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9/11 service to honor Big Spring's fallen heroes



Big Spring veterans Mike Tarpley, left, and David Baird hang flags at the Spring Town Plaza mall in honor of the nine local service members slain in the line of duty. Each flag displays the branch of service of one fallen hero. A 9/11 memorial service will be held at the mall Monday at 6:30 p.m.

ard County Volunteer Fire Department.

Nine men connected with Howard County have died in the fight against terrorism. They are:

- Steven Evard, civilian contractor who also served in the Big Spring Police Department (1971-2007);
- PFC Clayton Hensen, U.S. Army (1983-2004);
- PFC Kristian Menchaca, U.S. Army (1983-2006);
- PFC Chad Metcalf Bales, U.S. Marine Corps, (1982-2003);
- SPC Robert J. Volker, U.S. Army (1985-2007);
- Staff Sgt. Clinton Newman, U.S. Army, (1979-2006);
- Cpt. Ellery "Ray" Wallace, U.S. Army (1977-2010);
- SPC Braden Long, U.S. Army (1987-2007);
- Sgt. Conrad Alvarez, U.S. Army (1986-2008).

On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes. Nearly 3,000 people lost their lives that day.

Two planes crashed into the World Trade Center buildings, and one flew into the U.S. Pentagon. A fourth plane — United Airlines Flight 93 — was brought down in a field in Shanksville, Penn., as passengers fought with the terrorists to regain control of the airplane after learning of the other three crashes.

For more information on the local memorial ceremony, contact DAV Senior Vice Commander Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring's annual 9-11 Memorial Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Spring Town Plaza to

remember the victims of the Sept 11, 2001, attacks on the United States and those who have died in the war on terrorism.
 Guest speaker for the event is John Wayne Metcalf, the stepfather of the

late Chad Metcalf Bales who was the first son of Howard County killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.
 Sponsoring the event are the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47; Spring Town Plaza; and the How-

Howard County commissioners meet Thursday to approve payroll

New bi-weekly meetings due to AG opinion

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer
 Howard County commissioners added new bi-weekly meetings to their docket Thursdays before each county payday.



Thomas

According to county officials, the purpose of the meetings, to be held every other Thursday at 10 a.m., is to approve the county payroll for the upcoming two-week pay period.

"There was an opinion from the attorney general that said this is the way it has to be," said County Treasurer Teresa Thomas. "The money being in the budget for the payroll is not enough, it has to be approved before each payday. They're going to have to meet the day before each payday, so it will be two more each

month, except that because payroll is bi-weekly, there are two months out of the year that actually have three paydays. They will be meeting bi-weekly on Thursdays before the payday on Friday."

The change is not new legislation, Thomas said; rather, it's due to new direction from the office of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

"It is just routine, and the laws have not changed. It is just the understanding of the laws that we had," Thomas said. "With the new attorney general's opinion, he believes they need to approve them every time there is a payroll."

The payroll was routinely approved at the meeting Thursday morning.

In other business, commissioners met in executive closed session to discuss personnel considerations.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235.

PBUWCD publishes amended rules

Special to the Herald

STANTON — The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) wants to make the public aware of their updated and amended rules. The rules were adopted July 20, 2017, and will go in to effect Oct. 1, 2017. The PBUWCD District consists of all of Martin County and most of Howard County.

Under the previous rules, landowners within the District were required to come in to the office and permit

water wells that were non-exempt. However, under the amended rules, landowners are required to register not only non-exempt wells, but also exempt water wells.

PBUWCD rules include the following in regards to drilling of a water well:

- No person shall hereafter drill, operate, equip or complete a well without having first applied to the Board for a Permit or Registration.
- Non-exempt well (pumps more than 17.5 gallons per minute) — Requires Permit

• Exempt well (pumps less than 17.5 gallons per minute, or falls under Rule 3B of the District Rules) — Requires Registration

Copies of the PBUWCD's amended Rules can be obtained at the PBUWCD office, located at 708 W. Saint Peter Street, Stanton, Texas; or from the PBUWCD website at pbuwcd.com.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136.

As Irma spins, Cuba evacuates; Floridians empty stores

By DESMOND BOYLAN and BEN FOX

Associated Press

CAIBARIEN, Cuba (AP) — Cuba evacuated tourists from beachside resorts and Floridians emptied stores of plywood and bottled water after Hurricane Irma left at least 16 people dead and thousands homeless on a dev-

astated string of Caribbean islands and spun toward Florida for what could be a catastrophic blow this weekend.

The hurricane rolled past the Dominican Republic and Haiti and battered the Turks and Caicos Islands early Friday with waves as high as 20 feet (6 meters). Communications went down as

the storm slammed into the islands, and the extent of the devastation was unclear.

Irma also spun along the northern coast of Cuba, where thousands of tourists were evacuated from low-lying keys off the coast dotted with all-inclusive resorts. All residents of

the area were under mandatory evacuation orders from the Cuban government, which was moving tens of thousands of people from

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Obituaries

Barbara Ann Draper

Barbara Ann Draper of Big Spring, Texas, died Sept. 2, 2017, at the age of 77.

Barbara was born to parents Marshal and Billie Lou Byerley on Aug. 24, 1940. After attending Big Spring High School, she married Jessie Draper in 1960.

Barbara is survived by her soulmate, Jessie Draper; her son Jay Draper, her daughter Cheryl Draper, six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at The Springs Fellowship, 6109 114th Street, Lubbock, Texas on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, at 11 a.m.

Filiberto Hinojosa



Filiberto Hinojosa of Stanton, Texas passed away Thursday Aug. 31, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday Sept. 5, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton, Texas. Interment will follow at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Rosary will be held on Sunday Sept. 3, 2017 at 7 p.m. and Monday Sept. 4, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Filiberto was born October 25, 1951 in Stanton, Texas. He married and raised his 5 children in

Stanton. Filiberto was a US Army Vietnam Veteran. He is preceded in death by his wife Elziria (Elsie) Hinojosa; parents, Filiberto Sr. and Elida Hinojosa; brothers, Epifanio Hinojosa Sr. and Domingo Hinojosa; sisters, Esmeralda Casteneda, and Josephina Hewetty. Filiberto is survived by his Daughters, Corene Hinojosa of Stanton and Tina Hinojosa of Big Spring. Sons, Philip Hinojosa and wife Tara of Greenwood, Andrew Hinojosa and wife Sandy of Big Spring, and Anthony Hinojosa of Stanton; sister, Angie Aguirre of Stanton; brothers, Favian Hinojosa Sr. of Stanton, Juan Hinojosa of Chapparral New Mexico, Reymundo Hinojosa of Midland and 7 grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Barbara June Shortes



Barbara June Shortes passed into eternal life Sept. 3, 2017. She was born Nov. 24, 1943 to the late Otis and Zella Williams. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband Dickie Shortes; two children, Stefani Shortes and Gentry Shortes; two brothers, Otis Williams of Sparr, FL, Bob Weldon Williams and wife Juanelle of Albany, TX; one sister Gean Cauble, and husband Jack of Brady, TX. Barbara was preceded in death by two sisters, Alice Ann Grantham and Faye Hiniker; and baby boy Rodney Beard. Barbara enjoyed the scenic outdoors and especially loved camping in the mountains, and spending time with her family. Barbara accepted Christ in 1967 and ran the good race. She will be laid to rest Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 in the Evergreen cemetery in Stanton, Texas at 11a.m. In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity.

Paid obituary

Billie W. Frazier

Billie W. Frazier, 82, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Sheriff

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

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

- **JENNIFER MARIA NICOLS**, 42, was booked by HCSO on charges of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, possession of dangerous drug, possession marijuana less two ounces.

- **NELSON RAMOS- REYES**, 28, was booked by HCSO on warrant for indecency with a child exposes.
- **KIMBERLY NICOLE RIOS**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of \$100 to \$750.
- **LINDA KAY STEGMAN**, 55, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

Take Note

- 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.aceministries.com for more information).

School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon at 432-213-1046.

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

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food.

It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

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

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

Dances are from 7:30 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.

- 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 welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more

about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

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

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

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

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed.

If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you.

For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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In this Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, photo, damage is left after Hurricane Irma hit Barbuda. Hurricane Irma battered the Turks and Caicos Islands early Friday as the fearsome Category 5 storm continued a rampage through the Caribbean that has killed a number of people, with Florida in its sights.

IRMA

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vulnerable coastline.

Warships and planes were dispatched with food, water and troops after Irma smashed homes, schools and roads, laying waste to some of the world's most beautiful and exclusive tourist destinations. On the island of St. Thomas, power lines and towers were toppled, leaves were stripped off plants and trees, a water and sewage treatment plant was heavily damaged and the harbor was in ruins, along with hundreds of homes and dozens of businesses.

