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## Trump appoints new director for USDA's FSA

Special to the Herald

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The Trump Administration recently appointed Gary Six as the new State Executive Director (SED) in Texas for the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). Six will begin serving as Texas SED on Monday, November 13, 2017.

Six has worked for FSA for 40 years. His FSA career began as a temporary field man while he worked his way through college, later becoming a County Office Trainee. Six has served the producers of Yoakum County as County Executive Director for the past 32 years. He looks forward to serving the producers and FSA employees throughout Texas as SED.

FSA serves farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective and efficient agricultural programs. The agency offers farmers a strong safety net through the administration of farm commodity and disaster programs. FSA continues to conserve natural resources, and also provides credit to agricultural producers who are unable to receive private, commercial credit, with special emphasis on beginning, underserved, and women farmers and ranchers.

Under the direction of Secretary Sonny Perdue, the USDA will always be fact-based and data-driven, with a decision-making mindset that is customer-focused. Secretary Perdue leads the USDA with four guiding principles: to maximize the ability of American agriculture to create jobs, sell foods and fiber, and feed and clothe the world; to prioritize customer service for the taxpayers; to ensure that our food supply is safe and secure; and to maintain good stewardship of the natural resources that provide us

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## Additional charges for robbery suspects

Special to the Herald

Two teens who were arrested for allegedly robbing a 7-Eleven in October have been charged with additional offenses.

According to a press release issued by the Big Spring Police Department yesterday, Jose Cerda Jr., 17, was arrested Oct. 26 on a charge of Aggravated Robbery, a second-degree felony, in connection to the robbery of the 7-Eleven store at 1209 E. 11th Place on Oct. 19.

A second teen, Jacob Na-

thaniel Puga, also 17, was identified by police as the second suspect in the robbery.



Cerda



Puga

According to statements from 7-Eleven employees,

two Hispanic males entered the store, one armed with a small metal bar, and demanded all of the money in the cash register. The clerk gave the suspects the money, and they fled the store. The robbers got away with about \$60 in cash. During the course of their investigation, Big Spring Police Detectives identified both Cerda and Puga as suspects in several other recent crimes, including two counts of burglary of a building, a state jail felony; and one count of

burglary of a vehicle, a class A misdemeanor.

Detectives received arrest warrants Thursday for both Cerda and Puga. Cerda remained in jail following his arrest. Howard County Jail sources report that Puga was arrested Thursday afternoon. Both teens have been charged with the aggravated robbery of the 7-Eleven, as well as the additional charges mentioned. Anyone with information about the case can contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

## Honoring our vets



HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
**Veterans and their supporters march through the halls of the George H. O'Brien VA Medical Center in Big Spring Thursday afternoon. Veterans wore costumes and decorated wheelchairs with balloons; red, white, and blue crepe paper; and cardboard floats representing tanks.**



## Big Spring Pediatrics adopts new software

By AMBER MANSFIELD  
 Staff Writer

Progress came to Big Spring Pediatrics in October. In the past few weeks, the medical center has adopted the medical software system "Epic." Epic is a software that supports functions related to patient care, including registration and scheduling; clinical systems for doctors, nurses, emergency personnel, and other care providers; systems for lab technologists, pharmacists, and radiologists; and billing systems for insurers.

"It was a big step needed in order to serve the community better," said Dr. Steve S. Ahmed, of Big Spring Pediatrics. "This electronic system will improve patient care tremendously."

According to Epic, hospitals that use its software hold medical records of 54 percent of patients in the United States and 2.5 percent

of patients worldwide and over 190 million patients have a current electronic record in Epic. This will help those who have to travel and have frequent care transitions.

"I've been with Big Spring for many years, in some cases I see third-generation children," said Ahmed. "And I'd like many more years and to see Big Spring Pediatrics prosper, and Epic will help do that."

In order for the Epic system to become a success, Dr. Ahmed asked that all his patients come to reregister.

"You can either pick up a form at the Big Spring Pediatrics or go to [www.bigspringpediatrics.com](http://www.bigspringpediatrics.com) to 'New Patient Paperwork.' You only have to fill out pages one and five, and drop it off," said Ahmed. "This will avoid for delay when you come and bring you child in for an appointment."

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## Washington hosts 'Bring Your Parent Day'



On Thursday, Washington Elementary School held Bring Your Parents to School Day. "This was the first time we've done a parent lunch and our goal is to try and get parents more involved and see what (the students) are doing in school," said Kari Eggleston, principal of Washington Elementary School. At left, Israel Rene Deleon eats lunch with his son, Israel Rene Deleon Jr. Middle, Jessica Paul hugs daughter Zoey during lunch. At right, Patricia Aguilar is all smiles as she visits with her daughter Mariah.

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## Obituaries

### Kayla De'Ann Timmons



Kayla De'Ann Timmons, 44, of Morton, Texas passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017. Visitation will be Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, at Krestridge Funeral Home in Levelland from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Graveside services will be Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, at 2 p.m. in the Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Kayla was born Oct. 3, 1973 in Big Spring, Texas, to Neal and Kay Roberts. She grew up and graduated from Big Spring High School. She received her Associates of Science degree from Howard College, and also successfully completed the Radiology Technician program at Texas Tech University. She married Jake Timmons April 16, 2005. Kayla was an instant and beautiful step-mother to two boys, Stetson and Rody. Soon thereafter the family was joined by the births of daughters, Bailey and Keeley. Kayla's world revolved around her children. They were her light, and it shone brightly.

Kayla was quiet and reserved but was always there for those that needed her. Her gentle soul and easy laugh made everyone feel at ease. It takes a special woman to be a farmer's wife and Kayla fit the mold perfectly. From driving tractors, moving equipment, lunches in the field, and adding in

those supermom chores of shuttling kids to basketball and UIL practices, Kayla always did what she could. No one was more important than her family.

Kayla is preceded in death by her grandparents Glen and Vonnie Taylor and Francis and Hughetta Roberts.

Kayla is survived by her husband, Jake; sons, Stetson and Rody; daughters, Bailey and Keeley; parents, Neal and Kay Roberts of Big Spring; brothers, Michael Roberts and wife Jessica of Big Spring, Ross Roberts and wife Jody of Big Spring, Jason Roberts and wife Cindy of Big Spring; father and mother-in-law, Johnny and Judy Timmons; sister-in-law, Lisa Rice of Morton; brother and sister-in-law, Judd and Lacy Timmons of Levelland; and nieces and nephews, Sawyer, Hailey, Kaylee, Jayden, Andrew, Daniel, Zachary, Jordan, Bryson, Makenzie, and Carlie Roberts, Julianna, Kensley, Carson and Gavin Rice; and Clayton and Cayden Timmons.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory at [www.krestridgefuneralhometx.com](http://www.krestridgefuneralhometx.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in Kayla's name to MYR Kids, 3222 Houston Street Levelland, TX 79336. Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of the professionals at Krestridge Funeral Home. (806) 897-1111.

*Paid obituary*

### Brittany D. Martinez



Brittany D. Martinez, 26, of Big Spring, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in Big Spring.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life at 2:00 PM Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Maranatha Assembly of God Church, 1405 NE 301, in Andrews with Pastor Dean Williamson and Pastor Robb Foreman officiating. Interment will follow in the Andrews

Old Cemetery under the personal care of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews. The family will receive friends on Friday from 6 - 8 PM at the funeral home. Please celebrate her life by visiting [www.mcnettfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcnettfuneralhome.com).

Brittany was born on February 2, 1991 in Andrews, where she was raised and graduated Andrews High School in 2009. She married Joseph Lee Martinez, Sr. on November 26, 2011 in Andrews. They moved to Big Spring from Andrews. She liked to take pictures and enjoyed amusement parks, carnivals, and

driving fast. She liked the Dallas Cowboys and the Chicago Cubs. Her passion was to be a mom and a homemaker for her family. She had been a member of Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Andrews and was attending Home Line Baptist Church in Midland. She is preceded in death by her mother, Rhonda Janelle Lamb on June 12, 2009, and her grandparents, Melvin Southern, and Clinton and Marlene Glenn.

Brittany is survived by her husband, Joseph Martinez, Sr. of Big Spring, 3 children, Abigail Mackenzie Martinez, Joseph Lee Martinez, Jr., and Elijah Lee Martinez, all of Big Spring, father, David Glenn and wife, Tina, of Houston, grandparents, Gary and Pam Stevens of Midland, 3 sisters, Courtney Rodriguez of Big Spring, Stephanie Thompson of Crown Point, Indiana, and Marybeth Glenn of Louisville, Kentucky, 3 brothers, Caleb Lamb of Big Spring, which Brittany raised like a son, and Jackson Glenn and Dylan Glenn of Houston, great grandparents, Lona Faye Southern of Andrews and Randall L. Stevens of Andrews, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

*Paid obituary*

## Take Note

• **TURKEY SHOOT!!** At the Western Sportsman Club located 9 1/2 miles West on Andrews Hwy. Nov. 18, 2017

9 a.m. from 3 p.m. There will be six events, \$2.00 per event. Bring your center fire pistol/rifle, rim fire pistol/rifle, shotgun and ammo. Need more information call 432-267-1816. PRIZES = \$10 Gift CARDS!

