living a little while back there or up ahead can be mighty helpful in the construction of a present you can really appreciate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) People who are always busy are either bad at time management or afraid of what will come up if they relax. Dare to

surrender to idleness. Let it squeeze you. Ultimately, the best ideas come of this embrace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) On this very social day, have a few conversational topics in your pocket before you go out. Or at least get clear on the subjects to avoid at all costs, including past relationships, politics, finance and religion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You want one thing and you need another. You know a lot about the former and very little about the latter. When a need is filled that you didn't even know you had ... that's magic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't waste time wondering whether you are the right person for the job. You are. How do you know? Because you're in the position. Do your best and it will be more than good enough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) You're like the lightning in the storm: a powerful force at the center of the action. Be careful about where you strike because your energy will change things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Sometimes reciprocity comes around too slowly for your taste. That's why you appreciate the unfolding of this day so much. The fast boomerang of karma will delight you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Arguing isn't impressive. It doesn't take any special understanding to argue a point. Listening between the lines and understanding what's really going on is wisdom rare and true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) There are times to think carefully about every choice,

but today you're better off using the bowling method. Aim forward; let go; and see what kind of points you can score.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Abstract goals lead to abstract results. That can be beautiful -- like abstract art -- though many people won't understand the appeal.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:
♠KQ963 ♥A ♦KJ5 ♣QJ82
1. Your partner opens the bidding with One Heart, and the next player passes. What would you bid?
2. Your right-hand opponent opens One Heart, which you double, and your left-hand opponent bids Two Hearts, which is followed by two passes. What would you bid now?
3. You deal and bid One Spade. Partner responds Two Hearts. What would you bid now?
4. Your partner deals and bids Three Clubs, and the next player passes. What would you bid?
5. You deal and bid One Spade. Partner responds Two Clubs. What would you bid now?

1. One spade. The only other possible bid is two spades, but most experts would consider this hand not good enough to justify a jump-shift opposite a one-heart opening. Two spades would be the proper bid if partner opened with one club or one diamond because of the increased possibility of making a slam. But opposite one heart, a suit for which you have no support, most experts would prefer to progress slowly, leaving any potential giant steps to be taken later.
2. Double. This is still a takeout double, even though partner had the
Tomorrow: Super-sound detective work.
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opportunity to respond and didn't. Obviously, the hand is too good to give up without bidding again, and the best way of competing further is to double once more. The alternative bid of two spades is a close second, but the spade suit is a bit too weak to mention independently at this level.
3. Three clubs. You have the high-card values to justify a bid of three notrump, but the wrong distribution. The unbalanced nature of your hand will be suggested by the three-club bid. This is a forward-going bid and indicates values well above a minimum opening.
4. Five clubs. Three clubs is a preemptive bid intended to make life difficult for the opponents. Because the bid denies the high-card values for a normal opening one-bid, partner cannot be credited with as much as seven clubs to the A-K and a side ace.
5. Four clubs. The jump-raise shows approximately the high-card values you have, as well as implying distributional features. At the same time, it leaves room for partner to cuebid or use Blackwood if he is interested in a slam.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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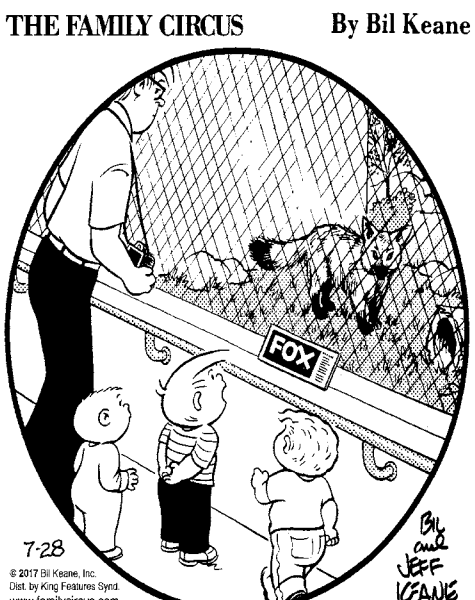
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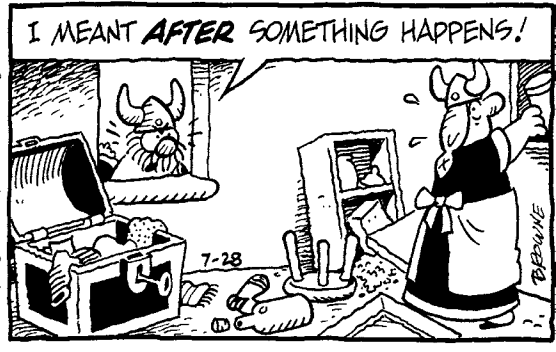
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HAGAR