Thousands of tourists were trapped on St. Martin, St. Barts, and the Virgin Islands in the path of Category 3 Hurricane Jose, which threatened to roll in from the Atlantic and strike as early as Saturday. Irma weakened from a Category 5 storm to Category 4 on Friday morning with maximum sustained winds near 150 mph (240 kph),

but it remained a powerful hurricane. Florida braced for the onslaught, with forecasters warning that Irma could slam headlong into the Miami metropolitan area of 6 million people, punish the entire length of the state's Atlantic coast and move into Georgia and South Carolina.

More than a half-million people in Miami-Dade County were ordered to leave as Irma closed in with winds of 175 mph (280 kph). People rushed to board up their homes, take their boats out of the water and gas up their cars. With gasoline running out and tensions rising, the Florida Highway Patrol escorted tanker trucks sent to replenish gas stations.

"It is wider than our entire state and could cause major and life-threatening impacts from coast to coast. Regardless of which coast you live on, be prepared to evacuate," Gov. Rick Scott said.

Brian McNoldy, a hurricane researcher at the University of Miami, said Irma could easily prove to be the

costliest storm in U.S. history.

The first islands hit by the storm were scenes of terrible destruction.

The storm had claimed at least 16 lives, including nine on the French Caribbean islands of St.-Martin and St. Barts, four in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and three on the British island of Anguilla, Barbuda and the Dutch side of St. Martin.

Officials on St. Thomas said they expected to find more bodies on the island where authorities described the damage as catastrophic and said crews were struggling to reopen roads and restore power.

The hospital on St. Thomas was destroyed and dozens of patients were being evacuated to St. Croix and Puerto Rico by the U.S. Coast Guard. Local officials said a U.S. Navy hospital ship was arriving as early as Friday to care for unknown numbers of injured and two Air Force C-130s transport planes were bringing in food and water.

Gov. Kenneth Mapp imposed a 6 p.m. curfew. The primary focus for now is "making sure people have meals, water and shelter," Mapp said. "An event of this magnitude is very chilling."

On St. Martin, an island split between the Dutch Sint Maarten and French St.-Martin, homes were splintered and road signs scattered by the fierce winds. The cafes and clothing shops of the picturesque French seaside village of Marigot were submerged in brown floodwaters and people surveyed the wreckage from whatever shelter they could find. The toll could rise because rescue teams had yet to get a complete look at the damage.

AP photo

Annick Girardin, minister for France's overseas territories, said Friday that there had been "scenes of pillaging" of televisions as well as food and water on St. Martin. She said police were working to restore order and ensure urgent care for victims.

The U.S. Consulate General in Curaçao said it believes about 6,000 Americans were stranded on St. Martin. The consulate was collecting the names and locations of the stranded and said it was working with the U.S. and other governments to try to figure out how to get the Americans off the island either by air or boat.

Irma also slammed the French island of St. Barts, tearing off roofs and knocking out electricity in the high-end tourist destination.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said the storm "caused wide-scale destruction of infrastructure, houses and businesses."

"There is no power, no gaso-

line, no running water. Houses are under water, cars are floating through the streets, inhabitants are sitting in the dark in ruined houses and are cut off from the outside world," he said.

Farther out in the Atlantic, Hurricane Jose strengthened into a Category 3 storm with 120 mph (195 kph) winds.

Two Dutch navy ships were in St. Martin with vital supplies. And two Dutch military aircraft were being sent to the island of Curacao and on to St. Martin to deliver food and water intended to last the population of 40,000 five days. The aircraft were carrying 100 extra troops to deliver aid, repair infrastructure and restore order.

Britain was sending hundreds of troops and the Royal Navy flagship HMS Ocean to Anguilla, Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands.

In Anguilla, officials reported extensive damage to the airport, hospitals, shelters and schools and said 90 percent of roads were impassable.

On Barbuda, nearly every building was damaged when the hurricane's core crossed almost directly over the island early Wednesday. About 60 percent of its roughly 1,400 residents were left homeless, Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne said.

He said roads and telecommunications systems were wrecked and recovery will take months, if not years.

"It is just really a horrendous situation," Browne said.

Dominican and Haitian authorities reported flooding and minor damage in Irma's wake but no immediate deaths or widespread destruction. The neighboring nations remained vulnerable Friday to the sort of flooding that has killed thousands in previous storms and hurricanes.

About a million people were without power in Puerto Rico after Irma sideswiped the island overnight, and nearly half the territory's hospitals were relying on generators. No injuries were reported.

Powerful quake rocks southern Mexico coast; at least 32 die

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN and E. EDUARDO CASTILLO

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — One of the most powerful earthquakes ever to strike Mexico has hit off its southern Pacific coast, killing at least 32 people, toppling houses, government offices and businesses while sending panicked people into the streets more than 650 miles (1,000 kilometers) away.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake hit off Chiapas state near the Guatemala-

lan border with a magnitude of 8.1 — slightly stronger than the magnitude 8 quake of 1985 that killed thousands and devastated large parts of Mexico City.

Oaxaca state Gov. Alejandro Murat told local news media that at least 23 people had died in his coastal state.

Civil defense officials said at least seven died in Chiapas and two others in the Gulf coast state of Tabasco.

Hundreds of buildings collapsed or were damaged, power was cut at least briefly to more than 1.8 million people

and authorities closed schools Friday in at least 11 states to check them for safety.

"The house moved like chewing gum and the light and internet went out momentarily," said Rodrigo Soberanes, who lives near the Chiapas state city of San Cristobal de las Casas.

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded at least 20 aftershocks of magnitude 4.0 or greater within about five hours after the main shake, and the president warned that a major aftershock as large as magnitude 7.2 could occur.

The USGS said the quake struck at 11:49 p.m. Thursday (12:49 a.m. EDT ; 0449 GMT Friday) and its epicenter was 102 miles (165 kilometers) west of Tapachula in Chiapas. It had a depth of 43.3 miles (69.7 kilometers).

The quake caused buildings to sway violently in Mexico's capital more than 650 miles (1,000 kilometers) away. As beds banged against walls, people still wearing pajamas fled into the streets, gathering in frightened groups.

Chiapas Gov. Manuel

Velasco said that three people were killed in San Cristobal, including two women who died when a house and a wall collapsed.

He called on people living near the coast to leave their houses as a

protective measure.

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Genevieve "Jenny" Pike, 59, died Monday. Memorial service was at 11:00 AM today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

William "MAC" McNorton, Sr., 80, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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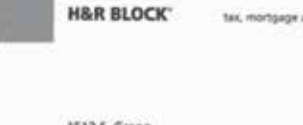
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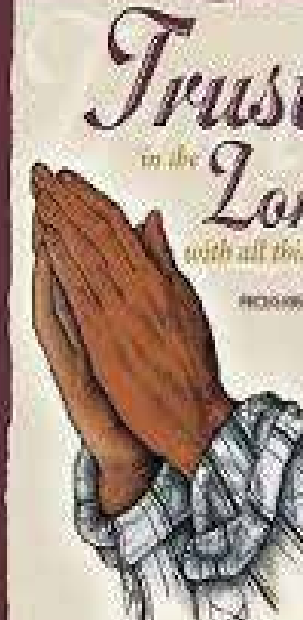


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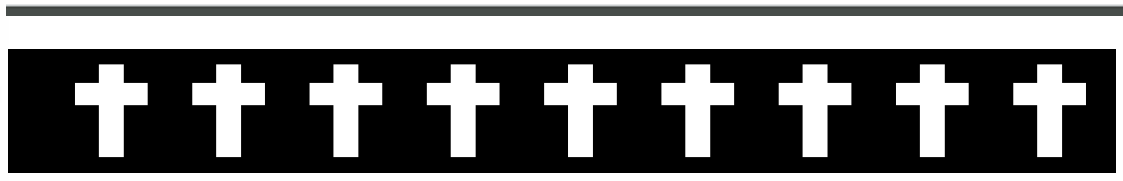
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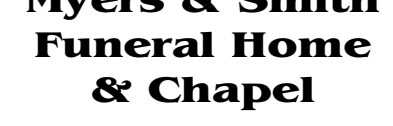


