

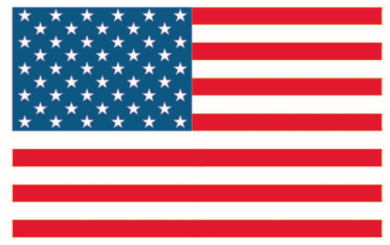
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Texas Railroad Commissioner: 'There is plenty of gas'



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At left, a line of cars waits to get gas at H-E-B Thursday in response to a rumored gasoline shortage. According to Railroad Commissioner Ryan Sitton, the fears of shortage are unwarranted and a "self-fulfilling prophecy."

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

The fuel shortage scare is a self-fulfilling prophecy according to Texas Railroad Commissioner Ryan Sitton. While Texas has "plenty of gas", rumors circulated by social media and some news outlets have caused Texans to panic, causing long lines and closures at the pump throughout the state.

"(I) know that this is frustrating. It's scary for people." said Sitton. "There are lines 20 cars long and an hour wait and this one down the street is closed. It would panic you. It would panic me. ...Right now in Texas ... in Texas there are about 15 refineries that have been taken down due to (Hurricane Harvey) or are at reduced capacity. That reduced capacity is about three million barrels a day of crude processing which equates to about two million barrels a day of gasoline. So two million barrels of gasoline is out

of production right now. However, in the United States today are 230 million barrels of gasoline in inventory in storage. There is not a gasoline shortage in the United States."

Sitton explained that the situation was caused by more people than normal heading to the pump. While there is no gas shortage, there are some logistical issues such as transporting fuel from different pipelines not

affected by Hurricane Harvey, meaning some trucks have to drive a bit further than normal to pick up fuel. "Virtually every gas station in the U.S., especially in Texas, is refilled by a truck," said Sitton. "So a truck comes from some sort of distribution terminal that is either filled by bigger trucks or or trains, usually by pipelines. So a pipeline comes in and

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Food2Kids gears up for the school year

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

School is back in session and along with the students of Howard County getting back to work, the hard-working teachers, faculty, support groups, and volunteers are back at it as well to support the children of local districts. Beginning next week, Food2Kids is back for the school year sacking groceries and food for Big Spring students in need.



Bomar

For the past few school years, Muffet Bomar of Food2Kids has been helping to organize care packages of food for students over the weekend who might go hungry otherwise. "We sack food for elementary children to take home on Friday during the school year," explained Bomar of the program. "This year we are serving Moss, Marcy, Goliad, Kentwood, and the intermediate school (Big Spring Intermediate School)."

Bomar was quick to point out that the program wouldn't be possible without the

help of the teachers at each school.

"Teachers handle all of it except sacking food," said Bomar. "We take the food to the school and then the teachers actually hand it out on Friday. We do not have the name's of the children or grades, all we have is the number of kids who need them. It is completely confidential."

"The teachers have criteria that they use to decide and a letter is sent home to parents," Bomar continued. "If there is no response from the parents, we go ahead and send the food."

While the group boasts volunteers from local groups such as both Rotary Clubs and different church groups, Bomar said they are always looking for volunteers to help out.

"It is for all ages," said Bomar. "We usually have something for most anybody. We have had elementary age students come, we have had Boy Scouts, the Lions Club, the Presbyterian Church usually has a group there. Just a lot of people."

Bomar encourages anyone interested in helping take part in a positive, local organization to join Food2Kids for the first sacking this year.

"We sack on the 1st and

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Howard County Grand Jury indicts 17

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Grand Jury indicted 17 people Wednesday in the 118th District Court.

- Those indicted were:
 (Cases presented to the court by 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, prosecutor)
- Michael Steven Armstrong, 28 of 305 E. 19th St., forgery, (state jail felony).
 - Randall Callan, 59 of 266 FM Rd. 2832, Roby, Texas, evading or attempt to evade tax (second degree felony).
 - Rudolfo Coronado, 24, of 2510 Chanute

Drive, burglary of a building, (state jail felony).

- Clarence Aubrey Daniels, 55, currently residing in the Howard County Detention Center, possession of a controlled substance (more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams) (second degree felony).
- Bryan Anthony Garcia, 31, of 1308 Harless, Odessa, evading arrest (enhanced to a second degree felony).
- Elroy Johnson, 32, currently residing in the Howard County Jail, possession of a

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WH readies \$5.9B request for Harvey recovery aid

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is preparing an initial \$5.9 billion package in Harvey aid, a first down payment to ensure recovery efforts over the next few weeks are adequately funded.

The Trump proposal, which is being finalized pending White House consultations with key Republicans, is likely to be just a fraction of an eventual Harvey recovery package that could rival the \$100-billion-plus in taxpayer-financed

help for victims of 2005's Hurricane Katrina.

A senior administration official said the plan will be sent to Congress on Friday, with House and Senate votes appear likely next week. The official was not authorized to release the information publicly before a final decision is made and spoke on condition of anonymity.

House GOP leaders have signaled they are aiming to act fast on Harvey aid. Larger future installments will be required. But the initial package, to replenish Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster coffers

through Sept. 30, shouldn't be controversial.

FEMA is spending existing disaster aid reserves — just \$2.1 billion as of Thursday — at a high rate.

The initial aid money would be a down payment for immediate recovery efforts, to be followed by larger packages later, said White House homeland security adviser Tom Bossert. It will take weeks or months to assess the full extent of the damage and need.

"We'll go up to Congress and give them a sound supplemental request number. We'll add to it," Bossert said. "And when we can get a better handle on the damage we can come back with a responsible

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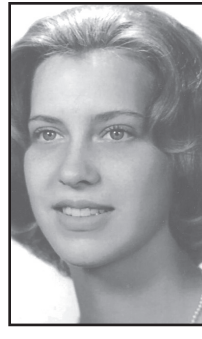
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Obituaries

Brenda Sue Ann
Johnson Damron

Brenda Sue Ann Johnson Damron, 70, of Big Spring, Texas died Aug. 30, 2017. Sue Ann was born to Chester Allen and Freda Mae Pearl Johnson on Dec. 7, 1946,

in Frederick, Maryland.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery.

She enjoyed her childhood in Lander, Maryland and had many fond memories of spending time on her beloved grandfather's farm. It was from him she learned to love history and family stories from the past.

She graduated from Frederick High School in 1964. She attending the University of Maryland for a short while and then moved to Big Spring, Texas in 1966. She worked at Cosden Refinery for several years and that is where she met the "cowboy of her dreams", John Roy "Tom" Damron. John and Sue Ann were married on June 30, 1967, and just recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

She graduated from University of Texas Permian Basin in 1975 and began her teaching career. She taught at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School until it closed; and then was an 8th grade math teacher at Runnels Junior High School for 14 years.

She loved her country, her cats, the Dallas Cowboys, and anything to do with history and genealogy. She had many great adventures with her family and friends over the years. She enjoyed visiting her home state of Maryland every summer and had many memorable vacations with her sister, Lor-

raine Johnson Davis and her family. She also enjoyed going to Salt Lake City to do genealogical research at the Mormon Library. She loved spending time with her only daughter, Anne Damron Witherspoon; and her adorable grandchildren, John Aaron and Ellen Witherspoon.

She was a charter member, former Regent and current Registrar of the Daughters of the American Revolution Captain Elisha Mack Chapter. She documented 29 Revolutionary War patriot ancestors for herself and her daughter. Sue Ann was a long time executive committee member of the Permian Historical Society, serving as secretary for the past 14 years. She also served as secretary for the Howard County Historical Commission. She was a national officer of the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. She was a long time volunteer at the VA Hospital and was recognized with the West Texas VA-Legion of Honor Award and the Outstanding Woman Volunteer of the Year; and she was named the Texas Society DAR Service for Veterans Outstanding DAR Member Volunteer. She had recently been named to The Heritage Museum's Board of Trustees.

