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Rojo found guilty on all charges



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Former Big Spring police officer Joel Rojo (center) exits the 118th District Court Tuesday evening after the first day of trial, accompanied by his defense lawyer Lance Wyatt (left) of Tarrant County, and family members. The emotional four day trial ended with a guilty verdict Thursday evening for Rojo on all four sex crime charges against minor females.



Courtesy photo/Samantha Medney CBS 7 News

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson speaks before reporters Thursday evening following the guilty verdict of Joel Rojo, a former Big Spring police detective charged with sex crimes against three minor victims. Rojo was found guilty on all four charges. Sentencing for the case is expected next week in the 118th District Court. Until then, Rojo is free on bond.

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

A former Big Spring Police detective charged with sex crimes was found guilty on all four counts by a Howard County jury Thursday evening in the 118th District Court.

Joel Rojo was found guilty on four charges — indecency with a child by sexual conduct, sexual performance by a child, indecency with a child by exposure, and attempted

indecency with a child by exposure. The jury, composed of seven men and five women, deliberated for about two hours before returning with a verdict.

"This has been a long, hard-fought, emotional trial on both sides," said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson following the verdict.

"It's been four days, but it feels like four weeks. But it is over, and we feel like we were able to tell the story of those three girls, and we are very gratified that the jury agreed with us and found the defendant guilty."

Sentencing for Joel Rojo will likely occur sometime next week, Wilkerson said. Until then, Rojo will continue to be free on bond, 118th District Judge Tim Yeats said.



Rojo

Rojo could face up to a life sentence. Yeats instructed Rojo not to go any farther than 50 miles from Howard County while out on bond.

It was an emotional moment in the courtroom as the family of Rojo, his victims and their families, and many of Rojo's long-time fellow law enforcement officers heard the verdict. Tears were in the eyes of many of Rojo's family members, the victims, and their families as they silently

reacted to the news.

During the four-day trial, the prosecution called 11 witnesses to testify, including the three young female victims whose ages ranged from 12 to 15 at the time the crimes occurred.

Wilkerson attempted to paint Rojo as someone who used his power and authority as a police officer to take advantage of troubled children and place them into

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Victim identified in Wednesday's motorcycle fatality

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

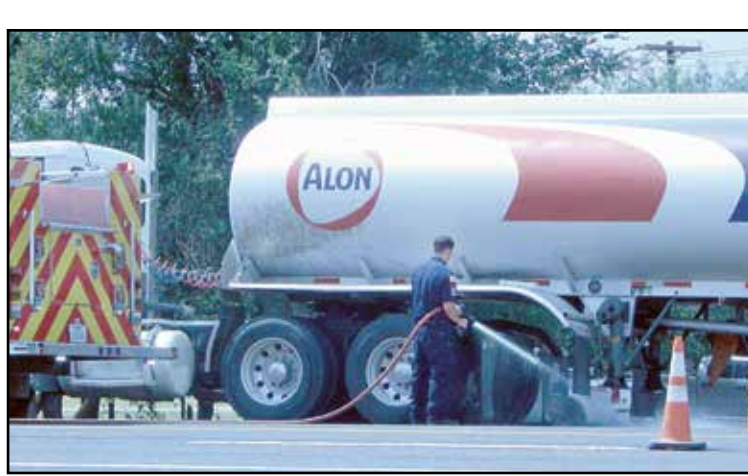
Big Spring Police have identified the person killed in Wednesday's accident in the 700 block of FM 700 as 31-year-old Eugene Carrion.

Big Spring Police were first dispatched to the scene of the accident at 12:54 p.m. Big Spring firefighters and DPS troopers also worked the scene.

"It was determined that Carrion had exited the Wells Fargo ATM Bank on his yellow in color 1997 Honda motorcycle," according to a press release issued

by the BSPD Thursday. "Carrion entered the road turning westbound and failed to yield the right of way to a white in color 2015 Peterbilt truck tractor-trailer. Carrion struck the truck tractor and lost control of his motorcycle and was ejected, landing under the left tires of the truck tractor."

The release indicates that Big Spring Emergency medical services



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

A member of the Big Spring Fire Department hoses off the tractor-trailer involved in Wednesday's accident.

were summoned to the scene, but Carrion's injuries proved fatal; he was pronounced de-

ceased at 1:20 p.m. Big Spring Police's

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Bands to battle for opening act

By ROBERT BARLOW
 Staff Writer

Six bands have been chosen to battle it out for the opportunity to open up on the main stage for country music stars Clay Walker and Deryl Dodd at their upcoming concert this September.

On Thursday evening the Train Car Cigar Bar hosted the "Downtown Throw Down." The first of six local bands, Cowboy Ninjas, performed a set at the bar for judges and an audience to determine if they have what it takes to open up on the big stage.

"They will be playing on consecutive Thurs-



Walker

days at 8 p.m. at the Cigar Bar starting August 3," said Barney Dodd of VIP Sports Getaway. "The winner gets \$1,000, and gets to open for Darrel Dodd and Clay Walker. Second place gets \$500 and will play the pre-party at the concert and at the after-party at the Train Car Cigar Bar."

The six bands that were chosen for the contest are Cowboy Ninjas, Forgotten Road, Spur 327, Hawg Legg, Eddie Austin and the Texas Silhouettes, and the J.R. McNutt Band.

"They'll do a full set for us, and there will be panel of judges and we're going to videotape all of them, so it doesn't matter who goes first or last," said Dodd. "Then the judges will all get together and look at the videotapes to refresh our memories and pick a winner."

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Trump talked tersely with leaders of Mexico, Australia

By LAURIE KELLMAN
 Associated Press
 WASHINGTON



(AP) — Transcripts of President Donald Trump's conversations with the leaders of Mexico and Australia in January offer new details on how the president parried with the leaders over the politics of the border wall and refugee policy — with random asides on such subjects as drug abuse in New

Hampshire. The president's exchanges with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto and Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull one week after the inauguration were widely

reported upon at the time. But transcripts published Friday by The Washington Post offer new detail on the new president's blunt exchanges with

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BRANDON THOMAS POWELL**, 21, of 5600 South Service Road, was arrested on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility and three warrants from other agencies.
- **CALEB JAMES LOVELESS**, 23, of 400 Northeast 9th, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **CHARLEY DAN GLENN**, 57, of 914 East 6th, was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

- **RODNEY CHASE BURROW**, 32, of 1603 Vines, was arrested on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and for a dog or cat running at large.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of South Nolan Street and the 600 block of South Gregg.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 4800 block of West Highway 80.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JAMESON LEE BILLINGSLEY**, 41, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for displaying expired license plates, violating promise to appear, and bail

jumping/failure to appear.

- **RODNEY CHASE BURROW**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and for violating city ordinance 3-9 (A3) public nuisance.

- **CHARLEY DAN GLENN**, 57, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driv-

ing while license invalid.

- **CALEB JAMES LOVELESS**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for assault (Class C).

- **BRANDON THOMAS POWELL**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility; and on bondsmen off bond warrants for use of vision-reducing matter on windows/windshield, and violating promise to appear.

Take Note

- Schedule pick-up at Big Spring High School has been set for Wednesday, Aug. 16, and Thursday, Aug. 17. Seniors will pick up their schedules for the 2017-2018 school year on Aug. 16. Seniors will also have their senior pictures taken at this time. Pictures will be taken in the High School library from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and seniors must have their picture taken before the schedule will be released. Seniors must be in compliance with BSHS dress code to have their picture made. This includes no facial hair, no unnatural hair color, and no mohawks. Juniors and Sophomores will pick up schedules in the hallway by the attendance office; juniors on Aug. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m., and sophomores Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Freshman orientation will be Aug. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium, and schedules will be released to freshmen during orientation. For more information contact Big Spring High School at 432-264-3641.

- School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., began Aug. 1 for the fall term; however, open enrollment continues throughout the school year. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.aceministries.com for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon at 432-213-1046.

- 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.

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

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

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

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

Dances are from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person.

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

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and

the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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

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

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

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

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

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

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

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

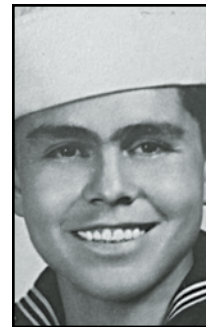
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Obituaries

Benjamin B. Mendias



Benjamin B. Mendias, 83, of Big Spring, formerly of Van Horn, died Friday, July 28, 2017.

Vigil service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral service will begin following the vigil at Myers and Smith Chapel.

