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Nutcracker Ballet returns to Big Spring stage

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

In 1816, German author E.T.A. Hoffman wrote a fairy tale about a young girl who receives a magical nutcracker for Christmas. The story, after being re-written by French author Alexandre Dumas of "The Three Musketeers" fame, was adapted into a ballet by Russian composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

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Saturday, Dec. 16, that story will come to life at Big Spring's Municipal Auditorium as the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Keith Graumann will provide the music, and students of Big Spring's Dance Gallery and dancers from the Midland Festival Ballet Company will provide the action, in a one-night-only performance of Tchaikovsky's holiday tradition "The Nutcracker Ballet."

Graumann said that, despite its fairy-tale like quality, "The Nutcracker" is not a kid's show.

"Contrary to some people's belief, it's not a children's production. I call it an 'adult fantasy.' It just happens to have a setting at Christmastime," he said. "In fact, some of the dances

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Reyes sentenced to 20 years for police shootout

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

A 118th District Court jury has sentenced a man to 20 years in prison for five counts of aggravated assault on a public servant.

In a verdict handed down Wednesday evening, 61-year-old Raul O. Reyes was convicted on five counts of the first-degree felony charge, receiving a 20-year sentence on

each count.

"By law, they have to run concurrently, since there was just one trial," said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

Wilkerson told the story of the incident which led to the trial.

"On Dec. 27 (2016) at approximately 1:10 p.m., a suspect came into the AT&T store who was acting strangely, and he was armed," Wilkerson said.

"There was a 9-1-1 call issued. As a result of that call, Big Spring police interdicted, and they pulled his car over at a location roughly behind the Herald, by that blue building on Gregg St. So Eighth and Gregg."

The suspect - Reyes - pulled out a gun, Wilkerson said.

"During the course of the discussion with the Big Spring

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It's a chili cook-off!



Big Spring Center for Skilled Care hosted their second annual chili cook-off yesterday. Participants included BSCSC employees, family members of BSCSC residents, and the public. Winners of cook-off were BSCSC employee Krysha Bearden in first place, Kindred at Home employee Edward Garcia in second, and SMMC employee Melinda Kennedy in third. Above, attendees Simon Saldana (right) and Mike Bourque enjoy some hot chili on a cold West Texas day,

HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

CASA encourages people to get into the giving spirit

Special to the Herald

The holiday season offers opportunities to give back. It's easy to get caught up in the commercialism of the holidays, shopping for gifts, and fueling anticipation for goodies that lie ahead. CASA of West Texas encourages

Big Spring residents to delight in the season by also celebrating the joys of giving back.

"Kids and adults alike deserve to experience the fun of 'getting' during the holidays, but giving can be just as fulfilling," said CASA Executive Director Patty Pisklak. "Helping others offers teachable moments for children and a reminder for grown-ups that giving is what

the holiday season is really all about."

CASA of West Texas, which trains volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children as they navigate the child welfare system, offers these ideas for how to give back during the holidays. After you've shopped 'til you've dropped on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, make an online tax-deductible donation to your favorite charity. Encourage children to brighten

Wintry mix threatens wide swath of South

By JONATHAN LANDRUM
 Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Snow fell across parts of the Deep South early Friday, causing Southerners to panic and rush toward the grocery store even as forecasters predicted any accumulations would melt quickly.

The forecast called for a mix of rain and snow across several Deep South states.

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Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown

Robert says "Only 17 Days 'til Christmas!"
 (Robert Smith, Circulation Manager)

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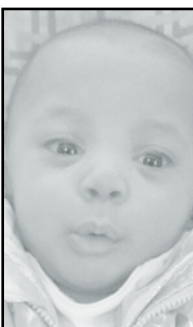
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Obituaries

Delanie Grace Sandoval



Delanie Grace Sandoval, 3 months, died Wednesday, Dec. 06, 2017, at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital. Vigil service will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Delanie Grace was born Aug. 29, 2017, in Odessa,

Texas, to Summer Leighann Rainer Sandoval and Jose Angel Sandoval.

Delanie Grace is survived by her parents Jose and Summer Sandoval of Big Spring; her twin brother Jose Sandoval, Jr. of Big Spring; her grandparents, Zorra Rainer and husband Billy of Greer, South Carolina and Jose and Maria Sandoval of Big Spring; her great grandmother, Ann Rainer also of Big Spring and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

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Aiden Thomas Rodriguez



Aiden Thomas Rodriguez, 7 months, 10 days, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Aiden was born on April 24, 2017, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his parents, Briana Pena and Anthony Rodriguez of Big Spring; two grandparents, Veronica Martinez (Marcus Yanez) and Roxana Rodriguez (Jesse Blackwell) of Big Spring; two aunts, Isa Pena and Carisma Yanez; five uncles, Leo Pena Jr., Richard Pena, Daniel Blackwell, Jessie Blackwell, Jr., all of Big Spring and John Ledesma (Jessica) of Tennessee; and two cousins, Mark Anthony Lopez and Aiddison Ledesma.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KEVIN JOE ROBLES**, 22, of 5825 W Rochelle Ave., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and two warrants of tampering or fabricated evidence, and charge of failure to identify giving false or fictitious.

- **CHRISTIAN ANTHONY TORRENCE**, 22, of 1404 S Benton St., was arrested on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

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- **NICKOLAS VANCE JONES**, 25, of 801 W FM 700, on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, burglary of building, failure to signal turn.

- **TRINITY RENEE TERRAZAS**, 25, of 801 W FM 700, was arrested on warrants of bail jumping and failure to appear, and purchase furnish alcohol to a minor.

- **ALICIA MORALES**, 36, of 1419 Sycamore, was arrested on warrants of speeding 10 or more

above, violate promise to appear, and speeding in a school zone.

- **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE** was reported on the 1400 block of E 6th St.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 400 block of Culp Ave.

- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported on the 4500 block of S HWY 87.

- **THEFT** was reported on the 1500 block of S Scurry St.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on the 2500 S Gregg St.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- **NICKOLAS VANCE JONES**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, burglary of building, failure to signal turn.