She had a brilliant mind, a great sense of humor and was tough as nails. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, John "Tom" Damron of Big Spring; daughter Anne Damron Witherspoon; son-in-law Jonathan Witherspoon; grandson John Aaron Witherspoon; and granddaughter Ellen Witherspoon — all of Lucas, Texas; mother Freda Mae Pearl Johnson and sister Lorraine Johnson Davis, both of Frederick, Maryland; and "twin" and childhood friend, Dottie Britton of Big Spring, Texas; and many other beloved family members and friends.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Earl Weston



Earl Weston, Sr., 73, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017 in Lubbock. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born July 27, 1944 in Roswell, N.M. to Vera Mae Hooser Weston and Lynn Weston. He was raised in Hobbs. He married Lavada Daniels on Sept. 18, 2004 in Giddings, Texas. He had been a resident of Big Spring for the last ten years from Giddings. He worked for Key Energy for many years driving a water truck in the oil fields. He later worked for Musselwhite and retired from Globe Energy. He had also been in the Army National Guard.

He is survived by his wife Lavada Weston of Big

Spring; two sons: Earl Weston Jr. "J.R." of California, and James Weston and wife, Shawna, of Houston; one daughter, Renee Armstrong and husband, John, of Giddings; four step-daughters, Betty Smith of Perryton, Patty Sneirjohn of Amarillo, Glenda Seigel of Kansas City, Mo., and Lynsey Harrison of Amarillo; four step-sons, Frank Corwin and Larry Corwin, both of Big Spring, and Chuck Daniels and Rick Corwin, both of Amarillo; four grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews; one brother, Gary Weston and wife, Ann, of Bend, Ore.; two sisters, Sharon Weston of Carlsbad, N.M., and Edna Herring of Alice.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two step-sons, Timothy Corwin and Johnny Tackett; and one step-daughter Debra Knott.

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DENTON VANNOY DODD**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant of resisting arrest search or transport.
- **JAMES RAY GERALDON**, 32, was booked

by the BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid driving and Driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

- **JACQUELINE KYLES**, 44, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant of criminal trespass.
- **SHAYLEE DEANN RAYMOND**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of vehicle, and prohibited weapon knuckles.

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.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Take Note

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.ace-ministries.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 Bohannan 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 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

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

• 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 Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• 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.

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brings gasoline, the gasoline sits at that terminal, trucks come by and fill up and take that gasoline out to stations. Those trucks move on regular intervals... If 10 times the amount of people get gasoline today, then the next scheduled truck won't come for ten days."



Sitton

Gas stations around the DFW metroplex and the state of Texas are working by calling different suppliers to

get their gas supply replenished. Sitton, while reminding people he was not an attorney, warned people of gasoline gouging and not to pay an exponential amount for gasoline. "If you are seeing ten dollar gasoline that looks a lot like gouging," said Sitton. "Short term can have an impact on prices." Sitton went on to say that specific stores might be having to get gasoline from different sources than those impacted by the hurricane. "You might see 20-50 cent rise," he said. "When it is a few dollars extra – then it looks like something is fishy." And while there might be specific pockets of gas stations that take an extra few days to receive gasoline, Sitton said he doesn't see this being

an issue for more than a few days. "It is possible that neighborhood gas stations may run out, but as a region, there will be gasoline," said Sitton. "There might be pockets that take a few days, but I don't believe a week from now this will be an issue." As far as where the rumors of gas shortages came from, Sitton speculates word-of-mouth and social media had a lot to do with it. "What happened was there was a broad story that refineries were shut down and a few pipelines were shut down," said Sitton. "A few people speculated that there could be gas shortages and that began this. People started to fill up and and you started seeing short lines and then long lines

and then prices go up and then there's social media. It a public panic. "This is a case of self-fulfilling prophecy," continued Sitton. "People are hearing concerns that we are out of gas and texting each other saying, 'Oh my gosh, you need to get gas'. People are taking their gas cans, Suburbans...even if the refineries were up and running, people would still be running into this issue." Sitton encourages those that have gas in their vehicles or do not have much traveling to do to sit tight and the gas market will be back to normal within a few days. "If you have a full tank or know you can go three to four days without gas, I would not be worried," said Sitton.

FOOD

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third week of September and October and the first week of November and the first week of December," explained Bomar. "It is on Mondays and Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Gym. It usually takes about an hour." While the group appreciates volunteers, Bomar explained that the group buys the food from the local food bank and monetary donations are also always accepted. The first sacking date is Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lakeview Gym. For additional information about getting your child on this program, please contact your child's school.

AID

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last, so to speak, supplemental request." FEMA pays for immediate shelter costs and can finance home repairs up to \$33,000 or so, but other costs such as flood insurance payments, larger housing damage, and state, local, and government buildings promise a major price tag. Houston Democratic Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee has already said it could take an aid package of \$150 billion to handle the disaster. Hurricane Katrina in 2005 is the largest disaster the nation has faced, with recovery costs of \$110 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Superstorm Sandy in 2012 was followed by a \$54 billion federal relief effort. Katrina aid started with a noncontroversial infusion, followed by considerable wrangling between lawmakers from affected states and more budget-conscious lawmakers. Sandy involved a more public battle between lawmakers from Democratic-leaning New York and New Jersey and GOP conservatives, and Northeast lawmakers have taken to social media sites such as Twitter to say "I told you so." Another aid installment seems sure to be added to a temporary government funding bill. Another concern is that the government's cash reserves are running low since the nation's debt limit has been reached and the Treasury Department is using accounting measures to cover expenses. Billions of dollars in Harvey aid are an unexpected cost that at least raises the potential that Congress will have to act earlier than expected to increase the government's borrowing authority. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, however, said on CNBC Thursday that the debt limit deadline probably won't change by more than a couple of days, if at all.

Also on tap when the House returns: Fixing a poorly-timed spending bill for next year that actually proposes cutting the very disaster aid reserves that are running low now. A catchall domestic spending bill facing a House vote next week includes, for now, an \$876 million cut from FEMA disaster accounts that helps balance the cost of Trump's \$1.6 billion request for the U.S.-Mexico border wall. Republicans say that will change before a vote next week.

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GRAND JURY

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controlled substance (more than 4 grams but less 200 grams) (enhanced to a third degree felony).
 • Johnny Lee Juarez Jr., 18, of 1222 E. 15th St., tamper/fabricate physical evidence (third degree felony).
 • Marie Buckner Kauss, 57, of 1206 Runnels, possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) (state jail felony).
 • Crystal Kolacek, 34, of 510 E. 7th St. Rotan, theft of property (more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000) (state jail felony).
 • Lorenzo Orlando Love, 26, of 2513 Chanute, possession of controlled substance (less than 1 gram) (state jail felony).
 • Michael Joseph Mnew, 27, of 7805 NSR, unauthorized use of a vehicle, (state jail felony)
 • Justin Dwight Nygard, 23, of 1403 E. 11th St.,

evading arrest (third degree felony)
 • Xavier Ovalle, 17, of 614 Linda Lane, assault on a public servant (third degree felony)
 • Douglas Wayne Paul Jr., 35, of 2501 SCR 1058, Midland, Texas, driving while intoxicated with child passenger (enhanced to a third degree felony).
 • Brian Keith Simmons, 23, of 1305 Pennsylvania, evading arrest (third degree felony).
 • Brandon Allen Templeman, 30, of 5600 S. Service Road, theft of property (under \$2,500 with two prior convictions) (state jail felony).
 (Cases presented to the court by 118th Assistant District Attorney Lindsay Phillips, prosecutor)
 • Andrew Allen Zambrano, 28, of 2314 N. Anderson, continuous sexual abuse of a child (first degree felony)

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

New mudslide hits villages in Switzerland, crushing homes

GENEVA (AP) — Thunderstorms set off a new mudslide through southeastern villages in Switzerland near the Italian border, rumbling along the same creek bed where a powerful, rocky mudslide left eight people missing and feared dead last week, authorities said Friday. The mudslide demolished several houses in Bondo, the most-hit village from the recent slides where cleanup crews had already been working, and neighboring Promontogno and Spino. No injuries were

initially reported. Officials said about a dozen people were evacuated, and the main roadway linking the region to Italy was covered over with mud and left impassable in two places. Officials blocked off access to the roads, which were said to be the main risk, and warning that more mudslides could come in the area about 130 kilometers north of Milan. "There is an imminent danger of further rock falls on the mountain, and further mudslides in the valley," said spokesman Christian

Gartmann of the nearby town of Bregaglia. "The concerns are real." Gartmann said flooding in the early morning hours had taken place further north on the regional highway along the Maloja pass, between the villages of Vicosoprano and Casaccia. He was correcting an earlier town statement that said a second mudslide had happened there.



