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## Santa to work magic for special needs kids Saturday

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Through the magic of Christmas, Santa Claus will be in two places at once this Saturday.

Good old Kris Kringle will be available to meet with children with special needs at Spring Creek Fellowship from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday; while also taking pictures and listening to Christmas wishes for all kids in the Spring Town Plaza from 2 to 5 p.m.

Jim Billings of Spring Creek Fellowship said the church has organized a Santa visit for special needs youngsters three Christmases in the past.

"This will be our fourth year of doing it. We're going after the special needs kids, the ones that cannot, for some reason, mental or physical, they can't get into the mall where the big crowds are," he said. "We're inviting them into a smaller atmosphere where we'll have little treats for them to do, little activities for them, and they'll get to talk to Santa and Mrs. Claus with a one-on-one type thing."

The event is designed to be a family event, he said. Although the purpose is to give kids with special challenges a stress-free way to meet St. Nick, their brothers and sisters are also invited.

"We want it for the whole family. We don't want to pick out just them," Billings said. "If they've got brothers and sisters, we want them to come along too."

There is no cost for the event.

"They'll go in the door there by the theater, and there will be signs directing them where to go," Billings said. "If they can, and if they want to, we'd like them to call the church, or go on Facebook and tell us how many's coming. That's just so we'll know how many treats to fix. That's not mandatory, if they don't want to do it, come on anyway."

At the same time, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Santa will be in the main part of the mall listening to kids' requests and posing for pictures.

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

## The reason for the season



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The Philathea Sunday School Class of Big Spring's First United Methodist Church joins in prayer before their Christmas party Thursday. Mamie Lee Dodds, center with the Santa sweater, organized the party to raise money for the Methodist Children's Home in Waco. Dodds, a resident of the Children's Home from the age of three until she turned 18, has been a passionate supporter of the MCH. "Our mission is to offer hope to children, youth, and their families," said MCH Benefactor Relations Officer Jeremy Webb, standing next to Dodds in the photo. "She shared it, and she's lived it, and at 98 years old, she embodies the lifelong mission of Methodist Children's Home."

## BSISD meets, discusses Wigington's resignation

By **ERIN STEPHENS**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring ISD school board met this week to discuss various topics.

Johnny Tubb, new interim superintendent, spoke about receiving Chris Wigington's resignation letter but the board still has to hold a special meeting to let him out of his contract

with Big Spring ISD so he can accept his new contract at Bushland ISD.

The first item discussed was in regards to an audit report for the year ending Aug. 31, 2017. A CPA from Bollinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss spoke about an action item that was moved up on the agenda. That representative gave the report, the board voted on it, and

it was approved. This was the annual audit for school finances for the 16-17 fiscal year. According to the rep, he thought it was a great audit. He praised Susan Bryan and Melissa Tarbet for their accurate record keeping.

After that, two public hearings took place. The first public hearing was for the financial accountability rating, and the

district's score was an 88 out of 100 for the '15-'16 fiscal year. The next public hearing was in regards to the proposed lease of the district's mineral interests for 22 tracts of land, constituting approximately 18.3 acres within Howard County. Companies will bid on the lease and then it will go to

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## Suspect in Virginia car attack faces upgraded charge

By **SARAH RANKIN**  
 Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The man accused of driving into a crowd protesting a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville

faces a new charge of first-degree murder after a court hearing Thursday in which prosecutors presented surveillance video and other evidence against him.

Prosecutors announced at the start of a

preliminary hearing for James Alex Fields that they were seeking to upgrade the second-degree murder charge he previously faced in the Aug. 12 collision in Charlottesville that left 32-year-old Heather Heyer dead and dozens in-

jured. The judge agreed to that and ruled there is

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## BSFD contains grass fire

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department battle a grass fire north of Interstate 20 Wednesday at about 1:20 p.m. The fire was located just north of the I-20 service road near mile marker 178.

