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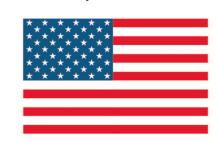


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"Being taxed to death"

Howard County resident asks college trustees to watch spending during Thursday's public hearing

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Kimberly York has a son who attends Howard College, and on Thursday evening she told college trustees she worries he may not be able to continue to go if county taxes keep rising as they have.

She has reason be concerned. Her property assessment jumped by nearly \$100,000 this year alone.

"With the assessments, and the increases on top of the assessment, we are just getting eaten up alive as far as taxpayers go," York said following a public tax hearing over the college's proposed rate increase. "That's my concern. It's nothing against the college and public tuition, but we've got everybody hitting

York owns a home in the county located on 29 acres accessible only by a caliche road. She bought it 15 years ago for \$75,000 and now the property would have been assessed at more than \$200,000. It's a figure York doubts she could get if she tried to sell the property

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Kimberly York, a Howard County property owner, listens to members of the Howard College Board of Trustees during a public hearing over the college's proposed tax increase held Thursday night.

Conservation meeting to be held Monday

Special to the Herald

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Howard County and the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their Fiscal Year 2018 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting August 21, 2017, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Big Spring USDA Service Center at 302 West IH20, Suite 101 in Big Spring.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to bring together conservation stakeholders to discuss conservation topics and issues, and to set local conservation priorities to help farmers, ranchers and private landowners conserve and manage the natural resources.

The meeting also updates attendees on recent conservation efforts and allows for an opportunity to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investments can continue to benefit Howard County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private lands are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Eddy Spurgin, District Conservationist at 432-267-1871, ext. 3; or visit the NRCS web site at http:// www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/.

After Charlottesville, colleges brace for more hate attacks

By COLLIN BINKLEY and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN

Associated Press BOSTON (AP)

Nicholas Fuentes is dropping out of Boston University and heading south, pressing ahead with his right-wing politics despite receiving online death threats.

The 19-year-old



ioined a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, last weekend and posted a defiant Facebook message promising that a "tidal wave of white identity is coming," less than an hour after a car plowed into a crowd of counterprotesters.

Now, he's hoping to transfer to Auburn University in Ala-

bama. "I'm ready to return to my

base, return

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Gearing up for the school year



HERALD photos/Roger Cline Above, First Church of the Nazarene **Pastor** Calvary Callender, center, and Forsan Baptist Church Pastor Darren Weaver, right, pray with others attending Forsan ISD's Community Prayer Breakfast Friday morning at Forsan Elementary School. Callender, the guest speaker at the event, advised teachers to trust God for spiritual strength during the school year. At right, Coahoma ISD Superintendent Amy Jacobs, center, cuts the a ribbon, declar-

ing The Academy program open for business. The Academy, to be located at the Rob Ethridge campus in Coahoma, is a new program for kindergarteners through



eighth graders; and is designed to emphasize leadership skills, self-responsibility, and a more intense academic focus in a more active learning environment than the traditional classroom setting.



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Bleeding for the 'boys

HERALD photo/Amanda Elston

Melinda Hernandez (center) was presented with two tickets Friday morning to see the Dallas Cowboys play the Indianapolis Colts at KBST radio. Hernandez won the tickets by donating blood at one of United Blood Service's (UBS) blood drives. From left to right, Mark Richardson of KBST, Hernandez, and Linda Grace of UBS who was on hand to present the tickets.



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Obituaries

Kiera Janae Eggleston
Kiera Janae Eggleston, 16, of Big



Spring, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. today, Aug. 18, 2017 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Derrick Looney, pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 2, 2000 in Big Spring to Amanda Gail Eggleston and Richard McCord. She lived most of her life in Big Spring. She was a junior at Big Spring High School and had participated in color guard, cross country and softball. She loved her family and all animals. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, drawing, watching videos, and listening to music.

She is survived by her mother, Amanda Eggleston

of Big Spring; one brother, Dario Eggleston of Big Spring, one sister, Severa Castillo of Big Spring; her grandparents, Yvonne Diaz and husband Robert "Pa" and "Pa" Jo Diaz, all of Big Spring; two great-grandmothers, Rosario Diaz and Frances Payne, both of Big Spring; special aunts, Christy Gonzalez and husband James of San Antonio, Angie Diaz and spouse Saundra Lamb of Cedar Creek and Ashley Diaz of Big Spring; two special uncles, Jason Diaz and Bobby Diaz and wife Mary Jane, all of Big Spring and several aunts, uncles, and cous-

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Ester McCord and her great-grandfathers, Joe Diaz and Jim Eggleston.

Pallbearers will be Dario Eggleston, Colin Sutton, Oscar Hernandez, Dameon Nieto, Keegan Carrillo and Aaron Juarez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• REESE ROGERS, 19, of 2608 Ent Drive, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; and possession of drug parapher-

• DOMINIC ALEXANDER SAENZ, 19, of 211 Wooten Road, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; and possession of drug paraphernalia. • JON LLOYD MCLEOD, 56, of 3914 Parkway

Drive, was arrested on warrants for accident involving damage to a vehicle and criminal mischief (impair/interrupt/divert public water). • ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 53, of 1023 Sta-

dium Avenue, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

 THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa Highway.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the intersection of 4th and Jones and the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

 BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1400 block of Dreid Road.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in

Take Note

The Texas Retired Teachers Association will be

meeting August 21 in the Cactus Room at Howard

College at 11:30 a.m. Seth Taylor will be speaking

to share about benefits available. Come make your

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903

Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Mara-

natha uses Accelerated Christian Education cur-

riculum, an individualized curriculum used inter-

nationally (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. Lil-

• 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 kindergar-

ten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with

special preference for books for younger children

in kindergarten through third grade. Cash dona-

tions 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

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to

start sacking food for Big Spring elementary stu-

dents 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

Each week Kindred offers free health checks

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance

on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live

bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There

will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a

 Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third

Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of

the Dora Roberts Community Center.

sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

the Howard County Library.

from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee

lian Bohannan at 432-213-1046.

voice count.

at 214-998-9716.

your child's school.

Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

the 4200 block of Muir Street.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report. GARY LEE CUNNINGHAM, 38, was booked

by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility. DANIEL DAVID DEY, 60, was booked by the

BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• BRANDON LEE ELLISON, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for driving while license in-

• BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN, 29, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

• REYNALDO HERNANDEZ, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

BIJAN KHOSRAVI-FARD, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for running a stop sign.

• DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON, 32, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for criminal trespassing and theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

BRODERICK EARL SNEED, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• 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 3td Thursdayofthemonthat7p.m.Visitorsarewelcome.

 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 ½ Main St. All Masons are wel-

• 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

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Support Groups

 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.

ing, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/

speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birth

SATURDAY · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meet-

day 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. un-

til 8 p.m.

MONDAY · Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mon-

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

days at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter

at the main entrance of the church.

TUESDAY

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 pa-

· Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support

tients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group, 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.

 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.

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

 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.

or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

· 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. ment 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.

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cutting our funding," he said. "So they are trying to pass their problem on to you...We still have to operate this facil-

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today. This year, York said she was successful in her tax pro-

test with the Howard County Appraisal District to lower the assessment, but wondered how many others even knew they could. She was the lone speaker at the Howard College Board of Trustees public forum over

its proposed tax rate increase held Thursday evening the Tumbleweed Room. Trustees have proposed a tax rate of 0.314285 per \$100 valuation, up slightly from the expiring rate of 0.313798 per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate will increase the tax levy by 2.11 percent, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. At this rate, Howard College is projected to bring in \$226,133 more in tax revenue this coming fiscal year.