AP photo
A car stands in front of a closed road between Casaccia and Vicosoprano, Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 after a new mudslide preceded by thunderstorms swept through villages in southeastern Switzerland.

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 Betty Edmondson Hamilton, 78, died Monday. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Steve Gray, 52, died Thursday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. at Saturday Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Earl Weston, Sr., 73, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, September 4, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (never known to fail)
O most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother.
O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in the necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.
O show me you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)
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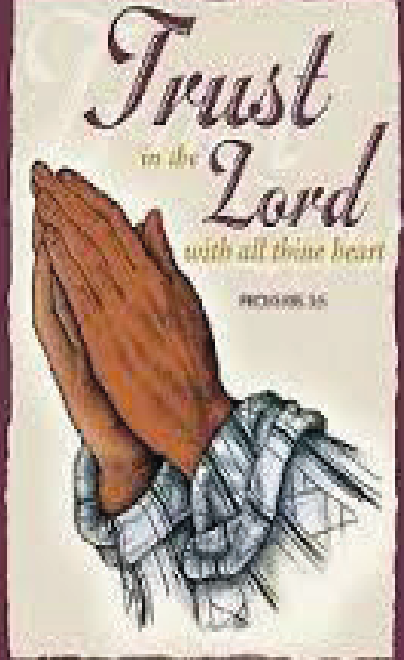
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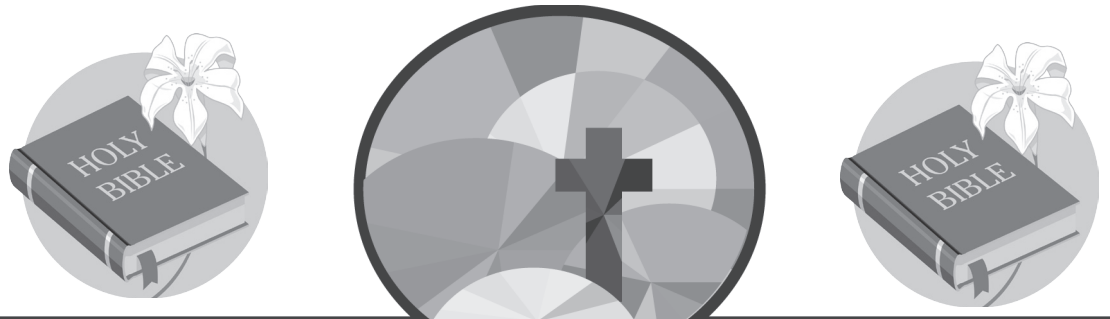


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Did you ever wonder? Fire from Heaven

Elijah was a great prophet in Israel. He was a strong and willing servant, and God used him mightily.

King Ahab and Jezebel had gathered around them hundreds of prophets of Baal to be their advisors. Jezebel had slaughtered all of the Lord's prophets she could find. But God warned Elijah each time so that she was not able to capture him.

Obadiah was in charge of King Ahab's palace, but he was a devout believer in God. Obadiah had secretly hidden one hundred of the prophets of God in caves. He spent all of his fortune supplying food and water for them. Understandably, Obadiah was terrified when Ahab summoned him.

It was the third year of the drought and the famine was severe in Samaria (Israel). Ahab simply wanted Obadiah to search the land for grass and water for Ahab's animals.

God had spoken to Elijah: "Go, present yourself to Ahab and I will send rain on the land." Courageously, Elijah went.

When Elijah met Obadiah along the road, he ordered Obadiah to run ahead and tell Ahab that he was coming. Obadiah was afraid to leave Elijah and go tell this to Ahab. He was afraid that Elijah could not be found again, and Ahab might "kill the messenger."

Elijah swore by the Lord that he would present himself to Ahab. When Ahab arrived and confronted Elijah, he called Elijah a "trouble-maker for Israel." Elijah would not falsely prophesy that good would come upon Ahab and Jezebel. Everything Elijah said was true; he predicted only doom.

Elijah commanded Ahab, "Summon all the people to meet me at Mt. Carmel. Bring the four hundred-fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at

Jezebel's table"

(I Kings 18:19 paraphrased).

Elijah said to the people, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him, but if Baal is god, follow him." But the people said nothing" (I Kings 18:21).

Elijah ordered Ahab's men to bring two bulls and wood to the mountain-top altar of Baal. It was early morning and Elijah told the prophets of Baal to slaughter their animal first and place the wood on Baal's altar. "Call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire - he is God" (I Kings 18:24).

The prophets of Baal chanted and danced, crying out to Baal. In desperation, they cut themselves, but here was no response from Baal.

Nearing the hour of afternoon prayer, 3 p.m., Elijah rebuilt the neglected altar of the Lord. He prepared his bull and placed the wood on the altar. Then Elijah poured water on the wood.

Elijah prayed earnestly for God to

send down fire, and in that way, show Himself to the people. Then at the hour God had designated for prayer, God sent fire from Heaven that consumed the sacrifice and all the wood. It disintegrated the stones of the altar and even the earth underneath.

Elijah commanded the people to kill all the prophets of Baal. He prayed earnestly to God for the promised rain. The seventh time his servant went to the edge of the mountain he reported a cloud the size of a man's hand building over the Mediterranean Sea.

Elijah ceased praying and sent word to Ahab telling him to leave the mountain before the rain became hard enough to prevent his leaving. Then Elijah ran down the mountain faster than Ahab's horses.

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EUNICE FILLER

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, choir, 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 continues the sermon series on Exodus this Sunday, Sept. 3. Exodus 2 deals with the birth of Moses, and the faith of his mother to put him in the Nile river in a basket.

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.

The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. We are preparing for the Christmas musical, called "Our Savior", to be presented for the community on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3. Singers from Big Spring and the surrounding area are invited to join the choir for "Our Savior" rehearsals from 7:30 to 8 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 27.

A Youth Open House will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. They meet in the Par-tee Building.

The church's kick off for fall activities takes place on Sunday, Sept. 10 with a Hot Dog Fellowship Meal at noon. An All-Church Swim Party is also scheduled on that day from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Calvio's home.

Adult Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6 to 7 p.m.

We are taking registrations 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.

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

Birdwell Lane church of Christ

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

On Sunday, Bible study starts at 9 a.m. and will focus on Romans 7. Morning Worship follows at 10 a.m., and the message will be on "Covenant." Evening Worship is scheduled for 5 p.m. and will examine the scripture 2 Timothy 2:8-13.

On Wednesday, Ladies Bible Class starts at 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and Devotional start at 7 p.m.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church encourage you to gather with them in worship of The Living Hope, Jesus Christ, Sunday at 2 p.m. Join BHDC in praising God and learning from His Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Joint worship service



Courtesy photo

The congregations of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring held a joint liturgical worship service Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, at St. Mary's Church. Pictured are St. Mary's supply priest the Rev. Edson Way, St. Mary's acolyte Jerri Stockson, and First Presbyterian minister the Rev Craig Holstedt. The idea came about when Robert Miller, member and Senior Warden for Saint Mary's, discussed the possibility with the Rev Holstedt in a casual conversation. Choir members of both churches participated and Fr. Way led the service. Following the service, the two congregations enjoyed refreshments in the Parish Hall.

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When the message becomes a scandal

What offends you? What do you do when you are offended? This seems to be a growing concern for our culture. You have probably heard or read stories that paint the picture of the younger generations today who must have their "safe spaces" and need puppies to pet before they can take final exams. As a matter of fact, I should have started this article with a "trigger warning."



GREG
SURLES

In the two previous articles, we have studied from Matthew 11:1-14. In verse, Jesus makes the statement, "And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." We learned that the word Jesus used is the basis for our English word "scandal," and can refer to something that would cause a person to trip or stumble. We noticed that Jesus can become a scandal to people because of the exclusive nature of who he is and what he taught. The messenger may also become a scandal (or stumbling block) by changing what they teach and preach so that they become the focus or because they don't want people to stop listening to them.

I want to finish this theme by

noticing that often the message of Scripture is offensive (scandalous) to many in our society today. In Matthew 11:15, Jesus says, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (ESV). He said this phrase on several occasions. It's not that most people are incapable of hearing, or reading, what Jesus said. The issue is that they don't want to hear, or read, what he said because it does not go along with what they believe or what they think is right.