Big Spring Herald's  
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## Obituaries

### Nancy Thompson

Nancy Thompson, age 74, died on Dec. 9th 2017, at Jamestown Nursing and Rehab Care Center in Rogers, Arkansas. Originally from Odessa, Texas, she was born on March 29th, 1943, to the parents of Clarence and Georgia Wicks. In April of 1985 Nancy married Lloyd Thompson. They enjoyed spending quiet evenings with each other (and their schnauzer, Razz) in their home until Lloyd's death in 2006. Upon graduating from Big Springs High School, she worked for Zale's in El Paso, Texas; where she developed a lifelong affinity for jewelry. Nancy also worked at Best Sports Inc. for many years. She spent most of her life cheering for the Hogs on Saturdays, as she was a longtime member of the Razorback Foundation. She was also known for the many years she spent officiating young women's softball games in Fayetteville. Above anything else Nancy was a Dallas Cowboys football fan and never missed a game, even in the last few weeks of her life. She enjoyed spending time with her family whether it was just a short visit over Starbucks coffee or a trip to the Catfish Hole. Over the last year she learned to

love bird and squirrel watching from her window.

In addition to her late husband; her father and mother, Clarence and Georgia Wicks, preceded her in death.

Her daughter, Teresa Black; son-in-law Byron Black; and granddaughters, Emily and Bailey Black, of Rogers, Arkansas survive her. She leaves behind one sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Bill Hansen of Rochester Hills, Michigan and their daughter Lindy Hansen who resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, Dec. 15th at 2 p.m. at Bluff Cemetery in Springdale, Arkansas. The family welcomes friends to attend this service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fayetteville Animal Shelter, or to Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, AR. The family would like to thank all of the staff at Jamestown for taking such good care of our loved one; Nancy was grateful for the love and care she received.

Online condolences may be left at [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com).

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### Gloria Chapman

Gloria Chapman, 86, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Lee B. Herndon



Lee B. Herndon, 92, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. There will be a private family committal service.

He was born May 17, 1925, in Jones County, Texas, and married Neva Rue Conner Feb. 21, 1952, in Colorado City, Texas.

Lee served in the United States Navy on the USS Hughes during World War II and was in many of the major battles in the Pacific Theater. After the war Lee attended Abilene Christian College and graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor in Business Degree. He moved to Big Spring in 1954 and had worked as an accountant for Jones-Laughlin Steel, CRMWD, Shroyer Motor Company and Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Lee had been a member of Howard ARC and had served as treasurer.

Survivors include his wife, Neva Rue Herndon of Big Spring; one daughter, LeAnn Bruton of Bandera; two grandchildren, Jason Baskin of Nashville, Tennessee and Lauren Bowman and husband, Robert, of San Antonio; and two brothers, Eldon Herndon of Midland and Jack Stanley Herndon of Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; C.B. Herndon and W.D. Herndon and a son-in-law, Martin Bruton.

The family suggests memorials to 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 S. Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to Howard County ARC, P. O. Box 1762, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JENNA ROSE DILELLO**, 23, of 2609 Wasson Rd., was arrested in the of charge public intoxication.

- **ALEXANDRIA NICOLE RAMIREZ**, 24, of 402 Westover, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **CODY WAYNE JONES**, 23, of 407 S Lancaster, was arrested on warrants of possession of marijuana less than

or equal too two ounces, and two warrants with other agencies.

- **TOMI JO MCPHERSON**, 20, of 3017 S Moss-lake Rd., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass, habitation shelter, evading arrest detention.

- **MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIREZ**, 27, of 1601 Stadium Ave., was arrested on charges of evadign arrest detention, resist search or transport, possession of marijuana less than or equal too two ounces,

possession of controlled substance, five warrants of other agency, and money laundering less than or equal too \$2,500 to \$30,000.

- **CHELSEA CORRINE CASTANEDA**, 27, of 1402 Mt. Vernon was arrested on a warrant of other agency.