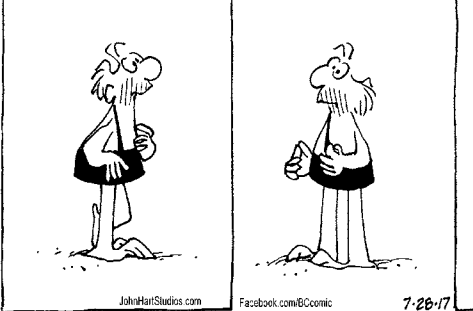
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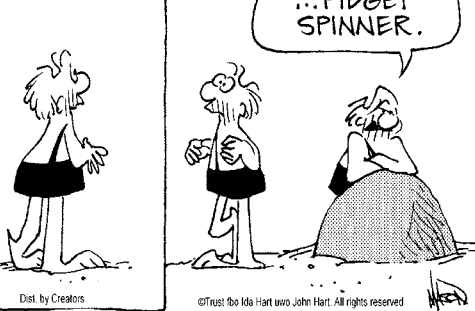
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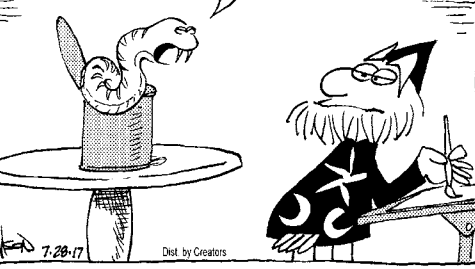
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AGNES



YOU SEE, MUSIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SLAVE TO NOTES AND KEYS AND RHYTHM AND NONSENSE LIKE THAT. I LIKE THAT STUFF. YES... BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN CONDITIONED BY THE FEDS AND ORGANIZED RELIGION TO THINK ONLY A CERTAIN WAY. BEHOLD! I UNLEASH UN-MUSIC ON THE WORLD! I'M TURNING THE AMP DOWN A LITTLE.

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This Date In History

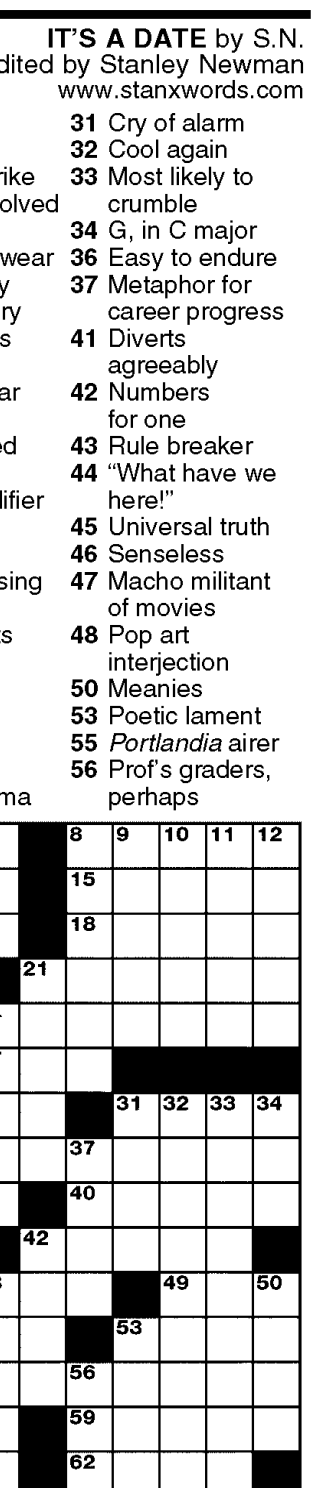
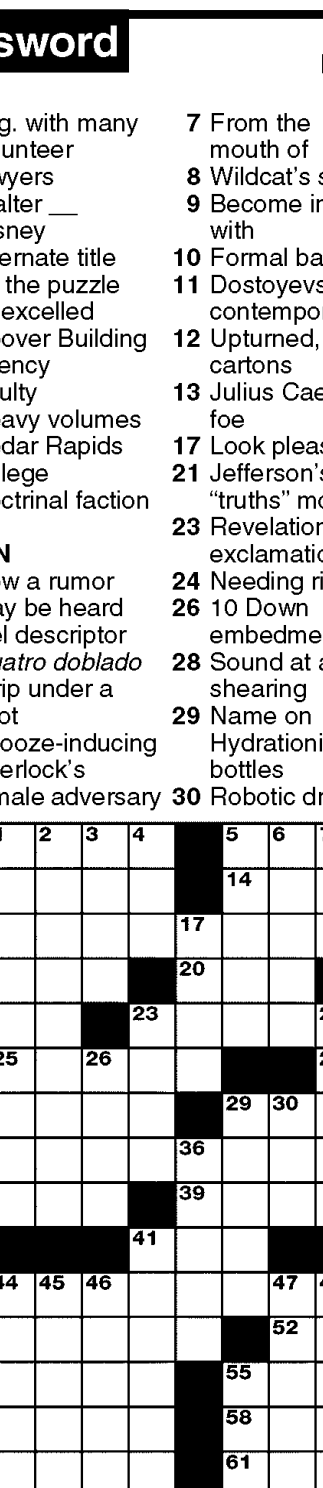
Today is Friday, July 28, the 209th day of 2017. There are 156 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On July 28, 1945, a U.S. Army B-25 bomber flying in heavy fog crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building...