This idea goes much deeper than simply someone being offended by what the Bible teaches. This gets all the way down to how we answer the most fundamental questions of life. Where did I come from? What is the purpose of my life? What will happen to me after I die?

How you answer those questions makes a huge difference in the way in which you will read (or not read) and understand the Bible. If there is no God, and we are all just a product of matter and time and chance (which is what most public school systems are teaching your children), and the Bible is just a collection of ancient writings, then it would be fine to read it and pick and choose the parts that we like and throw out the rest. The things of ancient cultures that offend many today could be removed or changed to fit our current view of the world.

However, if there is a God (like

the Bible teaches) and he created all that exists, including us (like the Bible teaches), and the Bible is his revelation of himself to humanity (again like the Bible teaches), then we should not try to change God's word to fit our desires; rather we should begin to change our desires to fit with God's word.

That is when the message of the Bible becomes a scandal. As long as you reference it in the same manner you would Homer or Plato, people probably will not have a problem with it. As soon as you start to say that God's word ought to be the authority for everyone is when the stumbling and offense and scandal takes place.

We could list a bunch of things that our culture engages in that the Bible condemns. We could also list things that society frowns upon which Scripture praises. However, we need to get back to the basic principles of what we believe and why we believe them. If you reject God, then where do you get your standard for right and wrong? As a Christian, do you believe the Bible is God's word? If you do, is it okay to change what it teaches to suit whatever you want to do, or should you change whatever you are doing to match what God's word teaches?

Greg Surles is preacher at Birdwell Lane church of Christ

Reflections

Hurricane Harvey calls forth our better angels

The entire nation has been galvanized by the reports of Hurricane Harvey, an unexpected disaster of unprecedented proportions. The fourth largest city in the United States drowning under an endless deluge of rain that buried neighborhoods, streets and thoroughfares under water.

But greater than the torrential downpour that drove families to their attics and rooftops was the outpouring of sacrifice by thousands seeking to help. An entire "navy" of volunteer boats immediately came to the aid of those in greatest danger. The Galveston Daily News posted phone numbers for owners of flat-bottomed boats to call in order to volunteer.

Boats normally outfitted for fishing in the marshes that surround the island wandered the flooded streets of the greater Houston area searching for stranded neighbors.

Police, firefighters and others worked around the clock, many of them hampered by the flood waters that threatened their headquarters. They were not enough. The greatest aid in the immediate threat were volunteers, often uncoordinated and spontaneous. Neighbors helping neighbors without regard to race, ethnicity or faith.

On Sunday, the Houston news station KHOU was evacuated due to flooding, but their reporter, Brandi Smith, continued her reporting on site at Beltway 8 and the Hardy toll road. She saw an 18-wheeler trapped in flood waters on the service road, flagged down a sheriff's truck and helped rescue the driver.

Raul Njobi, begging for help, shouted to a group of volunteers launching their flat-bottom boat into the flood waters. His sister was trapped in a Ford Fiesta not far away. Just before her cell phone died she reported water was seeping into the car. Without hesitation they headed in the direction Mr. Njobi indicated searching for his sister.

Across the nation Disaster Relief units scrambled to send volunteers to the coastal regions of Texas knowing the recovery will be long term.

In spite of the devastation to the Texas coast, especially the Coastal Bend where Harvey made landfall, there was something hopeful. In the end it is not the depth of the floodwaters that will define us, but the depth of human kindness.

For months we have been bombarded by reports of terrorism, racism, hatred, anger and violence, (usually perpetrated by a few individuals). The hurricane that hovered over Houston and sent the swollen creeks, rivers and bayous into record flood levels, brought to the surface the sacrifice that best characterizes our human spirit.

Down deep we remember the lessons Jesus taught about the Good Samaritan: to put ourselves at risk to care for strangers in need, to carry them to safety, to provide food and shelter, to bind up their wounds and to care for their recovery (Luke 10:30-37). Perhaps it has taken Hurricane Harvey to remind us what truly makes a nation great: "to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love your neighbors as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

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



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CHURCH

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First Baptist Church

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5:8.

You're invited to join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 as they come together in

praise and worship of their Living Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of songs which including "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Here I Am To Worship," "10,000 Reasons," "Good Good Father," and "My Jesus I Love Thee." Pastor Mark Lindsey brings the sermon titled "Follow the Leader." Drawn from John 21:15-19, the sermon reflects on Jesus' encouraging tenderness as He acknowledges the denial of Himself while extending

forgiveness and restoration by asking us to love others as He has loved us. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the website at fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., 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 coming together in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship.

There will be no Sunday evening activities to allow additional time with family and friends during the Labor Day weekend.

First Baptist thanks everyone who donated requested items to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey. A team with Texas Baptist Men's Disaster Relief delivered the items and set up a laundry and shower station in the storm area. For more ways to help with Hurricane relief, contact the church at 267-8223.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, the Triple LLL (Living Longer and Loving It) group invites you to join them at noon in the church dining room for a time of great fellowship and a tasty lunch. Bring a friend and enter through the east kitchen doors.

Mother's Day Out meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about available openings for your little ones.

Upward Basketball registration begins Sept. 5. Players must be five years old by Jan. 1, 2018, through sixth grade. Go to fbcbigspring.org to register online or call 267-8223.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6, and include Adult Bible study and prayer time, Real LYF for kids, and Saturate youth group for teens. Go to fbcbigspring.org for more information.

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

First Christian Church

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

Sunday morning fellowship begins at 9:15 with coffee and donuts. Sunday School follows at 9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017, Pastor Sandy Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called "The Source of All Evil," which is taken from Prov-

erbs 16:18. Assisting Pastor Sandlin in serving at the Lord's table will be Mary Beth Johnson and Shelane Roberts.

Helping to enhance worship are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault. A few selections they are preparing are "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and "Just As I Am."

First Presbyterian Church

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

First Presbyterian wishes to congratulate organist/choir director Laura Holleman on becoming the grandmother of Robert Clay Wingfield, who was born Tuesday, Aug. 29, in Midland.

Next Sunday, Sept. 10, the congregation is invited to a Pancake Breakfast from 9:30-10:50 a.m. to usher in the new season of Sunday School, which will begin on Sept. 17. In the worship service that morning, the Sunday School teachers for this year will be recognized.

Last Sunday, First Presbyterian Church met with St. Mary's Episcopal Church in a joined worship service at St. Mary's, an experience that was a joyous one for both congregations. The Rev. Edson Way III delivered the sermon, he and the Rev. Holstedt

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Operation: Back to School



Courtesy photo

Attendees at First Baptist Church's "End of Summer Bash" enjoyed a time of fellowship and tasty food before taking part in games and various activities. In this photo, children attending the Bash play a giant-sized game of 'Operation' with help from Heather Salgado.

CHURCH

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officiated at Communion, and the combined Choir provided the Offertory Anthem.

The Discovery Class will not meet the first two Sundays in September, but will resume on Sep. 17 with another study by John Ortberg called "The Life You've Always Wanted." This study will be a good follow-up to the Ortberg study just completed, which focused on making God one's first priority in life, because it will remind participants of the tools necessary to help that happen.

John Ferguson will lead the Covenant Class in a new fall quarter study entitled "Covenant with God." Covenant is a theme found in the Scriptures from beginning to end.

Nancy Koger is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary passages for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost are Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; and Matthew 16:21-28. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM beginning at 11 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, 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 the website, you can find a link to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Forsan Baptist Church

The series on spiritual warfare continues this week with a message this Sunday morning from 2 Kings 6:15-17, and is called "On My Side."

Mens' breakfast will take place this Saturday at Crispy's Café at 9 a.m.

Youth and children's activities have resumed for the school year. Students from pre-k to sixth grade are provided a light snack right after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. Van rides are available at 5 p.m. IMPACT youth begins with a meal at 5:30, followed by class at 6. Van rides are available at 7 p.m.

Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m.

If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Rd. in Sand Springs. The pastor is Mike Seay, Music Director is Tyler McFall, and Youth Minister, Greg Moore.

Services start with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages. Sunday Morning worship is at 11 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church are available.

Sunday and Wednesday Evening worship are 6:30 p.m. Youth and Children's programs are available.