• Forsan Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade music classes will present "American Pride," a musical program in honor of veterans, Friday, Nov. 10, at 2:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A small reception will follow the program.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains.

The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs.

Those interested should con-

tact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• 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.

### Zaylenn A'Marii Gutierrez

Zaylenn A'Marii Gutierrez, 27 days, died November 8, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Rita "Kay" Claveran



Rita "Kay" Claveran, 77, of Oracle, AZ died on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017.

A graveside Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Rudy Claveran and one daughter, Joy Linn Landis. She is survived by Joy's

children; her daughter, Dianne Hatch and her children; son, Kevin Murphy and his wife Shirley of Big Spring, Texas and their children. Kay is also survived by four step-daughters and their children.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Salvation Army in her name. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

### Debra Alene McSwain



Debra Alene McSwain, 61, died Nov. 8, 2017, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Debra was born on June 8, 1956, in Odessa to Dearl and Vera Kate (Galbraith) Lynn and married Dewey McSwain on June 8, 1976. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2008.

She lived in Big Spring for fifty plus years.

She is survived by three daughters, Cherrie Burcham, Kassy McSwain and Rachel McSwain all of Big Spring; a granddaughter, Paisleigh Carlile and a grandson, Jaxton Juarez both of Big Spring; four sisters, Odessa Straw and husband, Andy of Wichita, Kansas, Betty Hicks and husband, Gary of Snyder, Oklahoma, Billye Barham and husband, Jerry of Caddo Mills and Dearla McKelvy and husband, Scotty of Colorado.

In addition to her husband she is preceded in death by a brother, Randy Galbraith and a son-in-law, Jacob Burcham.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## 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.

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# Trump says US will no longer be taken advantage of on trade



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**U.S. President Donald Trump speaks on the final day of the APEC CEO Summit on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders' summit in Danang, Vietnam, Friday, Nov. 10, 2017.**

**By JILL COLVIN and JONATHAN LEMIRE**

Associated Press

DANANG, Vietnam (AP) — Promising to put "America first" in his trade practices, President Donald Trump used a speech in Vietnam Friday to denounce multi-nation agreements embraced by the region and deliver what appeared to be a rebuke to China, railing against trade practices he says have put Americans out of work.

"From this day forward we will compete on a fair and equal basis," Trump told a gathering of CEOs on the sidelines of the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Vietnam. "We are not going to let the United States be taken advantage of anymore. I am always going to put America first."

It was a striking change of tone from the day before, in China, where Trump had taken a friendlier approach toward the country as he sought to establish a more balanced trade relationship.

At issue during the lead-up of the trip: Whether the president would have a formal sit-down with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Trump had said it

was expected, but the White House later said a formal meeting was not planned due to scheduling conflicts. The two leaders shook hands and greeted each other before a dinner Friday night, according to video of the event.

In his speech, Trump told executives gathered in the coastal city of Danang that he was happy to enter into bilateral trading agreements with any of the nations in the Indo-Pacific region — but only if they are reciprocal and fair.

"What we will no longer do is enter into large agreements that tie our hands, surrender our sovereignty, and make meaningful enforcement practically impossible," Trump said.

As one of his first acts as president, Trump rejected the far-reaching Pacific Rim trade pact known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, disappointing many nations in the region, including the summit's host, Vietnam.

Leaders of the 11 remaining TPP members, representing roughly 13.5 percent of the global economy, were scheduled to meet on the sidelines of the APEC summit to seek an agreement in principle that would not require U.S. involvement.

But the prospects of that deal appeared in doubt Friday, as a meeting of the leaders of 11 countries still involved in the pact was delayed. There was no word on whether they had given up reaching agreement in Danang or were still working toward an agreement on how to move forward without U.S. involvement.

Trump also took aim at what he described as abusive trade practices he said had "hurt many people in our country." He described "jobs, factories and industries" being "stripped out of the United States and out of many countries" as a result.

Without singling out China by name, Trump argued the U.S. had adhered to World Trade Organization principles, only to be taken advantage of by countries that had ignored the rules and engaged in harmful practices such as product dumping, currency manipulation and government subsidizing of goods.

"We can no longer tolerate these chronic trade abuses and we will not tolerate them," he said.

In the speech, Trump said he had spoken "openly and directly" with Chinese President Xi Jinping during his



AP photo

**U.S. President Donald Trump speaks at event to sign a proclamation honoring veterans at the Hyatt Regency Danang Resort in Danang, Vietnam, Friday, Nov. 10, 2017. Trump is in Vietnam to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit.**

visit about "about China's unfair trade practices and the enormous trade deficits they have produced with the United States."

Trump said China's trade surplus, which stood at \$223 billion for the first 10 months of the year, was unacceptable, and repeated his language from Thursday when he said he did "not blame China" or any other country "for taking advantage of the United States on trade."

But Trump went on to say that the U.S. would "no longer turn a blind eye to violations, cheating or economic aggression."

"We will no longer tolerate the audacious theft of intellectual property. We will confront the destructive practices of forcing businesses to surrender their technology to the state and forcing them into joint ventures in exchange for market access. We will address the massive subsidizing of industries through colossal state-owned enterprises that put private competitors out of business, all the time," he said.

All allegations the U.S. has lodged against China.

Xi followed Trump to the microphone but in Danang did not direct-

ly respond to Trump's claims of trade unfairness toward the U.S.

Trump also continued to talk tough against North Korea and its development of nuclear and ballistic missiles weapons, as he has throughout the trip.

"The future of this region and its beautiful people must not be held hostage to a dictator's twisted fantasies of violent conquest and nuclear blackmail," he said.

APEC is the first of several summits Trump is scheduled to attend on his first official visit to Asia. It will be a change in pace the president, who has spent much of the week basking in elaborate welcome ceremonies and banquets between meetings with the leaders of Japan, South Korea and China.

Shortly before Trump landed, the White House announced he would not be having a formal meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, as Trump had said had been expected. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders blamed scheduling conflicts on both sides, but said it was possible the leaders could have a less formal encounter in Danang or at a later regional conference in the Philippines.

Putin's spokesman

Dmitry Peskov said "there have been contradictory signals and we don't have full understanding yet," according to Russian news wires. But he added: "Both presidents are in town, and their paths will cross one way or another."

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson had told reporters in Beijing on Thursday that there was no reason to schedule a meeting if the U.S. and Russia are unable to make significant progress on issues including Syria and Ukraine.

Both sides have been working to reach agreement on how they hope to resolve Syria's civil war once the Islamic State group is defeated. The potential understanding comes as an array of forces are near a final defeat of IS, the extremist group that once controlled vast stretches of both Iraq and Syria.

## Man convicted of running over police officer with patrol car

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — A man has been convicted of murder for running over and fatally injuring an Austin-area police officer with the officer's own patrol car.

A Williamson County jury deliberated about three hours in Georgetown before finding Colby Williamson guilty of killing Hutto police Sgt. Chris Kelley. The jury

will return to state district court Monday to begin hearing evidence in the punishment phase of the trial.

Witnesses testified that Williamson was high on methamphetamine when a police officer tried to stop him for speeding in June 2015. Kelley found Williamson later sitting on a house doorstep and tried to handcuff him, but Williamson

threw him to the ground and ran to Kelley's running patrol car. The two struggled in the car until Kelley fell out and Williamson ran over him.

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## FSA

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with our miraculous bounty. And understanding that we live in a global economy where trade is of top importance, Secretary Perdue has pledged

to be an unapologetic advocate for American agriculture.

As SED, Six will use his leadership experience to oversee FSA programs in a customer-focused manner to ensure a safe, affordable, abundant, and nutritious food supply for consumers.

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# Did you ever wonder? Kings of Israel

Second Kings 13 now changes back to the kings of Israel. Jehoahaz, son of Jehu, became king of Israel in the twenty-third year of the reign of Joash king of Judah.

Do you see how they kept account of years at that time? People had to know the history of surrounding nations.

Jehoahaz reigned for seventeen years, and he worshipped idols. The Lord did not support him, and Israel was under the rule of neighboring Aram.

Jehoahaz sought God's favor to relieve them from the oppression of the Arameans. The Lord listened to him and delivered Israel from the power of Aram. The Israelites enjoyed their freedom, but they did not turn from their idols.

At the death of Jehoahaz, his son, Jehoash, became king of Israel, and he continued to worship idols.

However, when the prophet Elisha became sick unto death, Jehoash visited him. Remembering the many times Elisha had delivered the word of the

Lord to Israel's kings, Jehoash wept and cried out, "The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" (Elisha had seen the flaming horses and chariots when Elijah was taken up to the Lord in a whirlwind.)