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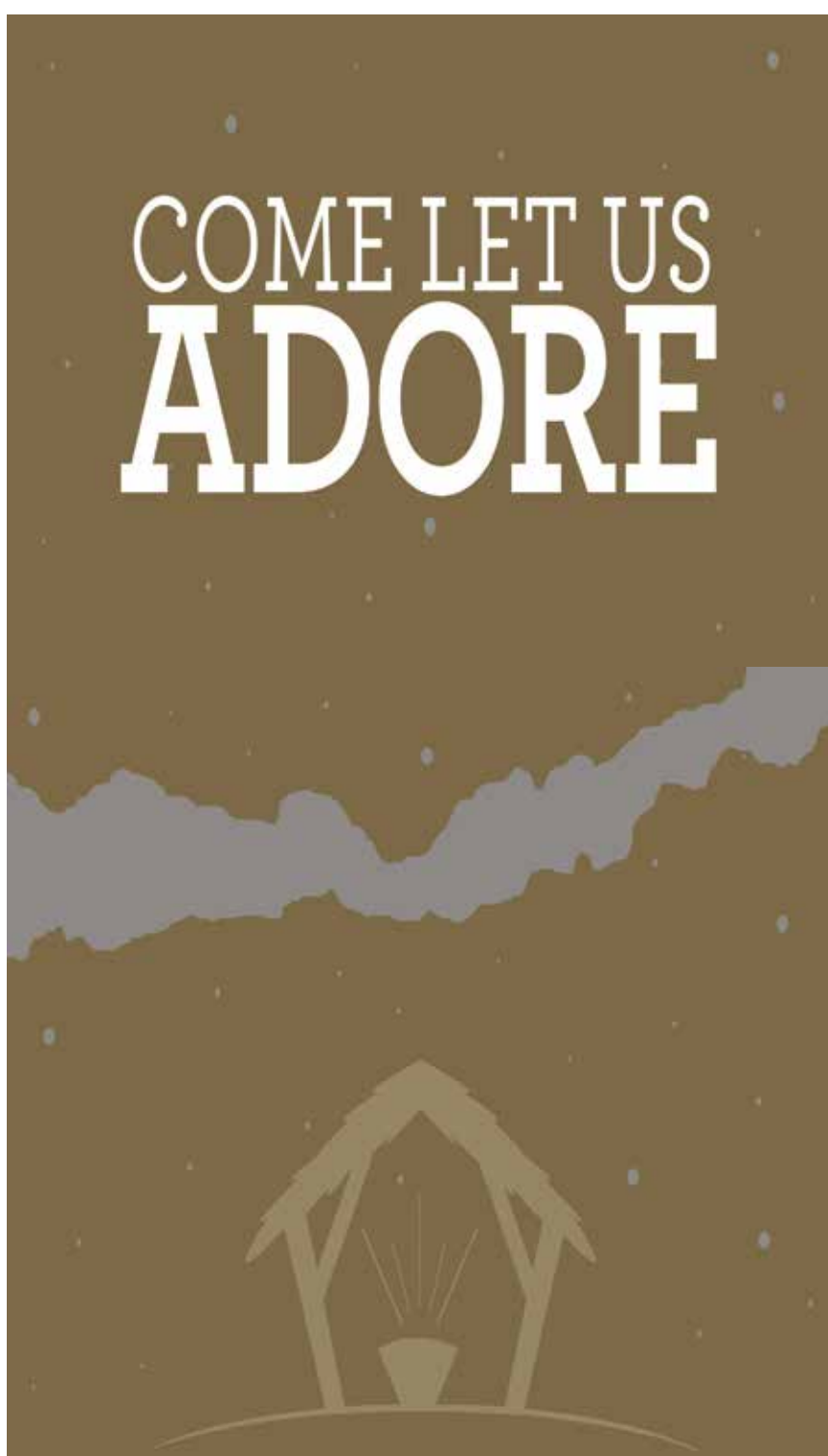
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- **CHRISTIAN ANTHONY TORRENCE**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

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Patrick Shawn Myers

Patrick Shawn Myers, 43, of Andrews Texas. He passed Dec. 4, 2017. Services will be held Dec. 9, 2017 at Andrews Corgill Funeral Home Chapel.

Teresa "Wela" Brito

Teresa "Wela" Brito, 76, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, at her residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard Gully officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Teresa was born on Dec. 18, 1940, in Uvalde, Texas, to Herminia Ramirez Olivarez and Marcelino Olivarez. Teresa married Jose Brito in February of 1959.

Teresa is survived by her husband, Jose Brito of Big Spring; four daughters, Sylvia Garfias and Ester Gonzales both of San Angelo, Rebecca Peacock and Sally Grant (Joey) of Big Spring; four brothers, Freddy, Albert, Marcelino and Henry Olivarez; three sisters, Janie Rocha, Margie Heredia and Mary Rivera, all of Big Spring; ten grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Teresa Dewett; three brothers, Frank Olivarez, Pedro Olivarez and Octavio Olivarez; and two sisters, Dora Noyola and Thero Olivarez.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of S Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Angela. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of E 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of Cindy Ln.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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WINTER

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Parts of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi reported snow flurries before dawn. Students got an unexpected holiday as dozens of school systems closed ahead of the wintry weather.

"It's the first snow of the season and any time you even mention snow in the South, you're going to get people a little panicky," said David Nadler, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service's office south of Atlanta.

In Alabama, Glenn Thompson said he didn't have any trouble getting to work early Friday at a Texaco station in the northeastern town of Heflin despite snow that was still falling.

"We probably got about an inch. As long as the temperature doesn't drop we'll be fine," said Thompson, who

works in the shop. "The roads are wet but they're clear. We've still got people coming through (but) they closed schools for the day in Cleburne County."

Forecasters said ground temperatures were warm enough that the storm should bring only a fleeting brush with winter. Still, the threat of even a half inch (12 millimeters) of snow was cause for alarm in a region that doesn't see regular snowfall.

The frigid temperatures behind a cold front that combined with moisture off the Gulf of Mexico to bring the weather to parts of the South also yielded a rare snowfall in South Texas. It knocked out power to thousands, caused numerous accidents along slick roadways and also prompted schools to close.

Snow and sleet fell Thursday in Laredo and other communities on the border with Mexico.

The weather band also brought snow to San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Houston and elsewhere.

In Atlanta, the morning commuter seemed lighter than usual with many people apparently opting to say off the roads. Cars moved along the interstate at a steady clip and commuter buses seemed less crowded than usual. The streets were wet, but temperatures remained in the 40s well above freezing.

Georgia road crews took no chances ahead of Friday's morning rush hour and pre-treated bridges and overpasses late Thursday with a briny water-and-salt mix against any snow or ice.

The National Weather Service said a half inch to an inch (12-25 millimeters) of snow is forecast across many areas of the South by Friday night. Winter weather advisories have been posted for parts of Louisiana, Missis-

issippi, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. The advisories were issued for cities including Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and Birmingham, Alabama.

Weather service meteorologist Kent McMullen said the first reports of snow came in the north Georgia mountains. Snow also was reported falling early Friday in the suburbs north of Atlanta, with drizzle reported in other parts of the state.

The forecast called for rain and snow most of the day, changing to snow Friday night.

"There's a lot of uncertainty right now" about just where the snow could fall and in what amounts, Nadler cautioned.

Forecasters said the biggest chance for snow was along the Interstate 85 corridor from Alabama crossing Georgia through Atlanta and into South Carolina once the tem-

perature begins falling. Temperatures by sundown Thursday had already begun to dip in Atlanta, where tailgating football fans shivered and huddled around small barbecue grills atop downtown parking decks before a night game between the NFL's Atlanta Falcons and the visiting New Orleans Saints.

For Friday, Nadler said, temperatures in the Atlanta area were expected to range from 35-40 degrees (1-4 Celsius) Friday morning with little fluctuation the rest of the day. "We're not expecting temperatures to drop below freezing until sometime Friday evening," Nadler said. The weather service warned that black ice was possible on roads Saturday morning with low temperatures of 20 degrees to the lower 30s. Highs are expected to reach the 40s by Saturday afternoon with mostly sunny skies.

REYES

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police officer, a Highway Patrolman discovered that he was holding a gun and was bringing it to bear, and she began to lay down cover fire," he said. "There were 18 rounds fired at the location at Eighth and Gregg. The suspect, Raul Reyes, he fled the scene in his vehicle and a pursuit began, covering the central part of Big Spring between roughly Scurry and Goliad."

Officers caught up with Reyes near Big Spring High School, Wilkerson said

"The chase came to a conclusion at 10th and Owens, which is directly behind the High School by Birdwell Park," he said. "At that point the suspect produced an AK-47 (assault rifle) and discharged 28 rounds in the direction of the Highway Patrol and the Big Spring Police Department officers. One Big Spring Police Department Officer suffered minor injuries. The suspect was shot and went down and was ultimately taken into custody."

Jury selection in Reyes' trial was Monday, and the trial began Tuesday. The verdict was issued Wednesday evening.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@big-springherald.com.