He was born Feb. 11, 1924, in Marfa, Texas, to Esther Borunda Mendias and Apolonio Mendias.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy and was stationed in the Pacific during World War II. He was a butcher at several Van Horn grocery stores through the years. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Mendias of Van Horn; one son, Benjamin D. Mendias and wife Sally of Odessa; two daughters, Mary Ester Segars and husband James of Waco, and Virginia Garrobo and husband Juan of Arizona; one sister, Estefana Spitzer of Stanton; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

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

Joseph Eugene "Big Kid" Carrion

Joseph Eugene "Big Kid" Carrion, 31, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017. Services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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TRUMP

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the U.S. allies. The White House said Thursday that the release of the transcripts is a disservice to Trump.

"Leaking the phone calls between our president and other heads of state is nothing short of a national disgrace," White House senior counselor Kellyanne Conway said Friday on "Fox & Friends." "You're hurting the president's ability to negotiate and to discuss serious issues with other heads of state and you're absolutely you're hurting the country."

In his conversation with Pena Nieto, Trump urged the Mexican president to stop saying his country won't pay for the wall along the southern U.S. border, and the two agreed to stop talking about the subject in public.

In the Turnbull conversation, the two leaders discussed a 2016 refugee deal between their nations, under which the Obama administration agreed to accept asylum seekers who had been trying to get to Australia. Turnbull insisted to Trump that the deal was still on. Trump com-

plained that the deal makes him look bad and said he had a more pleasant conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Highlights from the transcripts of the conversations:

POLITICS OF THE WALL

Trump acknowledged that talk about building a wall at the US-Mexico border was more about image management than economic policy.

"Believe it or not, this is the least important thing that we are talking about, but politically this might be the most important talk about," he said. "But in terms of dollars - or pesos — it is the least important thing."

He acknowledged both leaders were "in a little bit of a political bind" because each had vowed not to pay for the wall.

"If you are going to say that Mexico is not going to pay for the wall, then I do not want to meet with you guys anymore because I cannot live with that," he added.

Pena Nieto told Trump: "Let us stop talking about the wall. ... But my position has been and will continue to be very firm saying that Mexico cannot pay for that wall."

NEW HAMPSHIRE SLAM

Trump said he won New

Hampshire "because New Hampshire is a drug-infested den."

Trump won the GOP primary in New Hampshire. Democrat Hillary Clinton won the state in the general election.

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu on Thursday bristled at Trump's description.

"The president is wrong," Sununu said in a statement, adding that overdoses and drug-related deaths are declining in key parts of the state. "It's disappointing his mischaracterization of this epidemic ignores the great things this state has to offer."

THE REFUGEE DEAL — BAD OPTICS

In the Turnbull call, Trump complained about being saddled with an Obama administration agreement to help resettle some refugees who attempted to reach Australia by boat, particularly as Trump was rolling out his travel ban.

"Boy, that will make us look awfully bad," Trump said. "Here I am calling for a ban where I am not letting anybody in and we take 2,000 people. Really it looks like 2,000 people that Australia does not want, and I do not blame you by the way, but the Unit-

ed States has become like a dumping ground."

Turnbull countered that "this is a big deal, and I think we should respect deals."

Trump returned: "This is going to kill me. I am the world's greatest person that does not want to let people into the country. And now I am agreeing to take 2,000 people, and I agree I can vet them, but that puts me in a bad position."

Turnbull, in pressing for the refugee deal to be honored, repeatedly appealed to Trump's background as a dealmaker.

"There is nothing more important in business or politics than a deal is a deal," he said.

Trump told the Australian leader: "You have brokered many a stupid deal in business, and I respect you, but I guarantee that you broke many a stupid deal. This is a stupid deal. This deal will make me look terrible ... I am going to get killed on this thing."

He added: "I will be seen as a weak and ineffective leader in my first week by these people. This is a killer."

Turnbull offered some advice: "You can certainly say

that it was not a deal that you would have done, but you are going to stick with it."

PLEASANTRIES?

Trump was blunt in sizing up his exchange with Turnbull, telling him: "This was my most unpleasant call, because I will be honest with you. I hate taking these people. I guarantee you, they are bad. That is why they are in prison right now. They are not going to be wonderful people who go on to work for the local milk people."

He added: "That is enough, Malcolm. I have had it. I have been making these calls all day, and this is the most unpleasant call all day. Putin was a pleasant call."

Turnbull tried a more diplomatic tack, telling the president: "Thank you for your commitment. It is very important to us."

He pledged to "be there again and again" for the U.S. The call ended with them thanking each other.

Despite the heated exchange, Trump later tweeted: "Thank you to Prime Minister of Australia for telling the truth about our very civil conversation that FAKE NEWS media lied about. Very nice!"

GUILTY

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compromising and revealing positions. All three victims testified the former police detective transported them to an isolated area. There, he asked them to expose their private parts, so he could take pictures, using his investigation into their cases as pretext for the request. One victim said that, during one such time, he touched her private area.

During the defense presentation, Sgt. Tony Everett, Rojo's supervisor at the Big Spring Police Department, described him as "one of the best interrogators" of the department. In answering questions

from Rojo's defense attorney, Lance Wyatt, Everett said Rojo spent a number of years in the Street Crimes division which focuses mostly on juvenile crimes. Everett said Rojo seemed concerned about the juveniles he was trying to help.

Throughout the case, Wyatt attempted to expose inconsistencies with the testimonies of the witnesses, and highlighted problems with the Big Spring Police Department technology and recording devices. During his closing statement, Wyatt cautioned jurors, "the details matter."

During his closing argument, Wilkerson brought the focus back to the testimony of the three young victims.

"At the end of the day, it's really a simple case," Wilkerson told jurors. "You believe these girls or you don't."

"There are lot of details out there about, well, this wasn't recorded and procedures weren't followed this way and apparently there were voids in things that should have been in existence that were overrun," Wilkerson said during a press conference following the verdict. "We felt like, at its focus, this trial was about the word of those girls and what they said happened to them, and their voice was heard. There was no doubt about it."

Rojo was placed on administrative leave from the Big Spring Police Department after the

accusations came up, and later fired from the department when he was indicted on charges in 2016. Wilkerson acknowledged that Rojo's former position as a police officer was a factor in the case.

"It was more intense, and it was more high profile because, what I said in my closing: who watches the watchers?" Wilkerson said. "Who safeguards us from the people who safeguard us? It's a heavy responsibility, and I believe that the jury fulfilled that responsibility."

Defense attorney Wyatt declined to comment about verdict.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

BANDS

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Cowboy Ninjas was the first band to perform at the bar for the contest, and has set the pace for the rest of the bands. Each band will play a full 45 minute set on Thursday nights at 8 p.m., every week for six weeks.

Forgotten Road is set to play on Aug. 10, Spur 327 on Aug. 17, Hawg Legg on Aug. 24, Eddie Austin and the Texas Silhouettes on Aug. 31, and The J.R. McNutt Band on Sept. 7.

Dodd emphasized that they really want the public's participation in the bands' auditions to help determine who will be picked for the concert this September, and encourages everyone to come out and show some support.

"We really want the public to come out, because we are going to take their reactions into account," Dodd said. "We need people to come out each week on Thursday evening and help us pick this band. We want them

to let us know who they like."

The Clay Walker and Deryl Dodd concert is set to take place on Sept. 30 at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl in conjunction with the Howard County Fair.

Tickets can be purchased at www.stubwire.com, or in person at Ward's Western Wear; and with only 400 reserve tickets available for the VIP section, Dodd encourages people to get their tickets early. VIP tickets cost \$56 apiece, and general admission tickets cost \$23. Ticket prices include admission to the fair, and six dollars from every ticket sale goes to Howard County Fair.

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Criminal Investigations Division investigated the scene.

"At this time the Criminal Investigations Division believes no charges will be filed on the driver of the truck tractor but are continuing to investigate the accident," said the release.

According to Big Spring Fire Department Operations Manager Jay Holt, the accident did not cause a leak in the tank being hauled by the truck.

"No, there was not a leak," he said. "Most likely because of the tank heating up, there was a drip at the bottom that was shut off."

Holt said he did not know what substance was being transported in the tank.

White House anger over leaks grows, crackdown promised

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House's anger about leaks is growing, and the Trump administration is stepping up efforts to crack down on them.

The attorney general and the national intelligence director are set Friday to discuss what the Justice Department calls "leaks of classified material threatening national security."

A presidential adviser is raising the possibility of lie detector tests for the small number of people in the West Wing and elsewhere with access to transcripts of Presi-

dent Donald Trump's phone calls. The Washington Post has published transcripts of his conversations with the leaders of Mexico and Australia.

Trump counselor Kellyanne Conway tells "Fox & Friends" that "it's easier to figure out who's leaking than the leakers may realize."