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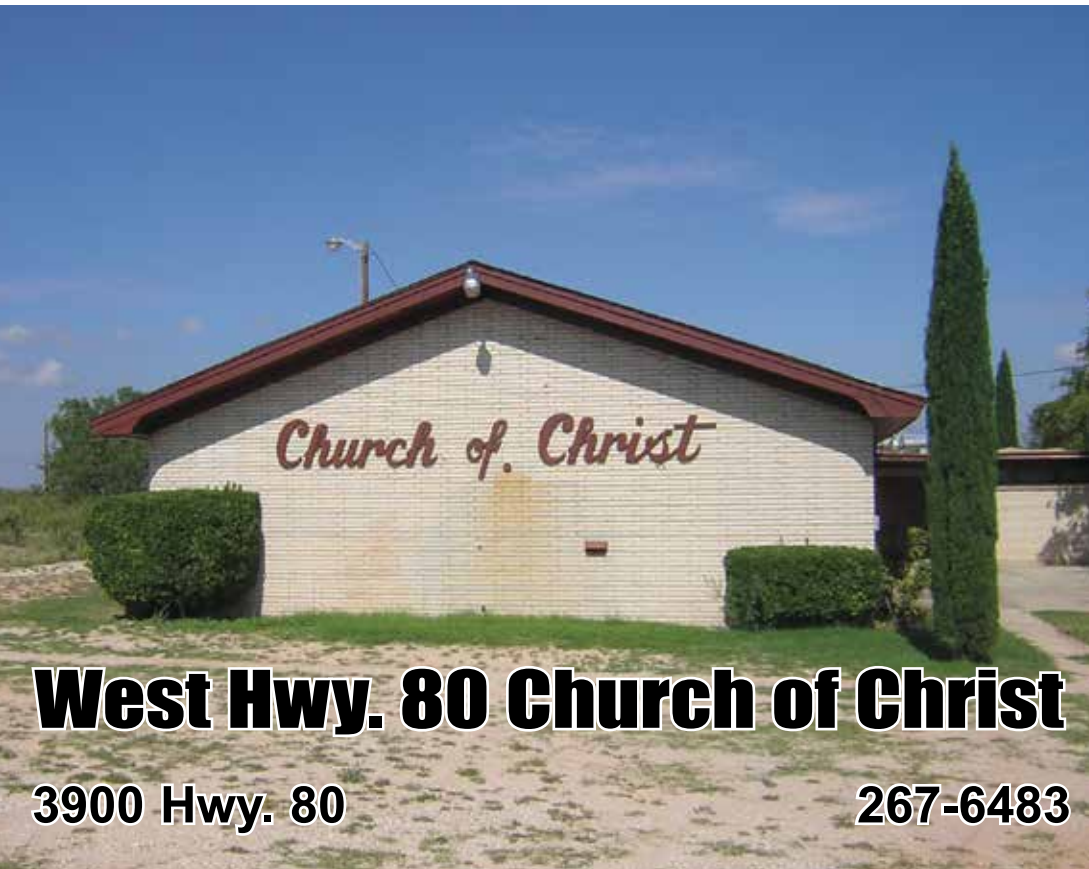
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Did you ever wonder? Elijah, God's servant

When she heard that Elijah had killed all her priests, Jezebel swore by her gods to kill Elijah. Elijah and his servant immediately went far south to the town of Beer-sheba. His servant stayed there and Elijah traveled another day into the desert.

He found a broom tree, where he rested and prayed. A broom tree is a desert shrub which sometimes grows tall enough for a man to find shade.

Elijah was exhausted and discouraged. Despite the miracles that God had performed among the people, no one turned to God and now Elijah's life was in danger.

He had tried so hard, but his efforts were not fruitful. He confessed to God, "I have had enough, Lord. Take my life. I am no better than my ancestors." Then he went to sleep (1 Kings 19:4-5).

An angel brought bread and water for him. Elijah ate and drank, then went back to sleep. Again the angel brought bread and water for Elijah and told him, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you" (1 Kings 19:7).

As God led him, Elijah traveled 40 days and 40 nights from lower

Israel near the Mediterranean Sea to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. Mount Horeb is in the Saudi Arabian Peninsula. This is very near Mount Sinai, where God gave the Ten Commandments.

Elijah spent the night in a cave on the mountain. The Lord asked, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Elijah poured out his heart to God, saying that the Israelites had turned to other gods and had broken down the altars of the Lord. Elijah had been very zealous for the Lord, and now they were trying to kill him.

The Lord told Elijah to go out and stand on the mountain, for the Lord, Himself, was about to pass by.

A powerful wind came by. It tore apart the mountain and shattered rocks. But God was not in the mighty wind.

Next there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

Then a fire swept the mountain, but the Lord was not in the fire.

After the fire there came a gentle whisper that Elijah recognized was the Lord God Almighty. He went out and stood on the side of the mountain with his face covered.

The Lord told Elijah to go back the way he had come. Along the way, Elijah was to anoint Hazael king over Aram. Aram was an enemy nation east of Israel.

He was to anoint Jehu to be king over Israel. He was also to anoint Elisha as a prophet to succeed Elijah.

The Lord spoke of war and much bloodshed in Israel. Yet He would reserve 7,000 who had not bowed before or kissed the statue of Baal.

Elisha was from a very prosperous family; he was plowing when Elijah approached. Elisha had 12 yoke of oxen, plows, and men working in the fields when Elijah called him.

Elisha immediately accepted the Lord's call, but he asked that he first be allowed to say goodbye to his family. Elijah agreed.

Elisha slaughtered the oxen with which he had been plowing, and used his wooden plow for fire to cook the meat. This was literally burning his bridges behind him! He held a big celebration; then he followed Elijah.

I love Elijah! His heart was dedicated to God. He served the Lord and was persecuted for it. Yet when he was at his weakest, he did not turn away. He simply asked to die in the service of his Lord.

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.



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Reflections

Generations

History is like an expedition, like Lewis and Clark searching for the Northwest Passage. Each generation helps chart the journey with its twists and turns, and each picks up where the other left off.

Thomas Jefferson was 33 when he drafted the Declaration of Independence with the help of John Adams and Benjamin Franklin. Fifty years later he and John Adams died on the anniversary of the Fourth. Their death marked the end of the generation we know as the "founding fathers."

I remember as a child when the last veteran of the Civil War died. Albert Woolson was a drummer boy in Company C of the First Minnesota. He died in 1956. At present we are witnessing the departure of what Tom Brokaw called the "greatest generation," those who lived through World War II. Five years before I was born my mother was on a picnic with my father when President Roosevelt interrupted their 1940s music to report the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She died six years ago. My uncle commanded a tank in the battle of Nuremberg in April 1945. He died four years ago.

Some of us can recall where we were when John F. Kennedy was shot on the streets of Dallas, when Martin Luther King Jr. was killed, and Robert Kennedy was gunned down in Los Angeles. Vietnam and Watergate evoke vivid memories. But the young only know these events as history. Those who are seniors in high school were infants on 9/11/2001. They have grown up in a post 9/11 world learning about the Twin Towers attack through stories, video and books. One generation passes while another joins the journey.

Every generation is connected to the generations that went before. But, like an expedition, every generation must find its own way, and each generation must find its own faith. A few years ago I reflected on what I wanted to accomplish with my remaining years. One of those things was to encourage the younger generation to do greater things than I ever imagined. I am pleased to see that happening in many places. More people are coming to Christ every day than at any time in history, especially in South America, Africa, and Asia. I am finding many in their 20s and 30s who are passionate about going to the ends of the earth and living transformed lives for Christ.

When God looks on humanity, he sees generations. Following Noah's flood, God had us in mind when he said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations." Moses' success depended on how well he encouraged Joshua, the leader of the next generation that would enter the Promised Land. David sang, "Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations."

The world has never been a safe place. Expeditions are dangerous. We face huge obstacles and challenges, but the potential is limitless. As our generations overlap, we have opportunity to build upon the foundations of faith that others have laid and to create a better world for our children, our grandchildren, and those who will follow.

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



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NazFamily Church collecting for Harvey relief

Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene is collecting Crisis Care Kits to send to victims in the area affected by Hurricane Harvey. The church is asking for donations of completed kits, including the following items, packed into a 2- or 2.5-gallon Ziploc bag, and sealed shut:

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- One fingernail clipper,
- One comb,
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For more information, call the church at 432-267-7015.

Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

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Alive in Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office call 432-264-7818, or email aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. each week. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, you're invited to join the congregation this Sunday.

Mid-Week meal and classes are underway. The meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the Bible Study is from 6:30 to 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.

Dolline Budke 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.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to join them in worship Sunday at 2 p.m. Come lift your heart to God with the group as they give praise and thanks for the risen Savior Jesus Christ. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

Sunday, Sept. 10: At the 9 a.m. And 11 a.m. worship services, the series

entitled "Divide and Conquer: Exposing the Tactics of the Devil" will continue. The goal of the series is to identify and expose 10 tactics that the devil uses against individual believers, families and churches.

Starfish Program: Starfish tutoring for third graders has officially started. They meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 in the Academic Resource Center. 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. The program needs volunteers. If you are interested in being a part, and are willing and available to serve in this ministry to the community, contact the church office.

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

10th Anniversary Weekend: CCC is excited to announce the church's 10th Anniversary is coming up this October. To honor this momentous occasion, church members have planned a special Anniversary Weekend. We will have our Anniversary Banquet Saturday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. in the East Room at Howard College Coliseum.