Newsday Crossword

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MLB

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pitchers for the Cubs are 10-0 with a 2.50 ERA in the last 13 games.

Mike Pelfrey (3-8) was tagged for five runs and six hits in five-plus innings.

YANKEES 6, RAYS 5, 11 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Shortstop Adeiny Hechavarria and second baseman Tim Beckham watched Gary Sanchez's playable grounder bounce between them on the left side of the infield for a tying single with two outs in the ninth inning, Brett Gardner homered leading off the 11th, and New York beat Tampa Bay for its fourth straight win.

Gardner tripled to the left-center wall off Alex Colome leading off the ninth, but Clint Frazier hit a soft grounder to third and AL home run leader Aaron Judge flied to right.

Sanchez hit a two-hopper between Hechavarria and Beckham, but the two infielders looked at each other as the ball bounced into the outfield and Gardner scored.

Gardner then homered, his career-high 18th, in the 11th off rookie Andrew Kittredge (0-1), who lost in his first big league decision.

Aroldis Chapman (3-1) needed just 19 pitches to strike out four over two innings — his longest outing since last year's World Series.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — J.D. Martinez hit a grand slam and Zack Godley pitched seven innings to help Arizona beat St. Louis.

The Diamondbacks won their third game out of four, improved to 59-43 and snapped the Cardinals' three-game winning streak.

Godley (4-4) reversed a trend of two poor outings, with the best performance of his 14-start career.

Cardinals starter Luke Weaver (0-1), who was recalled from Triple-A Memphis after Adam Wainwright (back) was placed on the disabled list, was burned by two walks immediately in front of Martinez's grand slam.

Martinez has four homers in four days — hitting two Wednesday in a home victory over Atlanta — and 20th overall. It was the fourth grand slam of his career for Martinez, who was acquired from Detroit on July 18.

PADRES 7, METS 5

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Manuel Margot came within a triple of the cycle and fellow rookie Dusty Coleman hit his first major league home run, leading San Diego past New York.

Luis Perdomo (5-5) got the victory after pitching into the seventh. Brad Hand earned his fifth save and ran his scoreless streak to 18 1/3 innings.

Margot drove in three runs, a career high for the former Boston prospect.

Coleman, the 30-year-old minor league veteran, was promoted this week when shortstop Erick Aybar got hurt. He hit a three-run home run that made it 7-1 in the fifth.

The Mets lost for the third time in nine games despite Jay Bruce's 26th home run, a two-run blow off Jose Torres that drew them to 7-5 in a four-run seventh. Chris Flexen (0-1) was the loser in his big league debut.

MARLINS 4, REDS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Chris O'Grady pitched seven scoreless innings to help Miami beat Cincinnati.

Derek Dietrich, who drove in five of Miami's franchise-record 22 runs in a win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday, homered and knocked in three.

Tyler Moore also drove in a run for the Marlins. They have won five of seven.

The Reds have dropped seven of eight and are 2-12 since the All-Star break.

O'Grady (2-1) allowed five hits. He struck out five and walked two.