- **ROD LEE PUGA**, 55, of 1409 Settles, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **DAMIAN ISMAEL LUJAN**, 33, of 1014 Nolan, was arrested on a

charge of public intoxication.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 2300 block of S Gregg St, and in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W HWY.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700, and in the 1100 N Lamesa Highway.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CHELSEA CORRINE CASTANEDA**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of possession of prohibited weapon.

- **JENNA ROSE DILELLO**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **WILFREDO FUENTES**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of possession of controlled substance less than or equal too one gram.

- **ALLEN TRISTAN JACKSON**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of injury of children/elderly/disabled.

- **TONY LEON JETTTON**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of criminal mischief less than or equal too \$100 to \$750.

- **CODY WAYNE JONES**, 23, was arrested

by BSPD on warrants of two counts bail jumping and failure to appear, and possession of marijuana.

- **KRISTY MICHELLE LIVINGS-TON**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous conviction, a warrant of parole violation, evading arrest, expired

- **DAMIAN ISMAEL LUJAN**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **TOMI JO MCPHER-**

**SON**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass, habitation shelter, evading arrest detention.

- **JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

- **ROD LEE PUGA**, 55, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **ALEXANDRIA NICOLE RAMIREZ**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge driving while intoxicated.

## Take Note

The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains.

The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations.

Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week

for emergency call-outs.

Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- 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.

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## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on Todd Rd and HWY 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of N HWY 87. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N HWY 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5900 block of S Access Rd. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of 16th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## 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.

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probable cause for all charges against Fields, including nine lesser felony counts, to proceed.

Fields' case will now be presented to a grand jury for an indictment.

Authorities say the 20-year-old, described by a former teacher as having a keen interest in Nazi Germany and Adolf Hitler, drove his speeding car into a group of counterprotesters the day of the "Unite the Right" rally that drew hundreds of white nationalist from around the country. The attack came after the rally in this Virginia college town had descended into chaos — with violent brawling between attendees and counterdemonstrators — and authorities had forced the crowd to disband.

Surveillance footage from a

Virginia State Police helicopter, played by prosecutors in court, captured the moment of impact by the car and the cursing of the startled troopers on board. The video then showed the car as it reversed, drove away and eventually pulled over. The helicopter had been monitoring the violence, and prosecutors questioned Charlottesville Police Detective Steven Young about the video as it played.

Another surveillance video from a restaurant showed the car head slowly in what Young testified was the direction of the counterprotesters, who were not in view of the camera. The car reversed before speeding forward into the frame again.

After that footage, a man in the crowd shouted an expletive and cried out, "Take me out." He and others left the courtroom.

Fields, of Maumee, Ohio, sat quietly in a striped jump-

suit with his hands cuffed during the hearing.

His attorney Denise Lunsford did not present evidence or make any arguments at the hearing, although she did cross-examine the detective.

Fields was photographed hours before the attack with a shield bearing the emblem of Vanguard America, one of the hate groups that took part in the rally, although the group denied any association with him.

A former teacher, Derek Weimer, has said Fields was fascinated in high school with Nazism, idolized Adolf Hitler, and had been singled out by officials at his Union, Kentucky, school for "deeply held, radical" convictions on race.

During her cross-examination of Young, Lunsford asked if searches of Fields' computer, phone or social media revealed any evidence that he was part of Vanguard

America or any other white nationalist group. Young said, "No."

Young also testified that he was among the first officers to respond to the scene where Fields pulled over. No weapon was found in the car, he said.

Lunsford asked the detective what Fields said as he was being detained.

Fields said he was sorry and asked if people were OK, according to Young. When Fields was told someone had died, he appeared shocked and sobbed, Young said.

Young said authorities had identified 36 victims of the car attack, including Heyer — a number higher than officials have previously given. Some have significant injuries and now use wheelchairs, Young said.

Fields would have faced between five to 40 years in prison for a second-degree murder conviction. First-degree

murder carries a penalty of 20 years to life in prison.