York asked two questions of the board members present: Why increase taxes more when the college is already receiving extra revenue from increased property values and tax increases from the previous two years? and Who pays for the operational and upkeep costs for the San Angelo campus?

To answer her question, Dr. Sparks clarified that taxing entities such as Howard College do not have anything to do with property assessment; and further, said the college is limited on raising taxes over the effective rate — the rate which will bring in the same about of tax levy as the previous year.

York answered she understands, but the bottom line is she and others who saw their property increase are paying

"To me, I am looking at my taxes. I am giving quite a bit more to Howard College this year because of the fact my assessments went up," York said. "My property assessment went up by a \$100,000 this year and a lot of ours did. So therefore our taxes are going to increase 10 fold." As to her second question

regarding who funds the San Angelo campus, Sparks said no Howard County property tax dollars goes towards the San Angelo budget. About \$1 million of the San Angelo budget is brought back to the Howard College budget to pay for the administrative costs, she said. The campus is self funding.

"Why can't this college (the Big Spring campus) fund itself?" York queried. "You have tuition and fees here."

The difference, Sparks ex-

plained, the San Angelo campus is smaller with less physical plant upkeep and offers less programs. Also students pay out-of-district tuition compared to Howard County students.

"Tuition is regulated," explained Howard lege Trustee Mark Morgan. "Building use fee is something we can charge and we charge a lot more for the San Angelo students for building use fee.Their tuition is out of district and their building use fee is higher. That's one of the ways we fund the campuses opposed to how we do it here." That fact is the state contin-

ues to cut funding each year for community colleges, Howard College Board President John Freeman told York.

"Most of the tax increases are coming from the state legislatures because they keep

ity and they keep cutting the money."

During the discussion, York told trustees she understands the issues they face, but as a health care professional, she hasn't had a raise in five years and asked them to "please watch your spending like we do because we are being taxed to death."

"My son goes to Howard College so I am very aware," she said. "On the other hand, I am also being eaten up with taxes to the point my son may not be able to go to college here if it keeps up. It's wonderful to pay for college, but if you can't afford to send your child there because your property taxes are so

high, you've got a problem."

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Hernandez, Jr., 74,

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PM tonight at Myers

& Smith Chapel. Fu-

neral Mass will be at

11:00 AM Thursday at

Holy Trinity Catholic

Church. Burial will

be at Mount Olive Me-

Don Crittenden, 88,

died Monday. The

family will receive

friends from 6:00 pm

until 7:00 pm Friday

at Myers & Smith Fu-

neral Home. Grave-

side service will be

at 4:00 PM Saturday

at Trinity Memorial

Kiera Eggleston, 16,

died Sunday. Services

are pending at My-

ers & Smith Funeral

Home. A fund has

been established at

Myers & Smith Funer-

al Home to assist with

"Peabody"

funeral expenses.

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morial Park.



Nicholas Fuentes, poses for a photo in his basement studio in LaGrange Park, Ill., Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017. The 18-year-old student who attended the white nationalist rally in Virginia last weekend says he has withdrawn from college in Boston in part because of death threats. The studio is where Fuentes records his YouTube show "America First."

HATE

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forcement Administrators.

to my roots, to rally the troops and see what I can do down there," Fuentes said in an interview this week. At college campuses, far-right extremist groups have found fertile ground to spread their messages and attract new followers.

For many schools, the rally in Virginia served as a warning that these groups will no longer limit their efforts to social media or to flyers furtively posted around campus.

"It seems like what might have been a little in the shadows has come into full sun, and now it's out there and exposed for everyone to see," said Sue Riseling, a former police chief at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who is executive director of the International Association of Campus Law En-

The violence in Charlottesville introduced many Americans to a new brand of hate, bred on internet message boards and migrating to the streets with increasing frequency.

On the eve of Saturday's rally, young white men wearing khakis and white polo shirts marched through the University of Virginia's campus, holding torches as they chanted racist and anti-Semitic slogans. The next morning, many donned helmets and shields and clashed with counter-protesters before a car drove into the crowd, killing a 32-yearold woman and injuring 19 others.

On Monday, Texas A&M University canceled plans for a "White Lives Matter" rally in September. On Wednesday, the University of Florida denied a request for white nationalist Richard Spencer to rent space on campus for a September event. Spencer and his supporters are promising court

Expecting more rallies to come, Riseling's group is planning a series of training events to help campus police prepare.

"If you're sitting on a campus where this hasn't happened, consider this your wake-up call that it might," she said.

Last school year, racist flyers popped up on college campuses at a rate that experts called unprecedented. The Anti-Defamation League counted 161 white supremacist "flyering incidents" on 110 college campuses between September and June. Oren Segal, director of the group's Center on Extremism, said the culprits can't be dismissed as harm-"You might have a few that don't take it seri-

those are the ones we're concerned about," Segal said. Heimbach,

ously. But those that do,

Matthew the 26-year-old leader of the white nationalist Worker Traditionalist Party, admits that dropping leaflets on campuses is a cheap way to generate media coverage.

"A dollar worth of paper, if it triggers the right person, can become \$100,000 in media attention," he said.

As a student at Towson University in Maryland, Heimbach made headlines for forming a 'White Student Union" a group the school refused to formally recognize — and for scrawling messages like "white pride" in chalk on campus sidewalks. His college years are behind him, but Heimbach still

views colleges as promising venues to expand his group's ranks. College students are running four of his group's chapters, he said.

"The entire dynamic has changed," Heimbach said. "I used to be the youngest person at white nationalist meetings by 20 or 30 years."

The Foundation for the Marketplace of Ideas, a self-described "alt-right" nonprofit educational group, says it's offering legal assistance to students caught hanging up posters or flyers containing "hate facts." The "alt-right" is a fringe movement loosely mixing white nationalism, anti-Semitism and anti-immigration populism.

One of the foundation's attorneys, Jason Van Dyke, said he represented a student at Southern Methodist University who was accused last year of posting flyers on campus that said, "Why White Women Shouldn't Date Black Men." The student wasn't suspended or expelled, Van Dyke added.

"Just because speech makes someone uncomfortable or offends somebody does not make it a violation of the student code of conduct," he said.

Scores of schools publicly denounced the violence in Virginia this week, including some that learned they enroll students who attended the "Unite the Right" rally.

The University of Nevada, Reno, said it stands against bigotry and racism but concluded there's "no constitutional or legal reason" to expel Peter Cvjetanovic, a 20-year-old student and school employee who attended the rally, as an online petition

Other schools, including Washington State University, condemned the rally but didn't specifically address their students who attended it.

Campus leaders say they walk a fine line when trying to combat messages from hate groups. Many strive to protect speech even if it's offensive but also recognize hate speech can make students feel unsafe. Some schools have sought to counter extremist messages with town halls and events promoting diversity. Others try to avoid drawing attention to hate speech.

After flyers promoting

white supremacy were posted at Purdue University last school year, Purdue President Mitch Daniels refused to dwell on the incident. "This is a transparent effort to bait people into

overreacting, thereby giving a minuscule fringe group attention it does not deserve, and that we decline to do," Daniels said in a statement at the time. Cameron Padgett, a 23-year-old senior at Georgia State University, only dabbled in campus activism before he decided to organize a speaking engage-

ment for Spencer this year. Padgett sued — successfully — for Spencer to speak at Auburn University in April after the school tried to cancel the event.