There will be an Apartment Ministry Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Knollwood Heights Apartment Community Center. Activities and food will be provided.

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join the congregation this Sunday.

Mid-Week meal and classes are underway. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the Bible Study is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The adult class will be led by Pastor Lamb and is called "A Man Named Martin." The youth will have a class led by Dolline Budke.

Thank you to all who had a part in making Rally Day a success.

Jill Alsobrooks 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.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

The people at Cornerstone Covenant Church want to connect with you at one of the following events:

Sunday, Sept. 3: This Sunday at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service will be a message in the series entitled "Divide and Conquer: Exposing the Tactics of the Devil." Over the next four weeks, CCC will identify and expose 10 tactics that the devil uses against individual believers, families, and

churches. Come on out and not only learn the tactics but what you as a believer can do to oppose him.

Starfish Program: Orientation and registration for parents and their third graders on 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. CCC needs volunteers. If you are interested in being a part and are willing and available to serve in this ministry to the community, the church would love to hear from you.

Tuesday, Sept. 19th: "50 and Over" small group will be gathering at 7 p.m. for potluck and game night at the Flowers' residence, 2405 E. 25th St. For more info, contact Faye Flowers at 432-213-3883.

10th Anniversary Weekend: CCC is excited to announce the church's 10th anniversary is coming up in October. The church will have an Anniversary Banquet Saturday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. in the East Room at Howard College Coliseum, with comedian Fred Thomas. The 10th 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 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) holds worship services every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015, or email info@cccbig-spring.org. You can also visit facebook.com/CCCBigSpring, or www.cccbigspring.org.

European Jewish Congress sees rising anti-Semitism in Poland



AP photo

In this file photo dated Tuesday June 26, 2007, Russia's Moshe Kantor, the newly elected president of the European Jewish Congress attends a media conference in Brussels. The European Jewish Congress expressed "grave concerns" Thursday Aug. 31, 2017, according to Kantor, over what it says is a rise in anti-Semitism in Poland and a "deteriorating relationship between the Polish government and the Jewish community."

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The European Jewish Congress expressed "grave concerns" Thursday over what it says is a rise in anti-Semitism in Poland and a "deteriorating relationship between the Polish government and the Jewish community."

The Brussels-based organization says no Polish government minister has met with leaders of the Union of Jewish Communities in Poland, the official community, for around a year amid the rise in anti-Semitic incidents.

"Across Europe, governments consult with the local official leaders of the community to seek their counsel and coordinate a response to anti-Semitism," the group's president, Moshe Kantor, said. "However, Poland stands

out as an example of a leadership which appears to have little interest in opening a dialogue with the Jewish community."

The statement comes after Jewish leaders in Poland wrote to ruling party leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski in early August with their concerns, noting the increased presence in public life of extremist far-right groups and greater hate speech and violence targeting Jews.

They didn't receive an answer or a meeting with Kaczynski, but within days Kaczynski met with several Jewish representatives from other organizations, including the Orthodox Chabad movement.

That meeting led to fears among official Jewish community representatives that Kaczynski was trying to marginalize them and whitewash the issue of anti-Semitism.

Poland's chief rabbi, Michael Schudrich, said Jews still feel much safer in Poland than they do in parts of Europe where anti-Semitism is much stronger and sometimes violent, including France, Scandinavia and Hungary. But he said the situation is getting worse and "the biggest concern is a lack of communication with the government."

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Astros top Rangers 5-1 in last game before return to Houston

By **COREY LONG**
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — After a difficult three-game "home" series in front of sparse crowds 1,000 miles from their ballpark, the Houston Astros are heading back to their flood-ravaged city. And they're putting their inconvenience in perspective.

Jose Altuve homered, the Houston bullpen pitched 4 1/3 scoreless innings and the Astros beat the Texas Rangers 5-1 on Thursday in the last game before they return to Houston.

Josh Reddick added an RBI for the AL West-leading Astros, who avoided a three-game sweep at the hands of their in-state rivals at Tropicana Field, where the series was relocated because of Hurricane Harvey.

"It's been a tough week," Astros pitcher

Collin McHugh said. "Obviously, we're really fortunate in so many ways, to have been able to escape the devastation that's actually happened in Houston. We've been away for a while, and we're all ready to get back home."

Houston will have a previously unscheduled day off Friday and play a doubleheader Saturday against the Mets at Minute Maid Park. The downtown Houston stadium escaped major flood damage. Astros president Reid Ryan said he hopes the weekend games "can serve as a welcome distraction" for the city.

For the Rangers, it was their first loss all year at the Tampa Bay Rays' home park. They swept the Rays in a three-game series in June.

Chris Devenski (7-3)

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Texas Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus waits for the throw from catcher Brett Nicholson as Houston Astros' Alex Bregman steals second base during the fourth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

AP photo

Dak, Dez, Cowboys raise Harvey money while others practice



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys Dak Prescott, left, and Jason Witten, right, were among the players who participated at The Salvation Army telethon at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — With Dak Prescott on one end of a row and Dez Bryant near the other, the stars and starters for the Dallas Cowboys answered phones to take donations for Hurricane Harvey relief while lesser-known teammates practiced a few yards away.

The quarterback and his top receiver were among two dozen Dallas players on the sideline at empty 80,000-seat AT&T Stadium on Thursday night.

The closed practice on the field was the replacement for a preseason game that was first relocated from flood-ravaged Houston and ultimately canceled when the Texans got the OK to go home.

The telethon-practice combo was televised live by a local station. Hall of Fame receiver Michael Irvin was among the TV hosts, with the phone bank to his left behind him and the practice going on to his right.

Bryant took the call from owner and general manager Jerry Jones, who donated \$1 million. The team said \$2.3 million was raised for the Salvation Army.

"I think this is super cool," Bryant said. "We're able to help one another. I hate that this situation had to happen, but the good thing about it is it brings unity. This is the perfect opportunity to show unity."

Bryant, tight end Jason Witten and company wouldn't have been on the

field anyway had the Texans and Cowboys played their preseason finale. While the second- and third-teamers worked out in full pads, most of the starters donned the sponsor-laden jerseys they often wear at community events.

NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith, a three-time Super Bowl winner along with Irvin and quarterback Troy Aikman in the 1990s, was among the former players who stepped in during the hour-and-a-half event.

The Cowboys were already planning a telethon when the game was canceled Wednesday, the same day the Texans returned to Houston after spending three days in the Dallas area and practicing twice following a preseason game in New Orleans.

"I think they did the best thing," receiver Cole Beasley said. "Not just for us helping but for the guys, for the other team to get back home and get back to their families. The game is meaningless compared to what's going on down there."

Under Jones, the Cowboys have had a longstanding partnership with the Salvation Army that is spotlighted during their Thanksgiving game each year.

The relationship got a boost last season when running back Ezekiel Elliott scored a touchdown and then jumped into one of the oversized red kettles that are on the sidelines starting with the Thanksgiving game.

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WR Hopkins agrees to 5-year extension with Texans



AP photo

In this Jan. 1, 2017, file photo, Houston Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins warms up before an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans in Nashville, Tenn. A person familiar with the negotiations says the Texans and Hopkins have agreed to a five-year, \$81 million contract extension. The person spoke to The AP on the condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been announced by the teams.

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — DeAndre Hopkins wants to be the face of the Houston Texans offense.

On Thursday the Texans made sure that he'll be that for years to come when they agreed a five-year, \$81 million contract extension with the receiver.

"It means a lot to me because this city has done so much for me and my family," Hopkins told The Associated Press. "It's always been open arms and support through the good times and the bad times."

The deal, which includes \$49 million guaranteed, comes as the star receiver was entering the last year of his contract.

Hopkins was the 27th overall pick in the 2013 draft. He has piled up 4,487 yards receiving in his first four seasons, including a career-high 1,521 in 2015 despite playing with a revolving door of quarterbacks. He's started every game in his career

and finished with 78 receptions for 954 yards last season.

Hopkins spent his first two seasons playing in the shadow of franchise receiving leader Andre Johnson. When Johnson was released after the 2014 season, Hopkins knew it was time for him to step up.

"Once Andre Johnson left I knew this offense was going to be on my back and I accepted that with open arms," Hopkins said. "Just to be part of this offense right now and what we're doing and the guys we're drafting are a bunch of young guys that are coming in here hungry. And just to be a part of that and to be the leader to me is special."