Elisha had Jehoash shoot an arrow out the east window. Elisha said, "The arrow of victory over Aram! You will completely destroy the Arameans at Aphek." (2 Kings 13:17 paraphrased)

Elisha told Jehoash to take a handful of arrows and strike the ground. Jehoash struck the ground three times, and Elisha became angry. "You should have struck the ground five or six times! If you had, you would have completely destroyed Aram! Now you will defeat them only three times." Then Elisha died and was buried. (2 Kings 13:18-19 paraphrased)

Once while some Israelites were burying a man, Moabite raiders sprang upon them. They hurriedly threw the man into Elisha's tomb. When the dead body touched Elisha's bones, the man came back to life and stood up.

Three times in battle, Jehoash defeated the Aramean army and took back the Israeli territory Aram had captured. But he was unable to defeat Aram and they continued to harass Israel.

Although Israel did not turn to worship God, He

had compassion for them. Because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, He was unwilling to destroy them or banish them from His presence.

Gen 22:15-18 paraphrased says, "God spoke to Abraham. 'Because you have devotion to Me and have not withheld your son, Isaac, I swear by Myself that I will bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky or the sand of the seashore. Through your offspring all the world will be blessed (Jesus) because you have obeyed me.'"

When the Hebrews were slaves in Egypt and the Lord was ready to bring them out of Egypt, Moses spoke to Pharaoh. "This is what the Lord says, 'Israel is my firstborn son.'" (Ex 4:22-23 paraphrased)

In Isaiah 55:11, God says, "The word of my mouth will not return to me empty, but will achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Paraphrased)

The Song of Moses (Deut 32) foretells that God foresees the Israelites falling away, but when they eventually turn back to Him, He will deliver them.

Do you see how God's word never changes? At later times, He gives us more information so that we understand better.



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## Church News

### First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Our usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service, featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m. which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, Pastor Derrell's message is "Sermon In Song", taken from Ephesians 5: 15-20. The emphasis is on the way the congregation worships through singing. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page, at First United Methodist Church Big Spring.

The Youth Group will host a Fundraiser Dinner at noon on Sunday, Nov. 12 in Garrett Hall. The purpose of the Fundraiser is to provide scholarships for youth to attend church camps next summer and other events throughout the year.

Members of the congregation will leave the church parking lot on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12, at 2:50 p.m. for a District wide meeting in Midland. The Big Spring District Charge Conference will be held at First United Methodist Church in Midland that afternoon from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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. 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. You may contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868.

Evening Adult Bible Study, Real Life, continues on Wednesday evenings 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." Questions and group discussion help those who attend dig deeper into the scripture and sermon from the previous Sunday.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com) or phone the church office at 267-6394.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

LCMS Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Nov. 12, 2017, "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would

like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com).

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

It is not too late to join us for our Mid-Week meal and classes. The meal is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the Bible Study is from 6:30 p.m. 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 every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts." Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

### Forsan Baptist Church

This week the message comes from 1 Peter 1:17-21 and is called Seeing through the Haze.

The annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon will take place Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Forsan Elementary Cafeteria. This is an open event to all in the surrounding area, with traditional Thanksgiving fare.

The Forsan Christmas Parade will take place Dec. 2. Wednesday youth and children's activities continue throughout the school year. Students from pre-k to 6th 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.

### 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's and youth programs are also available.

Every Monday, a morning ladies' prayer and share group meet at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall at Midway Baptist Church.

This Saturday, Nov. 11th, we will be hosting a men's breakfast at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We would love to have you join us.

Sunday, Nov. 19th, we will have Glenn Zacek



coming in view of a call for our youth/music position. We will follow the morning service with a Thanksgiving fellowship luncheon in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited. We look forward to seeing you at Midway Baptist Church.

### Blessed Hand Deaf Church

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

### First Baptist Church

"...and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith." 1 John 5:4.

Sunday morning at 10:50, FBC welcomes you to join them in praise of The Living Hope, Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "The Power of Blessing." These messages look at the life of Abraham, a man who gives us a picture of how God wants to use all of us in the world. Abraham believed God for the impossible, and as a result, God blessed his life. God wants to bless our lives, too, but that journey begins when we take our hands off everything we own, love, and trust in, and follow God into the unknown; only then will we be a blessing to others. Sunday's sermon is titled 'Believe Me', and is drawn from Genesis 18:16-33. Through this account, listeners will ponder God's purposes toward the sinfulness of Sodom and Gomorrah, and reflect on Abraham's actions of intercessory prayer and petition while focusing on the truth that sin is to be hated, yet sinners are to be pitied and prayed for. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in music consisting of classic hymns of the faith and contemporary praise and worship songs. During the service, there will be the in-gathering of gift filled Operation Christmas Child boxes. If you have mobility issues, use the west circle drive and someone will be happy to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the website at: [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org).

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in grade level rooms in 'Kids' City' on the first floor, while youth, college students, and adults meet in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class and direct you to coffee; come early to enjoy a time of fellowship.

Sunday evening at 5:30, the Fall Semester of "B.U.-Becoming the you God intends you to become" continues. The classes are designed for all age groups, beginning with teens. A listing of the offered classes is:

"Ordinary: How to Turn the World Upside Down" in which you will discover how ordinary people doing ordinary things with Gospel intentionality







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can change the world, beginning with the world around you; meets in Room 214.

"A Woman Who Doesn't Quit: 5 Habits From the Life of Ruth," in which through a look at her life presented in Scripture, you will uncover 5 life-giving habits that help you to persevere when things get hard, complicated, and messy. These habits demonstrate how true success is not achieved by pursuing temporary desires or mastering to-do lists, but rather becoming the people God created us to be; meets in Room 238.

"Cherish: The One Word That Changes Everything for Your Marriage" in which couples can learn to not just survive, but actually thrive in marriage when they practice the simple art of cherishing: appreciating, noticing, honoring, and encouraging one another. Old patterns can be reversed, and each marriage can be infused with fresh life and hope through this course; meets in Room 210.

"Fresh Encounter: God's Pattern for Revival and Spiritual Awakening." Participants will explore God's expectations and requirements for revival and spiritual renewal, which have historically included intensive prayer and a focus on God and His Word; meets in the chapel.

All area children are invited to participate in Kids' Connection Sunday evening at 5:30. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for more information about this fun time of Bible based activities.

Tuesday Nov. 14, all area women are invited to a 'Ladies' Time Out Pinterest Party' beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the church dining room. Bring a snack to share, and \$10 to cover the cost of supplies. Call 267-8223 for additional details.

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

Plan now to attend the Thanksgiving celebration meal Sunday Nov. 19 following the morning service.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m., and include Adult Bible study and prayer time, adult choir practice, Saturate youth group for teens, and Real LYF for children; go to fcbigspring.org for the full schedule.

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

### Spring Creek Fellowship

A big Thank You to all who came out to support the BBQ Fundraiser for Carla and Jamie Mosley! All of your love and support is greatly appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are almost ready to send out! If you would like to help with this ministry in any way, please contact Sue Smith. Funds are still needed to pay shipping.

We are updating our files and need your help to make sure we have the correct information for you and your family. Please fill out the forms left on the seats in the Sanctuary or contact the church office.

Our Food Bank is now officially open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month! If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the church office. Fresh produce, canned goods and many other delicious and nutritional items are available. Donations are needed for our 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. Please 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, the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry or the "Yard Sign Fundraiser" please contact Kay Elder.

The Life Center will host speaker Allen West at the Midland Horseshoe Arena on Thursday, Nov. 9th at 6:45 p.m. SCF has two tables reserved for those who would like to attend. This is a fundraiser for The Life Center. Please contact Tracy Watson or Linda White for more information.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

The Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is meeting Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Adult Connect area. Spring of Siloam provides job skills training for women in a Christian environment. For more information about serving or participating in this ministry, contact Nancy Escalante at 268-3992.

The Taylor School of Ministry is meeting in the room across from Evita's Restaurant in Spring Town Plaza. A two-year Associates Degree is offered through TSM. For more information, contact the church office.

The Kingdom Warriors Men's Ministry is now in the "Wild at Heart," study by John Eldredge. They meet at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Come a little early and visit. Contact Chris at 425-9664 for more information.

The Cheeze Nips Women's Ministry meets for Bible study at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Space is limited so contact Jen at 425-5141, to reserve your spot.

Community Groups meet during the week in various homes and locations. These groups promote fellowship, discipleship, and service. Contact the

## Reflections: When violence strikes

I was preaching in a little Baptist church in Estes Park, Colorado when Devin Kelly blasted his way into the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas. We all know the statistics. We have all heard stories of the carnage. The pastor's 14 year old daughter dying on the floor, the Associate Pastor, Brian Holcombe, struck down as he stood up to preach, a one year old baby, 14 children, a 77 year old and others, massacred in a matter of minutes.