CASA

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low-income families.

"This is a great way to build camaraderie among office co-workers," suggests Pisklak. "One can volunteer as an individual or a fam-

ily to serve meals to homeless families."

Extend the warm feelings of the holiday season by embracing a long-term volunteer commitment for the New Year.

"Like other nonprofits that rely on volunteers to deliver on our mission, CASA of West

Texas appreciates community members' year-round dedication to our cause," said Pisklak. "CASA volunteers change lives. What could be more fulfilling than that?"

To learn more about how volunteering or supporting CASA can make a difference at

the holidays or anytime throughout the year, visit the website at www.casawtx.org or call 432-683-1114.

The next pre-service volunteer training will be in Big Spring in February 2018

BALLET

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the principal roles in the ballet, supported by Dance Gallery students.

"Every other year the Midland Ballet comes to do the Nutcracker for the community

here in Big Spring," she said. "They always ask if they can count on my kids in, and I always say yes!"

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Free admission is offered to all students; however, those younger than 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Advance tickets are available from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St.; the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, 113 E. Third St.; the Heritage Museum of Big Spring, 510 Scurry St.; and the Karat Patch Jewelry Designs, 1003 E. FM 700.

Flames engulf semi-rural San Diego area in newest wildfires

By ELLIOT SPAGAT and ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

FALLBROOK, Calif. (AP) — Retirement communities built on golf courses, thoroughbreds in race horse stables and other usually serene sites were engulfed by flames as the San Diego area became the latest front in California's wildfire fight.

The fire broke out Thursday amid dry, hot, windy conditions across the region that would be extreme for any season, but are

especially stunning just two weeks from winter.

It exceeded 6 square miles (16 square kilometers) in a matter of hours and burned dozens of houses as it tore through the tightly packed Rancho Monserate Country Club community in the small city of Fallbrook, known for its avocado orchards and horse ranches. Three people were burned while escaping the flames, said Capt. Nick Schuler of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Winds subsided significantly early Friday morning, but forecasters said they would return later in the day. The resurgence was expected to be less widespread than on Thursday.

The fire was on the eastern border of the Marine Corps' vast Camp Pendleton, where base Fire Chief Thomas Thompson told Fox5 San Diego that the lack of wind should help the fire-fight. Marine and Navy aircraft will join the battle, he said.

Meanwhile, fire-fighters in Ventura — 130 miles (209 kilometers) to the north — tried to corral the largest and most destructive fire in the state, which has destroyed 430 buildings. The so-called Thomas Fire has grown to 180 square miles (466 square kilometers)

since it broke out Monday. Fire crews made enough progress against large fires around Los Angeles to lift most evacuation orders. The fire 50 miles north of San Diego, driven by winds above 35 mph (56 kph), razed rows of trailer homes in the retirement community, leaving charred and mangled metal in its wake. It wasn't immediately known what sparked the fire next to State Highway 76, but strong winds carried it across six lanes to the other side.

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Esther Cano, 81, died Monday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial was at Coahoma Cemetery.

Aiden Thomas Rodriguez, 7 months, died Monday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Charles Mitchell, 69 died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jeffrey Carter, 54, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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December 8-10: Drive Thru Nativity:
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December 16: Big Spring Symphony Presents "Nutcracker Ballet with Midland Festival Ballet"
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Did you ever wonder? Judiah goes into exile

Josiah, son of King Amon, was eight years old when he began to reign in Judah. Josiah served the Lord God, and he continued to purge Judah of idol worship.

As they began making restorations to the Temple, Hilkiah, the high priest, found the Book of the Law. When it was read to Josiah, he realized how far the people had strayed from God and he wept bitterly.

He sent the priests to inquire of Huldah the prophetess who resided in Jerusalem. Her message from God was that the people had turned away from Him and worshipped false idols for too long. Now God's anger would burn against them.

Because Josiah had truly worshipped God and had repented for his people, God would gather him to his fathers and Josiah would be buried in peace. He would not witness the disaster that would befall Jerusalem.

Josiah now worked tirelessly to remove all vestiges of the many foreign gods the people had worshipped. He had all the priests of the idols killed.

He searched for and destroyed all household gods

(small statues of idols) that were found. He got rid of the mediums and spiritists in Jerusalem and Judah.

Then he ordered that the people celebrate the feast of Passover. The Angel of Death passed over all houses with the blood of the lamb on the doorposts when the Egyptian firstborns were slain.

Pharaoh Neco of Egypt allied with the Assyrian king to do battle against Judah. Josiah marched out to face them, but he was killed. He was taken home to be buried in Jerusalem.

Josiah's son, Jehoahaz, became the next king of Judah; he reigned for only three months. He sinned in the eyes of God, and Pharaoh Neco took him to Egypt in chains.

His son, Jehoiakim, was not the next in the royal lineage, but he paid Pharaoh Neco silver and gold to make him the next king of Judah. His mother influenced him to worship foreign idols.

Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, invaded Judah, and for three years Jehoiakim was his vassel. Then Jehoiakim rebelled and armies of four nations came against him.

Notice that 2 Kings 24:2 says "The Lord sent Babylonian, Aramean, Moabite and Ammonite raiders against him in accordance with the word of the Lord proclaimed by his servants, the prophets."

Jehoiachin, son of Jehoiakim, became the next king of Judah, and he also sinned in the eyes of the Lord. He reigned only three months.

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon besieged the city of Jerusalem and Jehoiachin surrendered to him. Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin and all the treasure in the city back to Babylon. He also took captive all the men desirable for service in his army, leaving only the poorest people.

Jehoiachin's son, Zedekiah, became king of Judah, and he, too, sinned before God. After nine years, Zedekiah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar.

For two years Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem. The famine became so severe that Jehoiachin's army deserted. The army of Nebuchadnezzar broke down the city walls. They destroyed the Temple and took all its furnishings to Babylon.

King Zedekiah, all his officials and priests were carried away into captivity which lasted seventy years as the Lord had spoken. Judah was barren.

This was the Sabbath rest that the land had been denied during all the years of evil kings of Judah. (God had proclaimed that every seventh year was a Sabbath for the land. There should be no planting or reaping; the land should lie fallow.)



EUNICE FILLER

Church News

Starting Friday, the Live Annual Drive Through Nativity will run Dec. 8th through the 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come enjoy the magic of the Christmas presentation in the comfort of your vehicle while you view stunning scenes of the life and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Advent Sunday services continue through the Christmas Season. Come celebrate the birth of Jesus. Service starts at 10 a.m. Nazfamily offers two different types of services. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria for a more contemporary setting or the 1400 Lancaster campus which is more traditional for Sunday Service.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m., the Cedar Road Campus has a meal, bible study and children's and youth activities. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Lancaster campus has prayer and children's and youth activities. Other small groups meet throughout the week, if you are interested pick up our small group bulletin.

A ministry of the NazFamily Church is the Nazarene Christian Academy for K-6 grades at 118 Cedar Road. The Academy is fully accredited. Contact Alyssa Clark by calling the main church number. For more information contact the church office at (432) 267-7015.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week the message comes from Luke 1:39-45 and is called The Spirit of Christmas.

The Children's Christmas Program will take place during morning worship on Dec. 17.

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 5p.m. IMPACT youth begins with a meal at 5:30, followed by class at 6. Van rides are available at 7 p.m.

Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m. If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service, featuring the pipe organ, 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, Dec. 10, Pastor Derrell's message is "FAITH VS FEARS," and the scripture is from Luke 1: 26-38. 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 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 "Tardy Bells" will present a Handbell Concert this Wednesday, Dec. 13 for the program. The "Tardy Bells" is a group made up of retired teachers who enjoy making music by ringing handbells.