After learning from Johnson early in his career, Hopkins is prepared to lead this offense and doesn't shy away from the expectations attached to signing such a huge contract.

"To see these guys grow that are younger than me that are going to help us get where we

are and just being able to mentor them every day is going to be awesome," he said. "I know the team we have, everybody knows the team we have and to be that piece and to have that pressure on me, it's not really pressure because I've been in situations before where I've been that guy and I like it honestly."

The 25-year-old has 23 receiving touchdowns in his career and will be the centerpiece of an offense that is looking to bounce back after a tough 2016 season with Brock Osweiler at quarterback.

The production of Hopkins has been impressive considering the team's long-term woes at quarterback. The Texans, who have started eight quarterbacks since Hopkins was drafted, thought they'd solved their problems at the position when they signed Osweiler to a \$72 million contract before last season.

Instead he was

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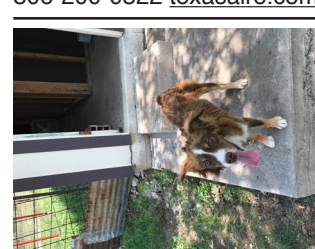
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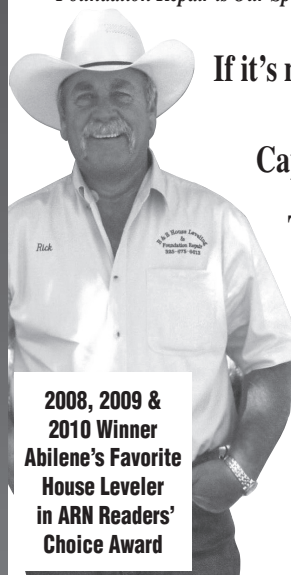


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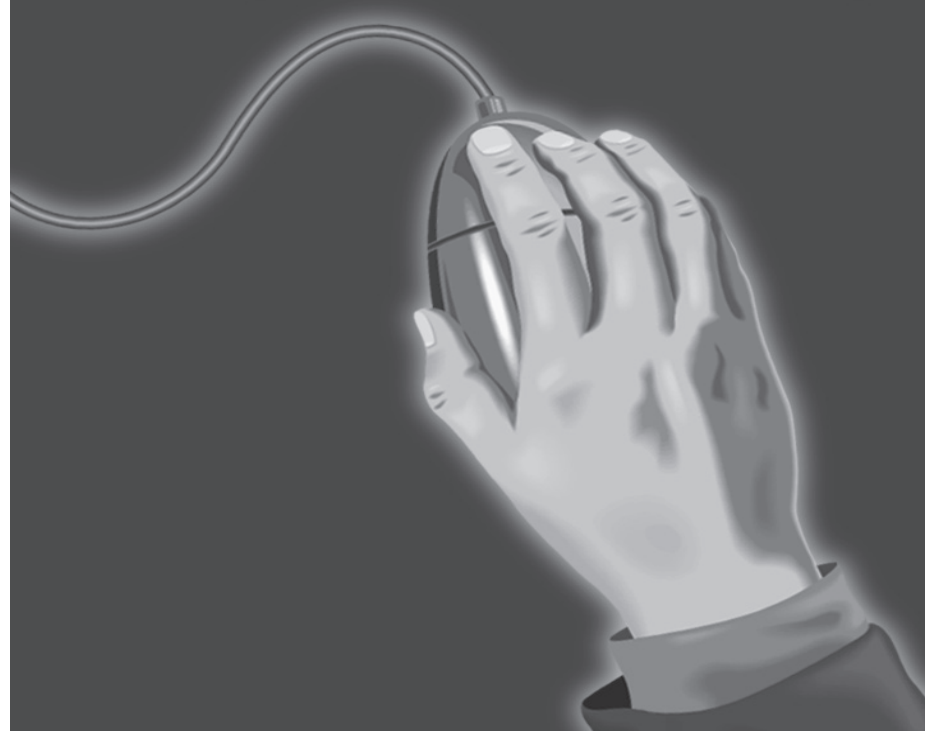
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Contraction is the natural reaction to the cold or hardness of either external or internal circumstances -- a narrowing of focus and life. Now what will you do to counter it?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know a lot on the subject at hand and will be asked for your opinion. You'll be slow to weigh in, though, ever aware that there are always new insights. Peers will respect your humility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're really "on" (as you'll find you will frequently be over the next three weeks) your stories will be like theme park rides that take people out of the atmosphere and into a new world before returning them safely back to the car park.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some things are beautiful because they fit so perfectly into a

well-defined niche. Other things are beautiful because they are so difficult to explain or define. The latter kind brings today's wonderment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The human fight-or-flight response only works with outside stimuli. No human can run fast enough to get away from his or her inner life. Fighting with it is futile, too. An accepting, gentle conversation will do much good, though.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Nothing is interesting until someone is interested in it. When you pay attention and hook into what fascinates you, you'll make the subject more appealing to others. Your curiosity is, in essence, a public service.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relax. Let the stressful thoughts float by without grabbing hold of them. There's a lot running through your head that you can safely dismiss, if only because you've already thought it before. What's new and important will stand out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People show appreciation in the way they

know how. Often, it's not in the timeliest or politest way, but we're not all coming from the same teaching in that regard. Let it go and accept kindness however it comes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). They're seeking the same thing that you are: love, peace and connection. Of course, a fair exchange of goods, services and money would be nice, too. You just might get it all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you get a whiff of something that reminds you of the past, this can trigger an incommensurable emotional response in you that's not an accurate representation of what's actually going on.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 1). The love coming into your life will grow and grow. You'll sail the uncharted territory and make your own map in October. In November, choices that seem monumental are actually as silly as worrying about choosing which side of the bread to butter. Not knowing makes it exciting. Dive in: It's delicious either way. Sagittarius and Pisces

adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 33, 27 and 17.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Somewhere along the line you got the message that emotions were unseemly -- untrue! Your big feelings are OK, and they always were. TAURUS: Memory can be sketchy, but something will bring wonderful feelings vividly back to you. GEMINI: You have more life skills than you've ever had and will use them to create better relationships. CANCER: You'll stand side by side with your preferred partner and be closer than ever. LEO: You'll get the chance to share what you know and connect through problem-solving. VIRGO: You'll give to get, maybe not consciously, but when you show your vulnerability the other person will let down his or her guard, too. LIBRA: You might be surprised at how fragile people really are -- especially the ones who act tough. SCORPIO: Everyone seems to want your attention, and your biggest challenge will be spreading it fairly. SAGITTARIUS: You pump someone up and that

person will become how you see them. CAPRICORN: Theoretically, you'd like to be in excellent communication, but there are things that are better not talked about just yet. AQUARIUS: Instead of trying to make someone like you, desire to learn that person's worldview to know if it's one that melds with yours. PISCES: You'll get to know someone as you fix something together.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The relationship between the brilliantly zany Aquarius and the epically efficient Virgo echoes some of the great comic couples of the entertainment world: Lucy and Ricky, Dharma and Greg, Bert and Ernie, Lisa and Bart, Oscar and Felix, Lavern and Shirley, Turner and Hooch. One teaches the other to lighten up, or get smart, or just be self-accepting -- and they're both better for the experience.

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Lunar Confrontation With Jupiter

The moon in powerful Capricorn confronts Jupiter in the sign of relationships. Mental chains can be worse than real chains, because you don't realize you're wearing them. Once you notice you're following a mental pattern, you can break it. Often it's in the very moment when you think there's nothing you can do that a new option opens up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Many situations are ambiguous. It's the way we interpret them that gives them context and meaning. To take a neutral situation and turn it into something negative is to needlessly drain a little joy from your life. Let in the light.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When working harder

Dreading Visits from Boozy Sister-in-Law

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married 34 years. He's a wonderful man. His sister, "Debbie," is awful.

My husband remodeled our old house, and as soon as Debbie saw it she started hounding him to come do hers. She lives three states away. She wants him

to remodel her kitchen and add a bathroom. She told him that she would pay him \$10 an hour to do it. He said no: He knows that she is never happy with the work anybody does on her house.