It left me deeply disturbed.

I have been disturbed before and grieved these last few weeks by the senseless slaughter of innocents on a bike path in New York, dozens gunned down in Las Vegas, a random shooting at a local Walmart on the outskirts of Denver.

I have been disturbed and grieved over a life-time of senseless violence. The first I remember was a sniper atop the University of Texas tower in 1966, killing 13. Others stand out: the gunman that opened fire at First Baptist Daingerfield in 1980 with and left five dead, including a seven year old girl; The Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 including 19 children; West Paducah KY High School where a 14 year-old opened fire on a group of praying students; Columbine High School; The Twin Towers on 9/11 in 2001; the Amish school in Pennsylvania where a deranged gunman opened fire on innocent girls; the Century 16 movie theater in Aurora, Colorado; the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut where 20 children ages 6 and 7 were murdered; the gay nightclub shooting in Orlando that left 49 dead. These are just the horrific events that I remember. There are others along with senseless kill-



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ings every day reported in local news across the country.

Perhaps I am especially disturbed and grieved by what happened in Sutherland Springs because I have spent a lifetime preaching in little Baptist churches across the country. I know the smell of church, the feel of the "sanctuary" where people meet to worship, pray and encourage one other. I know the fellowship of those who love God, love each other, and want to bless the world.

Like everyone else, it leaves me reeling with questions. Why does God allow innocent people to die? Why does evil and violence strike at such random and senseless moments? How can people be so deranged and cruel?

To remove all violence from our world, God would have to remove our human capacity for good and evil. Instead, God chose the Cross. The Cross is the ultimate expression of innocent suffering and torture. When Jesus endured the Cross, He took our violence upon Himself. He embraced our broken and lost world with His love.

The Cross is not an afterthought. It is not a footnote. The Cross on which Jesus died is the focal point of history. It is the place where God's love meets our agony, our grief and confusion in a violent world. He took our violence upon Himself and conquered it in the resurrection.

According to the theologian N.T. Wright, the day Jesus was crucified is "the day the revolution began." This is the reason crosses are raised above the rooftops, erected on hillsides, planted as grave markers and worn around our necks. Violence will not prevail. Evil has been conquered. The revolution has begun. Another Kingdom is coming. (Romans 8:31-39).

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com)*

church office for times and locations.

Find out about our new Connection Groups for Fall! Our men will continue with "33," "Walk Through the Gospel," a study of Paul and his writings in the New Testament, "Marriage on the Rock" and "Discovering Who You Are In Christ" are all in session now.

A new Connection Group, "Pray Like This" by Steven Gaines will start Nov. 7th. Sign up at the lemonade stand in the garden area.

A new adult Connection Group, "Finding Your Identity in Christ," meets at 9:15 a.m., in Room 4 of the Adult Connect area. Harvey Davis and Tracy Watson will be facilitating this study.

All volunteers who work with our children and youth must pass a background each year. Please contact Chelsea Wells to make sure you are up to date.

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

Our Worship Team is fundraising for 8 wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint Bratcher.

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. We hope and pray these songs will speak to you and draw you into His presence.

Check our Spring Creek App." With this app you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, and follow prayer. We will also have a Bible reading plan.

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Weekly Happenings: Sunday at 8:15 a.m. is Classical Worship Service. At 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. -Sunday School/Connection Groups. At 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship. At 10:45 a.m. to noon is Worship Service. At 5 p.m. is Prayer Meeting. Tuesday at noon- Narcotics Anonymous. At 7 p.m. is "Cheez Nips" Women's Bible Study. Wednesday-Community Groups-various times and places. Thursday at 7 p.m. is "Wild At Heart" Men's Bible Study. Friday at 7p.m. To 8 p.m. is the Narcotics Anonymous. Saturday at 7:30 a.m. is the Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org)

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

## First Presbyterian Church

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

The Children's Choir meets at 5:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon and the Youth have dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Handbells at 6:30 p.m. and Youth Group at 7:15 p.m.

Rev. Craig Holstedt was listed in last week's news as preaching, which was in error. Rev. Holstedt was in Dallas at a Synod meeting, and Buddy Cochrane, who has completed some of the Commissioned Ruling Elder training, presented the sermon. Tom Koger, who has completed training as a Commissioned Ruling Elder, officiated at Communion.

Members were reminded that those who wish to order poinsettias to give in honor or in memory of loved ones for Advent should do so the next two Sundays: Nov. 5 and 12. These orders should be turned in by Nov. 15.

A memorial service for Dianne Pippins was held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8 in the Sanctu-

ary. Ms. Pippins was a long-time member of this church family.

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

The lectionary passages for the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost are Joshua 24:1-3a;14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; and Matthew 23:1-12. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and officiate at Communion. The Chancel Choir will open the service with the Introit "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson. The Choir will present the anthem "A Time for Turning" by Craig Courtney, and the Offertory will be "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," by the Handbell Choir. Members of the Handbell Choir are Glen Burch, Mia Burch, Rowan Colette, Ransom Colette, Destiny Hallford, Jake Patterson, and Mason Patterson.

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

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

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, Nov. 12th - Join us this Sunday as we focus on God as our true source of all our blessings. We offer both a 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service so come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Starfish Program - Starfish is a tutoring program for 3rd graders. They meet on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. in our Academic Resource Center. The first phase of our STARFISH program is to assist 3rd grade children by offering character building principles; academic tutoring; and remedial and reinforcement assistance. We are also needing volunteers. If you are interested in being a part and are willing and available to serve in this powerful ministry to our community we would love to hear from you.

Covenant Life New Believers Course - Are you a New Believer? Were you recently baptized? We have a course just for you. Our CLNB Course will be held each Sunday in Dec. from 10 a.m.-10:50 a.m. in the Academic Resource Center. Members of our Pastoral Care Team will be sharing this four week course designed to walk you through the steps of: Salvation, Faith & Assurance, Power of the Holy Spirit and Overcoming Trials.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be

# Power of unity

On June 16, 1858, Abraham Lincoln gave a speech in which he uttered that famous line, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." This has become one of Lincoln's most well known speeches and is commonly referred to as the "House Divided" speech.



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Lincoln understood the power of unity or, we may say, the destructiveness of disunity and division. You may be aware that Lincoln was quoting from the Bible when he made that statement. In Matthew 12, Matthew records several confrontations between Jesus and the Pharisees. In verse 24, they try to turn the people against Jesus by saying that he is using the power of "Beelzebul, the prince of demons," to cast out demons.

Jesus responded to their claim, Matthew 12:25-28, with this principle - Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided

against itself will stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you..." (ESV).

Some may say that you can work alongside others and be around people with whom you don't agree. That is true. In a job, people are united in an effort to achieve the goals of the company. As long as the goals of my company do not conflict with my goals as a Christian, then I may be in unity along those lines. When my associations draw me away from the goal of glorifying God and serving Jesus Christ my king, then one of those ties will be undone.

As Christians, we must remain unified through our desire to be pleasing to God. The goal of being united with our Lord for eternity should govern our associations in this life. We must be united upon the teachings of Jesus and the New Testament writers. We can overcome differences of opinions when we are grounded in sound teachings.

transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7p.m. for worship services.