"My motivation from the beginning was just free speech," he said.

Padgett calls himself an "identitarian" — not a white nationalist and insists "advocating for the interests of white people" doesn't make him a racist. Padgett said he hasn't faced harassment for working with Spencer and doesn't fear any. "There are a lot of

people who just sit be-

hind keyboards," he said. "But what are we doing this for if no one wants to show their face?" At Boston University, Fuentes says he met a few others with similar views - he considers himself a "white advocate" but mostly found political kinship online. He hosts his own YouTube show and is prolific on social media, but when he heard

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about the "Unite the

Right" rally, he saw it

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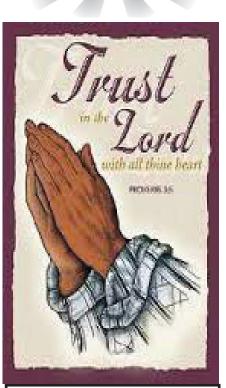


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Psalm 91: 14-16



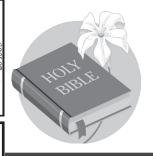


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Galatians 2:20



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Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem! Rejoice in the Lord your God! For the rains he sends are an expression of his grace. Once more the autumn rains will come, as well as the rains of spring.

(Joel 2:23)

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(Psalm 103:11)

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Did you ever wonder? Kings of Israel of the second year of Asa's reign leader of my people, Israel. But you Zimri fled to a high citadel of his Because of the prominence of t

(Judah), Jeroboam died. His son, Nadab, became king of Israel. He

did evil in the sight of the Lord, and he caused Israel to sin. His reign lasted only two years. King

struck down in battle. Baasha killed his own king while the army was besieging a Philistine town. It is likely that Baasha was comof Nadab's mander army.



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Baasha became king of Israel in the third year of Asa's reign.

Immediately Baasha killed all of Jeroboam's family. Jeroboam's family line ceased as the Lord had spoken through the prophet Ahijah. Baasha reigned for 24 years.

The Lord sent a man named Jehu to Baasha. He prophesied, "I lifted you up from the dust and made you walked in the ways of Jeroboam and caused Israel to provoke me to anger. So I am about to consume Baasha and his house. I will make your house like that of Jeroboam. Dogs will eat those belonging to Baasha who die in the city and the birds of the air will feed on those who die in the country" (1 Kings 16:1-4). This is a way of saying they will be

so disrespected that no one will bury them! Even today you might hear your

grandfather call someone 'a Jehu' (pronounced Yehu) because he was the bearer of bad news. In the 26th year of Asa (Judah), Baa-

sha's son, Elah became king of Israel. He reigned for two years. Zimri, one of the king's generals

plotted against King Elah. While Elah was getting drunk, Zimri struck him down and began to reign over Israel. The soldiers proclaimed Omri com-

mander of the army and king of Israel immediately in their camp.

royal palace. He set the palace on fire and died. Zimri reigned only seven

Omri did not become king easily; half the people of Israel supported Tibni for king. The supporters of Omri proved stronger, and Tibni must have died in the battle. Omri indeed became king of Israel in the 27th year of the reign of Asa king of Judah.

He reigned for 12 years. For six years he dwelt in the city of Tirzah. Omri bought "the hill of Samaria,"

which rose 300 feet above the fertile valleys surrounding it. He paid the owner two talents of silver; this equals 150 pounds of silver. He built a city on "the hill of Sa-

maria" from which invaders from any direction could be seen from a distance. Archeologists have found that

Omri, and Ahab who succeeded him, built this to be a grand city with magnificent structures that rivaled those Solomon had built in Jerusalem.

Because of the prominence of this hill and the grandeur of the city, all of Israel became known as Samaria.

Omri reigned six more years from his royal city, Samaria. But he did evil in the eyes of the Lord and he sinned more then all those who had

Omri died in the 38th year of the reign of Asa, king of Judah. His son Ahab became king of Israel.

come before him.

Because of the idol worship of all the kings of Israel, the Lord did not bless any of them with a continued lineage as He blessed King David.

Do you remember that the Lord said, "The Lord is with you when you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found. But if you forsake Him, He will forsake you"?

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.

Church News

Spring Creek Fellowship

Donations are needed for the Spring Creek Blessing Box, located just outside the front doors of the building. This is an ongoing ministry, and food is needed to keep it stocked for those in need. Everyone is welcome to take what they need. If you are interested in participating with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder. New Connection Groups will be coming this fall.

Stay tuned for more information.

Spring of Faith cooking team will be hosting the

annual MHMR picnic on Sat., Aug. 26. If anyone would like to purchase some items to go in their goody bags, donate money to have items purchased, or come out and have some fun with this wonderful group of people, contact Reneah Statham. There are eight ladies and eight guys. "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, contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

Men are invited to participate in the next "Men's Warrior Weekend," Oct. 12 to 15. Contact the church office for more information. The Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings.

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

The Worship Team is fundraising for eight wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, contact Klint Bratcher. The Women's Ministry Bible Study is called "Be-

coming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You" by Stasi Eldredge. Classes are at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. For more info contact Adrianna Kocak or Janna Thompson.

A Connection Group for ladies meets on Sunday mornings called "Uninvited-Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely" by Lisa TerKeurst. You're invited to join in.

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

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

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

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

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm. The title of the study is "Ephesians".

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. Contact the church at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org. "Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ Birdwell Lane Church of Christ is located at the

southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. Sunday, Bible Study starts at 9 a.m., followed by Morning Worship at 10 a.m. with guest speaker John Spence. Evening Worship is at 5:00 p.m. with Guest Speaker David Smith. On Wednesday, Bible Study and Devotional start

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Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church ask you to join them in praising the risen savior, Jesus Christ, Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Select a time that best fits your schedule, and be a part of this group. Pastor Walterhouse will bring a message from God's Word. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700.

First Baptist Church "God is our refuge. A very present help in trouble'

You're invited to join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 a.m. as they come together in worship of The Light of the World, Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message from Scripture titled "Forward in Faith." Drawn from John 20:19-29, listeners will examine eyewitness testimony of the risen Lord, and be reminded that He always graciously extends Himself to those that question His finished work of the cross, in order that they be delivered from unbelief. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of songs including: "Blessed Be Your Name," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Speak O Lord," and "Because He Lives." During the service, there will be a special time of prayer for educators and all support staff in area schools. If you have mobility issues use the west circle drive, and someone will be happy 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.

At 9:30, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building, with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor; and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. This week is "Promotion Sunday" for children and youth, so come early to allow time to meet your child's new teacher. Greeters are available to help you find a class.

There will be no Sunday evening activities this week to allow families additional time together in preparation for the start of the school year.

Saturday, Aug. 19, the Texas Baptist Men will hold Disaster Relief Training from 9 a.m. to noon in the church dining room. This is an opportunity to become certified or refresh these vital skills much needed in today's world. Call Steve at 432-270-0152 or Sherry at 870-917-9201 for additional information.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent "Backpack Blessings" ministry. Through this event over 75 local children were gifted with necessary school supplies. Wednesday evening, Aug. 23, is the Back to

School Fall Kick-Off for youth complete with a

great night of Battle of the Sexes. The fun begins at 6:15 p.m. in the second floor Youth department and tasty desserts will be served; bring a friend and enter through the east kitchen doors.