A.J. Ramos got the final four outs for his 20th save in 22 opportunities.

Robert Stephenson (0-4) was the loser.

BLUE JAYS 8, ATHLETICS 4, 10 INNINGS

TORONTO (AP) — Steve Pearce hit a grand slam in the 10th inning and Toronto beat Oakland to complete a four-game sweep.

Oakland reliever Liam Hendriks (3-2) walked the bases loaded with two outs before Pearce hooked a 3-2 pitch down the left field line and into the second deck.

Kendrys Morales, who hit a game-winning homer in the ninth inning Wednesday, had two more home runs Thursday. Morales connected off Sean Manaea in the fifth and added a tying blast off Blake Treinen in the ninth, the 19th multihomer game of his career.

Josh Donaldson also homered for Toronto, hitting a solo blast in the first.

Roberto Osuna (3-0) worked one inning for the win.

INDIANS 2, ANGELS 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Trevor Bauer pitched a season-high eight innings, Francisco Lindor singled to break a tie in the seventh and Cleveland beat Los Angeles for its seventh consecutive victory.

Cleveland is on its longest winning streak of the season and is a season-high 10 games over .500. The Indians completed a 7-0 homestand.

Bauer (9-8) is 4-0 in five starts against the Angels. He struck out six and allowed seven hits. Cody Allen pitched the ninth for his 18th save. JC Ramirez (9-9) took the loss.

BELTRE

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want your guys to play with. He's very focused, but he's very confident and he's comfortable in the fact that he's going to prevail in every situation," Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "And he has an unmistakable joy when on the field."

Still the same as when Scioscia was still in the Dodgers organization and first saw Beltre as a 15-year-old in the Dominican Republic, and then coming up in the minor leagues.

"You just marvel, I think, at the consistency of his game over a long period of time and you know it takes a lot to be that good that long," said Miami Marlins manager Don Mattingly, an AL MVP and six-time All-Star during his 14 seasons playing for the New York Yankees.

Hall of Famer players George Brett and Wade Boggs are the only primary third basemen in the 3,000-hit club. Beltre just overtook Dave Winfield for 21st all-time with 1,095 extra-base hits. Beltre also passed Cal Ripken Jr. for 15th with his 604 doubles, and he ranks 38th with his 454 homers.

Since missing the first 51 games this season because of calf issues, Beltre is hitting a team-best .307 with nine homers and 34 RBIs in his 48 games.

The Rangers have six more home games before hitting the road again next week. After Baltimore, there are three games against Seattle, one of Beltre's former teams. Felix Hernandez, the 2010 AL Cy Young winner and one of Beltre's close friends, is scheduled to start the series opener Monday night.

WATSON

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my head down, don't say anything and learn from the veteran guys."

Watson, who threw for 4,593 yards and 41 touchdowns last season for the Tigers, has held true to that plan.

In addition to praising Watson's approach, O'Brien stressed how difficult the transition from the college game to the NFL can be at times.

"I would tell you that for any rookie it's very different," O'Brien said. "... We start with the quarterbacks at 7:30 and then they're out of here at about 8:00, 8:30 at night. So it's a 12-, 13-hour day and there's a lot of information that's being given to them and then they come out here in a very competitive atmosphere."

Savage took over as the starter for former Houston quarterback Brock Osweiler late last season, completing 41 of 65 passes (63.1 percent) for 436 yards while starting the last two games of the regular season.

He missed the postseason with a concussion, but he's the clear top choice at quarterback for the

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tournament sponsor RBC.

On Sunday at Royal Birkdale in England, he finished three strokes behind Spieth. Kuchar had a one-stroke lead with five holes to play before Spieth rallied and pulled away with a birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie stretch.

Defending champion Jhonattan Vegas, Vijay Singh, Jim Herman, Peter Malnati and Martin Flores matched Watson at 66. Top-ranked Dustin Johnson had a 67. He eagled the par-5 13th and had six birdies and three bogeys.

"Just had a few putts lip out on the back, and then, just didn't drive it well the back nine," Johnson said. "But when I did drive it in the fairway, I had good holes. I'm swinging really well, especially with the irons. ... Tomorrow, I just need to go out in the morning and hit a few more fairways."

Chappell had two eagles, playing alongside fellow leader Every in the afternoon. Chappell made a 12-foot putt from

the fringe on the par-5 16th for his first eagle and holed a 15-footer from the fringe on the par-5 second.