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

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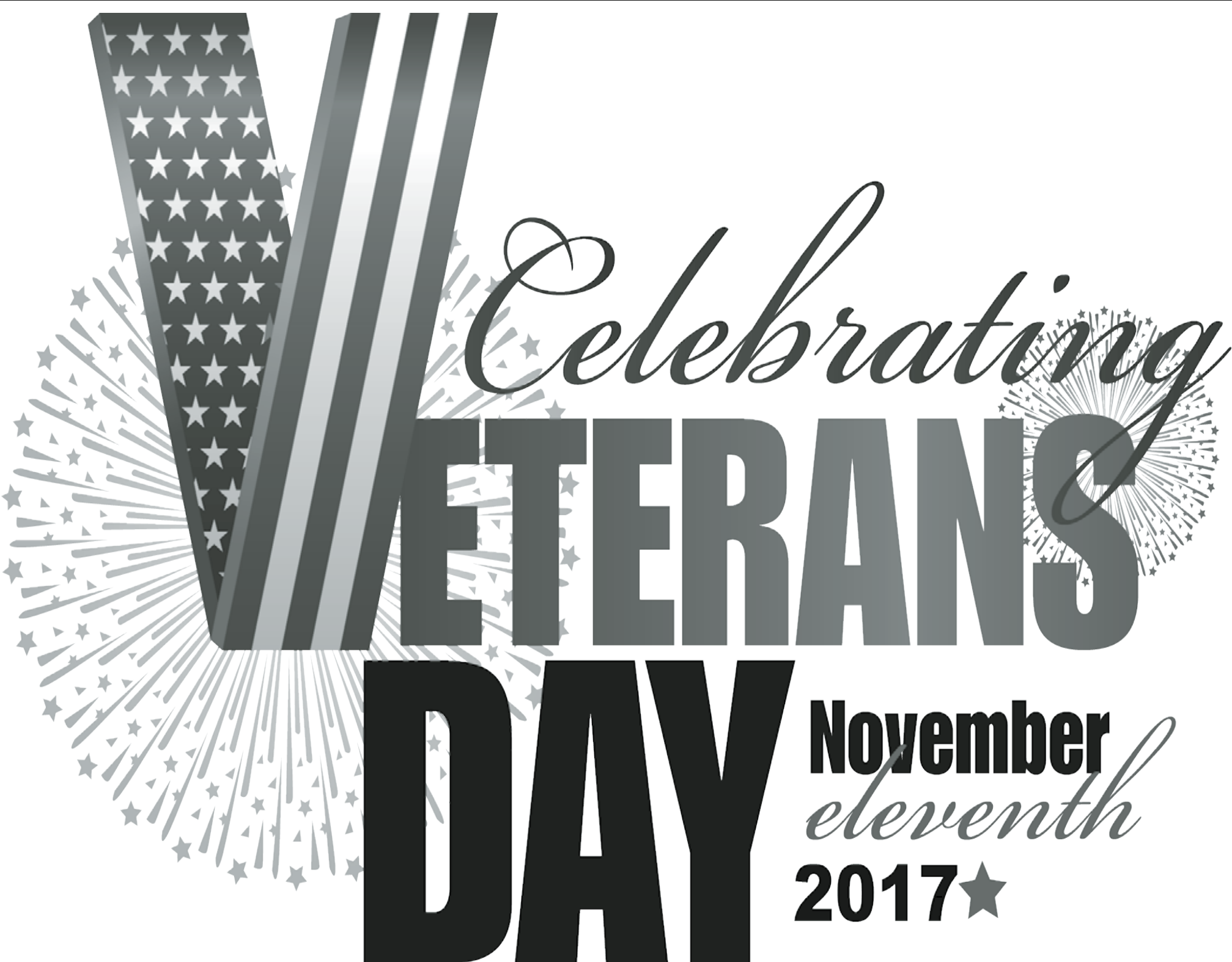
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### Senior class wins 2017 BSHS Powderpuff Championship



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Big Spring senior Courtney Myers runs for a touchdown against the juniors during the championship game of the 2017 Powderpuff Football Tournament held at Memorial Stadium on Thursday, November 9, 2017.



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The senior class team poses for a group photograph after defeating the junior class team to win the 2017 Powderpuff Football Tournament held at Memorial Stadium on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

### Texas A&M hosts New Mexico with Sumlin's future in question



AP photo

In this Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, file photo, Texas A&M head coach Kevin Sumlin looks during the second quarter of an NCAA college football game against Mississippi State in College Station, Texas.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Instead of talking about Texas A&M's upcoming game against New Mexico when he met with the media this week, coach Kevin Sumlin spent a big chunk of his time discussing his future as rumors continue to swirl that his days at the school are numbered.

After this season, the 53-year-old Sumlin has two years and \$10 million remaining on his contract, but another disappointing season for the Aggies has many thinking that this year will be his last in College Station.

He insists that he isn't worried about his future.

"What I do is focus on what we have to do this week to win games, and the big picture will take care of itself," he said. "What we can do, is the best we can do. From that standpoint it keeps you focused on what's going on right now ... that's how I'm going to continue to approach it, and that's not going to change."

A win on Saturday will make Texas A&M (5-4, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) bowl eligible for the ninth straight season. But after dropping consecutive home games to Mississippi State and Auburn, the best the Aggies could finish with is eight wins. If they do, it would be the fourth straight year where they've had eight wins, raising questions about why they haven't been able to take the next step under Sumlin.

"You understand what this is about from day one," Sumlin said when pressed on his job security. "You know what you signed up for."

When they met New Mexico on Saturday the Aggies will try to get back on track with Nick Starkel at quarterback. Starkel opened the season as the starter before breaking his ankle

in the opener. He's played the last two weeks after recovering from the injury but freshman Kellen Mond, who filled in while he was injured, has started those two games.

Sumlin said that Starkel earned the job back after throwing for 184 yards and two touchdowns after Sumlin benched Mond in the second quarter against Auburn after he went 5 of 11 for just 16 yards.

Some things to know about the New Mexico-Texas A&M game.

#### TEXAS TIES

The New Mexico staff is full of coaches who spent time at Texas A&M, led by coach Bob Davie, who spent nine seasons with the Aggies as a linebackers coach and defensive coordinator under Jackie Sherrill and later R.C. Slocum.

"I owe a lot to Texas A&M, I owe a lot to R.C. Slocum," Davie said. "College Station made me a better coach and a better person. A lot of memories there, it's a great place, and they are a heck of a football team."

Offensive coordinator Bob DeBesse coached A&M's receivers from 2006-07, defensive line coach Stan Eggen coached the defensive line from 2003-07, safeties coach Jordan Peterson played for the Aggies from 2006-09 and was a graduate assistant at the school and graduate assistant coach Ben Sherman is the son of Mike Sherman, who coached the Aggies from 2008-11.

"Quality people (who) have been around football a long time," Sumlin said. "(They're) a well-coached football team with guys that know what they're doing, and who are probably going to be pretty excited about being back at Kyle Field."

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### With no Zeke, is arrow pointing up for Dallas?



AP photo

In this Oct. 8, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Dez Bryant (88) greets teammates before an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers in Arlington, Texas. When the Cowboys and the Falcons meet Sunday in a critical NFC match, the winner will be in solid position for a run toward the playoffs.

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

The arrow was pointing up for the Cowboys, sideways or down for the Falcons.

Then a federal court on Thursday upheld the six-game league suspension for Ezekiel Elliott, a damaging blow to Dallas.

When they meet Sunday in a critical NFC match, the winner will be in decent position for a run toward the playoffs, hardly what either 2016 conference power projected.

The loser, particularly if it is Dallas with NFC East leader Philadelphia already 2½ games in front and Elliott presumably gone for much of the remainder of the schedule, will have used up significant margin for error.

"We know as a team what we're capable of," safety Ricardo Allen said of his 4-4 Falcons. "Just go out there and do our job. Just give a little more, take it to another level."

"We have another whole half of the season. Get it rolling. Get the small things right."

Dallas (5-3) has done a lot of big things right after a 2-3 start. Somehow, the Cowboys managed through all the distractions from their star running back's on-again, off-again suspension, and they handled Kansas City quite well last Sunday.

Now comes a huge in-conference test at the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium, where Atlanta is only 1-2, but plays four of its next five games.

"We've just got to keep on pushing," says receiver Dez Bryant, who is bothered by knee and ankle woes. "We

know exactly who we are. We're going to show everybody. This is a real team that sticks together and fights for one another. We've been through a lot of adversity, and we're just showing you how to get out of it. That's what we're going to do. We're going to keep on fighting and see where it takes us."

The action began Thursday night with Seattle's 22-16 victory in Arizona. Russell Wilson threw two touchdown passes to Jimmy Graham for Seattle.

The Seahawks (6-3) limited Adrian Peterson to 29 yards in 21 carries in a game marred by a host of injuries and penalties, most of them against Seattle, to improve to 4-0-1 in Arizona in Bruce Arians' five seasons as coach of the Cardinals (4-5).

Off this week are Kansas City (6-3), Philadelphia (8-1), Baltimore (4-5), and Oakland (4-5).

New Orleans (6-2) at Buffalo (5-3) Miami (4-4) at Carolina (6-3), Monday night

NFC South leaders vs. AFC East chasers.

The Saints are one of the league's main surprises. We all expect Drew Brees to load up on passing yards and touchdowns, but New Orleans' ground game has been formidable with Mark Ingram and rookie Alvin Kamara. As for the defense, it's been just as responsible for a six-game win streak.

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road Commission of Texas  
for a permit to inject fluid into  
a formation which is product-  
ive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to in-  
ject fluid into the Cisco,  
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burger, and Granite Wash  
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posed injection well is lo-  
cated 14.7 miles northeast of  
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moor, East Field, in Howard  
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jected into strata in the subsur-  
face depth interval from  
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LEGAL AUTHORITY:  
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ter Code, as amended, Title 3  
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**Notice of Application for  
Commercial Oil and Gas  
Waste Disposal Well Permit**

Solaris Water Midstream,  
LLC, 9811 Katy Freeway,  
Ste. 900, Houston, TX 77024,  
is applying to the Railroad  
Commission of Texas for a  
permit to dispose of pro-  
duced salt water or other oil  
and gas waste by well in-  
jection into a porous formation  
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dispose of oil and gas waste  
into the San Andres Forma-  
tion, Sabine SWD Lease,  
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posed disposal well is lo-  
cated 6.35 miles southwest of  
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County. The waste water will  
be injected into strata in the  
subsurface depth interval  
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ter Code, as amended, Title 3  
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jection into a porous formation  
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into the Ellenburger Forma-  
tion, Cowboy SWD Lease,  
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posed disposal well is lo-  
cated 3.40 miles northeast of  
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erry (Trend Area) Field, in  
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water will be injected into  
strata in the subsurface depth  
interval from 9,870 to 10,555  
feet.