And might lie detectors be used? She says: "Well, they may, they may not."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions and his deputy, Rod Rosenstein, are holding a news conference at the Justice Department.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4:
Moonlight Rave Run #3:
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August 26:
United Way Kick-Off:
Hotel Settles.

September 9:
Comanche Warrior Triathlon:
Dora Roberts Community Center.
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September 28-30:
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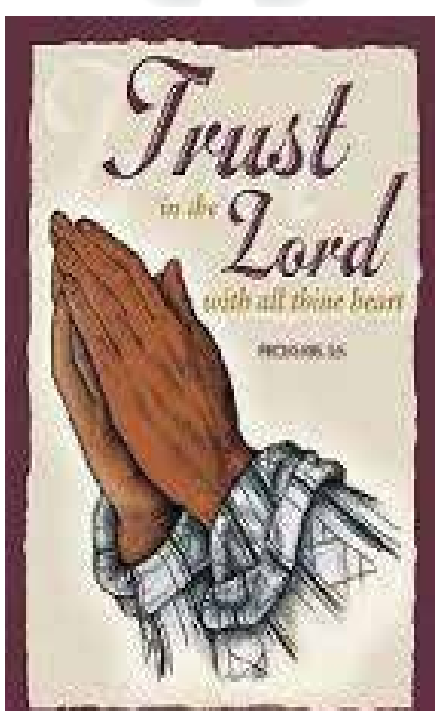
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Jeroboam, King of Israel

God sent a man of God from Judah to Jeroboam while Jeroboam stood by his altar for the golden calf. The man of God cried out against the altar, "O altar, altar! This is what the Lord says: 'A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who now make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you' (1 Kings 13:2).

And God gave a sign, "The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out" (1 Kings 13:3).

In a rage King Jeroboam pointed to the man and shouted, "Seize him!" But while he pointed, his hand shriveled and he could not straighten it.

Realizing that the man truly was from God, Jeroboam pleaded, "Intercede with your God on my behalf." And when he did, God restored Jeroboam's hand.

Now, Jeroboam honored the man of God. He invited the man to his home to eat with him, but the man refused. God had told him not to eat bread or drink water in this place, or to travel home by the same road.

The man started home by a different road. But an old man accosted him on the way, and invited him to his house to eat. The man of God refused and explained that he had orders from God not to stay in Israel.

The old man lied, telling the man of God that he, too, was a prophet. He said that an angel told him to take the man of God into his home and provide food and drink. So the man of God returned with him.

While they ate, the word of the Lord came

to the old man. He suddenly cried out, "This is what the Lord says: 'You have defied the word of the Lord and have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. You came back and ate bread and drank water in the place He told you not to eat or drink. Therefore your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers'" (1 Kings 13:21, 22).

As the man of God continued on his way home, a lion sprang up at him and killed him. The lion neither ate the man nor killed the donkey he was riding. People saw the man lying in the road with the lion and the donkey standing near.

The old prophet carried the man to his home and buried him in the prophet's own tomb in Israel. The old prophet now spread the word that what the man of God had said against the altars of the golden calf was true.

Do you see that even though the old prophet

had lied to the man of God from Judah, God was working through him? God had warned Jeroboam, but he continued to appoint priests for his high places.

This was only Jeroboam's first warning and he did not turn back to God. His son became ill and died.

Does this remind you of the Pharaoh before the exodus from Egypt?

Ahijah, the priest, prophesied against the house of Jeroboam. He spoke of the end of Jeroboam's family line. He spoke of the day when Israel would be uprooted and the people scattered beyond the Euphrates River. They would be scattered because they provoked the Lord by making Asherah poles (worshipping the fertility goddess) and other sins that Jeroboam led the people to commit.

We serve an awesome God, but he will not be mocked.



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Church News

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. Our 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. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

Pastor Derrell Patterson's sermon this Sunday is "Three Little Words", taken from Luke 9:10-17, where Jesus fed the 5,000.

On Monday, August 7, the church will host a "Back to School Splash Bash" at the water park, beginning at 5:00 pm.

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.

On Sunday, August 20, there will be a "Back to School Blessing" in both worship services.

The church is hosting a community youth worship service at 400 Scurry on Wednesday, August 30, at 6:00 pm.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Big Spring.

Morning Fellowship Hour begins at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m.

Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

To receive more information on their services or any goings on, call 432-517-4821.

Pastor Sandy Sandlin and members welcome you all on any given Sunday. This Sunday August 6, 2017 Pastor Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called "How To Keep It Together When Everything Is Falling Apart", taken from Psalm 46. Assisting in worship will be Linda Miracle who will serve as Liturgist, and serving at the Lord's Table will be Mary Beth Johnson and Shirley Burgess.

Leading worship in music and song will be Choir Director, Tara Trowbridge and Music Director, Lawrence Thibeault. Some selections they are working on are, "Blessed Assurance", "It Is Well with My Soul" and "Softly and Tenderly" just to name a few.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost — August 6, 2017 "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach us please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.

If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Phillip Reid 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 these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts".

Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 am or 2:00 pm. Choose the service time that fits your schedule, and praise and celebrate the world's Savior, Jesus Christ. Saturday, August 12, there will be a fellowship from 5:30-8:00 pm in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside FBC at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

You are encouraged to unite with the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. in worship of "The Bread of Life", Jesus Christ. Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini will deliver the message titled "The Supremacy of Christ". Drawn from Colossians 1:15-23, listeners will contemplate the humbling and amazing truth this scripture passage presents: that Christ is God, and mediator; He has dominion over all of creation, and that through Him our redemption has been procured and the eternity of God is represented to us. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead the congregation in a selection of music which will include: "Sing to The King", "O Praise His Name", and "Jesus Paid It All". The special choral praise song will be "What A Savior". If you have mobility issues use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the website at: fbcbigspring.org.

Sunday school groups gather at 9:30 a.m. throughout the building with children coming together on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. These small groups are great for getting to know people while studying the Bible. Greeters are available to help you find your class; come early to enjoy a time of fellowship.

Sunday evening at 5:30 you're invited to enjoy a light supper followed by a time of worship and then discussion in small groups of the study "I Am A Church Member". It is for ages 5 years and up; nursery will be available for younger children. Even if you haven't attended previously, you can still participate. Bring a friend and come discover what it's like to be a church member in the 21st century.

Thursday August 10 the 'Backpack Blessings' will take place from 9-11 am at the Mission Center. Back-to-school supplies will be distributed to local youngsters who might otherwise not be able to begin the school year with the necessary items. The Mission Center is located on Lancaster at Iglesia Central, one block behind HEB.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6, and include adult Bible study and prayer time, adult choir practice, and Real LYF for children. There will be no teen activities Wednesday August 9.

The Mother's Day Out program is closed until August 29.

Now is the time to reserve a place for your little ones in the fall term. MDO meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for more information.

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

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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Where to turn

I have seen a lot of Disney movies. As I type this out, it seems like an odd introduction at some group meeting: "Hi, my name is Greg, and I have seen a lot of Disney movies." To which, in my mind, I can hear all of you replying in unison, "Hi Greg." Okay, enough funny business. In the movie "The Lion King," which my son watched 842 times as a child in the '90s, there is a phrase that is spoken by the meerkat, Timon, where he proclaims, "When the world turns its back on you; you turn your back on the world!"

There are times in our lives when we feel rejected. Sometimes that rejection and those hateful, harsh words come from people whom we love. How are we to respond to such treatment? How will we treat others who might be going through these types of things?

I've been thinking some more about the passage we looked at in the last article, Matthew 10:40-42. We thought about the question, "Is it worth it?" in that article. I hope that we, as followers of Jesus, can and do acknowledge that it is absolutely worth it. That helps us with the "big picture" stuff, and thinking about eternity and heaven and such.

But I think Jesus is also letting his disciples know that there is a support system here in this life as well. Knowing that I have a reward waiting for me in heaven is a comforting thought, but it doesn't always take away the hurt of rejection, the sting of hatefulness, or the sorrow of feeling alone. Where can a person turn in these situations? We sing the song "Where Could I Go But to the Lord?" and it is absolutely true, especially when it comes to salvation from my sins. Only Jesus can do that.

When a person turns to Christ in faithful obedience for salvation, that is when the world, their friends, and even their own family will turn away from them. That is what Jesus is saying to his followers – you have me and you also have one another. Jesus' disciples make up his body, the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18). As members of his body we must work together to perform the commands of the head. We also support one another because every part of the body is needed and has a purpose (1 Corinthians 12:12-31).