Cornerstone Covenant Church meets every Sunday at 9 a.m. And 11 a.m., and Wednesday at 7 p.m., for worship services.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

New Connection Groups will be starting this Sunday! Men will continue with "33." "Walk Through the Gospel," begins, there will be a study of Paul and his writings in the New Testament, a new session of "Connect Four" for new members begins, and "Marriage on the Rock" will begin for married couples.

All volunteers who work with Spring Creek's children and youth must pass a background each year. Contact Chelsea Wells to make sure

you are up to date.

If you are interested in being a foster parent, stop by the church on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. Jason and Monica Hull with "Wildflower Ministries" will be sharing information on how to become a foster parent. Many children need someone to love and care for them. Please consider how you may be able to help.

Sept. 17 is National "Back to Church Sunday."

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

Donations are needed for Spring Creek's Blessing Box 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. Consider donating on a regular basis if you are able. Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in participating with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry ministry, contact Kay Elder.

Men are invited to participate in the next "Men's Warrior Weekend," Oct. 12 through 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, please contact Clint Bratcher.

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

cause.

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

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

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

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact the church office at 432-714-4584, or visit www.springcreekfellowship.org.

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

But we are in the Bible Belt

What message would Jesus be proclaiming if he were here on earth? Would he be like most on TV who claim to be speaking on his behalf, preaching a false gospel of materialism? Would he try to organize some kind of "Hands Across America" type event and just preach love, love, and more love?

I'm not trying to oversimplify anything. What I notice, however, is that many people will take the parts of the Bible that they like and make all of their beliefs revolve around them to the exclusion of other parts of the very same Bible.

Have you ever "choked" on something you read in the Bible? You may be wondering what that means. Have you ever read a passage of Scripture and thought that it surely can't be saying what it seems to be saying because, if it was, then a lot of what you believe would have to change or be thrown away? Some people who claim to follow Jesus might even be offended by some of the teachings in the Bible.

Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 11:6 - "And blessed is the one who is not offended by me" (ESV). Many of the Jews would not accept what Jesus was telling them even with all the miracles he had done to prove (testify or be a witness) that what

he said was the truth from God. Because of their stubbornness and unbelief, Jesus had another message to share with them.

Matthew 11:20-24, "Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you'" (ESV).

People generally do not want to hear about God's wrath. His wrath is seen in the punishment which is promised for those who do not obey him. We don't like to be told that we are wrong. Most people have either convinced themselves or allowed others to convince them that God certainly will not punish anyone, no matter what they do.

You may hear things like, "America is a Christian nation, so God would not do anything bad to us," "Even though our country may not be heading in the right direction, we live in the 'Bible Belt' and nothing like that is going to happen around here,"

or "I come from a good, Christian home so I know I'm okay."

If those things, or things like them, are the basis of your faith and hope, then Jesus might say, "Woe to you!" If you don't believe the Bible because it isn't progressive, pluralistic, and tolerant enough for you, then Jesus might say, "Woe to you!" If you only accept the parts that appeal to you and your opinions and throw out the rest of the Bible, then Jesus might say, "Woe to you!"

You do remember Sodom, don't you? If you're not sure, read Genesis 18 and 19. Now those were some wicked people. What might Jesus say on that last day? "Look how long you had the Scriptures and yet you never read them; or if you did, you did not believe them or you just explained them away. You had the evidence right in front of you. If the people of Sodom had all the evidence that you have, they would have repented. Why didn't you?"

Are you offended by some of the things in the Bible? Do you stumble over some of the things that Jesus said? Are you following the teachings, all the teachings, of Jesus and his Apostles? Don't let the "I thought" or "I feel" things keep you from studying and understanding God's word and obeying his commands.

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



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FBC Battle of the Sexes provides back-to-school fun



Courtesy photo

Teens mark the start of a new school year at First Baptist Church of Big Spring's "Battle of the Sexes" youth group gathering. Here, teens participate in a tasting game.

CHURCH

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First Baptist Church

"...neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:38-39.

You're invited to join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 as they gather in adoration of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of songs which will include: "Rejoice The Lord is King," "For All You've Done," "Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery," and "Near To The Heart of God." The worship choir will honor God through the special music: "Thou O Lord." Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Now What?" based on the burning question Jesus' disciples were left with after He rose from the dead. The message will address what His resurrection meant for His followers then, and what it means for believers today.

The week of Sept. 10 through 17 is the week of prayer for Texas Missions and the Mary Hill Davis offering, which is designated for mission work throughout Texas. FBC's goal is \$7,000. To see where this offering goes, visit wmutx.org/mary-hill-davis/where-does-the-money-go. If unable to attend the service, you may join the worship through the live stream on the website at fcbigspring.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 meeting in second-floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship.

Sunday evening at 5:30 all area children are welcome to attend Kids Connection. This fun, Bible-based

program leads participants through age-appropriate study which emphasizes practical application of Scriptural principles that are relevant to their daily lives, in addition to organized games and activities. There is no fee to attend. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for additional information.

Teens will meet at 6 p.m. at the home of Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini and his wife Rebekah, for a light meal and time of fellowship and Bible study. Contact Jonathan at 267-8332 for details or for transportation.

At 5:30 each Sunday evening in September the church will gather in the chapel for a time of reflection, prayer, study, and sharing. Beginning Oct. 1, the Sunday night schedule will transition from a single option for adults to multiple opportunities to deepen one's walk with Christ.

The Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open Thursday, Sept. 14, at 9 a.m. It is located on Lancaster, one block behind H-E-B.

Upward Basketball registration is underway. Go to the church website at: fcbigspring.org to sign up your youngster or for more information.

FBC is working with the West Texas Food Bank to collect items for the hurricane relief effort in South Tex-

as. The Food Bank is providing an 18 wheeler to deliver the items, which can be dropped off at FBC. Contact the church at 267-8223, or Debi at 432-935-2301, for details about requested items, timeline for donations, or to assist with sorting and packing donations. Please bring your items when someone is at the church to receive them.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6, and include adult Bible study and prayer time, adult choir practice, Real LYF for children, and Saturate Youth group.

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. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, Pastor Sandy Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called "God's Permanent Promise," which is taken from Joshua 1: 1 - 9. Assisting Pastor Sandlin worship will be Shirley Burgess, who will serve as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's table will be Shirley Burgess and Dan Miracle.

Helping to enhance worship are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault. A few selections they are preparing are, "Stand on the Promises," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," and "Just As I Am."

First Christian Church is proud to welcome any newcomers to the congregation. If you would like more information regarding their services or any goings on, please call 432-517-4821.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week a new series begins, focused on studying the life of King Saul. The message this Sunday morning comes from 1 Samuel 8:1-7 and is called "The Bandwagon."

There will be a movie night on Sept. 16 at sunset in the west parking lot. The original "Wizard of Oz" will be

shown, an interactive movie watching event complete with props and participation.

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 p.m., followed by class at 6 p.m. 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.

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 examine Romans 7. Morning worship will follow at 10 a.m. focussing on truth. Evening worship at 5 p.m. will discuss 2 Timothy 2:11-13.

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

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.

Last Sunday at a called Session Meeting after worship, the Session voted to immediately send \$10,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from the Local Benevolence Fund for Hurricane Harvey Relief. Beginning Dec. 1, 2017, they voted to send 10 percent tithe of the receipts of the Benevolence Fund each quarter for the next three years for Hurricane Harvey Relief.

A proposal was also made for the local congregation to hold a special offering for the victims of Hurricane Harvey on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, with half of whatever is collected to

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go immediately to PDA for the hurricane relief. The other half will be kept in the local Benevolence Fund for up to six months for assistance to any Hurricane Harvey victims who might come into the Howard County area. After the six months, any unused portion of that money will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Sunday, Sept. 10, from 9:30-10:50 a.m. is a Church-Wide Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the Church Life Committee Meeting. In the worship service, the Sunday school teachers for this year will be recognized. Sunday evening the Youth will have Dinner at 6 p.m., Youth Handbell Choir at 6:30 p.m., and Youth Group at 7:15 p.m.

The Discovery Class will resume on Sept. 17 with another study by John Ortberg called "The Life You've Always Wanted."

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. It is a key idea, because it shows the ways God relates to and deals with people.

Lane Reynolds is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector for September is Danny Kennemur. Communion Servers are: Buddy Cochrane, Katie and Jerry Grimes, Louise Hitch, and John Yater. Ushers for the month are: Glen Burch, Susan Holstedt, Danny Kennemur, and John Yater.

The lectionary passages for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost are Exodus

12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; and Matthew 18:15-20. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and officiate at Communion. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the Introit "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" by Erik Routley. The Choir will present "O Taste and See" by R. V. Williams as the anthem, and "Come to the Banquet" by Joseph Martin as the Communion anthem.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may 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 the website www.fpcbs.org. On the website, you can find a link to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Rd. in the Midway area, with Dr. Michael Seay serving as pastor.