The Church is thankful to be able to have shared the Christmas Musical called "Our Savior" last Saturday and Sunday. It was presented for the community through the generosity of the Dora Roberts Foundation. We express our thanks to all who attended the presentation, and to all who helped make it possible. You may view video recordings of "Our Savior" on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring.

The church's choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. Please contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868.

The Angel Tree Gifts and Clothes for Kids Team will host a dinner and party on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Garrett Hall.

A "Polar Express" Movie Night will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. for all ages in the Partee Building.

On Sunday Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 there will be only

one worship service each of those mornings, at 10:45 a.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, A Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service will be held in the sanctuary at 6 p.m.

Evening Adult Bible Study, "Real Life," continues on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. A meal is served from 5:30 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 or phone the church office at 267-6394.

Spring Creek Fellowship

The date for the MHMR Christmas Party is Dec 10th after Church. If you would like to help with gift bags, etc. please contact Reneah at 432-213-6964 or on FB. This year we would also like to give the house personnel something, possible in the form of gift certificates. Thanks for your support.

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

If you have a Special Needs child and would like for them to meet Santa, he will be available at the church on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Please call the church office for more information.

The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree will be up soon! Gifts will be delivered on Sunday, Dec.17th from 4-6 p.m. Please Talk to Debbie Van Pelt to get an angel or two and help connect children with their parent who is incarcerated. This means so much to the kids and the parents!

Don't forget our annual Christmas Eve Cookie Give Away! We will need as many cookies as you can bake to deliver to those working on Christmas Eve! Please share your favorite holiday cookie!

KID CONNECTION/GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS: This Sunday the Bible lesson is found in Acts 3:1-10; 4:5-31, a part of a new unit, The Church on Mission. In Jesus' name, Peter healed a man who could not walk. You can find all of the winter lessons under the KID CONNECT tab at springcreekfellowship.org. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We were excited to carry 126 well packed shoeboxes to Allan's Furniture a couple of weeks ago. That made a total of 1967 boxes being taken from Big Spring to the collection point in Midland to begin their journey to children in other parts of the world who may have never had opportunity to hear about the great gift ever-Jesus!

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.

"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.

Changed but not converted

Too often people think (or have been told) that what they need is a little religion in their life. We may contribute to this way of thinking without fully realizing it. I've had people tell me that they know they "need to get back into church." Some with even a little religious background might convince themselves that they just need to "try a little harder" or "do a little better."

There's nothing wrong with trying harder or doing better. The problem is when we believe that it's our trying and doing that makes us right. We must not allow ourselves to think that we are pretty good on our own and if we could add a little religion into the mix, then we will be fine and God should be happy with us.

Matthew 12:43-45, When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation (ESV).

The Pharisees trusted in themselves that they were righteous (Luke 18:9). We must not be like they were or fall into that way of thinking. We are only made

righteous when we put our faith (trust) in God and in his Son Jesus Christ.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus is not about adding some religion into your life - it's about completely surrendering your life over to Christ. If I am convinced that I'm a pretty good person on my own, but I might be a little better with some Jesus in my life, then I may make

a few changes to my routine. I may "go to church" some Sundays. I may read the Bible a little. I may even feel like I'm a better person. That's when the devil will come knocking again. When we think we have got it all together and have our lives cleaned up, dusted off, and perfectly arranged, that's when he will try to move back in. Since we think we are doing so good, we might not even see how he is tempting us. As long as we are still being religious, we think we are okay.

We are not saved by doing good. We are not saved by being religious. God saves us when we submit our lives to him in faithful obedience. We can clean up the outside (visible) parts of our lives and neglect the inside (heart). If we are only trusting in ourselves and not in God, then we play right into the devil's hand.

Trust in God. Submit to his will. Be converted. Then we can do good things, not to make us righteous, but because we have been created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (Ephesians)



GREG SURLES

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 church office for times and locations.

Find out about our new Connection Groups

Reflections: A savior for a sinful world

Today Show co-hosts Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kolb fought back tears last week when they announced their colleague, Matt Lauer had been fired by NBC following sexual harassment charges. Lauer, one of the most beloved and trusted journalists on television for the past 20 years, joined a long list of celebrities, politicians and CEOs brought down by sexual misconduct charges. Garrison Keillor joined him on that list later the same day when Minnesota Public Radio terminated his contract.



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We are left reeling. Who can we trust?

The seemingly endless stream of trusted celebrities who have confessed sorrow and shame over their sexual misconduct reminds us that sin is pervasive throughout the human race. When we add to these charges daily news reports of corruption, lying, deceit, greed, hatred, prejudice, bigotry, sex trafficking, terrorism, violence, theft, and an out-of-control opioid

epidemic, we are confronted with the undeniable fact that we live in an "evil and adulterous generation," the words Jesus used to describe the world in which He was born.

I suppose that some past generations were better than our own, and others worse. I hope and pray that the generations to come will be better. But we cannot fool ourselves any longer. We are a sinful people.

We have tried to ignore the fact. We have tried to convince ourselves that we are good. That crime, corruption and sexual misconduct is an aberration, something that can be cured with medication and counseling. But the Bible has always recognized the truth of our human condition.

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) "There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10) "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

All of this can lead us to a better understanding of the season we celebrate. It was because of our sinful condition that God sent His Son into the world.

Only when we know our exceeding sinfulness can we comprehend the mystery of Christmas.

When the Angels announced His birth they said, "Today in the City of David there has been born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." When John introduced Him to his followers, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." The Apostle Paul confessed, "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all." (1 Timothy 1:15).

For this reason God sent His Son into the world, so that "He who knew no sin might become sin for us." This Christmas, confronted with our sins, perhaps we can hear the angel's announcement in a more profound way, "She shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

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

CHURCH

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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 November 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. We are so very proud of our Spring Creek worship team for stepping out and using their gifts for God and to witness to others! If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

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

Weekly Happenings: Sunday at 8:15 a.m. is the Classical Worship Service. At 9:15 a.m. To 10:15 a.m. is the Sunday School/Connection Groups. From 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. the "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship. From 10:45 a.m. to noon is the Worship Service. At 5 p.m. is the Prayer Meeting. Tuesday at 12 noon Narcotics Anonymous, and at 7 p.m. is the "Cheez Nips" Women's Bible Study. Wednesday there are Community Groups at various times and places. Thursday at 7 p.m. is the "Wild At Heart" Men's Bible Study. Friday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. is the meeting for Narcotics Anonymous. Saturday from

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

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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church ask you to join them in praising our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, Sunday at 2 p.m. Come be a part of this vibrant group; Pastor Walterhouse will bring a message from God's Word. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700.

First Baptist Church

"And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

First Baptist Church invites the community to their annual 'Mingle and Jingle' Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center gym. The Worship Choir and Drama Ministry will present "Come Let Us

Adore." Bring your family and friends to this evening of celebrating the birth of the world's Savior, Jesus Christ. There will loads of delicious food and delightful fellowship. The people of FBC also welcome you to join them Sunday morning at 10:50 as they gather in worship of God Almighty, The Alpha and Omega. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the sermon titled "All I Want for Christmas...Forgiveness." Drawn from Matthew 1:21, the message beckons hearers to humbly and gratefully ponder God's purpose in giving His Son Jesus to all the people of earth: so that everyone who believes in Him will be saved from their sins, receiving both cleansing forgiveness, eternal life, and a new life walking with, and in dependence on, Him. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of both classic and contemporary songs of the season. Lighting the Advent Candle will be Gary and Donna Jernigan. If you have mobility issues use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage 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.