About four years ago when she came to our house, she rearranged the furniture in our living room. She has been doing it ever since. During her most recent visit, she rearranged the furniture

on our front porch and back deck. I have tried nicely asking her not to move things. She just ignores me.

She also has a drinking problem. From the second she rolls into our driveway, she has an open beer in her hand. We've seen her drink five beers and call each one her "first beer today." I can't decide if she thinks we are stupid or blind. My husband and I have tried to talk to her about her drinking problem, and she just accuses us of stretching the truth.

I would gladly stay away from her, but she is my husband's only living blood relative. What can I do? -- Way Past Annoyed

Dear Way Past Annoyed: You can erect boundaries, but because your husband is closer to her, he needs to do the heavy lifting. Express to him just how much Debbie's visits impact you, between the furniture-rearranging and the binge-drinking.

And with regard to that second point: She clearly has an alcohol problem. If you and your husband continue to host her even when she's drinking, you could be enabling her. Make her staying with you conditional on her not drinking. Tell her if she drinks and drives, you will call 911, because she's a danger to herself and everyone else on the road. You might benefit from Al-Anon. Find a meeting in your area at <https://al-anon.org>.

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Dear HUOM: Your concern for strangers' well-being is admirable. Perhaps you could print out some cards that say something to the effect of, "I'm a medical doctor. I am giving you this card because I noticed a blemish on your skin that I believe you

should have examined by a physician." Keep them in your wallet to discreetly hand out when necessary. This would give them space to decide whether or not to see a doctor, without having to get into a conversation about it. No doubt it will still be a little uncomfortable -- but if it saves even one person's life, it's worth a thousand awkward moments.

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Annie's Mailbox

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs. North leads the ace and another spade. How would you play the hand?

WEST	EAST
♠ 10	♠ K J
♥ 8 5 2	♥ A K 6
♦ K 10 9	♦ A J 5 4 3
♣ A Q 10 9 6 3	♣ K J 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Notrump. North leads the jack of spades. How would you play the hand?

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♥ 5	♥ A K Q 7 4
♦ A K Q 8 4 2	♦ 10 3
♣ A 9	♣ K 6 5 2

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Tomorrow: Charting your course of play.

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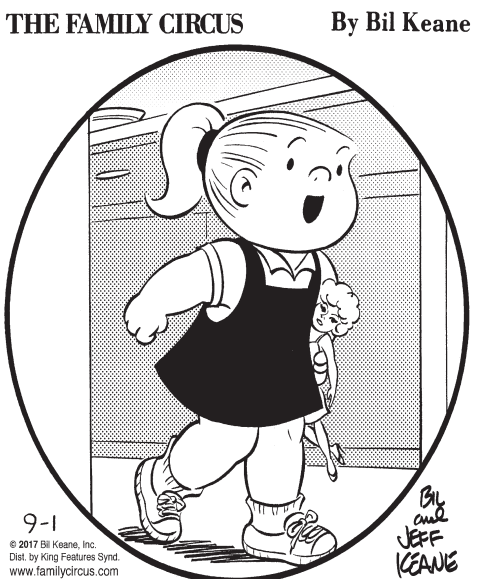
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I LIKE SCHOOL... IT'S ALL THE NOTES TO MY MOM THAT SPOIL IT!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, how 'bout we have Barbie cute ribs for dinner tonight?"

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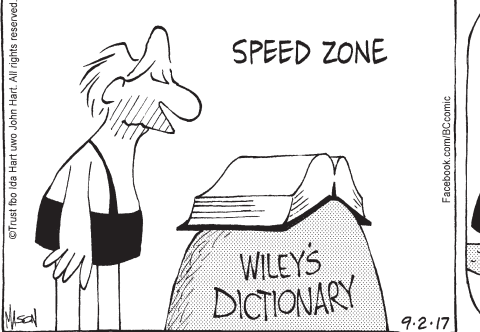
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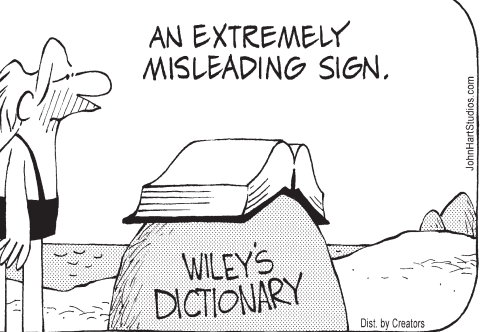
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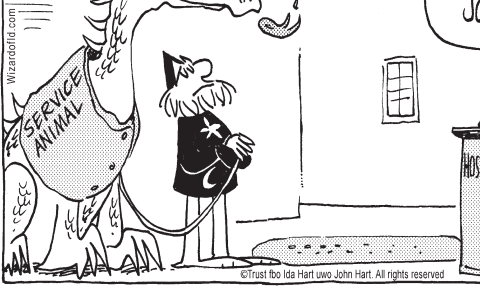
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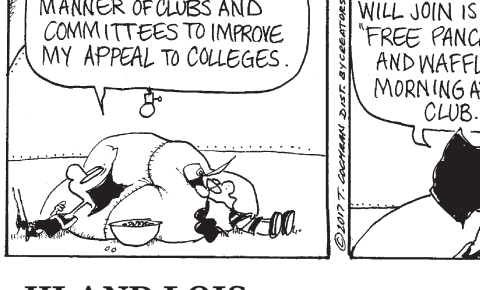
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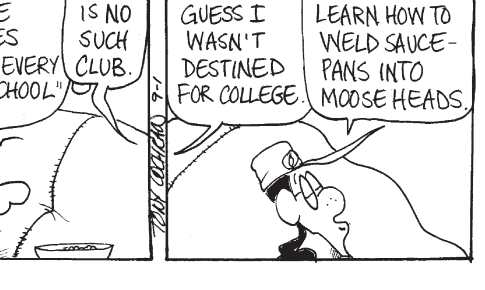
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THE OTHER COAST



DID YOU GET YOUR SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL YET?

SNUFFY SMITH



WE'RE IN A LOT OF THE SAME CLASSES.

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HA !! YOU'RE PURTY FUNNY, UNCA SNUFFY !! EVER THOUGHT'A DOIN' STANDUP ?

BEETLE BAILEY



'CUZ THAT'D MEAN HE'D HAFTA STAND UP !!

BEETLE BAILEY



YOU'RE VERY ALLURING TONIGHT, WHAT'S THAT PERFUME YOU'RE WEARING?

BEETLE BAILEY



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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2017. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On September 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:

- In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)
- In 1897, the first section of Boston's new subway system was opened.
- In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.
- In 1914, the last passenger pigeon in captivity, "Martha," died at the Cincinnati Zoo.
- In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.
- In 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. (Because of the time difference, it was Sept. 2 in Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony took place.)
- In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand

signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1976, U.S. Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, resigned in the wake of a scandal in which he admitted having an affair with "secretary" Elizabeth Ray.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1987, peace demonstrator S. Brian Willson lost his lower legs when he was hit by a train at the Concord Naval Weapons Station in California while protesting weapons shipments to Central America.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. (The hall opened to the public the next day.)

Ten years ago: Idaho Sen. Larry Craig announced his resignation, saying he would leave office on September 30, 2007, in the wake of fallout over his arrest and guilty plea in a Minnesota airport gay sex sting. (However, Craig later reversed his decision, saying he would serve out the rest of his term.) Clay Buchholz threw a no-hitter in his second major league start, just hours after being called up by the Boston Red Sox. Buchholz struck out

nine, walked three and hit one batter to give the Red Sox a 10-0 victory over Baltimore.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama ridiculed the just-completed Republican National Convention as better-suited to an era of black-and-white TV and "trickle-down, you're on your own" economics, and declared that Mitt Romney "did not offer a single new idea" for fixing the economy. Lyricist Hal David, 91, who teamed with Burt Bacharach on dozens of timeless songs for movies, television and a variety of recording artists in the 1960s and beyond, died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: A massive fireball and explosion erupted at SpaceX's main launch pad at Cape Canaveral, destroying a rocket as well as a satellite that Facebook was counting on to spread internet service in Africa.