There will be no evening children's activities the 23rd, but Adult Bible study and Adult choir practice will meet as usual. For more information about First Baptist Church, including schedule and upcoming events, go to fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

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

First Christian Church First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad

St., Big Spring. Sunday morning fellowship begins at 9:15 with

coffee and donuts, followed by Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Worship at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, Aug. 20, 2017, Pastor Sandy Sandlin will preach a sermon called "Do What? With What?" which is taken from Mark 16:32-44. Assisting Pastor Sandlin in worship will be Shirley Burgess, who will serve as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's table will be Shelane Roberts and Shirley

Helping to enhance worship are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault. A few selections they are preparing are "To God Be The Glory," "I've Got Peace Like A River," and "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus."

First Christian Church is proud to present "Bring

A Friend Sunday" Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017. Featured guest will be Beth Smith, who is an outstanding inspirational speaker. She has shared the stage with Anne Graham Lotz Beth Moore Caldwell, Marge Babbie Mason. She is a talented vocalist, pianist, composer, and ventriloquist. All are most welcome to attend this event. So save the Date: Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, 10:50 a.m.

Cornerstone **Covenant Church**

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

Sunday, Aug. 20 - This Sunday at 9 a.m., will be

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UPCOMING This Mo August 24: **Downtown Throw Down** featuring Hawg Legg: The Train Car. Help pick the opener for Clay Walker and and Deryl Dodd. 8PM August 26: United Way Kick-Off: Hotel Settles.

August 31: Downtown Throw Down featuring Eddie Austin & The Texas Silhouettes: The Train Car. Help pick the opener for Clay Walker and Deryl Dodd. 8PM

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When the messenger becomes a scandal

ometimes we may struggle. Sometimes we might feel embarrassed to say we are followers of Jesus. We may feel uncomfortable, especially if we

are around people who are not interested in following Jesus. In our previous article, we noticed that Jesus said, "Blessed is the one

who is not offended by me." The word which Jesus used there refers to stumbling or tripping on something (such as a rock).

We can get tripped up spiritually because we don't want to be criticized by our family, friends, co-workers, or

As disciples of Christ, we must let our light shine at all times and around all types of people.

What about those who proclaim the message of God's word? Yes, there is a sense in which every Christian is a proclaimer (or should be a proclaimer) of Jesus, but Scripture also points out those who dedicate their lives to the proclamation of God's word. Can these men trip and stumble because of



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We have been studying through Matthew's gospel account and the passage I will be referencing for this article is Matthew 11:7-14. For the sake of space, I will not include the text here, so please read these verses now before we make some observations about them. Go ahead; I'll wait on you.

If you are still reading this and have not yet read the passage, then shame on you. One of the problems with many "church-going" people these days is they have become accustomed to merely sitting in a comfortable pew and waiting for someone else to tell them what the Bible says. I don't want anyone to "take my word" without going to God's word to make sure that my message lines up with Scrip-

That being said (and it happens to correspond to the text), let's notice some things about John which will be helpful as we think about what a proclaimer of God's word (preacher, evangelist) should and shouldn't be. What should a preacher preach? Should a mes-

senger first take a poll of the recipients of his message? Should he lick his finger and feel which way the wind is blowing to determine what he is going

to say? That is not what John did. He was not shake en or swayed into saying anything other than the message of God's word.

The proclaimer of God's word should never waver in his delivery of the message. Acts 20:20, Paul told the elders of the church in Ephesus that he "...did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable," and then in verse 27, "I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God" (ESV). A faithful proclaimer will speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth of God's word.

May we all be like the Bereans in Acts 17:11. We should receive the message with eagerness and we should examine the Scriptures for ourselves and not simply believe it because "that's what the preacher said." As a proclaimer of God's word, I pray that I will never be the thing that would trip up a person or cause them to stumble spiritually. I only want to direct them to the eternal truths found in God's word!

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

CHURCH

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the first-ever early morning worship service at Cornerstone Covenant Church. The new service is in addition to the 11 a.m. worship service. This week, the church celebrates Back to School 2017 (B2S2017). This time of year comes with the promise of new beginnings and endless possibilities, as students return to school and begin their journey from kindergarten all the way to college. Their opportunities are endless.

Wednesday worship service is at 7 p.m. each week.

Starfish Program – Orientation and registration for parents and their third graders will be Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. in CCC's main Sanctuary. The first phase of the Starfish program is to assist third grade children by offering character-building principles, academic tutoring, and remedial and reinforcement assistance. Volunteers are needed; if you are interested in being a part, and are willing and available to serve in this ministry, CCC would love to hear from you.

10th Anniversary Weekend - CCC is

(Rev. 4-16/3)

excited to announce the church's 10th Anniversary is coming up this October. To honor this momentous occasion, CCC has 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. The anniversary weekend will conclude, Sunday, Oct. 22, with special guest speaker Pastor James Edwards, who will bring the Word of God at both the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services.

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 facebook.com/CCCBigSpring, or www.cccbigspring.org for more information.

First Church of the Nazarene

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

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 a small group bulletin.

Stay tuned for Back to Church Sunday in September. There will be a potluck, and the church will celebrate the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Cedar Road campus.

For more information contact the church office at (432) 267-7015.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week, a new series begins called "Spiritual Warfare: Just the Facts, Ma'am." This Sunday's message comes from 1 Samuel 28:3-16, and is called "Flirting with Evil."

Children's activities on Wednesdays will resume next week on Aug. 23 with a Back-to-School Bash. Activities for pre-k to 6th grade will begin after school, and conclude with a meal at 5:30. Seventh grade through high

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school seniors will begin with the meal at 5:30, and have activities from 6 to 7 p.m. 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 a.m., 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 Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m.

The Service Committee collected supplies brought by members of the congregation for the Annual School Supply Drive on Sunday. The Committee thanks everyone for their generous help.

The Session held its regular Stated

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NOTICE

OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The Howard County Junior College District conducted public

hearings on August 17, 2017, and August 21, 2017, on a proposal to

increase the total tax revenues of the Howard County Junior College

District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 2.11

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax

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tax rate of \$0.314285 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax

revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is

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The Board of Trustees of Howard County Junior College District is

scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a

public meeting to be held on August 28, 2017, at Howard College, in

the Tumbleweed Room of the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell

Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720 at 12:30 p.m.

rate of \$0.313798 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$9,031,757.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The	Forsan Independent Sch	n Independent School District						
meeting at	6:00 PM, Tuesday, August 29, 2017	inthe Board Room, JH/HS Bu	ilding, 411 W 6th Street					
	Forsan, Texas	The purpose of this mee	eting is to discuss the					
	ct's budget that will determine the	tax rate that will be adopted.	Public participation					
in the discus	sion is invited.							

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information

Maintenance Tax /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) School Debt Service Tax

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.44	_% increase	or	% (decrease)
Debt service		_% increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	3.0	_% increase	or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Prece	eding Tax Year	Current Tax Year			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$	563,602,541	\$	677,220,982		
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$	3,109,930	\$	1,687,45		
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$	453,544,499	\$	461,972,18		
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$	2,705,868	\$	1,400,08		

- "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
- ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
- *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

* Outstanding principal.