Not everyone can get up and speak before large groups of people. Some are better at certain things than I am. Some of us are just trying to remain true to Jesus, even though those around us are fighting with us about it. Let us strive to be like Jesus in this regard. Those who speak publicly and say what the Bible says even when their friends, family, neighbors, or fellow citizens don't want to hear it deserve our support, help, love, and encouragement. Those who keep doing what is right even though it is no longer the popular thing to do need our support as well. Those who are struggling just to keep everything together need us to love them, help them, refresh them, and encourage them not to give up.

When we do these things for Christ – in his name and for his glory (not our own) – then we will truly be rewarded both in this life, and, more importantly, in the life to come.

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

the opportunity to connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, August 8th– Join us this Sunday as we proceed in our current series entitled Punch Card. We will dive into God's Holy Word and engage in biblical teaching, fellowship, the Lord's Supper and in prayer. We would love the opportunity to share this message with you this Sunday as we connect together in fellowship.

Saturday, August 12th – Our 10th annual #B2S (BACK TO SCHOOL) Picnic. Join us Saturday, August 12th at the Community Center in Coahoma from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for food and fellowship. We will have two water slides (one for kids and one for adults), basketball, volleyball and corn hole tournaments not to mention a variety of other games you can participate in. You don't want to miss it!

Tuesday, August 15th- 50 & over small group will be gathering at 7pm for potluck & game night at the Flower's residence 2405 E. 25th St. For more info please contact Faye Flowers at 432-213-3883.

Sunday, August 20th – We are excited about the growth both spiritually and in attendance here at CCC. To better serve our church family and the community; we will be adding an additional service. Sunday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m. will be the launching of our first-ever early morning worship service. We would love for you to be in attendance for this monumental event. This special event is just in time for our 2017 Back-to-school service.

Starfish program – The first phase of our STAR-FISH program is to assist 3rd grade children by offering character building principles; academic tutoring; and remedial and reinforcement assistance. We are needing volunteers 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 our community we would love to hear from you.

10th anniversary weekend – We are so excited to announce our church's 10th anniversary is coming up this October! To honor this momentous occasion, we have planned a special anniversary



Courtesy photo

More than a dozen family's attended First Baptist Church's Family Camp recently. The church partnered with First Baptist Church of Anson in the camp experience. Eddy Spurgin of First Baptist said "The camp was focused on allowing families to disconnect with the world and reconnect with God and each other."

CHURCH

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weekend. We will have our anniversary banquet Saturday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m., in the East Room at Howard College Coliseum, with comedian Fred Thomas. Then, Sunday, October 22nd we will have a guest speaker, Pastor James Edwards, bringing us the Word of God at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our administrative office at 432.264.0015 or email us Info@ccbigspring.org. You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring); or visit us at www.ccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring of Faith cooking team will be hosting our annual MHMR picnic on Sat. Aug. 26th. If anyone would like to purchase some items to go in their goody bags or donate money, we will purchase items. Come out and have some fun with this wonderful group of people. Please contact Reneah Statham. There are eight ladies and eight guys.

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

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

Look for our 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 with the Blessing Box ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, would like to make a donation or need more information, please contact Kay Elder.

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

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area 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.

Our worship team is fundraising for 8 wireless/in ear monitors. If you would be interested

in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Klint Bratcher.

Our Women's Ministry Bible Study 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 Janna Thompson.

A new Connection group for ladies meets on Sunday mornings called "Uninvited-Living Loved When You Feel Left Out, Less Than" by Lisa Turkeurst begins July 16. Please join us!

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

Our Men's ministry is working through a study called "Spiritual Warfare" by David Jeremiah on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Spring Creek Fellowship's children connection group is in great need of 2 Pre-k-kindergarten teachers and another teacher for 1st-2nd grade. Dana Tompkins is the teacher for this class, but she could sure use some help. Contact Donna Wennik for more information.

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

Parents who want to keep up and share in their children's Sunday Bible Lessons may go to our 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 our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. We hope and pray these songs will speak to you and draw you into His presence. We are so very proud of our Spring Creek worship team for stepping out and using their gifts for God and to witness to others! If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Men's Bible study meets on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The title of the

study is "Ephesians".

Check our Spring Creek App". With this app you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, and follow prayer. We will also have a Bible reading plan. Go to your app store on your smart phone and search for SPRING CREEK FELLOWSHIP and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office so it keeps you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-8:15 am-Classical Worship Service

9:15-10:15 am-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 am-10:45 am- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 am-12:00 pm-Worship Service

5:00 pm Prayer Meeting

8:30 pm-"Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You" by Stasi Eldredge

Tuesday-

12:00 noon- Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 pm-Pain Management Group

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7:00 pm-"Spiritual Warfare" Men's Bible Study

Friday-

7:00-8:00 pm- Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday-

7:30 am-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets

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Reflections: The child within - Becoming kingdom citizens

When we think of people who are religious, many conjure up images of old men with long gray beards, black capes, and stooped shoulders. Some think of ascetic monks living in the desert. Others picture nuns robed in their habits whispering prayers as they finger their rosaries.



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Jesus changed all our presumptions about what it means to be "religious" when he took a little child, stood him in front of his disciples, and said, "Except you become as a little child, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:1-2). When he wanted to forge an image in the mind of his followers, Jesus chose a child. Why would he do this?

Jesus left the answer to that question up to us. We can all speculate about the lesson he wanted to teach by choosing a child. Here are a few characteristics that stand out to me when I think about children and the reason he chose a child to illustrate the nature God looks for in Kingdom people.

Children live in the moment. They are not worried about the future. They are not burdened with guilt about the past. Watch children playing on a playground. They have little awareness of time. They wear no watches.

Children become friends fast. Most children have not learned to be hesitant and shy. They greet one another as if they have already met. "Want to play?" And the game is on.

Children laugh. I love listening to children on the school playground and in the park. Anywhere children gather, the air is filled with laughter. It is their nature to laugh.

Children do not know prejudice. I'm not sure when we learn racial and cultural prejudice, but young children have not learned this lesson. They readily accept each other as equals regardless of skin color or clothing. If they notice a difference between them, they ask about it. And, once the difference is recognized they shrug their shoulders and move on.

Children trust. When their father extends his arms and encourages them to jump they fling their bodies into open space fully confident they will be caught.

Children are awed by God's creation. They are mesmerized by grasshoppers, caterpillars, butterflies, and flowers. They stop and take time to watch an ant wrestle a crumb of bread across the ground. They notice the spots on a lady bug.

Children have great imaginations. Give a child a sandbox, a stick, or a can, and they can construct unbelievable creations. I watched children recently playing in the sand.

They were digging a hole. When I asked what it was, they looked at me with a puzzled look, as if I was the only one who did not recognize the obvious. They patiently explained that it was a grasshopper sanctuary.

This list isn't complete. You can add others, I am sure. Somewhere within us all is buried the child we once were. Perhaps if we could re-connect with the childlike simplicity within us, we might take our first steps toward becoming Kingdom citizens as Jesus described it.

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

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Stars and starters sit out, Cowboys beat Cardinals 20-18



By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Pro Football Writer

CANTON, Ohio — Now that the Dallas Cowboys have taken care of business in the Hall of Fame game, they're going to hang around for a couple of days.

Why not? The boss is about to get a gold jacket.

With no stars and few starters on the field Thursday night, the Cowboys edged the Arizona Cardinals 20-18. The idea, Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said, was to get the young players lots of action, win the game, then get ready for owner Jerry Jones' induction on Saturday night.

So the team will be off Friday, practice in Cleveland on Saturday, then tour the hall before the evening ceremonies.

"This is a great experience not only for Jerry and the Jones family," Garrett said, "but for the entire Dallas Cowboys family. We all take ownership in his induction."

Garrett saw lots of value in playing an extra exhibition game.

"As a player you learn so much more in game situations than in any other environment," he said. "There's nothing like putting on a uniform and going on a real football field and playing versus an opponent."

Rookie Sam Irwin-Hill, unlikely to beat out Dallas veteran Dan Bailey for the placekicking job, made field goals of 23 and 43 yards, the latter providing the winning points in the fourth quarter.

The opening half

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Dallas Cowboys running back Rod Smith (45) holds off Arizona Cardinals linebacker Davaar Gooden (52) during the first half of the Pro Football Hall of Fame NFL preseason game in Canton, Ohio, Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017.

AP photo

Gallo goes deep again, Rangers top Twins 4-1

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Joey Gallo has made plenty of progress at the plate this season for the Texas Rangers.

Those home runs just keep going and going, too.

Gallo's latest massive homer was a three-run shot in the fourth inning Thursday night that spurred the Rangers to a 4-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins, making A.J. Griffin a winner in his first start in more than two months.

Gallo has 29 home runs this year, with four long balls in the last three games.