Charlottesville General District Court Judge Robert Downer Jr. also presided over preliminary hearings Thursday for three other defendants. Charged in cases related to the August rally are Richard Preston, who is accused of firing a gun, and Jacob Goodwin and Alex Ramos, who are accused in an attack on a man in a parking garage that was captured in photos and video that went viral.

The judge certified the charges against all three men. All those cases will also head to a grand jury.

Jason Kessler, the main organizer of the Unite the Right rally, was in court to watch the proceedings. When he arrived Thursday, a small crowd of angry protesters outside the courthouse chanted, "Blood on your hands."

# GOP leaders finalize tax bill amid uncertainty in Senate



AP photo

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, center, talks with Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., left, as they leave the chamber following a vote, on Capitol Hill, in Washington, Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017.

By **STEPHEN OHLEMACHER and MARCY GORDON**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)

Congressional Republicans were set to unveil their sweeping tax package Friday amid uncertainty about whether they have the votes to pass it in the Senate and deliver to President Donald Trump his first major legislative victory.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., was a potential holdout. He wrote on Twitter Friday morning that he was still dissatisfied with the size of a tax credit that low-income families can claim for their children.

"The #workingclass is always forgotten in D.C. We need to add more #taxcuts for #workingclass parents especially those earning 20k- 50K," Rubio wrote.

At the White House, Trump said he was confident that Congress would pass the legislation as early as next week. The package would give gener-

ous tax cuts to corporations and the wealthiest Americans — Trump among them — and more modest tax cuts to low- and middle-income

families.

"We're putting in a tremendous child tax credit and it is increasing on a daily basis," Trump said. "I think that we are going to be in a position to pass something as early as next week which will be monumental."

Members of a House-Senate conference committee were signing the final version of the legislation Friday. They have been working to blend different versions of the tax package passed by the House and Senate.

Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., a member of the committee, said he believed Rubio's concerns had been met, but Rubio's office could not confirm it.

Rubio's potential defection pushes the Republicans' razor-thin majority in the Senate closer to the edge.

Senate Republicans could still pass the package without Rubio's vote, but they would be cutting it extremely close. An original version was approved 51-49 — with Rubio's support.

The Senate turmoil erupted after a key faction of House Republicans came out in favor of the bill, boosting its chances. Members of the conservative House

Freedom Caucus predicted the vast majority of their members would support the package.

The up-and-down turns came after House and Senate Republican leaders forged an agreement in principle on the most sweeping overhaul of the nation's tax laws in more than 30 years. Republican leaders predicted swift passage next week, sending the bill to Trump for his signature.

At the White House, Trump said Thursday he was confident that Rubio will get onboard.

"He's really been a great guy and very supportive. I think that Sen. Rubio will be there," said Trump, who belittled Rubio during the 2016 GOP presidential primaries, calling him "little Marco."

The tax package would double the per-child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The bill makes a portion of the credit — \$1,100 — available to families even if they owe no income tax. They would receive the money in the form of a tax refund, which is why it's called a "refundable" tax credit. Rubio wants to increase this amount but wouldn't say by how much.

"Given all the other changes they made in

the tax code leading into it, I can't in good conscience support it unless we are able to increase the refundable portion of it. And there's ways to do it, and we'll be very reasonable about it," Rubio said.

During debate on the Senate version of the bill, Rubio proposed a change that would have made the entire \$2,000 credit available to families, even if they owe no income tax, but it was soundly defeated. To pay for the expanded credit, he proposed to slightly scale back a steep cut in the corporate income tax rate.

A few days after the earlier Senate vote, Rubio tweeted a link to a news story that said GOP leaders were indeed considering scaling back the corporate tax cut — but not to pay for an expanded child tax credit.

"They freaked out when I proposed small reduction in Corporate tax cut to pay for cut for working families. Now this?" Rubio tweeted.

The final package slashes the corporate rate from 35 percent to 21 percent. The initial Senate and House bills had set it at 20 percent.

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, said Senate negotiators got the best deal they could on the overall child tax credit. House GOP negotiators were proposing a \$1,600 tax credit.