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. A children's church and nursery are provided. On Sunday and Wednesday evenings, worship begins at 6 p.m. Children and youth programs are also available.

Every Monday, a ladies' prayer and share group meets at 9:30 a.m.

This Wednesday, Sept. 13, there will be an apartment ministry at 5:30 p.m.

at the Knollwood Heights Apartment Community Center. Activities and food will be provided.

Midway Baptist will host a fall revival beginning Sept. 24 through 27. Brother Jim Moss will be preaching. There will be a lunch fellowship following the morning service on Sept. 24. The evening service will be at 6 p.m. Revival services the next three nights will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A high attendance Sunday will be on Sept. 24.

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. 10. Exodus chapter three describes God's call to Moses through the burning bush. A musical version of the burning bush experience will be presented by Derrell and Sandy Patterson.

The church's "Kick Off for Fall" activities also takes place on Sunday, Sept. 10, with a Hot Dog Fellowship Meal at noon. In honor of the Kick Off, those attending are encouraged to wear their favorite team jersey (local, college, or pro teams). Dress is

casual. An All Church Swim Party is also scheduled on that day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calvios' home.

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. They 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 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 27. You may contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868.

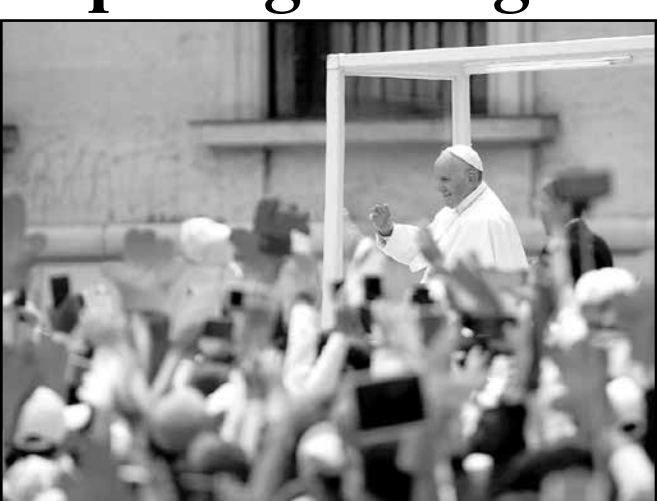
Evening Adult Bible Study, "Real Life," resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A meal is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Besides children and youth programs, an adult Bible study is also offered. The adult Bible study is led by Pastor Derrell, and is entitled, "Sunday Sermon 2.0." The study will dig deeper into the scripture and sermon from the previous Sunday will include questions and group discussion.

A "Fifth Quarter" Youth Gathering will be held after the game on Friday, Sept. 22, in the Partee building next to the church.

The church is 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.

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

Pope urges forgiveness in Colombia after decades of conflict



AP photo

Pope Francis greets the crowd as he arrives to Bolivar Square in Bogota, Colombia, Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017. Pope Francis opens the first full day in his Colombia visit on Thursday.

By NICOLE WINFIELD and JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Pope Francis urged young Colombians on Thursday to take the lead in promoting forgiveness after a half-century of armed conflict, and he demanded the ruling class address the entrenched inequalities that sparked Latin America's longest-running armed rebellion.

"There has been too much hatred and violence," Francis told a crowd at Bogota's presidential palace that included disabled children and soldiers with amputated limbs.

Francis received a raucous welcome on his first full day in Colombia, with young choir members abandoning their positions in the palace courtyard and throwing their arms around him as he arrived. The crowd was equally jubilant at Bogota's main Plaza Bolivar, where about 22,000 flag-waving Colombians interrupted him repeatedly.

History's first Latin American pope took the interruptions, protocol hiccups and security breaches in stride, joking with the crowds and relishing in the adoration of one of the continent's most staunchly Roman Catholic countries.

In his first major speech of his trip, Francis appealed to President Juan Manuel Santos and Colombia's political, cultural and economic elite to avoid the temptation to seek vengeance as the country emerges from the conflict and works to rebuild. Instead, he said they should commit themselves to "heal wounds, build bridges, strengthen relationships and support one another."

One year after the government signed a peace accord with rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, better known by its Spanish acronym FARC, the guns have fallen silent and 7,000 rebels are transitioning back to civilian life. But Colombians remain badly divided over the accord, with conservative opponents seeing it as too generous for the guerrillas who were behind scores of atrocities during the conflict.

In all, the fighting left more than 250,000 people dead, 60,000 missing and millions more displaced. Citing the most famous work of Colombia's Nobel laureate, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Francis said Colombians now needed to reconcile.

"The solitude of always being at loggerheads has been familiar for decades, and its smell has lingered for a hundred years," he said. "We do not want any type of violence whatsoever to restrict or destroy one more life."

Francis appealed to Colombia's youth to take the lead in promoting forgiveness, saying young people more than adults are able to "leave behind what has hurt us and look to the future without the burden of hatred."

"You make us see the wider world which stands before us, the whole of Colombia that wishes to grow and continue its development," he said.

Looking ahead, Francis insisted that Colombia now needed to enact "just laws" to resolve the structural causes of poverty and inequality to "overcome the conflicts that have torn apart this nation for decades."

"Let us not forget that inequality is the root of social ills," he warned.

The FARC formed as a Marxist army in the mid-1960s to overthrow Colombia's economic and social system and open the way to redistributing land amid gross economic inequal-

ities.

While the first year of the accord's implementation has seen the FARC disarm, it also has been marked by the state's failures to bring services to hard-to-reach communities where the government has historically had little presence and where rebels are beginning a new chapter as civilians. Former guerrillas arriving at many of the 26 demobilization zones found little more than fields of mud, and months later many remain living in tents rather than the buildings with running water and electricity that the government promised.



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**Proposition Number 1
(HJR 21)**

HJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Texas legislature to expand the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran or their spouse may qualify for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the veteran's residence homestead. Currently, the Texas legislature may provide that a partially disabled veteran or their spouse is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead only if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization at no cost to the veteran. The amendment would allow the Texas legislature to provide that the exemption also may be taken when the residence homestead was donated, sold, or transferred to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead. The amendment also harmonizes certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

**Proposition Number 2
(SJR 60)**

SJR 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to require that certain conditions be met for the refinancing of a home equity loan to be secured by a voluntary lien on a homestead. The amendment also would: redefine what is excluded in the calculation of the cap on fees associated with a home equity

loan, lower the cap from 3% to 2% of the original principal amount of the extension of credit, and specify that such fees are in addition to any bona fide discount points used to buy down the interest rate. The amendment would further specify the list of authorized lenders to make home equity loans, change the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, allow agricultural property owners to acquire home equity loans, and update technical terminology in the Texas Constitution. The amendment would be effective on January 1, 2018, and applicable only to a home equity loan made or refinanced on or after that date.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

**Proposition Number 3
(SJR 34)**

SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prevent certain office holders from serving indefinitely beyond the expiration of their term. Office holders who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and receive no salary would only be able to serve until the last day of the first regular session of the Texas legislature that begins after their term expires.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

**Proposition Number 4
(SJR 6)**

SJR 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to require any court that is hearing a challenge to the constitutionality of a state

statute to notify the attorney general of that challenge, if the party raising the challenge notifies the court that the party is challenging the constitutionality of such statute. Additionally, the amendment would allow the Texas legislature to set a period of not more than 45 days following the notification to the attorney general that the court must wait before rendering a judgment that a state statute is unconstitutional.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."

**Proposition Number 5
(HJR 100)**

HJR 100 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a more detailed definition of "professional sports team" for purposes of their charitable foundations, which the Texas legislature may permit to hold charitable raffles. The amendment also deletes a requirement that an eligible professional sports team charitable foundation permitted by the Texas legislature to hold charitable raffles had to be in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

**Proposition Number 6
(SJR 1)**

SJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature by general law to provide that a surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the surviving spouse's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. It would also allow the Texas legislature to provide that the surviving spouse, who qualifies and receives the exemption and then qualifies a

different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the different homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption of the first homestead for which the exemption was received in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that first homestead. Like the initial exemption, this benefit will only remain available if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

**Proposition Number 7
(HJR 37)**

HJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to make an exception to the law regarding the award of certain prizes. Currently, the Texas Constitution requires the Texas legislature to pass laws prohibiting lotteries, raffles, and other programs where the award of gifts is based on luck or chance. The proposed amendment would make an exception to this general rule to allow the Texas legislature to authorize credit unions and other financial institutions to institute programs which, in order to encourage savings, would award prizes based on luck or chance to the credit union's or financial institution's customers.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."