Thursday Dec. 14 the Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open at 9 a.m. It is located on Lancaster, one block behind HEB at Iglesias Central.

Upward Basketball referee training will be held Saturday Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. -noon in the church dining room. Enter through the east kitchen doors.

A huge thank you and hugs to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child. FBC gives all glory to God for the almost 500 boxes that were filled with presents for Divine distribution to children around the globe.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 pm, and include Adult Bible study and prayer time, adult choir practice, Real LYF for children, and Saturate Youth for teens. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details.

Mother's Day Out meets 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.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. Merry Christmas. "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

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. on Wednesday.

Presbyterian Women met Tuesday, Nov. 28 for lunch and to pack boxes and trays of cookies for the college students, shut-ins, and out-of-town members. Ten boxes containing cookies and Sonic gift cards were mailed. Six cookie trays were delivered

to home-bound members in Big Spring. The next PW meeting and Bible study will be in January.

The Todd Patterson family lit the Advent candle for the first Sunday in Advent.

Last Sunday during worship the Howard College Chorale, the Chancel Choir of 1st Presbyterian, and choirsters from St. Mary's Episcopal joined to present the Christmas musical "Peace Has Come" by Mary McDonald. Mark Watt, director of the Howard College Chorale and Associate Professor of Music, directed the choirs, which were accompanied by Laura Holleman. Soloists Ashley Smith, Rickie Ewing, Lauren Post, and Joseph Dawes.

A meal was provided for everyone attending following the service.

The Discovery Class begins a new DVD study by Adam Hamilton entitled Faithful, looking at Christmas through the eyes of Joseph for Advent. Titles of the four lessons are "A Carpenter Named Joseph," "Whose Child Is This?," "Raising a Child Not Your Own," and "The Journey to Bethlehem."

John Ferguson leads the Covenant Class in a new winter study, Faith in Action. The theme of this study for December is "The Early Church Proclaims Faith in Christ." Scriptural bases for the five lessons are from Acts, Colossians, Ephesians, and Matthew.

The Girl Scouts are in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector is Jim Little. Communion servers are Buddy Cochran, Paula Farquhar, Louise Hitch, Danny Kennemur, and John Yater. Ushers for the month are Velen Esquivel, Danny Kennemur, and John Yater.

The lectionary passages for the Second Sunday of Advent are Isaiah 40:1-11. 20-24; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15; and Mark 1:1-8. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will open the service with the Introit "Child of Light" by Lloyd Larson. The Choir will present the anthem "Emmanuel" by Allen Pote/Tom Long, and the Offertory will be "From Heaven Above," arranged by Varner on the organ.

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.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

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

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Rockets pull away for 112-101 win over Jazz

By JOHN COON

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — James Harden and the Houston Rockets are defined by their explosive offense, and it got the best of the Utah Jazz on Thursday night.

Harden scored 29 points, Ryan Anderson added 23 and Houston overwhelmed the Jazz during the third quarter in a 112-101 victory.

The Rockets totaled seven 3-pointers in the third, which equaled the number of field goals for Utah in the same stretch. Harden and Anderson each shot 3 of 4 from the perimeter in the quarter.

"We've got Ryan at the four, and he plays the floor extremely well, so you got space and guys are able to drive the lane and get up 3s," Harden said. "No different how we play. We get up 3s and we take the best of every shot and, depending on the situation, we just try to lock down."

Chris Paul added 18 points, 13 assists and nine rebounds for the Rockets.

Houston (19-4) won its eighth straight game and 14th in 15. The team is 9-0 with Paul in the lineup.

"Having him here has just opened up the court so much more for me and for our shooting ability," Anderson said. "But for me it's just easier looks. It's easier, more open looks."

Donovan Mitchell had 26 points, Alec Burks added 17

and Thabo Sefolosha chipped in 14 to lead the Jazz. Utah (13-13) dropped its second straight game.

Utah played from behind throughout much of the first half after struggling with turnovers and erratic shooting. The Jazz turned it over eight times before halftime, leading to several key baskets for the Rockets.

"That's what they do," center Rudy Gobert said. "They're very aggressive. They don't have to play defense much, so they steal the ball, drag you off and that's what they do. I had five turnovers, and that's something we need to avoid."

Houston surged in front after Gobert committed back-to-back turnovers less than two minutes into the first quarter. Utah rallied twice to take the lead, but both runs were answered with bigger ones from the Rockets.

Houston used a 13-2 run early in the second half to pull away from the Jazz. Clint Capela got it going with a three-point dunk and finished it with a dunk to give the Rockets a 74-53 lead with 7:00 left in the third quarter.

"Our pace picked up a little bit," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We were getting stops and getting out on the break."

Houston led by 25 points after Ariza buried a 3-pointer in the opening minute of the fourth quarter.

TIP-INS



AP photo

Houston Rockets guard James Harden, left, goes to the basket as Utah Jazz forward Derrick Favors (15) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, in Salt Lake City.

Rockets: Houston has totaled 41 3-pointers in two games against Utah this season. ... The Rockets went 14 of 14 from the free-throw line over the final three quarters. ... Harden has averaged 35.4 points in his last five games against the Jazz.

Jazz: Utah has allowed at least 37 points in a quarter only four times this season. Three of those high-scoring quarters have come against Houston. ... Gobert is aver-

aging 5.0 points and 8.3 rebounds in 25.3 minutes per game since returning from a knee contusion.

MISSING HOOD

Rodney Hood has been sidelined for six games because of ankle soreness. Utah's offense has not been the same without him. Hood was averaging 17.7 points per game and emerged as a reliable sixth man.

Jazz coach Quin Snyder said there's no timetable for

Hood's return.

"We miss him in lots of ways, especially his ability to take us through periods of the game where we have a dry spell and he's able to score," Snyder said.

UP NEXT

Jazz play at Milwaukee on Saturday. It is the start of a six-game, 12-day trip.

Rockets play at Portland on Saturday, concluding a three-game trip.

Cowboys have tougher task facing Giants after changes



AP photo

In this Nov. 30, 2017, file photo, Washington Redskins linebacker Ryan Kerrigan (91) pressures Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) as Prescott throws a pass in the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, in Arlington, Texas. The Cowboys face the New York Giants on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants' firing of coach Ben McAdoo and general manager Jerry Reese may have made things tougher on the Dallas Cowboys in their fight to stay in the playoff race.

A week ago, the Cowboys (6-6) probably looked forward to playing the Giants (2-10) at MetLife Stadium with either Geno Smith or rookie Davis Webb running New York's offense under McAdoo's plan to evaluate his quarterbacks after benching Eli Manning.

The Monday upheaval in the Meadowlands changed that.

Defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo was hired as the interim head coach after the firing and his first decision was to restore the 36-year-old Manning to his familiar starting role.

"It's our hope to unite, restore and find a way to win football games," Spagnuolo said. "When I mean restore, you know, restore Giant pride. It's hard to be real prideful when you don't win a lot of football games. But, I think the guys feel that. They understand it and we'll function that way going forward."

Having the Cowboys in town will up the ante for the Giants. They are probably New York's biggest

rival and all the players have to remember was that this dreadful season kicked off with a loss in Dallas.

"I'm sure they'll have a different energy," Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott said. "Like you said, it's some changes up there. New coach, Eli back in there. It's also Cowboys-Giants. It's going to be there, and the energy's going to be there regardless because it's a rivalry, it's in division and it's two teams that are playing for pride, a lot of pride and then obviously us playoffs."