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He loved my children, and they were extremely lucky to have him in their lives. I am not sure whether I should tell them the truth, because he was such a wonderful part of their lives.

Seeing as he kept the truth from me, I don't think he wanted

anyone to know. -- Grateful for Him

**Dear Grateful for Him:** You're probably right that he didn't want anyone to know, but he sounds like such a supportive parent that I'm sure he would want you to make whatever decision is right for your family. So if you end up telling your children, don't feel guilty. At the end of the day, the fact remains that Jack was their real grandpa in every way that counts.

**Dear Annie:** I am a very private person, but I have a family member who asks too many questions (of every-one) all the time -- silly questions, personal questions, medical questions, etc.

I have spoken to her privately about this -- telling her that I am

not comfortable with the constant questions -- multiple times. However, she will not stop. She says it doesn't bother her. I have tried to change the subject when she gets into a line of questioning; she brings it back.

It has gotten so that I try to avoid being around her. However, this is impossible at times.

How do I stop the invasion? -- DC

**Dear DC:** You've told her that this behavior makes you uncomfortable, and she responded by saying it "doesn't bother" her? Either this woman is hard of hearing or she has a mental illness that causes compulsive talking. You might want to talk to some other relatives regarding the

latter concern.

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**Dear Annie:** "Stressed Out in Middle America" wrote to you about her friend "Jenna," a hoarder. You told "Stressed Out" to encourage Jenna to see a mental health specialist. Well, I know from experience that trying to tell a hoarder to see a counselor does no good. My son and his wife are hoarders. They refuse to even believe that anything is wrong with them. It is everyone

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**Dear Hard to Watch:** Seeing as your son does care for the children, you could tell him that you think the situation is so serious that if he doesn't seek counseling, you will have no choice but to call the authorities. The children could be in danger. Contact their local government to see what agencies, such as Child Protective Services or Adult Protective Services, could intervene.

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You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

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|------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| 1    | Pass  | Pass | ?     |
- What (if anything) would you bid with each of the following five hands?
- ♠ 853 ♥ KJ72 ♦ AJ10 ♣ K96
  - ♠ KQ9 ♥ QJ4 ♦ AQ6 ♣ K1072
  - ♠ J87 ♥ QJ954 ♦ 3 ♣ KJ86
  - ♠ J64 ♥ AK9 ♦ KQ9874 ♣ 10
  - ♠ AJ8 ♥ AKJ96 ♦ 52 ♣ KQ7

**1. One notrump.** When the bidding is on the verge of dying out at a low level, you are permitted to make bids you would not make in any other position. Such bids in the so-called balancing seat often don't have their normal meaning.

The player in the balancing seat has an obligation not to sell out cheaply if there is a reasonable way to compete for the contract. If he does elect to compete, whatever action he takes must tentatively be regarded as suspect.

The one-notrump bid in this sequence typically indicates about 11 to 14 points rather than the 15 to 18 you would be expected to hold if you bid one notrump directly over the opening bidder.

**2. Double.** If you were in second position, you would overcall with one notrump, but in the balancing seat you are much too strong for that

action. Partner would think you had a much flimsier hand, such as in the first problem.

The way to show real opening notrump values in the balancing position is to double and then bid notrump at your next turn to complete the description of your hand.

**3. One heart.** This isn't much of a hand, but it is better to bid than to pass. Partner probably has 10 or more points, which gives your side a shot at a partscore that would be lost if you threw in the sponge prematurely. Because you are in the balancing seat, partner should not become overly enthusiastic about your bid.

**4. Pass.** The opponents couldn't be in a worse spot, and it's not wise to help them out by competing. West will probably go down a trick or two, and you may wind up with a respectable plus. Besides, partner probably doesn't have much, since he's marked with diamond shortness and failed to bid over one diamond.

**5. Double.** Here you have values with which you would act in any position, and these can best be shown by doubling and then bidding hearts. An immediate jump to two hearts in the balancing seat would suggest a strong hand interested only in hearts, but this hand may well play better in notrump, spades or clubs, depending on partner's hand.

Tomorrow: Like a hole in the head.  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By Holiday Mathis



Leo Moon Headliner

The expected thing, as remarkable and miraculous as it may be, won't make headlines. Headlines are for stories. Good stories include an element of the unexpected. The unexpected may bring astonishment, laughter, tears, frustration, bewilderment... never boredom. Embrace the unexpected under the entertaining Leo moon.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You take pleasure in maintaining your friendships. It's not so easy for all your loved ones. Some find it difficult to be social, so it's wonderful that you're willing to reach out and take the initiative.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It's time to expand the social circle again -- an effort that will pay off in laughter and fun as well as in the context of business and finance. One way is to plan an event that will allow your friends to introduce you to their friends.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The mistake may have been an honest one, but that doesn't change what happened. Try to be logical and methodical as you work out how to make things right and how to make sure this doesn't happen again.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** What's not advancing in your life is retreating. Chances are, you're fine with this. You can't move everything forward at once. And letting cycles run their natural course is the smart thing to do.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Oddly, what you think is boring will get far less so as you do it repeatedly. Your mind will open to the intricacies. You may even feel that you've glimpsed the magical underpinnings of life itself in this.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** One of

Two choices: Either throw it away, or call it art.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You're an integral part of whatever group you join, even if you're new there. Don't underestimate your energy. Your joy is contagious; your curiosity is a stimulant for all around you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 10).** You're changing and so are your wishes. Your efforts to be a better communicator on all levels will lead to astounding luck. A long process will end happily. What you pay forward before the end of the year will change someone's life. A group will progress in part because of your intelligent leadership from within. Cancer and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 7, 12, 22 and 15.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: Forget the games. When you like someone and let that person know, you're golden no matter how it winds up. TAURUS: Mistaken identity is the root of romantic dissatisfaction. To make sure you don't have the wrong idea about someone, ask more; learn more; remain objective. GEMINI: You admire good cheer, though you prefer honest emotion. CANCER: Intrigue is essential to attraction. Hopefully there's enough there to hold you long after you've figure the person out. LEO: Your loyalty will be rewarded in both material and immaterial ways. VIRGO: Because of your generous heart, you'll see people how they want you to see them, or at least pretend to.

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

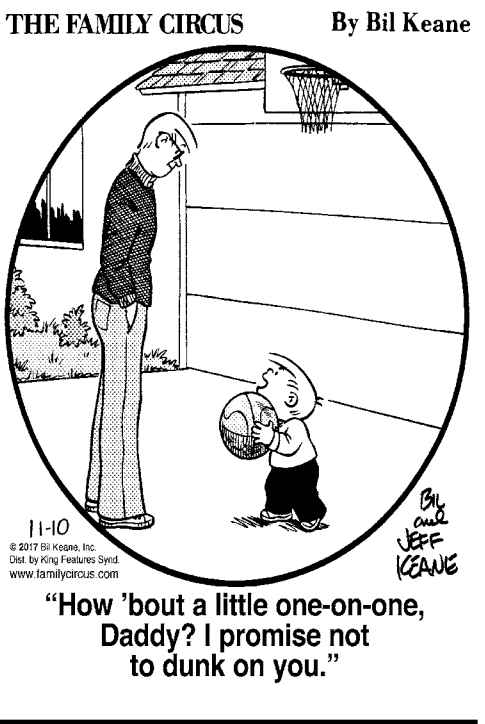


Table with 19 columns (stations) and 19 rows (time slots) listing TV programs and channels.