Forsan Independent School District will hold a public

and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

0.37858 Approved by Local Voters _/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

ceding Tax Year	Curi	ent Tax Year
563,602,541	\$	677,220,982
3,109,930	\$	1,687,458
453,544,499	\$	461,972,185
2,705,868	\$	1,400,081

19,010,000 Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$

The Board of Trustees of Howard County Junior College District proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of maintenance and operations such as deferred maintenance and security.

Reflections: The essential element for life

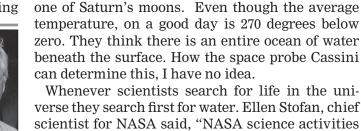
pects of life. But they have found water on Titan,

erhaps somewhere out there some extraterrestrials are listening to Jimmy Carter's greetings and Chuck Berry singing "Johnny Be Good" on the recordings launched into space aboard

"Johnny Be Good" on the recordings launched into space aboard Voyager in 1977. Voyager has left the solar system and is in interstellar space. Or, maybe someday we will pick up alien radio messages like Jodie Foster in "Contact." But, so far, the evidence indicates that life in the universe is precious. Quite possibly, we are it. Although I have to agree that it makes sense there should be life somewhere out there. Surely in God's economy He would not create this vast expanse of universe and on

this vast expanse of universe and only create life on our small pebble. Scientists are searching for water again. Not on

Earth, but in far-flung places in our solar system and the universe. In their search for life on other planets they know that water is the key. Where there is water, there could be life. They have ruled out Mars. No water there. Perhaps once upon a



scientist for NASA said, "NASA science activities have provided a wave of amazing findings related to water in recent years that inspire us to continue investigating our origins and the fascinating possibilities of other worlds, and life, in the universe." Water is the essence of life as we know it. Without it, life cannot exist.

Most of us think little about water. We are more

focused on beverages that tease our taste and promise a lift. We take water for granted. But water is the essential element for life. Most scientists agree that humans can live up to eight weeks without food as long as they have water. But living without water is another story. Some people could live for a week without water. In some cases only two or

time, but the water is gone, and with it, the pros-

Jesus knew this when He spoke about water. He said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

As important as water is to the existence of life and to our own physical well-being, there is another element even more important to the life of our soul. Millions who have access to food, shelter, water and wealth are dying every day for lack of the spiritual water of faith that can nourish their soul. "Thus says the Lord who made you and formed

you from the womb, who will help you, ... 'For I

will pour out water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring and My blessing on your descendants; and they will spring up among the grass like poplars by streams of water."

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

CHURCH

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Meeting in the Church Library on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 27, First Presbyterian Church will be meeting with St. Mary's Episcopal Church in a joined worship service at St. Mary's. The Episcopalians will supply the preacher and the Presbyterians will furnish the choir (with choir members from St. Mary's invited to join in) at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School, but a Fellowship Hour will follow the worship service.

Susan Holstedt is in charge of Take

Ten for this Sunday. Marj Carpenter is Lector for the month. Ushers for August are Buddy Cochrane, TomKoger, Lynn Glass, and John Yater.

The lectionary passages for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost are Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32; and Matthew 15:(10-20)21-28. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will open the service with the Introit "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson. The choir will present "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" by Vicki Hancock as the anthem. The offertory anthem will be a piano/organ duet of "Lord of the Dance," arranged by Joel Raney, with Julie Wingfield on the piano and Laura Holleman on the organ

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

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11 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 the website www. fpcbs.org. Also on the website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

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Alive in Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. Call 432-264-7818, or e-mail aliveinchristtx@ gmail.com for more information.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. Those who are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while are invited to join the congregation this Sunday.

Bobby Roever will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 every morning for a devotional entitled "Morning Meditation Thoughts," sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

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. The 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 the 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, Aug. 20, is "Accountability and Freedom," taken from Luke 12: 41-48. On Aug. 20 there will also be a "Back to School Blessing" in both worship services.

On Aug. 27, Pastor Derrell begins a new sermon series from the Book of Exodus.

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.

There is a Youth Open House on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m., and the church is participating in a Community Youth Worship Service on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m.

Registration is underway for a new class of "Financial Peace University," which begins on Monday evening, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. The class is led by Dan Kiley

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

Midway Baptist Church

Services at Midway Baptist Church begin each week with Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m., followed by Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m. Children's Church and Nursery is provided. On Sunday and Wednesday evenings, worship begins at 6 p.m. Children's and youth programs are also available.

On Mondays, the Ladies' Prayer and Share group meets at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Coffee Shop is open Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:45.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, Midway Baptist will hold a Back To School Bash from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is free for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

This Sunday, Aug. 20, is Deacon Ordination Sunday at 6 p.m. Midway Baptist invites friends and family for the ordination of Benny Mansfield and Greg Moore as deacons. Fellowship will follow the ceremony.

Midway Baptist will host a fall revival beginning Sept. 24. Stay tuned for more information.

NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR GLASSCOCK COUNTY

A tax rate of \$.400000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Glasscock County. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Glasscock County proposes to use revenue attributable to the rate increase for the purpose of SH 158 and SH 137, Overpass Project/Texas Department of Transportation.

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The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Glasscock County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

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Mazara homers, drives in 5 as Rangers top White Sox 9-8

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer ARLINGTON, Texas Nomar Mazara keeps driv-

ing in runs, and it's helping the Texas Rangers climb in the AL wild-card race.

Mazara had five RBIs, including a tiebreaking three-run homer in the fifth inning, and the Rangers held on to beat the Chicago White Sox 9-8 on Thursday night.

The Rangers (60-60)reached .500 for the first time since July 15 with their fourth straight win and seventh in eight games. The defending AL West champs, out of the division race behind Houston, pulled 1 1/2 games behind the idle Los Angeles Angels for the AL's second wild card.

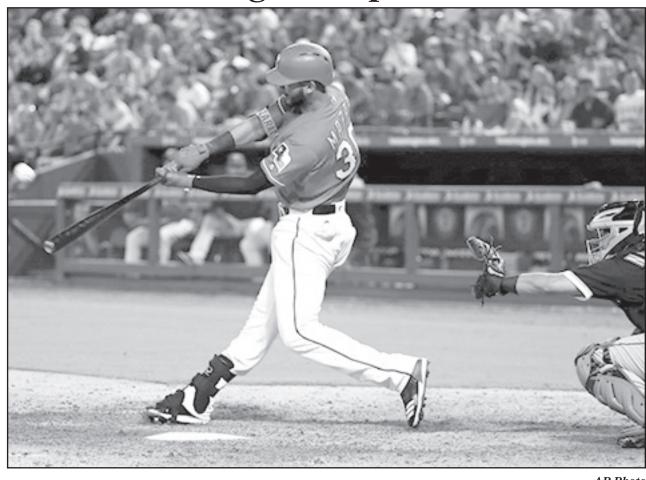
"I trust what I got and the team's been rolling right now," said Mazara, who has 25 RBIs in his past 19 games and 82 for the season. "We're putting a lot of good at-bats together. When I go up to the plate I don't try to do too much, stay as calm as possible."

Mazara's 16th home run capped the Rangers' second four-run inning, which included two injury replacements on the mound for the White Sox in their fifth straight loss. Chicago, carrying the AL's worst record, dropped to 7-24 since the All-Star break.

The White Sox twice pulled within a run late after trailing 8-5, including in the ninth on Jose Abreu's 23rd homer, a solo shot. But Alex Claudio finished a two-inning save for the left-hander's sixth of the season.