"Doesn't happen too often, but I'm glad it happened today," Chappell said. "I hit it really well. Got the ball in play on the par 5s, so I was able to attack those."

Schniederjans also had two eagles. He chipped in on 13 and made a 15-footer on 18.

"I took advantage of the par 5s and just played real consistently well off the tee," Schneiderjans said. "I was in good positions all day. Just a solid round."

Mackenzie Hughes topped the 17 Canadians at 67.

"If you hit it in the fairway, you can be aggressive," Hughes said. "The few fairways I missed, I was just trying to make par and you have to be a little bit defensive. All in all it was a great day. Probably could be a bit better, but I made a couple nice par putts, too. Overall, happy with my start."

Fourteen players were unable to finish. Kramer Hickok led the group at 5 under with a hole left.

Beltre closing in on 3,000
Texas Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre, with 2,996 hits, is set to become the 31st player in major league history to reach 3,000 in his career.

Hits breakdown
Singles: 1,901 | Doubles: 604 | Triples: 37 | HRs: 454

Got their number
Top 3 pitchers allowing the most hits:
Dan Haren: 26 | Jered Weaver: 23 | Kevin Millwood: 21

With teams
Rangers: 945 | Dodgers: 189

West coast vs. RHP: 2,245
East coast vs. LHP: 751

Hits by season
200 150 100 50
04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

199 (led AL)

All-time career hits
1. Pete Rose 4,256
2. Ty Cobb* 4,191
3. Hank Aaron* 3,771
4. Stan Musial* 3,630
5. Tris Speaker* 3,514
6. Derek Jeter 3,465
7. Honus Wagner* 3,430
8. Carl Yastrzemski* 3,419
9. Paul Molitor* 3,319
10. Eddie Collins Sr.* 3,314
11. Willie Mays* 3,283
12. Eddie Murray* 3,255
13. Nap Lajoie* 3,252
14. Cal Ripken, Jr.* 3,184
15. George Brett* 3,154
16. Paul Waner* 3,152
17. Robin Yount* 3,142
18. Tony Gwynn* 3,141
19. Alex Rodriguez 3,115
20. Dave Winfield* 3,110
21. Cap Anson* 3,081
22. Craig Biggio* 3,060
23. Ichiro Suzuki 3,059
24. Rickey Henderson* 3,055
25. Rod Carew* 3,053
26. Lou Brock* 3,023
27. Rafael Palmeiro 3,020
28. Wade Boggs* 3,010
29. Al Kaline* 3,007
30. Roberto Clemente* 3,000
31. Adrian Beltre 2,996

*Hall of Famer

Where he hits them
HOME: 1,559 | AWAY: 1,437

STATISTICS: Elias Sports Bureau; Major League Baseball

His teammates are counting every hit, even if Beltre tries not to keep track. Manager Jeff Banister said nobody leaves the dugout when he is about to go to the plate, all of them crowding on the rail to be as close as possible.

"What he's been doing for his career and the way he's done it is just remarkable," said shortstop Elvis Andrus, nearly a decade younger than Beltre but the longest-tenured Rangers player in his ninth season. "I can't wait. I think I'm way more excited than he is."

Texans entering this season following Osweiler's trade to Cleveland.

That is, for now — while Watson goes about the business of adjustment to the NFL.

"That's the big thing about being a pro; it's a lot different than college," O'Brien said. "I love college football. College is college and pros is pros. It's just a little bit different."

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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
8:30 p.m.-"Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You" by Stasi Eldredge
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
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Alive in Christ

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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.
Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. weekly. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join in worship this Sunday.
Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.
Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for a devotional entitled "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week's message comes from Job 2:11-13 and is called Being There.
The annual church block party will take place on July 29 beginning at 6 p.m. There will be food, games, bouncy houses, and activities for all ages.
Men's breakfast will take place on Saturday, Aug. 5, at Crispy's Café at 9 a.m.
Children's activities on Wednesdays have concluded for the summer and will resume when school starts in August. The Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6 continues throughout the year.
Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. First Methodist's usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service, featuring the pipe organ, trumpet, and hymns; followed by Sunday School; and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team. When a month has five Sundays, the two worship services will join in a combined worship service. On those "Fifth Sundays", Coffee Time is at 9 a.m., Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m., Worship will begin at 10:45 a.m., and a Churchwide Pot Luck Dinner will be held at noon. The first "Fifth Sunday Celebration" is coming up on July 30. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.
The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5.
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Israeli police officers walk next to the Dome of the Rock Mosque in the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in Thursday, July 27, 2017.