"He's getting better every day that he goes out there," manager Jeff Banister said, praising Gallo's evolution beyond a pure pull hitter.

After swinging and missing twice at sliders from Twins starter Adalberto Mejia, Gallo let one go in the dirt. Then he drove the next pitch, another slider, into the front of the second deck above right-center field with two outs to break the tie.

Twins center fielder Byron Buxton just turned around



AP photo

Texas Rangers third baseman Joey Gallo celebrates his three-run homer with Mike Napoli, right, and Carlos Gomez against the Minnesota Twins in the fourth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017, in Minneapolis.

and stared straight up as the ball soared over his head. The estimates by Major League Baseball's Statcast tracking system were a distance of 430 feet and an exit velocity of 108 mph off the bat.

"I got pretty lucky. If that pitch was maybe a couple more inches off the plate, I'm probably not doing this interview," Gallo said. "That's baseball."

Though still prone to ex-

tended slumps and voluminous strikeouts, the 23-year-old Gallo has capably settled in after two seasons of going back-and-forth to the minor leagues. This was his first major league game at Target

Darvish thanks Rangers fans in full-page ad

DALLAS (AP) — Yu Darvish has left the Texas Rangers, but not without leaving behind a thank-you.

In a full-page ad placed in Thursday's edition of The Dallas Morning News, the right-hander thanked Rangers fans for the courtesy and support they showed him in his 5½ years with Texas since arriving from Japan.

He acknowledged what he called "a small number of voices that said, 'Darvish only cares about strikeouts.'" He said that he himself had strikeouts on his mind but fans and teammates were his top priority.

His biggest regret? Giving up 10 runs in his last start with the Texas Rangers before he was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Field, where he wowed at the All-Star Futures game with a long home run and a batting practice bop that broke a window on a truck parked on the

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O'Brien says injury to WR Fuller not season-ending

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) — Houston coach Bill O'Brien says receiver Will Fuller's collarbone injury is not season-ending.

O'Brien addressed Fuller's injury on Thursday, a day after the second-year player suffered the broken collarbone which will require surgery.

He says: "Will will be back. It's not a season-ending injury. He'll be back in Houston rehabbing. He'll be back as soon as he can."

The Texans were hoping for a big season from the speedy Fuller after the 21st pick of the 2016 draft had 47 receptions for 635 yards as a rookie last season.

Now they'll look for some of the other young receivers to fill in and play opposite star receiver DeAndre Hopkins.

O'Brien says: "Any time you lose a starter, it's not great. But at the same time, it's the NFL. Injuries happen and you move forward."

Souza, Dickerson lift Rays over Astros 5-3

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — A week ago, the Tampa Bay Rays were feeling pretty low after squandering a late lead in a heartbreaking 6-5 loss to the New York Yankees in 11 innings.

Seven days later this group is feeling much better after taking three of four from the Houston Astros, capped by a 5-3 win on Thursday night.

Steven Souza Jr. homered and drove in three runs, and Corey Dickerson added three hits and made a dazzling defensive play to preserve the lead for Tampa Bay.

"They should be feeling really proud of themselves the way they came in here and played, performed against ... the best team in the American League," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "We gave them four good games."

The Rays have bounced back after losing the series opener 14-7 to hand the Astros three straight losses for the first time since June 11-13.

Houston led by one entering the seventh inning when Francisco Liriano (6-6) took over for starter

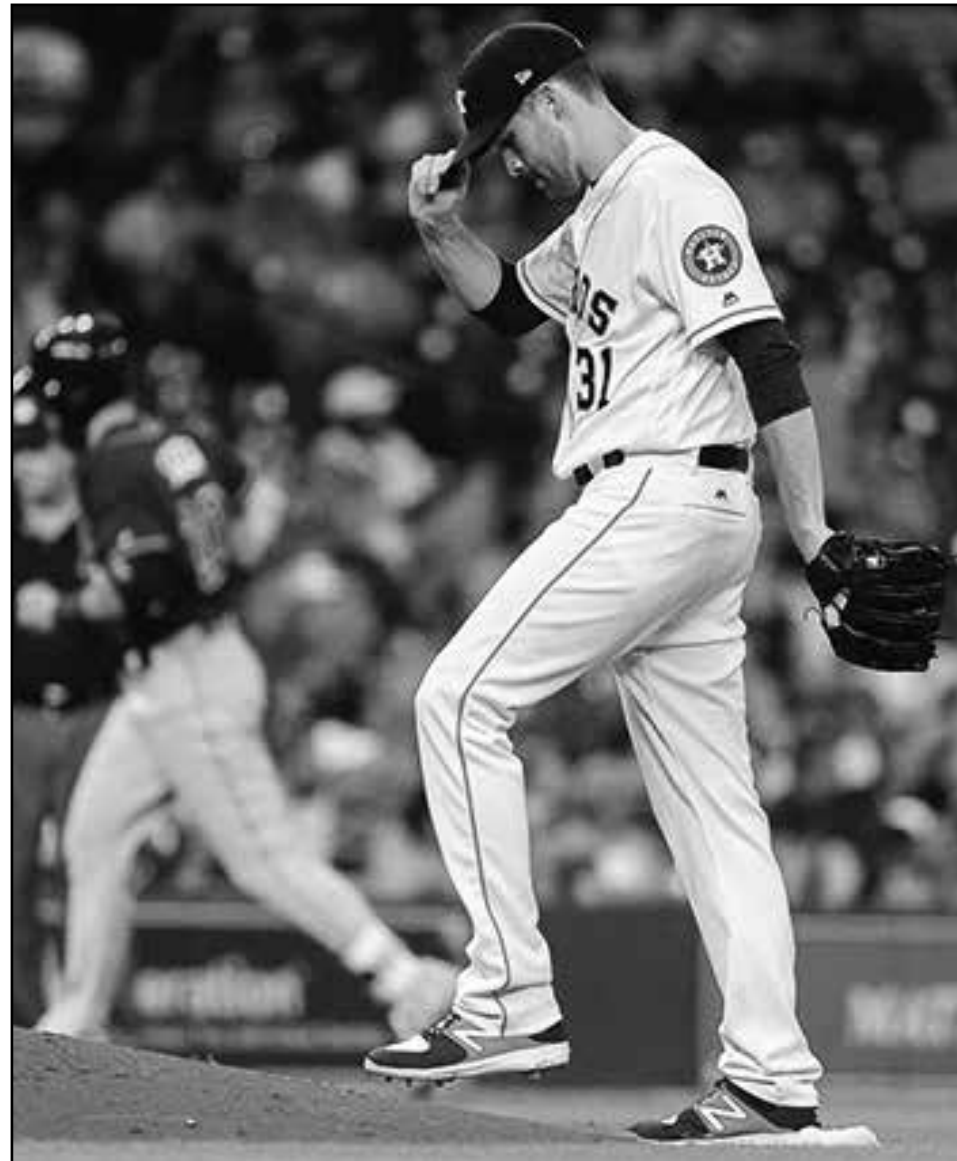
Collin McHugh to make his Astros debut after a trade from Toronto on Monday. Liriano retired Adeiny Hechavarria before a single by Dickerson. The left-hander then walked Lucas Duda and was lifted for Chris Devenski.

A wild pitch by Devenski allowed both runners to advance before Evan Longoria reached on an error by third baseman Alex Bregman, tying it at 3. Logan Morrison struck out before Souza's double to left field put the Rays up 5-3.

"We didn't get through that inning very well," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "It was pretty symbolic to how things are going for us. Just a little bit off on a couple of things."

Houston got consecutive singles from Jose Altuve and Bregman off Sergio Romo with two outs in the seventh, and the pair executed a double steal to put both runners in scoring position. But then Dickerson sprinted to catch a line drive hit by Yuli Gurriel on the run in left field, leaving the

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AP photo

Houston Astros starting pitcher Collin McHugh (31) walks back to the mound as Tampa Bay Rays' Steven Souza Jr., rear, rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017, in Houston.