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Elliott in, Beckham apparently out for Giants-Cowboys opener

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**
AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — A month ago, the Dallas Cowboys figured to be without star running back Ezekiel Elliott for the opener while facing the New York Giants and dynamic receiver Odell Beckham Jr.

Now it appears the opposite will be true.

Elliott, the 2016 NFL rushing leader as a rookie, is still facing a six-game suspension over a domestic violence case, but will play Sunday night because of the timing of an appeal that was rejected, and an ongoing court fight to try to overturn the NFL's decision.

Beckham hasn't played since spraining his left ankle in a preseason game against Cleveland on Aug. 21, and didn't practice the early part of game week.

So Eli Manning could be without his top receiver for his 200th

consecutive start, but will have a new one in six-time Pro Bowler Brandon Marshall, who signed as a free agent. The Giants are trying to win their fourth straight against the Cowboys after sweeping the NFC East champions last year.

"They got weapons now," Dallas defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli said. "Beckham, he's special obviously. Those are really good receivers. We know that. They're stocked up pretty well."

Dak Prescott lost his debut as a rookie quarterback to the Giants in last year's opener before leading the Cowboys to a franchise-record 11 straight wins. The streak ended in a 10-7 loss at New York that was easily the worst game for the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

Dez Bryant was shut

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Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) hands off to teammate running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) during an NFL football practice in Frisco, Texas, Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017. *AP photo*

Texans face Jags in opener as Houston recovers from Harvey



AP photo

In this Aug. 16, 2017, file photo, Houston Texans quarterbacks Tom Savage (3) and Deshaun Watson, left, go through drills at an NFL football team practice in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. The Texans first game of the season is Sept. 10 at Jacksonville.

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Hurricane Harvey made football an afterthought in Houston.

On Sunday when they open the season against the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Texans know a city just beginning to rebuild after the storm will be looking for them to provide a boost.

"We know it's a hard time here in Houston right now," running back Lamar Miller said. "We're just trying to do anything to make this city proud this upcoming Sunday. And for us to do that, everybody has to do their assignment, play fast and just put on a show."

The Texans last took the field for a preseason game against the Saints on Aug. 26. They spent several days in Dallas before their last preseason game was cancelled after the storm.

Houston looks to extend its winning streak

against the Jaguars to seven games in a matchup that will feature the return of superstar defensive end J.J. Watt. He missed the final 13 games of last season following his second back surgery.

Watt has become the celebrity face of the storm after a fundraiser he started has raised more than \$29 million (and counting) for hurricane relief. He's been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support he's received from around the country and can't wait to play Sunday to help provide the fans an escape.

Watt was also quick to note his teammates have also pitched in to help out in the days since the storm.

"Our guys understand how big this city is for us," Watt said. "We wouldn't have a job if it wasn't for these incredible fans and these incredible people supporting us, and our guys

have been unbelievable about trying to give back and do whatever they can. It's been really cool to have their support behind all of this."

While the Texans move into their season after the storm, the Jaguars will have to leave their family and friends behind to head to Houston as Hurricane Irma approaches Florida. Coach Doug Marrone said they've had long discussions about how the team will deal with it, but declined to provide any details on their plans.

"We're going to handle that all internally of what we're doing with all of our plans and trying to make sure we keep everyone in mind as this is going on, because this is a difficult thing for the people that work here," he said. "It's a difficult thing for the people in Jacksonville."

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Bulldogettes look to bounce back after loss to Veribest

Special To The Herald

The Coahoma girls volleyball team will look to turn around its season Saturday when the Bulldogettes take on the Sterling City Lady Eagles.

The action kicks off at 10 a.m. in the Sterling City gym when the junior varsity girls hit the floor. Varsity will follow with the game expected to begin around 11 a.m.

"We are headed in the right direction and we are excited about this year," said Coahoma High Head Volleyball Coach Christina Cox.

Coahoma heads into Saturday's game after a loss against Veribest Eagles on Tuesday in front of a supportive home crowd in the Coahoma ISD gym. The varsity girls lost three sets (12,25), (11,25), (10,25).

The Eagles started off hot early on putting the first two points up on the scoreboard in the first set but the



Bulldogettes bounced back quickly going on a four point run.

Veribest tied the game at 4,4 and then took the lead. Play remind even with Coahoma tying the game at 10,10. From there, Veribest quickly regained control of the game at 10,11 pulling away for the rest of the set.

Coahoma got off to an early lead in

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Texas need big rebound against San Jose State



AP photo

In this Sept. 2, 2017, file photo, Texas quarterback Shane Buechele runs the ball against Maryland linebacker Mbi Tanyi during an NCAA college football game in Austin, Texas.

By **JIM VERTUNO**

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Tom Herman called the rebuilding job at Texas a marathon, not a sprint. In either scenario, the Longhorns tripped and fell at the start.

Herman faced a lot of questions this week after a season-opening home loss to Maryland, and the only an-

swer that will soothe Longhorns fans is a convincing win over San Jose State (1-1) on Saturday. Texas should have all the advantages of size, speed and home field, but even Herman called his team mentally fragile.

Texas needs a confidence builder, and quick. After Saturday, the Longhorns play at Southern California

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Planets Favor Planning

As the energy of the Aries moon mixes with conscientious Virgo influences, go on and plan for seemingly insignificant future events. Meetings, parties -- even the most casual social happening could have a major life-impact. Power players know that appearing spontaneous and confident requires work that often happens far in advance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Solitude can be healing, though some people will go to great lengths to avoid it. That's because they mistake being alone for being lonely. Loneliness is not a number; rather, it's a lack of connection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some will lower their inhibitions through chemicals to

free themselves to be more social. The chemicals are unnecessary and could be harmful. Lower your inhibitions through a mindset or through dancing instead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Attention isn't the goal for you today. There are many situations in which you don't want to be the smooth one, the one that everyone wants to impress or date or befriend. You've good reasons for wanting to go under the radar.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Distance is a funny thing for you now. In some ways you'll feel more influential and important to people who are far away from you than you will to those at an arm's length.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The real message will be smuggled into a conversation via the social acceptable message, the small talk, the expected banter. Listen for it. You don't necessarily have to address it now, but definitely make note of this underlying truth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your analyzing mind has solved many problems for you and helped you

excel in many areas of life. That said, it's not the right mind to heal emotional wounds.

Employ your heart and body to that task.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today you're like a jazz musician. You know your piece too well to play it note for note. The solid melody at the core of your day will have many embellishments and tangents to keep it fresh.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Narrow the gap between your idea of where you are now and your idea of where you want to be. "Your idea" is the operative phrase here. Perception of a place isn't the place. Geography remains; ideas change instantaneously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a person who, lately, tends to put a twist in the mood to enable a downward spiral. Perhaps this character is unavoidable, though you can plan ahead and put up emotional armor, including a shield made of good humor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Psychologists call the fruitless preoccupation with what went wrong

"rumination." This mode of critical thinking invariably makes us feel worse. Awareness is the anecdote. Instead of analyzing, accept. Instead of doing, be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Old patterns feel comfortable, but that feeling of familiarity doesn't make them any truer. Repetition fosters belief, but that doesn't make the belief right. Figure out what's good and correct before you repeat it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Thinking is not all there is to conscious experience. Today a cosmic perk will come without any effort on your behalf. Your senses will be naturally more engaged, and your intuition will be keen.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 8). This solar return raises the tone you bring to your life events, which will serve you in the moment and beyond. Memories are not flat, linear representations, but 3D snapshots of everything, including your mood. Love and joy spill over through the end of your year. Shrewd business leads to lucrative deals in February. Leo

and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 16, 50 and 27.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Established boundaries are what keep chaos from reigning supreme in relationships. **TAURUS:** No one is born with relationship skills. They must be learned. The biggest barrier to learning is believing that you should already know. **GEMINI:** You'll get enough touching, holding and cuddling to fortify your heart and make up for past loneliness. **CANCER:** Give in on the little things and, chances are, the big things will tend to go your way. **LEO:** You'll say "I love you" best without saying it out loud. **VIRGO:** Love-life hack: Keep a wish list of things you'd like to do with your partner or prospective partner. **LIBRA:** Happiness is moving toward a shared goal together. **SCORPIO:** The love you want won't exactly fall in your lap, but when you go out of your way to stir up some joy, your luck improves. **SAGITTARIUS:** The same relationship can be experienced very differently

with an altered mindset. **CAPRICORN:** If you don't have all the answers, good. The know-it-all is a bore. **AQUARIUS:** There may be some confusion in the mix and it's really not worth trying to figure it out completely. Give it the magic healing formula of space and time. **PISCES:** You'll do everything within your power to control your chances of connecting with a person, and it will work.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The earth signs Taurus and Virgo get the cosmic love, and what a sensual pairing those two make! The connection is animal, but it also tends to work on paper, since these signs have so much in common. A warning, though: It's not a good combination for long-distance love unless there are imminent plans to be together soon. There's too much to accomplish together for them to waste time apart.