The Cowboys are two games out of a wild-card spot with four games left in the regular season. Besides the Giants, they also face Oakland (6-6), Seattle (8-4) and Philadelphia (10-2). They have had 10 days to prepare for this game.

"I mean it's just playoff starts now," said Prescott, who threw two touchdowns in a big win over Washington on Nov. 30.

"Simple as that. You've got to embrace it. If you play this game and you don't love ... If you don't love the fact that your back's against the wall and it's about what you do every week or every day that it pays off on Sunday, that's what makes this game fun."

Manning is also looking to have a little fun after seeing his streak of 210 consecutive starts snapped

last week in Oakland. He ran the scout team in practice last week and served as the backup to Smith.

"I'm excited," said Manning, who has started 27 games in his 14-year career against the Cowboys and thrown 50 touchdowns.

"Excited about the opportunity to play this week, get back on the field with teammates and go play against the Dallas Cowboys. I've played these guys a bunch and I look forward to going out there in our home stadium and trying to get a win."

Here are some things to watch Sunday:

BACK IN THE SADDLE: Dallas linebacker Sean Lee is expected to return after missing three straight games with a hamstring injury. The 2016 All-Pro missed two games earlier in the season as well. The Cowboys missed him badly after he left a loss at Atlanta with the injury, and subsequently had lopsided defeats against the LA Chargers and Philadelphia.

The defense turned a corner against the Redskins with a season-high four takeaways and key stops to help put the game away. Dallas was 0-5 in games Lee either missed or didn't finish.

TIGHT END SOLVED: The Giants allowed an opposing tight end to catch a touchdown in each of their first nine games, starting with Jason Witten of the Cowboys. They have stopped that streak in the past three games. Witten is a problem. He has 153 receptions and 14 TDs against Giants, his most against any opponent.

PAIR IN PAIN: Dallas tackles Tyron Smith (left) and La'el Collins (right) both are battling back problems that have limited their practice time. Collins didn't practice at all last week, but played against Washington.

Smith had issues last season and missed two games this season when he was also battling a groin injury. Collins hasn't missed a game and says he doesn't expect that to change against the Giants.

ENGRAM EVERY DOWN: Rookie Evan Engram has become the go-to guy for the Giants. The first-round draft pick leads the team with 51 catches for 569 yards. His six touchdown catches are a team record for a rookie tight end.

He needs 24 catches and 326 yards receiving to break Jeremy Shockey's team rookie records (74, 894).

PLAY CALLING: With McAdoo gone, coordinator Mike Sullivan will continue calling the plays for the offense.

Spagnuolo has called the defenses since returning here in 2015. He probably will call the plays Sunday. If not, expect Dave Merritt, who coaches the safeties, to make the calls.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Leo and Virgo Lunar Feud

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon shifts from Leo to Virgo in a swirl of energetic intention. Leo energy wants attention. Virgo vibes only want to do the work -- though, unfortunately, there will be no work if the Leo moon of publicity and entertainment doesn't bring it into being. It's the time to think about the symbiosis of practicality and theatricality in your life.



don't shy away from goals just because they push you into uncomfortable territory. You know what's worth doing, and that will be the guiding principle of this solar return. There's a favorable change in February bonding you with another. You'll continue along a path of beautiful vistas and beatific scenery. Cancer and Virgo adore you.

attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though it's not wise to measure your progress by someone else's standards, it's also the way the world works, more or less, in the practical order of things. Think about what they'll be judging, and gear up for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Are you getting the feeling that the perfectly right moment you're waiting for is never going to happen? Well, you're right about that. It's information that could also be your golden ticket to move forward regardless.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Since you have baggage around being socially accepted today, you can act out (without trying, because it's just who you are), and you can enjoy the way it pushes everyone's boundaries, including your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To notice then react -- this is how an awake world operates. To notice and not react -- well, that's the usual. You're different. Prove it today. There's a lot at stake, actually.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not so worried about becoming something these days. It's more about un-becoming those things that were imposed on you. Things that served other people's interests, not yours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've mined the gold in your mistakes before, but this vein is deeper than you imagined. It's a good time to look back and consider how you might have done it differently, and how you'll do it next time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 8). You

Your lucky numbers are: 6, 3, 8, 38 and 4.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Be the one you want to date -- the one with the interesting conversation and generous spirit. Be that person and you're golden. **TAURUS:** Pay attention to how well you're communicating, because in the end that will make or break the relationship. **GEMINI:** Your natural chemistry with another is so strong that environmental interruptions will be shrugged off. **CANCER:** You want to have fun and let go. The right company -- that part will be key. **LEO:** There's a reason red flags aren't green. Pay attention! **VIRGO:** You'll be all too aware of how something as simple as a drink order can cast a whole story about you. **LIBRA:** The thing you won't forgive, well, you shouldn't. Forgiveness is overrated. **SCORPIO:** Sharing is just as hard now as it was in kindergarten, but it's also just as necessary. **SAGITTARIUS:** You'll never regret erring on the side of kindness (as long as you extend even more kindness to yourself and then weigh it all out). **CAPRICORN:** Choosing the right topics of conversation will make you more attractive than good eyelashes. **AQUARIUS:** You'll generously extend your love of a person to the love of that person's family. **PISCES:** Sometimes love is about making nice noises in your beloved's direction, the actual words notwithstanding.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass

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

- ♠ AKJ82 ♥ J4 ♦ AQ96 ♣ Q3
- ♠ KQ953 ♥ 8 ♦ AJ94 ♣ K76
- ♠ KQJ1074 ♥ Q86 ♦ AQ52 ♣ —
- ♠ AQ872 ♥ Q4 ♦ AQJ83 ♣ 10 * * *

1. Three notrump. This rebid indicates that you have more high-card points than would be shown by a two-notrump rebid, and usually a 5-4-2-2 distribution.

A two-spade bid at this point would imply a minimum number of points (13 to 15), and most likely a 6-4-2-1 distribution.

2. Three clubs. It is important to pinpoint your heart shortage, while at the same time indicating three-card support for partner's first-bid suit. The three-club bid also implies minimum values for your opening

bid. **3. Three spades.** Considering partner's two forcing bids, there is surely a game in the combined hands. Your spade suit is virtually self-sufficient, so it is time to let partner in on that fact, and also that you hold extra values. A bid of two spades at this point would clearly misrepresent the game-going potential of your hand. That bid would be acceptable if, say, the queen of spades were the deuce.

A heart raise is also out of the question because partner appears to have only a four-card suit. With five hearts, he would have bid hearts first.

4. Three diamonds. This rebid conveys two messages at the same time. It indicates five diamonds since you are rebidding the suit, along with your five-card (or possibly six-card) spade suit, while expressing doubt about the efficacy of notrump play. However, if partner bids three notrump next, you will have no choice but to pass, as you have fully described your hand.