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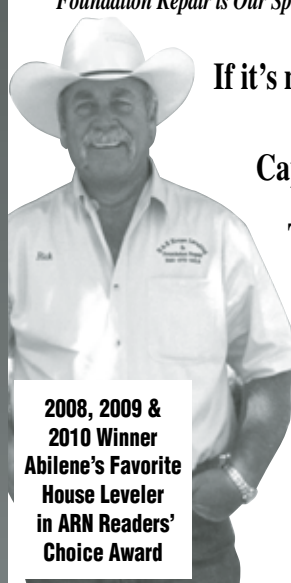
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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protest 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 in-

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

Lease Lines:500.0 F SE L,1692.0 F NE L
Survey Lines:500.0 F SE L,1692.0 F NE L
Wellbore Profile(s):Horizontal

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Plaintiff's Attorney Name and Address

Robert D. Miller
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The old adage says loving does not require thought, only emotion. And yet the thoughts align like a magic combination to open the safe that holds those emotions. Click, click, click, and it's open.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Cheap thrills are still thrilling. Meaningful, lasting rewards are better, though not as acutely

felt, as they lay into the foundation of who you are and become a given to your character.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The extremes of thought aren't so helpful now, especially when they're taken to a negative place. All is not lost. All is never lost when there's a future. Count the blessings and avoid those who are too focused on problems.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Learning is a process. You may see the lesson many times before it clicks in. If you don't understand right away, don't give up. Keep coming at the puzzle from different directions and in different hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you don't know what enough is, how will you know if you have enough? And when you do know what enough is, you pretty much

always have it. So much of this existence falls into the category of "extra."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your feelings are valid and important, though sometimes only to you. The others might prefer you to be always content, and you tend to put on that face for them. Note the difference between caring and caretaking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who freely offer advice without being asked are actually imposing. As a sign of honor and respect, hold back on telling others what to do unless it's asked directly of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With your intuitive and empathetic gifts it is sometimes difficult to separate your feelings from the feelings of others. Do not try to leech anyone's pain (or joy, for that matter). Feel only your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To be craved is flattering; to be needed is validating. It's better, however, just to be loved. Healthy relationships are built on equality, intimacy and balance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Putting your wishes aside is easy for you. It is much harder for you to consider your own interests and hobbies before you agree to other people's plans, but that's what the day calls for.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Other people could compliment you from here to tomorrow, but that doesn't change how you see yourself. Your standards are high and now you'll work hard to meet them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Many of your life rituals are not your own but have been handed down by society, religion, family and friends. It's the rituals that you create or personalize that will bring meaning and significance to your life.

DAY (Aug. 4). You don't have all the hard resources you need to bring your plan to life, but with moxie and determination you'll make it happen anyway. Your supporters are important but not key. This year is about you reaching down to the depths of your soul to release your true power. Jackpot time: October and May. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 39, 22, 47 and 45.

echoes of a parent-child dynamic, as Leo is the sign of children and Capricorn is the sign of patriarchs. Capricorn may try to care for and protect Leo, while Leo brings playfulness and pure heart to the connection. These are two strong personalities; power struggles and ego battles come with the territory.

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Jupiter and Pluto Challenge Couples

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By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ KJ72 ♥ QJ8 ♦ AQ5 ♣ J63
2. ♠ 109643 ♥ 7 ♦ AK93 ♣ QJ5
3. ♠ KQ764 ♥ AJ2 ♦ 865 ♣ 82
4. ♠ AJ832 ♥ 943 ♦ K74 ♣ 73

1. **Three notrump.** Since you have an opening bid of your own facing partner's opening bid, a game contract must be reached. The only problem is where the best contract lies. Having already bid your spades, you now indicate your hand is suitable for notrump play also. This presents partner with the choice of passing if his hand is suitable for notrump play as well, or retreating to four spades if his hand is unsatisfactory for notrump. A two-notrump rebid over two spades would be merely invitational and not forcing, so partner would not be obligated to bid again. You should not make a bid that partner can pass when you know you have sufficient values for game.
2. **Four spades.** The value of a hand rises or falls as the bidding progresses. Thus, if partner had opened the bidding with one heart,

your hand would have dropped in value initially because it is usually not good to have shortness in partner's best suit. Here, however, your partner has opened in a suit in which you have a good holding, and then supported your suit. It is no exaggeration to say that your hand as a whole, with only 10 high-card points, has grown in value to the equivalent of 13 or 14 points because of the double fit in spades and clubs plus the singleton heart. Game in spades should therefore be undertaken at once. There is not much point in bidding your diamonds along the way. To volunteer this information would be far more helpful to the opponents than your partner.
3. **Three spades.** Whether 10 tricks can be made depends on the strength of partner's two-spade bid, which shows 13 to 15 points. Three spades asks partner to go on to game with a maximum for his previous bids, and to pass with a minimum.
4. **Pass.** Game is very unlikely since your hand is only worth about nine points. If you were to bid three spades, which is the most you can possibly do, the contract would be in danger whenever partner passed, and would also be in danger if partner carried on to game.

Tomorrow: The striptease coup.
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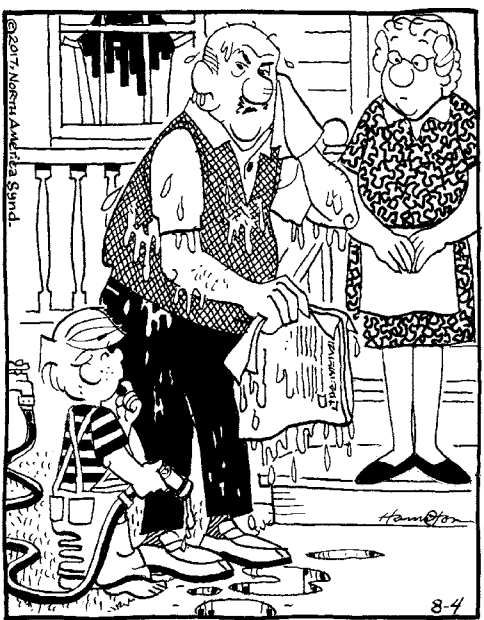
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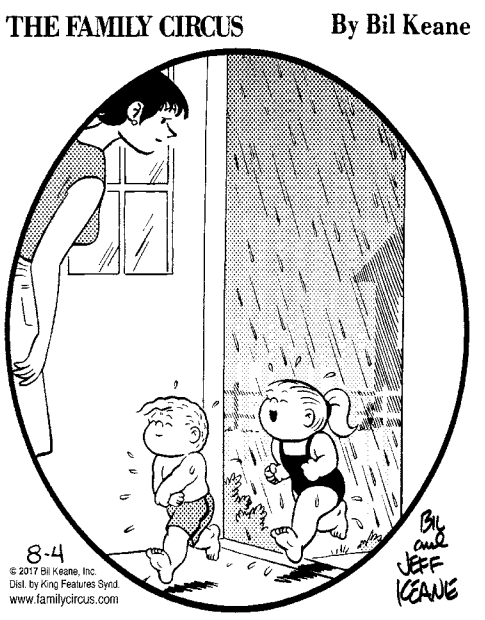
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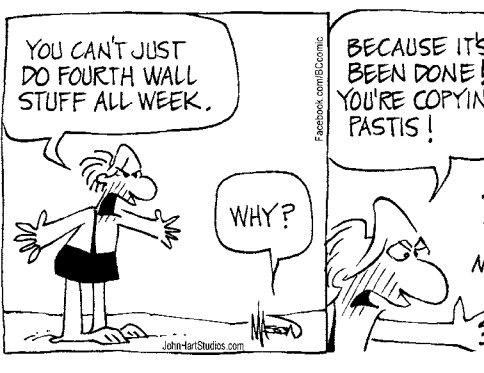
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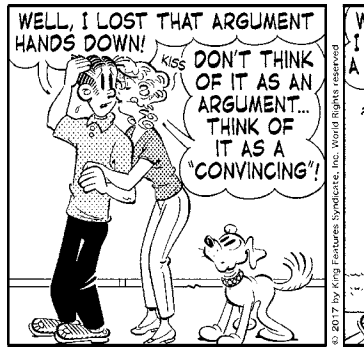
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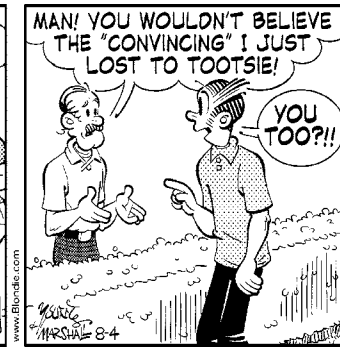
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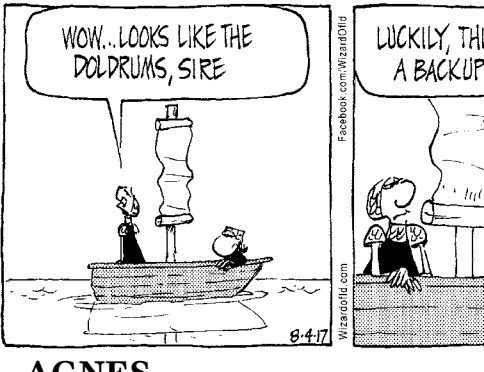
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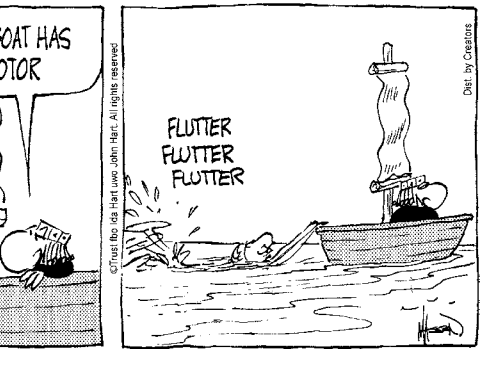
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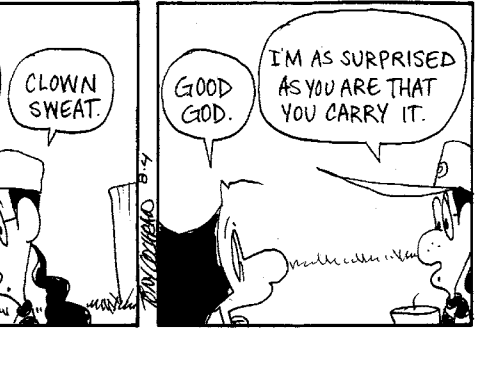
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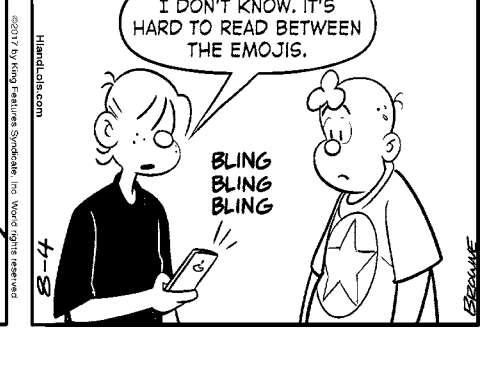
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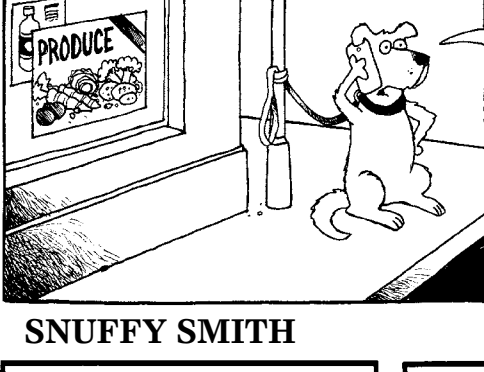
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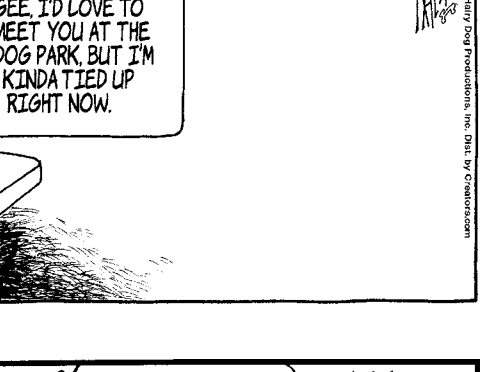
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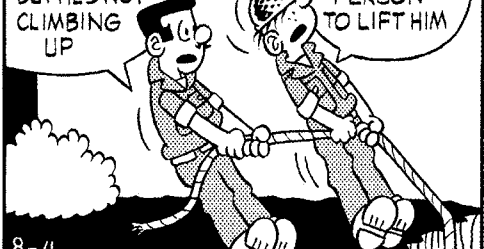
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DALLAS