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the board approves the bids. This is an ongoing item and the action taken yesterday was to adopt a resolution selecting Four Sevens Operating Ltd as the best and highest bidder.

Board president Tony Kennedy spoke about the next item on the agenda, regarding continuing education credits. Board members are required to obtain a certain amount of hours, also called continuing education credits, each year, and they all exceeded it this year. They're required to have five hours of training every year, and the seven of them had a cumulative total of 188 hours of training.

Next, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Dr. Raemi Thompson gave the cumulative report for the months of September, October, and November showing progress at the beginning of the year until now. Her report showed that there was an increase in their progress for that past three months.

The topic of CTE industry certifications as up next on the agenda and Thompson and Bert Otto, the assistant principal at the high

school spoke about it. The school district is trying to increase the number of high school students earning a welding certification to make them more marketable in the workforce after graduation. Otto spoke on the benefits of a welding certification and specifics about the programs the school offers. The topic of the appraisal district nomination was up next. Donny Baker and Craig Wyrick were nominated at the meeting. The board voted on nominations and it was approved.

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Donald Richard (Don) Baker, 84, died Saturday. Funeral service was at 10:00 AM this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Cindy Redding, 59, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Guadalupe "Lupe" Ortiz, 85, died Tuesday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gloria Chapman, 86, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Comanche Trail Festival of Lights.  
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## University of Houston fraternity indicted for hazing

HOUSTON (AP) — The parent organization of a University of Houston fraternity was indicted on a hazing charge Thursday that alleges pledges were deprived of adequate food, water and sleep during a three-day event where one student was body slammed and sustained a lacerated spleen.

The indictment names Tennessee-based Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity Inc. and stems from alleged incidents that occurred in November 2016. A conviction on the misdemeanor could result in fines of up to \$10,000.

The organization released a statement saying it "does not control any chapter or its members or their activities," but that it also doesn't tolerate hazing, maltreatment "or any activities that do not treat individuals with dignity and respect."

The indictment focuses on one student pledge who was allegedly rolled around in vomit, spit and feces. The student also was forced to run in darkness carrying a glow stick while being blindsided by fraternity members tackling him, according to Harris County prosecutors.

"Brotherhood and collegiate good times should be safe, and hazing is not," District Attorney Kim Ogg said. "It is also illegal, and that should be recognized by the dozens of fraternities and sororities on college campuses all over the Houston area."

Ogg said an official representative of the fraternity will have to be present for court hearings. The indictment was handed down by a grand jury in Houston.

In its Thursday statement, Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity Inc. said the hazing alleged in the indictment "occurred in the context of activities" of a now former chapter that was a "separate, unincorporated association" of University of Houston students.

The organization said it suspended the chapter's charter in August, after it received allegations of hazing.

The university has already suspended Pi Kappa Alpha from its campus until 2023. The school said takes its responsibility seriously to train fraternities and sororities be safe and to adhere to laws and university policies against hazing.

## Houston businessman arrested in \$32M securities fraud case

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors say a Houston businessman has been indicted in a \$32 million investment scheme linked to a software development company he founded.

Officials say 62-year-old Ray Charles Davis was arrested Thursday. Davis was indicted Dec. 7 on one count of securities fraud and 20 counts of wire fraud.

The indictment says Davis made false statements to investors regarding the financial condition of Behavioral Recognition Systems Inc. Authorities estimate investors were defrauded out of \$32 million.

Prosecutors say Davis also embezzled \$11 million from the company.

Davis, if convicted on all counts, faces a maximum 420 years in prison.

His defense attorney, Dick DeGuerin of Houston, said his client is not guilty and the charges are greatly exaggerated.

## Masked men steal lobby ATMs from 5 Houston hotels

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police believe the same group of masked men is responsible in the thefts of ATMs from the lobbies of five hotels over the past six days, including four in the last four nights.