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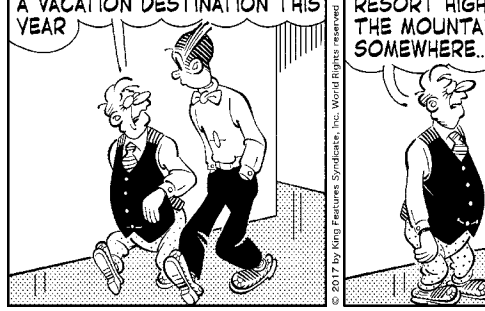
This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 10, the 314th day of 2017. There are 51 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On Nov. 10, 1882, the newly finished Vietnam Veterans Memorial was opened to its first visitors in Washington, D.C., three days before its dedication. Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev died at age 75. On this date: In 1766, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, had its beginnings as William Franklin, the Royal Governor of New Jersey, signed a charter

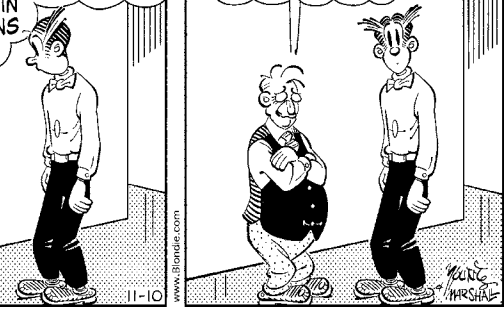
establishing Queen's College in New Brunswick. In 1775, the U.S. Marines were organized under authority of the Continental Congress. In 1871, journalist-explorer Henry M. Stanley found Scottish missionary David Livingstone, who had not been heard from for years, near Lake Tanganyika in central Africa. In 1917, 41 suffragists were arrested for picketing in front of the White House. In 1938, Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on her CBS radio program. Turkish statesman Mustafa Kemal Ataturk died in Istanbul at age 57. In 1942, Winston Churchill delivered a

speech in London in which he said, "I have not become the King's First Minister to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire." In 1951, customer-dialed long-distance telephone service began as Mayor M. Leslie Denning of Englewood, New Jersey, called Alameda, California, Mayor Frank Osborne without operator assistance. In 1954, the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial, depicting the raising of the American flag on Iwo Jima in 1945, was dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Arlington, Virginia. In 1969, the children's educational program "Sesame Street" made its debut on National

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Newsday Crossword

FOR VETERANS DAY by Mark McClain Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
1 Get into line
5 Poetic time
9 Hand surfaces
14 Casual top
15 Home decor giant
16 Without (silently)
17 Clinic ritual
18 Rate, so to speak
19 New World camel kin
20 Bit of hardware
21 your service
23 Money that's minted
25 Purrfect Delicacies brand
26 Capital north of Estonia
29 Stick up
32 It means "both"
35 French director Besson
36 Naturally unsuspecting
38 your service
42 Odds, for instance
43 Lute descendant
44 Earth tones
45 Golf scorecard abbr.
46 Young toads
50 Presumed successor
51 Chicago university
55 your service
60 Meditative school
61 Much-honored Japanese conductor
62 Gain
63 Playlist element
64 Toned down

- DOWN
1 Some major tourneys
2 Prep for shipment
3 Render gleeful
4 Day in a synagogue
5 Mom of Malia
6 A panhandle st.
7 Tone down, with "in"
8 Diner freebie
9 Gold-coated mount
10 Superior mark
11 Most of the Air Canada logo
12 Brief communication
13 Bicker
21 Inconclusive result
22 Rattle one's trap
24 Food-truck specialty
27 GM category
28 Frost over
29 Capital south of Estonia
30 Where much dough is placed
31 Sums at risk
32 Off course
33 Medieval adult beverage
34 Orders on toast
37 Pseudo-cultured
39 Reporters' accessories
40 1930s major studio
41 Got by happenstance
47 Circulating stuff
48 Minimally interesting
49 Untold centuries
50 Sculpted
52 Gaseous oxidant
53 Affords for a while
54 Discomfiture
55 Some night howlers
56 Blue, in Barcelona
57 Duchess of Cambridge, in headlines
58 X-Files agent
59 Ancient mariner
63 Darn things

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbered starting points.

bers. In 1997, a judge in Cambridge, Massachusetts, reduced Louise Woodward's murder conviction to involuntary manslaughter and sentenced the English au pair to the 279 days she'd already served in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. In 2004, word reached the United States of the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at age 75 (because of the time difference, it was the early hours of Nov. 11 in Paris, where Arafat died). Ten years ago: A stagehands strike shut down most Broadway shows, with curtains rising again 19 days later. Author Norman Mailer, 84, died in New York. The mother of rapper Kanye West, Donda West, died at a Los Angeles-area hospital at age 58 a day after undergoing plastic surgery. Miami ended its 70-year stay at the famed Orange Bowl with a lopsided 48-0 loss to Virginia. Five years ago: Two people were killed when a powerful gas explosion rocked an Indianapolis neighborhood, damaging or destroying more than 80 homes. (Five people were later convicted of charges in connection with the blast, which prosecutors said stemmed from a plot to collect insurance money.) One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump took a triumphant tour of the nation's capital, where he held a cordial White House meeting with President Barack Obama, sketched out priorities with Republican congressional leaders and took in the majestic view from where he would be sworn in to office. After seven times as

finalists for the National Toy Hall of Fame, the Little People of Fisher-Price's house, barn and school bus were enshrined along with the swing and Dungeons & Dragons in the hall's class of 2016. Today's Birthdays: Film composer Ennio Morricone (EHN'-yoh mohr-ee-KOHN'-eh) is 89. Blues singer Bobby Rush is 83. Actor Albert Hall is 80. Country singer Donna Fargo is 76. Former Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., is 74. Lyricist Tim Rice is 73. Actress-dancer Ann Reinking is 68. Actor Jack Scalia is 67. Movie director Roland Emmerich is 62. Actor Matt Craven is 61. Actor-comedian Sinbad is 61. Actress Mackenzie Phillips is 58. Author Neil Gaiman (GAY'-mih'n) is 57. Actress Vanessa Angel is 54. Actor Hugh Bonneville is 54. Actor-comedian Tommy Davidson is 54. Actor Michael Jai (jy) White is 53. Country singer Chris Cagle is 49. Actor-comedian Tracy Morgan is 49. Actress Ellen Pompeo (pahm-PAY'-oh) is 48. Actor-comedian Orny Adams is 47. Rapper-producer Warren G is 47. Actor Walton Goggins is 46. Comedian-actor Chris Lilley is 43. Contemporary Christian singer Matt Maher is 43. Rock singer-musician Jim Adkins (Jimmy Eat World) is 42. Rapper Eve is 39. Rock musician Chris Joannou (joh-AN'-yoo)(Silverchair) is 38. Actor Bryan Neal is 37. Actress Heather Matarazzo is 35. Country singer Miranda Lambert is 34. Actor Josh Peck is 31. Pop singer Vinz Dery (Nico & Vinz) is 27. Actress Zoey Deutch (DOYCH) is 23. Actress Kiernan Shipka is 18. Actress Mackenzie Foy is 17.

Thought for Today: "Men get opinions as boys learn to spell, by reiteration chiefly." Elizabeth Barrett Browning English poet (1806-1861).

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like NODS, ANIME, OGRE, ARIA, MORAL, PLEA, SEPIA, PHOTO, EAST, CINDY, ENSIGNS, ADE, ELLE, LISLE, RATS, APRICOT, JAM, IBM, SNOB, ARM, FORREAL, THATWAY, UPI, DREW, TOLE, JUNK, DRAWER, ACTS, ISSUE, INTO, LIT, ENDEMIC, TNOTE, GROG, NOVASCOTIA, MIFF, OMEGA, SHAM, TOFU, SATIED, HENS.



**COWBOYS**

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everything," says first-round cornerback Marshon Lattimore, a strong contender for Defensive Rookie of the Year.

Buffalo hasn't won at home against New Orleans since 1983. But the Bills are 4-0 at home this season; only the league-leading Eagles also are spotless in their own stadium.

Up-and-down Carolina comes off a key division victory against Atlanta and now faces Miami's abysmal offense. All the Panthers have is the NFL's top-rated defense.

Miami is averaging a league-low 14.5 points per game, which must make head coach (and offensive guru) Adam Gase cringe.

The Panthers seem to be getting first-round pick RB Christian McCaffrey more involved in the offense.

Pittsburgh (6-2) at Indianapolis (3-6)

A matchup the Steelers love — they are 22-6 and have won four straight — and tend to get off to strong starts without the ball. Pittsburgh's defense hasn't allowed a TD on an opening possession in 25 games, the longest active streak in the NFL.

Expecting Indy's defense to handle RB Le'Veon Bell and WR Antonio Brown might be far too much. Plus, there's turmoil on the Colts after Vontae Davis publicly complained about sitting out with what he says is a balky groin, but what the team called a coach's decision. The veteran cornerback was released Thursday.

Minnesota (6-2) at Washington (4-4)

An unquestionable lift for the Vikings came this week with Teddy Bridgewater activated. He'll serve as backup to Case Keenum, but his return from a devastating knee injury in training camp 2016 is a huge plus.

"He hasn't had training camp. He hasn't done anything," coach Mike Zimmer said of the prospect of Bridgewater seeing any action. "We're just trying to get him to where everybody feels comfortable with him."

Minnesota is comfy atop the NFC North with a two-game lead and showing lots of balance on offense and defense during a four-game win string.

Washington comes off a comeback victory at Seattle made more impressive by the wave of injuries it has fought through. Its defense has looked formidable, led by LBs Zack Brown and Ryan Kerrigan.

New England (6-2) at Denver (3-5)

This might look like a mismatch with the Patriots on a four-game winning streak and the Broncos in a four-game slide.