Chris Beck replaced starter Reynaldo Lopez in the fifth and took a sharp comebacker from Adrian Beltre off the back of his right shoulder. The righthander stayed in the game

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Texas Rangers' Nomar Mazara connects for a three-run home run off Chicago White Sox relief pitcher Chris Beck as catcher Omar Narvaez, right, watches during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

Vrabel a hit in 1st year in charge of Texans defense



AP Photo

New England Patriots wide receiver Chris Hogan (15) makes a catch against Houston sons as Houston's line-Texans cornerback Johnathan Joseph (24) during a joint NFL football practice, backers coach before he Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017 in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

WHITE **SULPHUR** SPRINGS, W.Va. — Mike Vrabel isn't making any drastic changes in his first season as the Houston Texans' defensive coordinator.

After what the unit did last year he knows that isn't necessary. The defense was the strength of the team in 2016 and finished the season allowing the fewest yards per game in the league despite defensive end J.J. Watt missing all but three games because of back

"I'm not really trying to put my stamp on our defense," Vrabel said. "I'm just trying to coordinate a group of professional athletes that were successful last year as a group ... our guys play hard and I appreciate that. So, I don't know if that's my stamp or that's their stamp, but we try to have a culture that is built around competi-

tiveness and winning." Vrabel spent three seawas promoted to coordinator when Romeo Crennel became the assistant head coach. As the Texans prepare for their second preseason game Saturday night against the New England Patriots, coach Bill O'Brien has already been impressed with the work he's done in his new

role. "They're doing a good job over there mixing it up. We're mixing it up," O'Brien said. "I think he's doing a good job. He's very organized, detailed, works very hard. He's got a great way with the players, so I think so far, so

good." Before becoming a coach, Vrabel spent 14 seasons as a linebacker for Pittsburgh, New England and Kansas City, where he piled up 511 tackles and 57 sacks. His extensive playing experience is a big reason why the players have taken to him so well as a coach.

"He brings (enthusiasm) every day and we just kind of feed off of his energy," cornerback Kareem Jackson said. "He's been in the situations that

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US men's basketball enters a new world without its stars

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

The jerseys say USA, though that's about all that will be recognizable.

When the U.S. men's basketball team returns to action later this month, fans might be left wondering, "the red, white and who?"

The Americans are cautiously entering a whole new basketball world, one in which not only are the best U.S. players not available, but neither are any in the NBA. LeBron James, Kevin Durant and the stars might show up in a few years for the Basketball World Cup and Olympics, but only if a group of minor leaguers can get them there.

It's all part of FIBA's new qualifying format and the road starts at the Ameri-Cup 2017. It's a tournament the Americans don't need to win - and aren't sure they can — but one they have to play to make themselves eligible for the events that will matter.

"It's going to be really in-

teresting," USA Basketball men's national team director Sean Ford said. "We don't know. We're flying blind a little bit.'

Even the Americans' best-known commodity is a bit of an unknown now.

Jeff Van Gundy coached in the NBA Finals and is analyst for them every year on ABC, but he's leading the U.S. team as an international basketball rookie. He is busy brushing up on the nuances of a game that can be played and officiated completely differently than in the U.S.

He begins Thursday in Houston for training camp, where he will seek the 12 players who will travel to Uruguay and possibly Argentina for the AmeriCup and the potentially better-prepared opponents who wait.

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match and exceed their the Cleveland Cavaliers in Cleveland. The jerseys say USA, though that's about all passion, how hard we that will be recognizable. The Americans are cautiously entering a whole new basplay, how together we are ketball world, one in which not only are the best U.S. players not available, but neither are any in the NBA. LeBron James, Kevin Durant and the stars might show up in a few years for the Basketball World Cup and Olympics, but only if a group of minor leaguers can get them there.

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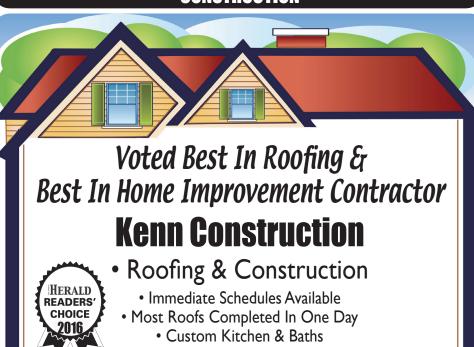
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HOLIDAY **M**ATHIS

Unpredictable Moon

The ability to act in unpredictable ways sets man apart from the other animals whose set patterns can be learned. This is how man became the hunter instead of the hunted. Humans both fear and thrill to surprises. We'll be drawn to creating and experiencing them as the moon makes over half a dozen aspects through Cancer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not interested in being a decent communicator or an adequate leader. You want to be great. That's why you'll work out the solutions before you point out the problem. What use is complaining if you can't make it better?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The research suggests that for many people, talking about themselves can be more rewarding than food or money. Giving someone the opportunity

to do this is thereby a very valuable gift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you feel a little blue, you're apt to behave in ways to reinforce the mood. It's why having a reason to fake happiness -- such as to interact with children, strangers or your boss -- can be a passageway to real happiness.

CANCER (June **22-July 22).** You're trying to keep it classy. You behave as though your every moment were going to be broadcast to the people you most want to impress. It will help to remember who those people are and keep them in mind through your day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've a ritualistic approach to things about your life that don't really require such care. It's working for you. So don't skip steps, and don't change details or the order. Rituals give things meaning and make them interesting, and they have a habit-forming potential.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be the most disciplined and mentally sharp within the first four hours after waking. Take advantage of this by getting the hard work done and over

with. By lunch, you'll already be ahead of the game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sleep is a process based on phases. It doesn't work right if the phases are interrupted. In that case you have to go back to the beginning and start all over. Work is the same. Shield against interruptions, as there will be many today.

SCORPIO (Oct. **24-Nov. 21).** No matter how hard you look, the workings of the heart can never be fully seen or understood. Anyway, some things are best approached with the cursory attention that keeps daily life moving along. Ruminate at a later date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You'll be in a position to be rated, judged, critiqued or followed. Your audience will be skeptical, and you can win them over with your delivery of information you know to be true. They'll feel your integrity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your original plan won't seem nearly as exciting once you realize that other people are out in the big, wide world having some fun. Review your priorities so that whatever

you decide, you can do it consciously and feel good about it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whatever you get into today (work, relationships, projects) leave yourself an out. That's only smart. As things develop, so will your feelings, and right now you don't know how you'll feel about it next week. PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). Entitlement is a contagious disease. One person decides "I deserve this!" and the next gets the bug: "Well if he deserves it then maybe I deserve that and more." Choose your company carefully. Prize humility and modesty.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Aug. 18). Your commitments follow a natural course; they ripen and fall from the vine. This frees up your time. You'll get a thrill from learning. Each skill you acquire in 2018 will double your odds of being successful. To you this is about much more than money, but you'll love the extra cash anyway, and you'll buy something big in June. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 3, 24, 39 and 45.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARI-

RUS: No one has it all together. Some just hide it better than others. GEMINI: Persuasion skills could play a big part in your weekend, although that should be a red flag. The best people for you won't need to be convinced. CAN-**CER:** Just remember that most people are irrational and will make decisions based on a feeling. LEO: The only way you can know how much potential a person or relationship has is to test it. VIRGO: Being willing to put yourself in situations that may embarrass you or test your ego, you'll grow in experience and charisma. LIBRA: Your decisiveness will be very attractive. Answer the tough questions and watch your stock rise. SCORPIO: If you don't want to do it, that's reason enough right there not to. SAGITTAR-IUS: Good relationships are messy and

ES: The right person

you have more ener-

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romance. AQUARIUS: Your psychological bravery is up, and you'll build special bonds because of this. PISCES: Your ideal love has character traits that you share and also traits that you aspire to possess. COUPLE OF

THE WEEKEND:

The moon and sun in Leo this weekend will culminate in the most notable astronomical event of recent years, Monday's totality tour of 2017. The double Leo aspect turns a strobe light on couples of this combo. Two Leos can be a lot of ego for one relationship. But this sign also rules the heart, entertainment and creativity. It's among the most dramatic and exciting fire sign pairings.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Friend Lacks Follow-through

Dear Annie: After college, I moved across the country to New York City. Coming from a small university, only a few friends moved to the big city with me, and we took very different career paths. However, I felt OK about the

move because one of my best friends from college, "Olivia," was coming with me.