Police Robbery Division Lt. Cathy Richards said Thursday that in all five heists — the last three at Marriott hotels — the cash machines were not secured to a floor or wall and the gang simply carried them to a vehicle waiting outside.

"These guys go straight in the front door and out the front door," she said. "They target these hotels in the middle of the night when there is low visibility. Five of them in a few short days."

Witnesses say between four and 10 men took part in the heists. They barge in and flee in less than three minutes.

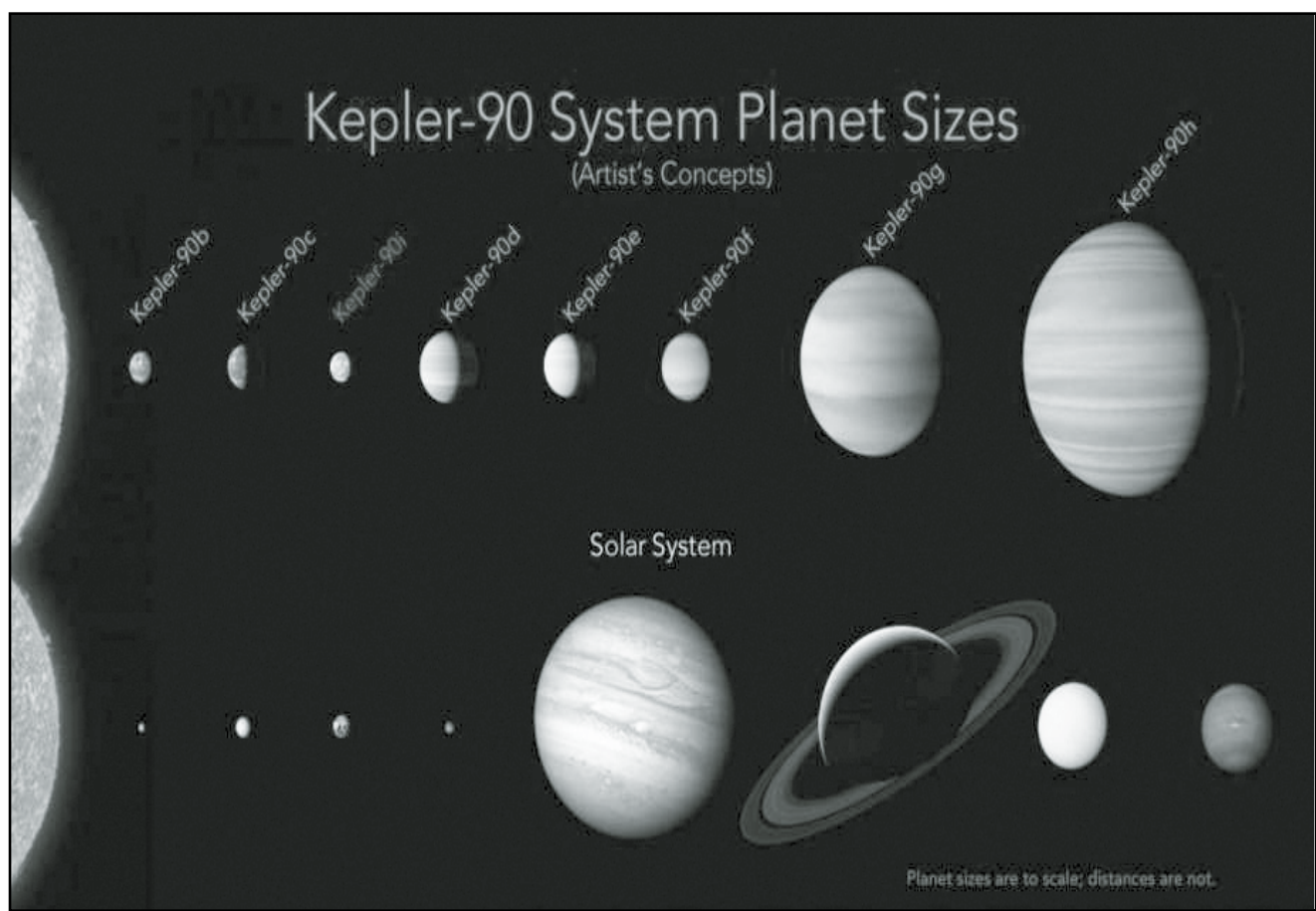
The series of thefts began Dec. 9 at a hotel near Bush Intercontinental Airport on the city's far north side. Two nights later, on Monday, a hotel miles away on the southwest side was hit. Then the three Marriott hotels, one in Houston's Galleria area, another on the west side and the third again near the airport, were robbed Tuesday, Wednesday and early Thursday.