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Annie's Mailbox

Son Has Act Together but Is Still a Deadbeat

Dear Annie: My 28-year-old son, "Jerry," will not pay his college loan bill -- which is \$85,000 -- even though he has a good job.

Jerry insisted that he had to go to an out-of-state college. Our agreement was that my husband and I would cover an amount equal to what

an in-state school would've cost and that Jerry would pay the difference when he finished school. The total student loan started out at \$130,000, and we have paid it down to \$85,000. My husband, his stepfather, co-signed for it, and we have been stuck with paying it for seven years. It turns out that Jerry didn't even finish his degree. He flunked out of school and then lied to us about it.

Despite our repeated efforts to talk to Jerry about this, he ignores us. It has caused such heart-break. He wouldn't even let us visit and meet our only granddaughter for over a year because he doesn't want to talk to us -- just in case we bring up the loan.

I am 66, and my husband is 59. We are looking forward to retiring in two years, but we have this student loan hanging over our heads. We both work for nonprofits, so our income is certainly limited. Our son has bought two houses, bought two new cars, gotten married and had a child and still won't pay this loan. I have no idea what he has told his wife, but I'm sure it's not the truth.

We have talked with an attorney, but I hate to have to sue my son. He never calls, visits or acknowledges our birthdays or Christmas -- yet he adores his in-laws and his friends from college. He calls them his "college family." I am so fed up with this situation. I am really tired of spending therapy money talking about this. I have sent presents and cards and tried my best to be a good mother and grandmother -- but to no avail. Should I just go ahead with the attorney? Any help would be so appreciated. -- Sad and Over It, With Empty Pockets

Dear Empty Pockets: Let's see whether I've got this straight: Your son agrees to pay part of his student loans, per-

suares your husband to co-sign the note for his loan, drops out of college and then lies to you and your husband about it. You and your husband have paid tens of thousands of dollars on the note, while your son has paid zero, but because you protected his credit rating, he was able to buy two houses and two cars. Is that right?

Obviously, he harbors a great deal of resentment against you, and refusing to talk about the situation -- while he does nothing to own up to his obligations -- only reinforces his permanent pout. Yes, I would recommend hiring a

lawyer, if for no other reason than to force him to talk about it. Don't sue him unless you have to, but a strong letter from an attorney could at least bring him to the negotiating table. Your only hope is to start communicating, even if you have to force your son to the initial conversation.

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By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

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

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ A186 ♥ Q5 ♦ A19 ♣ Q643
2. ♠ Q8643 ♥ 95 ♦ J3 ♣ KJ72
3. ♠ AKJ543 ♥ Q963 ♦ 94 ♣ 7
4. ♠ KQJ9842 ♥ A ♦ J7 ♣ 865

1. **Three notrump.** With a sound opening bid facing an opening bid, a game contract must be reached. Given your balanced distribution and all-around strength, notrump appears the most feasible game. If partner's distribution is such that he prefers a suit contract, your hand is sufficiently flexible to support such an effort.

The important thing is to avoid bidding only two notrump or raising to three clubs, either of which would allow partner to pass with a minimum opening bid. Invitational bids of this sort are reserved strictly for hands where there is doubt whether a game should be reached. In this case no such doubt should exist.

2. **Pass.** At the other end of the spectrum are those hands where the previous bidding indicates game is

very unlikely. Partner's two-club rebid may be based on minimum values or a moderately good hand, but even in the latter case, your hand is nothing to get excited about. Partner's failure to jump to two notrump wipes out any chance of a notrump game, while a game in clubs is too remote to be seriously considered. A raise to three clubs might easily result in getting the partnership too high.

3. **Four hearts.** You should be perfectly willing to play in game at hearts, and you can get that message across to partner by jumping to game in that suit. It is not necessary to rebid your excellent spade suit, since a heart contract should be eminently playable whether partner has spade support or not. Rebidding spades can only confuse the issue. You can also jump to three hearts, provided your partnership plays that bid as forcing.

4. **Four spades.** Lacking a satisfactory fit for either of partner's suits, and holding a powerful suit that requires no support from partner, you can deliver both messages in one fell swoop by leaping to four spades. The four-spade bid is mildly invitational to slam, a prospect you should not fear if partner decides to carry on.

Tomorrow: Abandoning a preconceived idea.

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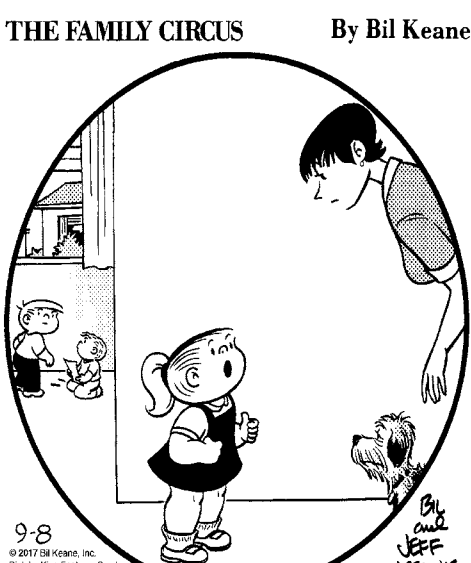
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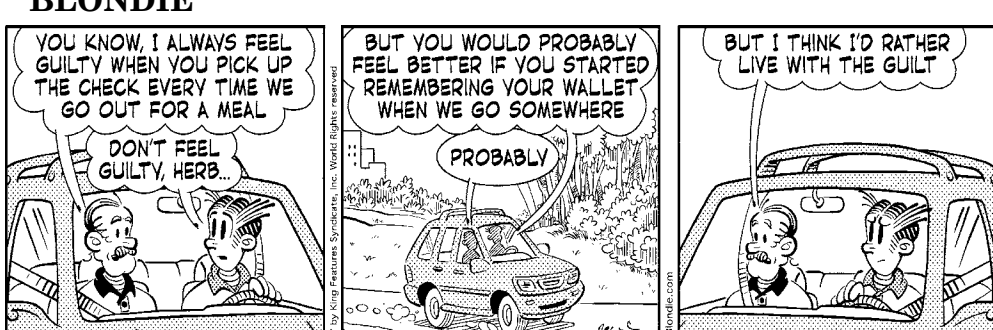


"When Billy's, like, talking to us, he's, like, always saying 'LIKE.' Will you, like, tell him to stop it?"