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featured a handful of big plays, with Arizona's third-string quarterback, Blaine Gabbert, consistently finding open receivers down the middle.

"There were a couple specific plays by the defense on those first couple of drives," Garrett said. "Blown assignments on a big third-down conversion, and it wasn't physical enough. It wasn't aggressive enough."

Dallas' Kellen Moore, who missed last season with an ankle injury, had some success passing down the sidelines, but his second-quarter interception by Brandon Williams in the end zone ruined a drive.

With the likes of Carson Palmer, Larry Fitzgerald, David Johnson, Patrick Peterson and Tyrann Mathieu sitting it out, Arizona could be pleased with the work of backup running backs Kerwynn Williams and Andre Ellington, who both scored on short runs.

"It was great to see the offense move the ball and get touchdowns on those first two drives," Fitzgerald said. "O-line, running game, passing the ball, that was impressive and I'm happy for every one of those guys."

And with Dak Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott, Jason Witten, Sean Lee and their strong offensive line pretty much inactive, the Cowboys could point to veteran RB Alfred Morris and receivers Brice Butler and Rico Gathers.

Morris showed off a spin move worthy of Elliott on a 25-yard run, Butler had 78 yards on two catches in the first half, and Gathers, a hoops starter at Baylor, made a 26-yard touchdown catch.

Gathers also made a diving reception and slipped a pair of tackles on a 17-yard play early in the third period. That led to Uzoma Nwachukwu's 14-yard TD catch from fourth-string rookie Cooper Rush. The former rebounding standout had three catches for 59 yards.

"He's gotten so much better," Garrett said of Gathers, a practice squad player in 2016. "He has a tremendous

willingness to work and has come a long way, but has a long way to go."

Generally, though, it was a sloppy exercise befitting the lack of star power.

TURF'S UP: At least the turf held up — unlike a year ago, when the game was canceled for safety reasons. The new field passed NFL operations directors' approval, and the footing was steady all night.

PREGAME INTROS: Jones drew the loudest cheers — no surprise considering the overwhelmingly pro-Cowboys crowd of 21,126 at the renovated Hall of Fame Stadium — in pregame introductions of the seven men who will be inducted into the shrine Saturday night.

Jones, Terrell Davis, Kurt Warner, Kenny Easley, LaDainian Tomlinson, Jason Taylor and Morten Andersen walked along midfield between the competing teams, often shaking hands with current players.

Hall of Famer Jackie Smith, who played tight end for both the Cowboys and Cardinals, performed a rousing national anthem.

TAKE A TABLET: Referee Jerome Boger was the first to use a Microsoft Surface tablet to handle replay reviews under a new NFL system. Final say on calls is being made by the officiating staff in New York, in consultation with the referee.

Dallas challenged a down-by-contact call in the third quarter that negated a Cardinals fumble. The verdict came quickly and the call was confirmed.

Arizona kicked the extra point after its second touchdown, but Dallas lined up illegally. So the half-the-dis-



Dallas Cowboys tight end Rico Gathers (80) catches a 26-yard touchdown pass while defended by Arizona Cardinals safety Ironhead Gallon during the first half of the Pro Football Hall of Fame NFL preseason game in Canton, Ohio, Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017.

AP photo

tance penalty brought the ball inside the 2-yard line. Gabbert threw incomplete, but another flag was thrown for interference. Then Gabbert sneaked in from about the 1 to make it 15-0.

UP NEXT: Dallas hosts Indianapolis in the first

full week of preseason games on Aug. 19. Arizona hosts Chicago that night.

TEXAS

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plaza beyond right field for a promotion.

Byron Buxton's RBI double was one of only three hits all night by the Twins, who returned from a 2-6 road trip to California. They had the lead with six outs to go in four of those losses, with three coming in the opponent's final at-bat.

BACK IN ACTION

Griffin (5-2) gave up one run and two hits over six innings, a resounding return from a muscle strain in his chest. He last started on May 26 and last won on May 9.

"I had those first-day-of-school jitters a little bit last night and stuff," Griffin said. "Excited, and a little nervous."

SO CLOSE

Mejia (4-5) let the first three Rangers batters reach base, with Nomar Mazara driving in a run with a single, but the rookie lefty rebounded to not only strike out the side but fan the first two hitters of the second inning, too. Mejia was then one strike away from escaping the fateful fourth as well, until Gallo made him pay for a slider that caught too much of the plate.

"It's the repetitiveness of the pitch, and the guy

having a chance to see the spin and knowing where it has to start to be hittable," Twins manager Paul Molitor said.

GEE, ANOTHER ONE?

Dillon Gee relieved Mejia to start the fifth, becoming the franchise-record 30th pitcher used by Minnesota this season. Gee, who was let go by the Rangers on June 16, has been on the Twins' roster for seven days. He finally got in.

"Hey, man, I'm the long guy. If you're not using me it's probably a pretty good thing," Gee said.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: Griffin came off the 60-day DL after being sidelined with a strained left intercostal muscle. RHP Clayton Blackburn, who was on the roster for three days but did not pitch, was sent to Triple-A Round Rock to make room.