We used to hang



By Steve Becker

North

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

West

South

Pass

East

Pass What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- 1. ♠ Q9842 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 8753 ♣ 6 2. ♠ K86 ♥ J7 ♦ QJ92 ♣ Q843 3. **♦** J874 ♥ AQ53 ♦ 5 **♣** K962 4. ♠ 104 ♥ J852 ♦ 973 ♣ AQ95
- 1. Three spades. Partner's double is for takeout, and if you were to bid only two spades, he might think you had a hand that looked something **♦** Q742 ♥ 875 ♦ 8753 **♣** 62,
- and you could easily miss a game if The best way to represent your
- actual values is by jumping to three spades, an invitational bid indicating the game-going potential of your hand.
- **2. Two notrump.** It is far better to respond two notrump than three clubs, a bid you could make with no high-card values at all. Two notrump is a forward-going bid that indicates moderate values (about seven to 10

out quite a bit, but as the years have passed, we only manage to see each other once or twice a year. I get it. We developed our own niches and friend groups. But what really grates my cheese is when Olivia messages me every

fond. Bidding quiz points) and at least one diamond stopper. Partner may or may not

> shape of his hand. 3. Three diamonds. It's hard to imagine any hand partner could have where you wouldn't have a good chance for game. However, you can't jump to game in one of your suits because you might choose the wrong one and wind up in an inferior con-

carry on, depending on the size and

The best way to locate the proper trump suit is to cuebid the opponent's suit, forcing partner to make the choice. You plan to raise to game in whichever suit he names.

4. Two hearts. Here you're not quite strong enough for a jumpresponse, so the problem is whether to bid two hearts or three clubs. Neither response indicates any high-card strength, but since a two-heart response is far more likely to stimulate a further bid from partner than a three-club bid, the heart response should be preferred. If partner raises two hearts to three, you should gladly bid four, as you have substantially greater values than he has a right to

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expect.

month or so to generically say that she misses me or that we should really hang out. We have fun when we see each other and reminisce, so usually I agree and offer up a few ideas for a gathering -- grabbing coffee. visiting a new workout studio, whatever I'm up to that week. No response. The radio silence typically lasts until the next monthly message -- "miss you!" When she does respond, it's usually just to say how she's busy but that she'll try to make the next one. Each time she flakes, my fond college memories become less

Annie, I've accepted that Olivia isn't reliable, but I don't want to cut her out of my life completely. How should I deal with this? -- Flake's Friend

Dear Flake's Friend: No matter which way you slice it, flakiness is frustrating. Canceling plans once or twice is understandable. Life happens; things come up. But Olivia seems to have made this into a monthly ritual. And I'd guess the purpose of this ritual, for her, is to alleviate some guilt. "I'm not a bad friend," she can tell herself. "I reach out."

But good friends hold each other ac-

countable. That's what you need to do here. The next time she texts you, tell her you love her but she's got to stop saying she wants to see you and then not following through. After you've called attention to her bad habit, it will be much harder for her to keep doing it with a clean conscience. Instead, she'll have to make plans only when she plans on following through, as adults are supposed to.

Dear Annie: I read your column from prison, where I'm serving an eight-year sentence for attempted kidnapping and home invasion, done while I was in a state of cocaine psychosis. Next week, I'll have five years of total sobriety. I've done a lot of work on myself, including earning college credits and participating in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Victim Offender Education Group. I'm writing in

response to the recent letter you printed from "Margaret," who said her ex-partner attempted to sexually assault her daughter while he was intoxicated. I was taken aback by your calling her ex's actions "unforgivable." You do know that when you

forgive someone, you

do it more for yourself than for the person you're forgiving, right? And what of all the offenders in our nation who are in need of forgiveness to help them heal? Are they incapable of changing, throwaway people?

mistake-ridden. Bad

relationships are, too.

The only difference is

one has a more sub-

stantial upside. CAP-

is the sweet music of

RICORN: Laughter

Maybe I read too much into this. It's just that this unforgiving attitude is part of the grease that enables the generational cycles of violence and abuse to keep revolving. -- Chris B.

Dear Chris: You're right. I was not thinking of those things when I called his actions unforgivable; I was just trying to emphasize that

Margaret should stay far away from her ex. I should have chosen my words more carefully. Forgiveness is for the forgiver, not the forgiven. Thank you for writing, and congratulations on five years of sobriety. Keep it up.

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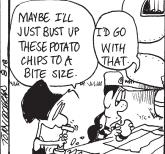
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History: On August 18, 1587, Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born in present-day America, on what is now Roanoke Island in North Carolina. (However, the Roanoke colony ended up mysteriously disappearing.)

On this date:

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In 1846, during the Mexican-American War, U.S. forces led by Gen. Stephen W. Kearny occupied Santa Fe in presentday New Mexico.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Proclamation of Neutrality, aimed at keeping the United States out of World In 1920, the 19th Amendment

to the Constitution, guaranteeing all American women's right to vote, was ratified as Tennessee became the 36th state to approve it.

In 1938, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King dedicated the Thousand Islands Bridge connecting the United States and Canada. In 1954, during

Assistant Secretary of Labor James Ernest Wilkins became the first black official to attend a meeting of the president's Cabinet as he sat in for Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell. In 1963, James Meredith

Eisenhower administration,

became the first black student to graduate from the University of Mississippi. In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel, New

York, wound to a close after three nights with a mid-morning set by Jimi Hendrix. In 1976, two U.S. Army officers were killed in Korea's demilitarized zone as a group of North Korean soldiers wield-

attacked U.S. and South Korean soldiers In 1983, Hurricane Alicia slammed into the Texas coast, leaving 21 dead and causing more than a billion dollars' worth of damage. The Kansas City Royals defeated the New York Yankees, 5-4, in the com-

ing axes and metal pikes

just 12 minutes. In 1988, Vice President George H.W. Bush accepted the presidential nomination of the National Republican

pletion of the "pine-tar" game in

Convention in New Orleans. In 1997, the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America, the nation's largest Lutheran body, voted for closer ties with three other major Protestant denominations: the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Church of Christ and the Reformed Church in

Ten years ago: Alarmed tourists jammed Caribbean airports for flights out of Hurricane Dean's path as the monster storm began sweeping past the Dominican Republic and Haiti. NASA, meanwhile, ordered space shuttle Endeavour back to Earth a day early out of fear Dean might disrupt flight operations. Michael K. Deaver, a close adviser to President Ronald Reagan, died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 69.