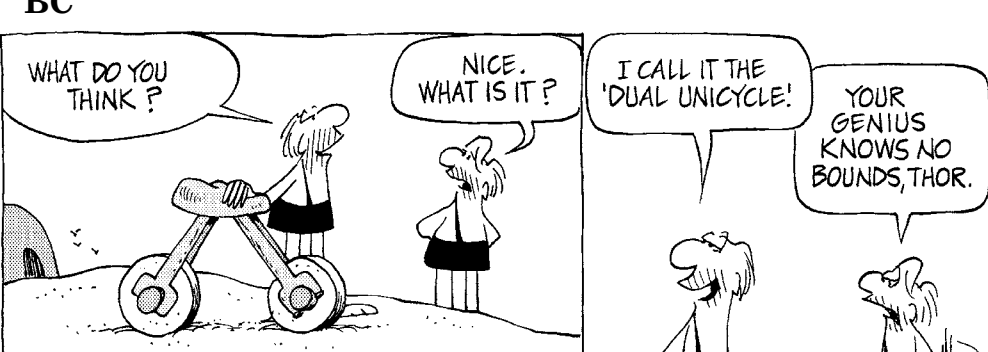
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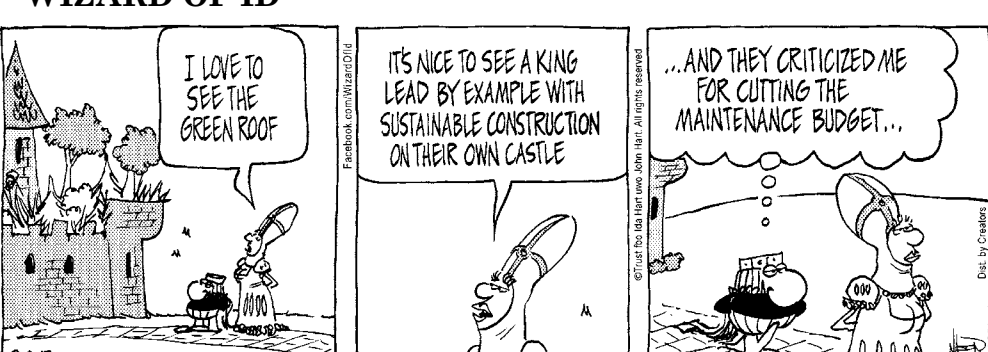
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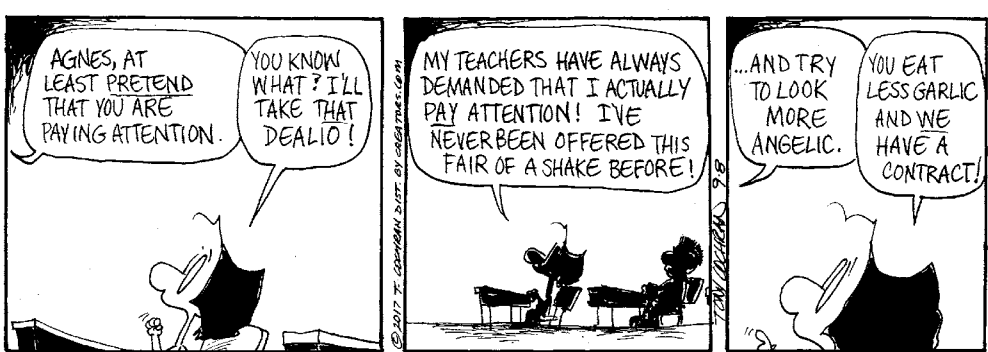
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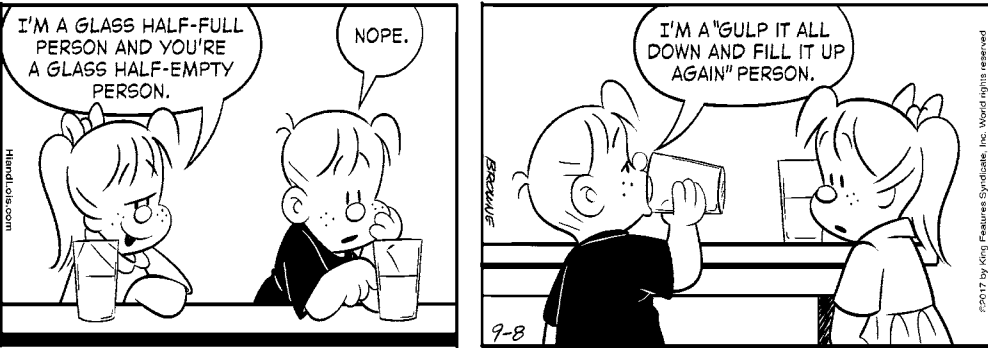
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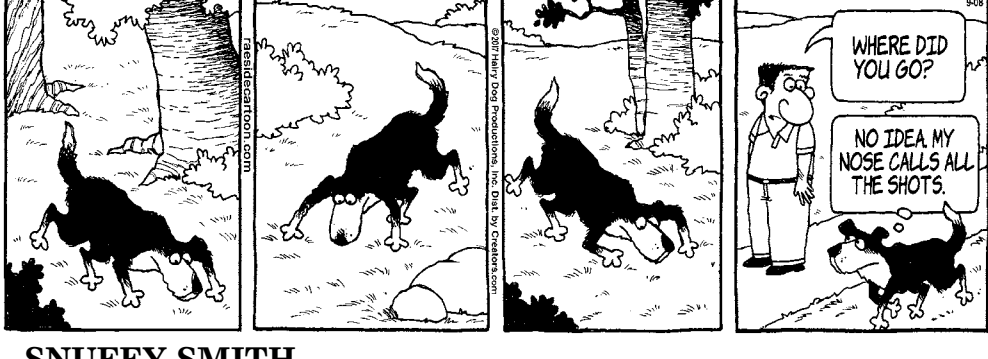
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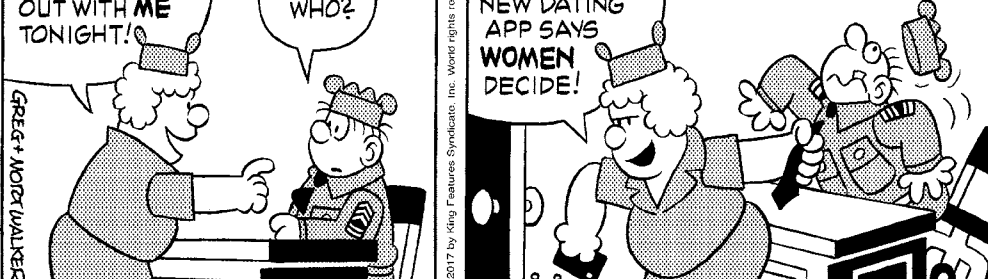
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 2017. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On September 8, 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion." It went: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

On this date:

- In 1504, Michelangelo's towering marble statue of David was unveiled to the public in Florence, Italy.
- In 1761, Britain's King George III married Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz a few hours after meeting her for the first time.
- In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.
- In 1921, Margaret Gorman, 16, of Washington, D.C., was crowned the first "Miss America" in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, D-La., was shot and mortally wounded inside the Louisiana State Capitol; he died two days later. (The assailant was identified as Dr. Carl Weiss, who was gunned down by Long's bodyguards.)
- In 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began during World War II.
- In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 49 nations in San Francisco.
- In 1966, the science-fiction series "Star Trek" premiered on NBC; the situation comedy "That Girl," starring Marlo Thomas, debuted on ABC.
- In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted a "full, free, and absolute pardon" to former President Richard Nixon covering his entire term in office.
- In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds tied Ty Cobb's career record for hits, singling for hit number 4,191 during a game against the Cubs in Chicago.
- In 1987, former Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart admitted during an interview on ABC's "Nightline" that he had committed adultery, and said he had no plans to resume his White House bid.
- In 1994, USAir Flight 427, a Boeing 737, crashed into a ravine as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.
- Ten years ago: Sheriff's deputies in Logan County, West Virginia, removed Megan Williams, a 20-year-old black woman, from a house in Big Creek, where she'd endured what authorities described as days of torture. (Seven white men and women pleaded guilty in connection with the case. In a strange twist, Williams recanted her accusations in 2009; however, one of the defendants, Frankie Brewster, said, "It did happen.") Top-ranked Justine Henin (EH'-nen) overwhelmed Svetlana Kuznetsova (svet-LAH'-nah kooz-NET'-so-va) 6-1, 6-3 to win her second U.S. Open women's title and seventh Grand Slam championship.
- Five years ago: Strong storms pummeled the East Coast, spanning a pair of tornadoes in the New York City boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, while temperatures at Washington Dulles International Airport plunged 25 degrees in one hour, falling from 89 degrees to 64.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
 - 1 Small clashes
 - 6 Dull gray
 - 10 Dull gray
 - 14 Patton, circa 1904
 - 15 Big name in country music
 - 16 Instead of
 - 17 Hercules' serpent adversary
 - 18 Riding, as a horse
 - 19 Bentley sister brand
 - 20 Start of a quote on how aging changes nothing
 - 23 Obsession
 - 24 Go after
 - 25 Trivia quiz locale
 - 26 Cutting-edge
 - 27 Chaotic place
 - 28 What ranges are made of: Abbr.
 - 29 Wind dir.
 - 30 Eye exam accessory
 - 32 Security badge
 - 34 Duly receive
 - 35 Middle of quote
 - 41 ESPN media partner
 - 42 Offshoots
 - 43 Source of quote
 - 47 Whiz
 - 48 Just like
 - 51 Beehive State athlete
 - 52 "Recent" starter
 - 53 Duly received
 - 54 Voice of
 - 55 Across
 - 55 Bugs' cowboy enemy
 - 56 End of quote
 - DOWN
 - 59 Blunted blade
 - 61 Walking style
 - 62 Ancient region of Turkey
 - 63 Silver State city
 - 64 Field measure
 - 65 Abundant supplies
 - 66 Bygone boomers
 - 67 Bold look
 - 68 City, in Stuttgart
 - 6 Rock-music staple
 - 7 Towing job, perhaps
 - 8 Be plentiful
 - 9 Wide headline
 - 10 Frat letter
 - 11 Insolence
 - 12 About 1930 to 1950
 - 13 Billion-dollar start-ups
 - 21 Taps a pitch
 - 22 Not a lot
 - 31 Muscle mag topic
 - 32 "Dies __" (Latin hymn)
 - 33 Furnace input
 - 35 Consumers
 - 36 '80s movie media
 - 37 Legal right of passage
 - 38 Desalination input
 - 39 Legendary feud
 - 40 Much kitchenware
 - 44 Cycle starter
 - 45 Under Siege star
 - 46 Emotional support
 - 48 Cross of whodunits
 - 49 Assessed, as a fess
 - 50 BOS, NYY, BAL, etc.
 - 57 Bridge cable, essentially
 - 58 Sound of disapproval
 - 60 Alias of Aurora

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