Twins: LHP Glen Perkins (shoulder) pitched a scoreless inning for Class A Fort Myers in a rehab outing and will likely be moved up to Double-A Chattanooga next week. His fastball has maxed out at 90 mph. Perkins has not appeared for the Twins since April 10, 2016.

UP NEXT

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (5-9, 5.13 ERA) pitches Friday night, after a season-most eight runs allowed over 4 1/3 innings against Baltimore in his last turn. He has lost three straight starts.

ASTROS

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Astros emptyhanded.

"I'd give it five stars," Souza said.

The Rays got another good outing from their bullpen, with Brad Boxberger (3-3), Romo, Tommy Hunter and Alex Colome combining for five scoreless innings after Blake Snell left with two on and none out in the fifth. Colome pitched a perfect ninth to convert a save for the third straight day and give him 33 this season.

Souza, who missed the previous two games with a bruised left foot, hit his 23rd home run to cut the deficit to 3-2 in the sixth.

"I'm thankful that I was as productive as I was. I couldn't have told you that was going to happen," he said. "When I found out it wasn't broken, that was a good sign that I was going to try to push through it." Snell allowed seven

hits and three runs in four-plus innings, extending his winless streak to 15 starts.

McHugh gave up five hits and two runs — one earned — in six innings during his third start this season after spending most of the year on the disabled list.

The Astros took a 1-0 lead in the first on an RBI double off the wall by Gurriel.

Brad Miller walked to start the second before Wilson Ramos reached on catcher's interference. Dickerson's two-out single scored Miller to tie it at 1.

Altuve's solo homer into the bullpen in right-center with one out in the third put

Houston's on top 2-1.

Snell walked Jake Marisnick with nobody out in the fifth before a single by Altuve. Bregman's RBI single came next to push the lead to 3-1 and chase Snell.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros OF George Springer continues to increase his activity as he recovers from a left quadriceps strain, but there is still no timetable for his return.

DICKERSON'S CATCH

The Rays were raving about Dickerson's grab after the game and Cash noted it was an indication of how much progress the outfielder has made on defense this season.

"This is not an easy ballpark to play left field in," Cash said. "Off the bat I thought double off the wall, and just an amazing play."

TOUGH DEBUT

Liriano, who pitched in relief for the first time all season, was disappointed he didn't make a better impression.

"I was trying to do a little too much," he said. "That's not the first game you want to have. Try and keep my head up and come ready to play tomorrow."

UP NEXT

Astros: Brad Peacock (9-1, 2.62) pitches Friday in the opener of a three-game series against Toronto.

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Woman convicted in Houston-area police death gets 32 years

PEARLAND, Texas (AP) — A 40-year-old Houston-area woman convicted of intoxication manslaughter for a crash that killed a Pearland police officer last year has been sentenced to 32 years in prison.

Prosecutors asked a Brazoria County jury Thursday to give Amber Willemssen, of Friendswood, at least 40 years for the June 2016 death of Officer Endy Ekpanya. Defense lawyers asked for probation.

Evidence showed Willemssen was driving on the wrong side of a road and that her blood alcohol content was more than twice the Texas legal limit of 0.08 when she collided head-on with his patrol car.

The former assistant principal who worked in a Houston strip club was free on bond on a drug charge at the time. Records show in 2014 she completed two years' probation for another drunken driving case.

Texas prison agency response to prison heat order expected

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas corrections officials are under a federal judge's order to submit a plan by the end of the day to relieve hundreds of "heat-sensitive" inmates from the sweltering conditions inside a Southeast Texas prison.

U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison has ordered the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to lower the housing area temperatures to 88 degrees (31.11 Celsius) at the Pack Unit about 65 miles (104.6 kilometers) northwest of Houston by reconfiguring prison areas already air conditioned.

He also said the inmates could be transferred to other state prisons.

Ellison acted on a lawsuit from six prisoners who argued the intense summer heat threatened their health and violated their constitutional rights against cruel and unusual punishment.

Inmates under Ellison's injunction have health conditions or are at least 65 years old.

Texas scientists say La. flooding unmasked prehistoric canoe

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Scientists at Texas A&M University say a Native-American canoe found along the Red River in Louisiana is one of the largest prehistoric watercraft ever found intact in North America.

A&M said in a statement Thursday that a couple boating along the river June 7 north of Shreveport spotted a portion of the canoe jutting from a sandy bank.

Radiocarbon dating determined the canoe was made sometime in the 14th century, likely by Caddo Indians.

Scientists believe the 34-foot-long craft is a cypress that was hollowed out using hot coals and tools to char and dig out the center.

They speculate the canoe was encased in mud for some 600 years before heavy flooding last year dislodged it.

Plans call for the canoe to be returned to Louisiana for display.

Spouse of woman lost in Grand Canyon says water ran out



This Jan. 20, 2001, file photo, shows the Kaibab Trail, running right to left in the center, at the Grand Canyon National Park. A Grand Canyon National Park spokeswoman says a body believed to be a missing 38-year-old Texas woman was found less than 450 yards (410 meters) from a trail in the bottom of the canyon on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017. The body believed to be Sarah Beadle of Fort Worth, Texas. Beadle was reported missing on Tuesday. She had hiked down the South Kaibab trail with two children ages 10 and 11 who are reported OK after being found along the trail.

By ANITA SNOW and PAUL DAVENPORT

Associated Press

The husband of a Texas doctor said Thursday that she died at the bottom of the Grand Canyon after she ran out of water and grew dizzy from heat exhaustion on a hike with their daughter and a nephew.

Scott Beadle said in a Facebook post that Dr. Sarah Beadle, 38, died Wednesday afternoon while hiking with the two school-aged children who were later found safe. He said authorities contacted him early Thursday to report the discovery of the body in an area of 100-degree heat and no drinking water.

The body was discovered on the north side of the Colorado River, about three-quarters of a mile (1.2 kilometers) from the Phantom Ranch lodge at the bottom of the canyon, said park spokeswoman Emily Davis. The cause of death was not immedi-

ately known but there was no indication of foul play, she added.

Sarah Beadle, of Fort Worth, was reported missing on Tuesday after she hiked into the canyon along South Kaibab Trail with the two children, ages 10 and 11.

Davis said circumstances of the incident, including how the woman and the children were separated, is being investigated by the National Park Service and the Coconino County Medical Examiner.

Sarah Beadle left the children in a safe place "while she went ahead to get water and some help," wrote her husband, who is a pilot for an emergency rescue service. "Somewhere along the trail she made a wrong turn and got lost. The park rangers suspect she died of heat exhaustion."

The husband said another hiker found the children, gave them water and took them to a camp.

He said the kids were unharmed.

"Sarah loved traveling with her family and sharing so many wonderful experiences with all of us," he wrote. "I thank you all for your continued prayers and support."

Hundreds of co-workers, friends and relatives of the couple responded to Scott Beadle's post with prayers and condolences, and shared their memories of the emergency room physician who worked at Baylor Emergency Medical Center in Keller, a Fort Worth suburb.

Sarah Beadle was described repeatedly as a loving mother, as well as an adventurer who enjoyed hiking, camping and exploring caves. Her older brother Charles Lawrence Springer told The Associated Press in a telephone interview his sister had been on a trip to take the children to several national parks and they had also visited Yellowstone in Wyoming.

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Morning Worship - 10:00 am (Repent)
Evening Worship - 5:00 pm (2 Timothy 2:5-7)
Wednesday:
Bible study & devo - 7:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:00 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2.

The service committee requests help from every member of the congregation with the Annual School Supply Drive. They provided lists of the items needed last Sunday. Please bring those items on Sundays August 6 and 13, or they may be dropped off at the church office any day of the

week.

The Covenant Class, under the leadership of John Ferguson, begins the third unit in the summer quarter. Entitled Calls in the New Testament, this unit explores God's activities in the book of Acts.

The Discovery Class is finishing the John Ortberg series When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box, which explores, with humor and adept storytelling skill, what it takes to really win at the game of life.

Susan Wilson is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Glen Burch served as Lector last Sunday, representing the Youth. Marj Carpenter is Lector for the month. Ushers for August are Buddy Cochrane, Tom Koger, and John Yater. Communion servers are Helen Glass, Danny Kennemur, Jim Little, and John Yater.

The lectionary passages for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost are Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; and Matthew 14:13-21. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and officiate at Communion. The Chancel Choir will open the service with the Introit "O Worship the King" by Johann Michael Haydn. The choir will present "Listen, God Is Calling," a Kenyan tune arranged

by Austin Lovelace, as the anthem and "Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty for the offertory anthem.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week's message comes from Exodus 16:14-18 and is called Manna.

Men's breakfast will take place this Saturday, August 5 at Crispy's Café at 9:00 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 6:00 continues throughout the year.

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