Beware of that: While New England is seeking a 12th consecutive regular-season road win, which would tie its own AFC record, Bill Belichick is 8-10 against Denver. Tom Brady is 3-7.

"I think they've had good teams," Brady says. "Obviously, you play on the road, it's tough communication-wise, but when you play good teams I think the margin of error is even more slim, and this team has always had a good football team."

"A lot of the games have been close. ... You can't go out there and make a bunch of mistakes and expect to win."

The Patriots will practice in Colorado Springs next week before taking on Oakland in Mexico City.

Denver must protect the ball better. It's minus-12 in turnovers with 19 giveaways and seven take-aways.

Los Angeles Chargers (3-5) at Jacksonville (5-3)

WOW! The Jaguars won a game at EverBank Field, beating Cincinnati. They were 1-6 there last season.

This is no gimme for the AFC South co-leaders. The Chargers have won six straight in this series, scoring 30 or more points in five of those and outscoring the Jaguars by a combined 116 points.

Jaguars rookie RB Leonard Fournette can become the first player in NFL history to score a TD in the first seven games of a career.

Former Jaguars coach and current Chargers defensive coordinator Gus Bradley returns to Jack-

**A&M**

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games at home against non-conference foes.

The Aggies' last loss at home against an opponent out of their conference came in a 41-23 loss to Miami in 2008.

TURNOVER WOES

The Lobos have the third-most turnovers in the nation with 25 this season. Fifteen of those are fumbles, which is second in the nation behind San Jose State which has 19. The problem been particularly bad in this four-game losing streak where they've had 14 turnovers, including four

fumbles in a 24-10 loss to Utah State last week and five interceptions in a defeat by Wyoming two weeks ago.

"Not that that is our only issue, but particularly the last two weeks, you just have no chance to win," Davie said.

BLOCKS ON BLOCKS

The Aggies are tied for the Football Bowl Subdivision lead with five blocked kicks this season. They've blocked three punts and two field goals this season. But Texas A&M had some trouble of its own in that area last week when Auburn blocked a punt by the Aggies and returned it for a touchdown.



AP photo

**In this Oct. 29, 2017, file photo, Washington Redskins outside linebacker Ryan Kerrigan (91) celebrates his sack of Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott during the first half of an NFL football game in Landover, Md.**

sonville 11 months after getting fired to end one of the worst coaching tenures in NFL history. Bradley went 14-48 with the Jags.

Cincinnati (3-5) at Tennessee (5-3)

Cincinnati ranks last in overall offense, so it's lucky that star wide receiver A.J. Green was not suspended for his fight with Jacksonville CB Jalen Ramsey last week. The Bengals best hope probably is getting an efficient pass rush led by Geno Atkins.

These are the kind of games in which the Titans tend to stumble while in the playoff chase. But they have won three straight and have a dynamic rushing attack with DeMarco Murray, Derrick Henry and quarterback Marcus Mariota.

Titans S Kevin Byard has five interceptions in his past two games, tying him for the most in consecutive games since 1970. Byard leads the NFL with six picks and Andy Dalton has thrown eight.

Houston (3-5) at Los Angeles Rams (6-2)

The Rams could ravage Tom Savage in this matchup as LA returns home. The previous time the Rams played at the Coliseum was Oct. 8.

Houston was inept on offense for most of last week's loss to Indianapolis as it needed to revamp much of the offense to suit the more stationary, less imaginative game of Savage with Deshaun Watson gone for the season (knee).

LA ranks third in yards and tops in points per game (32.9). Its 263 points are already more in half a season than in all of 2016 (224). QB Jared Goff comes off career highs in yards passing (311) and touchdowns (four) in a rout of the Giants.

This is only the third time these franchises have met, with the Rams up 2-1.

New York Jets (4-5) at Tampa Bay (2-6)

Journeyman QB Ryan Fitzpatrick had one very good season and one horrendous year with the Jets. He'll start against his former team — Fitz also has played for the Rams, Bengals, Bills, Titans and Texans — and face New York's current journeyman

QB, Josh McCown.

McCown is having a strong season as the entrenched starter, though, and leads the AFC in completion rate at 70.4 percent. Fitz goes for Jameis Winston, who will miss a start for the first time after 40 games as a pro.

Incidentally, McCown has Fitzpatrick beat for number of NFL teams. McCown has played for Arizona, Detroit, Oakland, Carolina, Chicago, Tampa Bay and Cleveland.

Green Bay (4-4) at Chicago (3-5)

While Minnesota appears ready to march off with the NFC North, these also-rans continue the NFL's longest rivalry.

Will Packers coach Mike McCarthy loosen the reins a bit on Brett Hundley, who looked befuddled and frustrated last week standing in for the injured Aaron Rodgers (collarbone)? Maybe Hundley can be comfortable at Soldier Field, where the Packers have won seven in a row.

Give Chicago credit for playing hard as the roster is rebuilt. Like Hundley, second overall draft pick Mitchell Trubisky has been shackled in the passing game by his coaches; the Bears have the NFL's lowest-ranked aerial offense.

Cleveland (0-8) at Detroit (4-4)

Only four franchises have never made a Super Bowl, and these are two of them; the others are Jacksonville and Houston.


Not much to recommend here, although the Lions looked solid last week against undermanned Green Bay. Now, they get under-talented Cleveland in a lopsided series the Lions lead 18-5.

New York Giants (1-7) at San Francisco (0-8)

Oh, for the days of Joe Montana vs. Lawrence Taylor, Big Blue against the 49ers Dynasty.

This is the first time since 1984 these teams have played this late in the season with only one combined win.

Enough said.



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# Pastor: Texas church that was attacked will be demolished

By **PAUL J. WEBER** and  
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Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — The Texas church where more than two dozen people were killed by a gunman during Sunday services will be demolished, the pastor said.

Pastor Frank Pomeroy told leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention earlier this week that it would be too painful to continue using First Baptist Church as a place of worship.

A national Southern Baptist spokesman said Pomeroy discussed the plan with the denomination's top executives, who traveled to the rural community in a show of support.

The spokesman, Sing Oldham, said the pastor described the building as "too stark of a reminder" of the massacre. Pomeroy expressed hope he could turn the site into a memorial for the dead and put up a new building on property the church owns.

Other sites of mass shootings also have been torn down, including Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, where a gunman killed 20 children and six adults in December 2012. A new school was built elsewhere.

A one-room Amish schoolhouse near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was torn down in 2006, 10 days after a gunman took children hostage and shot and killed five girls ages 6 to 13.

The previous site of the school is now a pasture. A nearly identical schoolhouse with a security fence was erected nearby and named New Hope School.

On Wednesday, Vice President Mike Pence joined Texas Gov. Greg Abbott at



**Vice President Mike Pence hugs Evelyn Hillcombe at Florseville High School during a stop, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017, in Floresville, Texas. A man opened fire inside a church in Sutherland Springs on Sunday, killing and wounding many; Hill was in the church during the shooting but escaped.**

AP photo

a memorial service for the victims of the gunman.

Pence told the crowd that the attack was the worst mass shooting at a church in American history and called the gunman "deranged."

"Whatever animated the evil that descended on that small church, if the attacker's desire was to silence their testimony of faith, they failed," the vice president added.

The governor said Texans come together at times of crisis and tragedy. "It's what we do," Abbott said. People in the crowd responded "amen."

He also proclaimed Sunday, Nov. 12 a statewide day of prayer.

Pence also visited with wounded congregants at a San Antonio hospital and met with families of the dead in Floresville, not far from Sutherland Springs. He went from table to table at a high school library, attempting to console devastated family members.

"The whole country is praying over you," he told one man who lost his sister-in-law.

He stopped to talk with John Holcombe, whose family was decimated by the

shooting. Holcombe, who suffered shrapnel wounds, lost his wife, Crystal, who was pregnant with their first child. Also killed were three of her children, his parents, a brother and a toddler niece.

Pence hugged 7-year-old Evelyn Holcombe, who survived by running out of the church.

Earlier Wednesday, Pence said President Donald Trump had ordered federal agencies to provide extensive help to the investigation, including 100 on-site FBI agents.

Also Wednesday, the Texas

Department of Public Safety released an official list of those killed in the rampage. The eight male victims and 17 female victims ranged in age from 1 to 77.

Eight of the fatalities were children or teenagers. The oldest of them was 16.

Authorities said the 26 dead also included Crystal Holcombe's unborn baby. All the victims died at the scene, except for one child who died at a hospital.

Eleven people remained hospitalized with wounds they suffered in the attack.

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1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **No Other Santas Allowed**
2. Floats not to exceed 52' in length, 8' in width, 14' in heights.
3. Parade entries not in line by start of parade will be ineligible for awards.
4. Do not throw candy from float, you may walk beside your float if you wish to throw candy.
5. You will receive your float number and instructions about 1 week prior to parade.
6. If your float number isn't **Clearly Visible** on the driver side, your float will not be judged.