Answer to previous puzzle

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EVER	CATO	OZAWA
TILE	AMEN	TENET
SALE	SINS	SNARE

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Italian word for "shrimp"
 - 7 Major artery
 - 14 Lighting fuel of old
 - 15 Disposed (to)
 - 16 Thinks big
 - 17 Chooses, as a chophouse
 - 18 Traditional recipe, part 1: Combine equal amounts of ...
 - 20 Heifer hangout
 - 21 Adverse
 - 22 Intangible vibe
 - 25 Issue forth
 - 27 It's northeast of Fort Wayne
 - 30 A, as in Aachen
 - 31 Withhold
 - 32 Overwhelming feeling
 - 33 Crime of combustion
 - 35 What the recipe is for
 - 39 Contributor to ambiance
 - 42 Billion years, in astronomy
 - 43 Some frozen desserts
 - 47 ___ de vie (French brandy)
 - 48 It's spotted throughout Mexico
 - 51 Team on some farms
 - 52 Bench order
 - 54 Crude quarters
 - 55 Backward
 - 56 Part 2 of recipe
 - 62 Eisenhower Library city
 - 64 *Holidays in Heck* humorist
 - 65 Search and destroy, perhaps
- DOWN**
- 1 Insincere "Sorry!"
 - 2 Command, as a cutter
 - 3 Disembarked
 - 4 Second Constitution adjective
 - 5 Anchorage locale
 - 6 One whom Sam played for
 - 7 Treat too tenderly
 - 8 Off the mark
 - 9 Told
 - 10 Frat letter
 - 11 Ensembles of cells
 - 12 Bed ___ Box (mattress brand)
 - 13 What Ms. Carson criticized
 - 14 Sent an overseas telegram to
 - 19 Port Said's region
 - 23 ___ Rancho, NM
 - 24 Novelist Patchett
 - 26 Files for flies, maybe
 - 27 Frat letter
 - 28 Take full responsibility for
 - 29 Cask material played for
 - 34 Buyback contract, for short
 - 36 *Metal precioso*
 - 37 Sweet sound
 - 38 Aesopian savor
 - 39 Drops at dawn
 - 40 Aural receptor
 - 41 Culinary category
 - 44 Zappos offering
 - 45 What many Founding Fathers wore
 - 46 Overnight annoyance
 - 49 Far from certain
 - 50 Cry like "Bingo!"
 - 53 Ozark Foothills city
 - 57 Backpack burden
 - 58 When both hands are up
 - 59 SPECTRE scientist
 - 60 Trifle (with)
 - 61 Decoy
 - 62 Cardinals, on NFL scoreboards
 - 63 *Snow White* witch's shout

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TEXAS

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worked 2 1/3 innings in relief of McHugh to get the win. Ken Giles pitched the final two innings for his 27th save in 30 opportunities.

Devenski plans to spend part of the day off helping out wherever he can.

"It's been tough on me because, in all reality, we should be there," Devenski said. "We should have been there from the start of this."

McHugh allowed one unearned run, but bench coach Alex Cora pulled him one out short of a potential victory. Cora was managing in place of A.J. Hinch, who was ejected by second-base umpire Joe West for arguing a catcher's interference call in the first.

McHugh allowed four hits, walked two, hit a batter and threw a wild pitch in 4 2/3 innings.

"It's a big win for us. I thought the bullpen was exceptional. I got to watch it on TV," Hinch said. "We haven't been playing our best in this series, and now we get on a plane and get to go home. It's the best news of the day."

Altuve's home run, his 21st, came off Nick Martinez (3-6) in the first. Reddick put the Astros ahead with an RBI single in the fourth.

Martinez allowed two runs in five innings and struck out six.

Alex Bregman had an RBI single in the eighth, and Derek Fisher, who entered the game as a pinch runner, followed with a two-out, two-run single in his only at-bat.

Nomar Mazara drove in the Rangers' only run with a fielder's choice in the first. Texas is four games back of Minnesota for the second AL wild card.

"Very challenging road trip for us. But to take two of three against these guys is a plus to get us back to a .500 road trip," manager Jeff Banister said. "Now we go home, play three games against Anaheim and see if we can't gain a little ground."

BELTRE HURT

Rangers 3B Adrian Beltre, who got his 3,000th career hit this season, pulled up with a strained left ham-



Houston Astros Carlos Beltran, left, looks on as Alex Bregman (2) scores on Josh Reddick's RBI-single off Texas Rangers starter Nick Martinez during the fourth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

string while fielding a grounder in the seventh and was immediately pulled from the game.

Beltre, who missed 51 games at the start of this season with calf issues, said after the game that he would have an MRI on Friday.

"It's too soon to tell. Get an MRI tomorrow and see where we're at," Beltre said. "Today, it doesn't really feel good."

UNUSUAL EJECTION

Hinch said he didn't understand why West felt the need to get involved in the discussion he was having with home plate umpire Chris Segal.

"I understand he's protecting a younger umpire, but there was really no business for Joe to be involved in

the argument," Hinch said. "I didn't say anything that was necessary to get thrown out by the home plate umpire, and then Joe got involved and decided I was done for the day. It was just unnecessary."

The Astros claimed outfielder Cameron Maybin off waivers from the Angels on Thursday.

"I've got history with Cam. He's a great human, a fun guy to be on our team," Hinch said. "He's got a ton of speed, can play all three outfield positions, so I'll work him in."

NO-FIELD ADVANTAGE

Joey Gallo hit what looked like a potential home run in the fourth for the Rangers, but the ball hit the B-ring on the catwalk at Tropicana Field and fell in the field of play. Gallo settled for a double and didn't score.

"A little unfortunate with a ball that we felt that was going to be out of the ballpark for Gallo," Banister said. "But we were unable to drive the runs when we had chances to."

GOOD SEATS AVAILABLE

The final game of the relocated three-game series drew 3,385 fans, the smallest crowd of the series. Attendance for Wednesday's game was 6,123.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: DH Carlos Beltran was hit on the foot by a pitch in the seventh and was removed from the game. ... C Evan Gattis was placed on the 10-day DL with right wrist soreness. ... RHP Lance McCullers Jr. (back) gave up two runs over five innings for Double-A Corpus Christi in his second rehab start.

UP NEXT

Rangers: LHP Cole Hamels will look for his 10th win of the season in the opener of a home series against the Angels.

Astros: After a day off, the Astros will send RHP Charlie Morton and RHP Brad Peacock to the mound on Saturday against the Mets in a doubleheader at Minute Maid Park.



Dallas Cowboys players unload approximately 300,000 pieces of donated apparel at The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017. The clothing items were donated to aid Hurricane Harvey evacuees who are sheltering in North Dallas.

DALLAS

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Now the Cowboys have raised money from that same field.

"A lot of people were calling in and it wasn't like, 'Oh, Dallas Cowboys, cool, I get to talk to you,'" Beasley said. "They were about their business and people really wanted to donate money."

On the field, second- and third-teamers got their final chance to make an impression before the roster cut to

53 players Saturday. Rookie quarterback Cooper Rush was among them, although his preseason has been strong enough that he is likely to meet his goal of making the final cut.

Elliott didn't attend because he was at a hearing for his appeal of a six-game suspension over a domestic violence incident. The hearing covered three days, ending around midday Thursday.

AP photo

HOPKINS

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benched late in the season and shipped to Cleveland in the offseason, leaving Tom Savage, who has never thrown a touchdown pass, as the starter.

Houston selected Clemson star Deshaun Watson in the first round of this year's draft, but it looks as if Hopkins won't be catching passes from him anytime soon with coach Bill O'Brien sticking with Savage as his starter throughout camp.

The deal will keep Hopkins with the Texans through the 2022 season.

When the deal was done, Hopkins couldn't wait to call and share the news with his mother Sabrina Greenlee. He thought she might scream or freak out, but that didn't happen.

"She was calm," he

said. "She was the same person that she was before I told her any kind of news and I think that's why I'm humble as I am because the way she reacts to things like that. She wasn't overly excited. But of course she was excited because this is something that's going to change our family's history."

And after she had a moment to let the news that her son was now one of the NFL's highest paid receivers sink in, she did what she often does when Hopkins calls her.

"We said a prayer," he said. "She made sure she said a prayer to me on the phone and that's what it was."

I am retiring as of September 6, 2017. I have been so blessed being a nurse and meeting some wonderfully fabulous people! I will miss everyone very much. May God bless each and every one of you!

-Dee Clawson

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