Clashes, tensions flare at sacred site in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — Violence returned Thursday to a sacred site in Jerusalem as Palestinians gathered for prayers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound clashed with Israeli police nearly two weeks after a deadly attack there. Earlier in the day, Palestinians had celebrated as Israel rolled back security measures and thousands of worshippers heeded a call by Muslim authorities to assemble for prayers at the mosque for the first time in 11 days.

But as crowds pushed at one of the gates to the compound in the Old City, police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse them, with dozens reported wounded.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered police reinforcements in Jerusalem following the latest unrest, and police were weighing limiting entry of younger men in anticipation of mass protests for Friday prayers — the highlight of the Muslim religious week.

Israeli troops in the West Bank were put on high alert and prepared for more violence Friday, a military official said.

Tensions have been running high at the site sacred to both Muslims and Jews since three Israeli Arab gunmen killed two police officers on July 14, prompting Israel to install metal detectors and other security devices.

Israel said the measures were needed to prevent more attacks. Palestinians claimed Israel was trying to expand its control over the site, which Israel denied.

The security measures outraged Muslims and triggered protests, and low-level clashes have continued in and around Jerusalem since then, highlighting the deep distrust between Israel and the Palestinians over the holy site.

In protest, Palestinians have prayed in Jerusalem's streets outside the shrine since the July 14 attack. Israel removed the devices Thursday and the crisis

appeared to be easing as Muslim leaders told the faithful to return to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Droves of Palestinians entered for afternoon prayers. A handful scaled the roof the mosque and planted Palestinian flags above the entrance. Police later removed them.

Just before worship began, police shot tear gas and rubber bullets at the massing crowd. The Red Crescent said tensions rose as Israeli troops closed one of the gates to the compound as large numbers of worshippers tried to enter, and that 96 people were wounded in the melee. Police said officers were struck by stones and responded with riot dispersal methods, and a spokesman said at least two officers were wounded.

More clashes between Palestinians and Israeli security forces erupted after nightfall, with the Red Crescent saying at least eight people were hurt.

In addition, a 26-year-old Palestinian who was wounded earlier this week outside Jerusalem in a confrontation with Israeli troops has died, said Dr. Ahmad Betawi, head of a West Bank hospital. At least four other Palestinians have died in the past week in violent clashes with Israeli security forces.

Rival Palestinian factions Fatah and Hamas both issued calls earlier this week for mass protests on Friday.

The fate of the shrine is an emotional issue at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Even the smallest perceived change to delicate arrangements pertaining to the site sparks tensions.

Jews revere the hilltop compound as the Temple Mount, site of the two Jewish biblical temples. It is the holiest site in Judaism and the nearby Western Wall, a remnant of one of the temples, is the holiest place where Jews can pray.

The walled compound is home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. It is Islam's third-holiest site after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia. Muslims believe the site marks the spot where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven.

Israel had faced intense pressure over the security devices and said it plans to install sophisticated cameras instead. Palestinian leaders and Muslim clerics had insisted Israel restore the situation at the shrine to what it was before the attack.

The simmering crisis has sparked some of the worst street clashes in years and threatened to draw Israel into conflict with other Arab and Muslim nations.

King Abdullah of Jordan, which is the Muslim custodian of the shrine, urged Israel to "respect the historical and legal situation in the holy shrine to prevent the recurrence of these crises."

Abdullah criticized Israel's handling of a deadly altercation last weekend at its embassy in Amman involving an Israeli security guard, calling Netanyahu's conduct "provocative."

He blasted Netanyahu for praising an Israeli security guard who killed two Jordanians at the embassy after a 16-year-old attacked the guard with a screwdriver.

"Such unacceptable and provocative behavior at all levels infuriates all of us, leads to insecurity and fuels extremism in the region," Abdullah said.

Abdullah told senior officials that Netanyahu needs to take legal measures that "guarantee the trial of the murderer."

He said the incident "will have a direct impact on the nature of our relations."

The Islamic militant group that rules Gaza had praised the Israeli rollback of security at the sacred site. Izzat Risheq, a senior Hamas leader, tweeted that Palestinians achieved a "historic victory."

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