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U.S. has not succeeded in international competitions, it's because there wasn't as much maybe sacrifice as you need, or maybe you were deficient in one skill that was important."

It's the Americans' first appearance in the former FIBA Americas tournament since 2007. Their

starting lineup in that romp to gold — James, Kobe Bryant, Carmelo Anthony, Jason Kidd and Dwight Howard — was one of the strongest the U.S. has ever assembled.

The 17 players in camp with Van Gundy include Kendall Marshall, Reggie Williams, Darius Morris and Marshall Plumlee, players good enough to play in the NBA but not stick.

The Americans haven't needed to play in their zone ing them from qualifying. But FIBA has revamped

its qualification system to look more like soccer's, where national teams will play home-andaway games against teams in their pool.

But some of the windows are during the NBA season — the opening games are scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend and players under NBA contract won't be permitted to play. So the Americans plan to primarily use players from the NBA G League, with perhaps some who have been playing overseas.

"Look, no one's going to feel sorry for us. But we know that this is different and we're going to have to figure out how to be successful in a different model," Ford said. "There's always unknowns, but there's probably more unknowns because No. 1, we don't know how good we need to be. We don't know how good we can be."

International NBA players could play for their countries in the AmeriCup Aug. 25-Sept. 3, but just like their American col-



championship since In this Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2015 file photo, because they've won Philadelphia 76ers' Kendall Marshall (5) drives and Uruguay, from every Olympic and against Milwaukee Bucks' O.J. Mayo during an Sept. 2018 to Feb. world title, exempt- NBA basketball game in Milwaukee.

> leagues, they will not be able to represent their countries during the NBA season.

Ford considers the prospective players a notch below the NBA. calling them "survivors, grinders, competitors." That's far from the level that suited up for Mike Krzyzewski for a decade or would play for Gregg Popovich in 2019 and 2020, but Van Gundy is eager to work with them in his first coaching assignment — not counting his daughter's youth league — since he was fired by the Rockets in 2007.

"There's very few LeBron James of the world — obviously one — or great players who have it easy. These guys' careers have not been easy and so I really admire their persistence, their grit and their determination," Van Gundy said. "To get to work with them and coach them, that was part of the pull for me."

With limited time and options, the Americans know the Ameri-Cup could be a challenge. Ford said they hope to reach the semifinals in Argentina and see what happens from there.

They will need to start winning come the FIBA Basketball World Americas qualifiers in November when they open first-round their pool that includes Puerto Rico, Mexico and Cuba. The U.S. has to

finish in the top three there, playing their other windows of games in February and June-July, to advance to another pool that will include three teams among Argentina, Panama, Paraguay

topthree finish then would clinch their spot in China in 2019.

They will have a deeper field of candidates later who will be in shape from playing with their G League teams. But, they also could lose a player they like if he plays well enough for them in August to get a contract in the NBA or overseas.

There are many uncertainties, though Ford said there is one constant.

"From a USA Basketball standpoint," he said, "if we're going to put a team together, we're going to try to put the best team together that we can and go out and try to win."

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we've been in and some big-time ball games. So, we're definitely going to follow him. He's going to be our leader and he's a

great leader for us."

Vrabel spent the bulk of his career with New England, spending 2001-08 there and winning three Super Bowl titles. This week when the Patriots and Texans had joint practices, it gave Vrabel a chance to catch up with some old friends and gave those friends an opportunity to laud him for work he's done in his coaching career.

New England coach Bill Belichick wasn't surprised that Vrabel transitioned into coaching when his playing career was done.

"He could call signals, he had great leadership, was a multi-year captain, so his leadership, his presence, his communication, awareness, situational awareness in addition to just being a good football player, those things were traits that carried over into coaching," Belichick said. "And Mike's one of the physically and mentally toughest players I've ever coached, so I'm sure that will serve him well in this profession, too."

Vrabel credited Belichick for helping him develop as a player when he joined the Patriots after spending four years with the Steelers where

he didn't start a single game.

"If you can pay attention and focus in the meetings, you can learn a lot," Vrabel said.

Tom Brady is thrilled to see his former teammate and close friend moving up the coaching ranks and can already see him doing even

"It won't be long before he's a head coach," Brady said. "He's just got a great presence. He was a great player for us. He's been one of my great friends for a long time ... I love the guy and what he's accomplished."

The Texans enjoy Vrabel's coaching style and believe his energy rubs off on them and makes them better every day. He brushes off such compliments, and said he's just focused on trying to get the most out of a talented defense led by Watt which also includes 2014 No. 1 overall pick Jadeveon Clowney veterans Brian Cushing and Johnathan Joseph.

"They know I'm passionate, they know that I do this for one reason, and that's to make the players better," Vrabel said. "I can't (play) anymore. I love the game. I love every coach that I've played for. I felt like they've made me better, from Bill Belichick all the way down to a college coach. I've played for great guys and they tried to make me better and I try to do the same thing for them."

RANGERS

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without getting checked and allowed Mazara's high drive to right-center.

After a trainer finally came out, Beck exited with a right shoulder bruise. Lopez (0-1) was removed

because of soreness on his right side in his second start since coming up from the minors.

"There was no visible marks," manager Rick Renteria said of Beck. "According to him it just

scraped him. He didn't feel like it got him. But we weren't going to take a chance. That area is not where you want to take a chance."

Austin Bibens-Dirkx (4-2) retired all five batters he faced after starter Tyson Ross walked a seasonhigh six and allowed five runs in 4 1/3 innings. Chicago pitchers walked a season-high nine.

Rangers backup catcher Brett Nicholas had his second homer in two starts, a two-run shot in the third, and a bases-loaded walk in the seventh. Mazara had a two-run single later in the third. He finished one RBI shy of his career high.

LOSING CONTROL AGAIN

Abreu's two-run single helped the White Sox build a 4-0 lead that they couldn't hold a night after giving up three runs in the bottom of the ninth in a 5-4 loss at the Los Angeles Dodgers. Chicago arrived in Texas about 5 a.m. local time.

RECORD-BREAKING STREAK ENDS

Nicky Delmonico went 0-4, ending a streak of reaching base in the first 13 games of his career. He was the first White Sox player to do that, according to Elias.

SHORT HOPS

The teams combined for 15 walks, matching the

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highest total in the majors this season. It's the third time, all since July 30. ... The rally from a 4-0 deficit was the largest comeback win for the Rangers this season. ... The White Sox have lost eight consecutive road games. ... Texas' Shin-Soo Choo has nine walks in his past seven games.

TRAINER'S ROOM

White Sox: RF Avisail Garcia was scratched from the lineup with left wrist soreness. ... Lopez said he felt something in the right side of his rib cage when he woke up. The right-hander said the pain might have been a result of the overnight flight. He was to be re-evaluated Friday. ... Beck was listed as day-to-day.

Rangers: LHP Jake Diekman struck out two on 13 pitches in a scoreless fifth inning and was the winning pitcher on a rehab assignment with Double-A Frisco, his first appearance of the season. He underwent multiple surgeries to repair and rebuild his colon to treat a digestive condition.

UP NEXT

Rangers: RHP Andrew Cashner (7-9, 3.32) had a three-game winning streak snapped in a 2-1 loss to Houston in his last start, allowing two runs in seven innings.



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