Tomorrow: One for the books.
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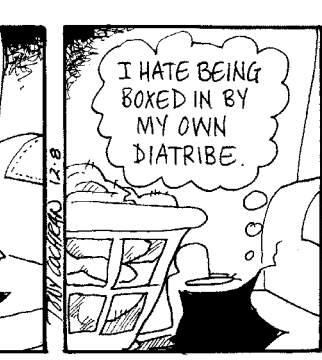
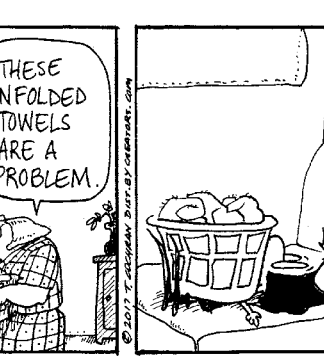
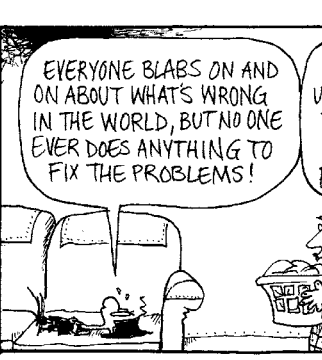
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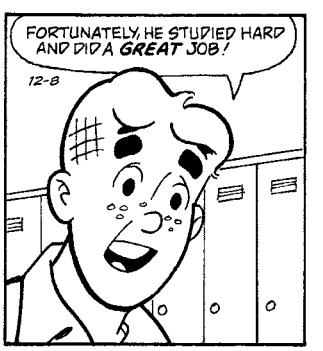
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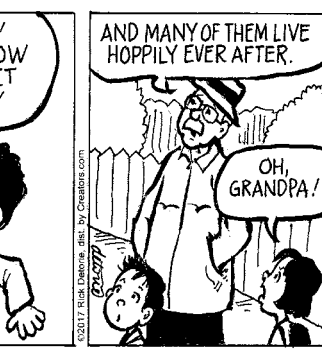
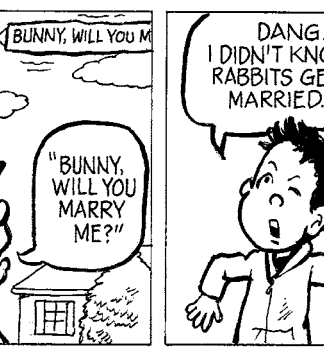
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2017. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Imperial Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date:

In 1765, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, was born in Westborough, Massachusetts.

In 1813, Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92, was first performed in Vienna, with Beethoven himself conducting.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued his Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction for the South.

In 1914, "Watch Your Step," the first musical revue to feature a score composed entirely by Irving Berlin, opened in New York.

In 1940, the Chicago Bears defeated the Washington Redskins, 73-0, in the NFL Championship Game, which was carried on network radio for the first time by the Mutual Broadcasting System (the announcer was Red Barber).

In 1962, the first session of the Second Vatican Council was formally adjourned. Typographers went on a 114-day strike against four New York City newspapers.

In 1972, a United Airlines Boeing 737 crashed while attempting to land at Chicago-Midway Airport, killing 43 of the 61 people on board, as well as two people on the ground; among the dead were Dorothy Hunt, wife of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt, U.S. Rep. George W. Collins, D-Ill., and CBS News correspondent Michele Clark.

In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

In 1982, a man demanding an end to nuclear weapons held the Washington Monument hostage, threatening to blow it up with explosives he claimed were

inside a van. (After a 10-hour standoff, Norman D. Mayer was shot dead by police; it turned out there were no explosives.)

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty at the White House calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

In 1992, Americans got to see live television coverage of U.S. troops landing on the beaches of Somalia as Operation Restore Hope began (because of the time difference, it was early Dec. 9 in Somalia).

Ten years ago: The Justice Department and CIA announced a joint inquiry into the spy agency's destruction of videotapes of interrogations of two suspected terrorists. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey, in her first-ever presidential endorsement, backed Barack Obama's White House bid during appearances in Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Skiers, fire-eaters and an ice sculptor joined in worldwide demonstrations to draw attention to global warming. Florida quarterback Tim Tebow became the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy.

Five years ago: Police charged Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman Josh Brent with intoxication manslaughter after he flipped his car in a pre-dawn accident that killed teammate Jerry Brown. Brent was convicted in Jan. 2014 and sentenced to 180 days in jail; he was reinstated by the NFL in Sept. 2014.) Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy.

One year ago: John Glenn, whose 1962 flight as the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the Earth made him an all-American hero and propelled him to a long career in the U.S. Senate, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 95.

Today's Birthdays: Flutist James Galway is 78. Singer Jerry Butler is 78. Pop musician Bobby Elliott (The Hollies) is 76. Actress Mary

Woronov is 74. Actor John Rubinstein is 71. Reggae singer Toots Hibbert (Toots and the Maytals) is 69. Actress Kim Basinger (BAY-sing-ur) is 64. Rock musician Warren Cuccurullo is 61. Rock musician Phil Collen (Def Leppard) is 60. Country singer Marty Raybon is 58. World Bank President Jim Yong Kim is 58. Political commentator Ann Coulter is

56. Rock musician Marty Friedman is 55. Actor Wendell Pierce is 54. Actress Teri Hatcher is 53. Actor David Harewood is 52. Rapper Bushwick Bill (The Geto Boys) is 51. Singer Sinead (shih-NAID') O'Connor is 51. Actor Matthew Laborteaux is 51. Rock musician Ryan Newell (Sister Hazel) is 45. Actor Dominic Monaghan is 41.

Actor Ian Somerhalder is 39. Rock singer Ingrid Michaelson is 38. R&B singer Christette Michele is 35. Actress Hannah Ware is 35. Country singer Sam Hunt is 33. Rock singer-actress Kate Voegelé (VOH'-geh) is 31. Christian rock musician Jen Ledger (Skillet) is 28. Actress Wallis Currie-Wood is 26. Actress AnnaSophia Robb is 24.

Thought for Today:

"I'm not interested in my legacy. I made up a word: 'live-acy.' I'm more interested in living."

John Glenn (1921-2016).

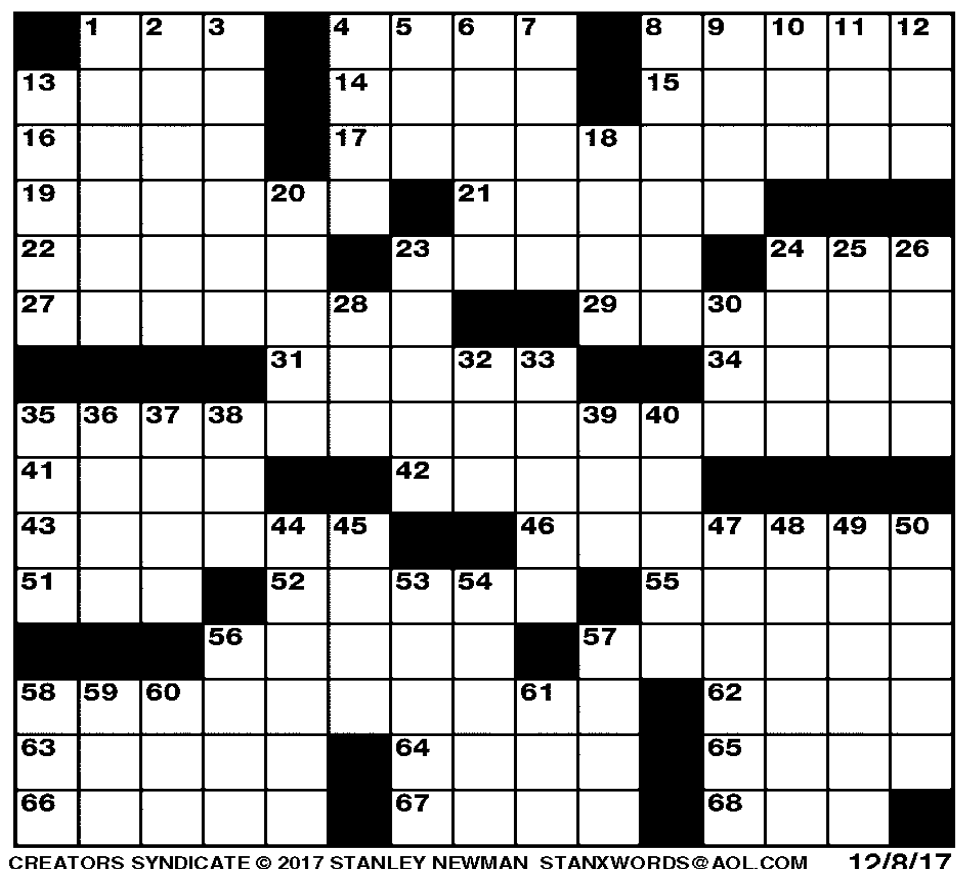
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 FDA's department
 - 4 Laughter, so to speak
 - 8 Eastern European
 - 13 Hummer forerunner
 - 14 Confess
 - 15 Sparrow relatives
 - 16 Spanish stewpot
 - 17 Dojo move
 - 19 Freshens, as for stamping
 - 21 Verdi's love
 - 22 Gourmet mushroom
 - 23 Big Apple athlete
 - 24 Life of the party, perhaps
 - 27 Cowpoke in action
 - 29 Adidas alternative
 - 31 Gaming floor array
 - 34 Place to spend a 23 Down
 - 35 Exemplars of bad puns
 - 41 Take a fancy to
 - 42 Frightfully bizarre
 - 43 Turbulent state
 - 46 Slow symphonic movements
 - 51 Apology starter
 - 52 Lively, as prose
 - 55 Astronomical sightings
 - 56 M&M's exterior
 - 57 Many-acred abode
 - 58 City on the Mississippi
 - 62 From here _____ (hence)
 - 63 Math graph component
 - 64 Mil. mail centers

- DOWN
- 1 Capital northeast of Boise
 - 2 Greek sun god
 - 3 Punishes Junior, old-style
 - 4 Won't shut up
 - 5 Hoops rival of Duke
 - 6 Sacred text
 - 7 Hindu honorific
 - 8 Law firm staffers
 - 9 Something stored in a shed
 - 10 "... quit!"
 - 11 Breed recognition org.
 - 12 Exclamation of repudiation
 - 13 Superman's dad
 - 18 Metronome sound
 - 20 Mall hall stall
 - 23 Coin of Northern Europe
 - 24 Erstwhile Tide competitor
 - 25 Key, for example
 - 26 Possessive often seen near "lo mein"
 - 28 Yellowstone grazer
 - 30 Seek favor from
 - 32 Sandal's lack
 - 33 Deep-six
 - 35 America's Got Talent judge
 - 36 End of a think-ahead adage
 - 37 Pickling candidate
 - 38 Capital of Colorado
 - 39 Be facetious
 - 40 27 Across attire
 - 44 Go downhill fast
 - 45 No walk in the park
 - 47 "Get started!"
 - 48 First daughter after Malia
 - 49 More grainy, in a way
 - 50 "I've Just ___ Face" (Beatles tune)
 - 53 Venerable war story
 - 54 Inclination or declination
 - 56 Take a pass on
 - 57 Move very slowly
 - 58 Elizabethan dramatist
 - 59 Tenor's talent
 - 60 Nonwinning game line
 - 61 Braising vessel



Answer to previous puzzle

RIP AHAB CABLES
ERR NOTI ABRAMS
SOONTELL NOOGIE
UNFOLD BRAVA
MOUSE POOPEDPOP
MERS RCA BEAVERS
SEES ATM LIRAS
MOTHANDLE
ACTOR PUN WAFT
RAKED IN LAW TRI
CLOSECALL ESSEN
TRATE CNOTES
AMAZON GOODLAST
SAVEUS INKY KIA
PRESTO TEES EAR

CHURCH

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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. Midway Baptist will be hosting a PJ's and Pancake breakfast, Saturday, Dec. 16th at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall. No gifts, only a love offering will be taken. Dot Ditto is the the crafts. There will be a Cantata practice immediately following.

Sunday morning, Dec. 17th, we will have our Christmas Cantata, followed by a fellowship luncheon in the fellowship hall. Poinsettias are available to purchase in memory of a loved one for fifteen dollars. They will be displayed on the tree made by Chubby and Adrian Abrego. Please see Jayne Mansfield to purchase. Glenn Zacek will be joining us Sunday. Glenn is our new music/youth associate pastor. We look forward to see what Glenn has in store for Midway Baptist Church.

We have so much going on at Midway Baptist Church. We would be truly honored to have you visit.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Join us this week at one of the following events: Sunday, Dec. 10th - Join us this Sunday as we enter this wonderful season of sharing and great expectations. We offer both a 9 a.m. & 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 STAR-FISH 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.

Tuesday, Dec. 12th- 50 & over small group will be gathering at 7 p.m. for a white elephant exchange/gift limit is \$10.00. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share. We will meet at the Flower's Residence 2405 E. 25th St. For more info please contact Faye Flowers @ 432-213-3883. Monday, Dec. 18th- Far Above Rubies- Ornament Exchange & Potluck held in the ARC Academic Resource Center @ 6 p.m. Bring and share your Christmas ornament and a favorite dish. 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 4 week course designed to walk you through the steps of, Salvation, Faith & Assurance, Power of the Holy Spirit and Overcoming Trials. Sunday, Dec. 24th Christmas Concert @ 11 a.m. Service- The days are getting shorter and the nights colder, meaning the countdown to Christmas is on its way. Join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will be having a Candle lighting service and our very own Children's Church department will be singing and performing. Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wend. at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Office at 432.264.0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at www.cccbigspring.org.

Clashes erupt across West Bank, Gaza over US Jerusalem pivot

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians clashed with Israeli troops across the West Bank and Gaza, and Muslim worshippers from Jordan to Indonesia poured into the streets after Friday prayers to protest President Donald Trump's recognition of contested Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

At least one Palestinian was killed in skirmishes between protesters and Israeli troops along the Gaza border fence, the Palestinian Health Ministry said. Dozens more were reported wounded in clashes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Protesters burned Israeli and U.S. flags or stomped on Trump posters in displays of anger.

In the West Bank, demonstrators torched heaps of tires, sending columns of thick black smoke rising over the cities of Ramallah and Bethlehem. Palestinian stone-throwers traded volleys in the streets with soldiers firing tear gas and rubber bullets.

The Israeli military reported protests at 30 locations across the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and said Israeli forces arrested six people.

Red Crescent para-

medics and Palestinian health officials reported 13 people wounded by live fire and 47 by rubber bullets in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Dozens more suffered from tear gas inhalation, medics said.

Trump's seismic policy shift on Jerusalem has angered Arabs and Muslims who view it as an expression of blatant pro-Israel

bias on one of the region's most explosive religious and political disputes.

Jerusalem is home to major Muslim and Christian shrines, as well as Judaism's holiest site. The Israeli-annexed eastern sector is sought by the Palestinians as a future capital, while Israel says it won't relinquish any part of Jerusalem.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O1550

Application and Draft Permit: Sid Richardson Carbon, LTD, 201 Main St Suite 3000, Fort Worth, TX 76102-3105, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O1550, Application No. 25737, to authorize operation of the Sid Richardson Big Spring Carbon Black Plant a Carbon Black Manufacturing facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 1211 N Midway Rd in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720-0819. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.29222&lng=-101.4111&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on January 12, 2017.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 W Interstate 20 Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636; and the Howard County Library, 500 S Main St, Big Spring, Texas 79720-2729, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 2391540.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing: Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List: In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information: For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 18006874040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for Sid Richardson Carbon, LTD by calling Mr. Stan Palmer at (432) 263-4724 x255.

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