Although no one has been hurt, in one heist a man warned hotel employees: "Don't do anything and you'll get home tonight."

In the most recent theft, about 1:15 a.m. Thursday, one of the men displayed a machete "which was basically saying, do not do anything at all," Richards said.

The hotels don't own the machines and authorities are working with the ATM companies to determine how much cash they may have contained. She said the thieves likely don't know how much is inside. "These guys are just betting on there being something in there,"

# Eighth planet found in faraway solar system, matching ours



**This illustration made available by NASA shows a comparison of the planets in the solar system and those orbiting the star Kepler-90. An eighth planet, Kepler-90i, has been found in the faraway solar system, matching our own in numbers. This is the only eight-planet solar system found like ours - so far.**

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A record-tying eighth planet has been found in a faraway solar system, matching our own in number.

Even more amazing, machines and not humans made the discovery. NASA joined with Google on Thursday to announce the finding.

This eighth planet orbits the star known as Kepler-90. Like Earth, this new planet, Kepler-90i, is the third rock from its sun. But it's much closer to its sun — orbiting in just 14 days — and therefore a scorching 800 degrees Fahrenheit (427 Celsius) at the surface. In fact, all eight planets are crunched up

around this star, orbiting closer than Earth does to our sun.

This is the only eight-planet solar system found like ours — so far — tying for the most planets observed around a single star.

Our solar system had nine planets until Pluto was demoted to a dwarf planet in 2006 by the International Astronomical Union, a decision that still stands. Some astronomers, however, suspect there could be a large ninth planet out there: an elusive Planet X the size of Neptune but much farther out.

The Kepler-90 system also could have a ninth planet or more, according to the researchers. It is 2,545 light-years away; a light-year is 5.8 trillion miles.

Google used data collected

by NASA's keen planet hunter, the Kepler Space Telescope, to develop the machine-learning computer program. It focuses on weak planetary signals — so feeble and numerous it would take humans ages to examine.

While machine learning has been used before in the search for exoplanets — planets beyond our solar system — it's believed to be the first time an artificial neural network like this has been used to find a new world.

"This is a really exciting discovery, and we consider it to be a successful proof of concept to be using neural networks to identify planets, even in challenging situations where the signals are

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## Wind farm agreement highlights New Mexico businesses, labor

By **SUSAN MONTROYA BRYAN**

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The state attorney general's office and advocacy groups have brokered an agreement with a utility that is planning to build a massive wind farm near the Texas-New Mexico border to ensure that businesses and vendors will have a shot at being hired once construction begins.

Xcel Energy and its subsidiary Southwestern Public Service Co. are seeking regulatory approval to build two new wind farms — one on the New Mexico side of the border in Roosevelt County and the other in Hale County, Texas.

The Sagamore Wind Project would be the largest wind farm in New Mexico, providing more than 520 megawatts of power once it comes online in 2020. That's enough to provide electricity to about 194,000 homes per year.

Under the agreement unveiled Thursday, 30 percent of plant costs would ideally involve subcontractors, vendors and labor from New Mexico.

Attorney General Hector Balderas said small businesses often feel left out. The proposed wind farm could result in as much as \$57

million going toward business and labor costs in New Mexico.

"I think New Mexico can raise the standard of living. We have some of the most abundant solar and wind resources so it's important that we all work together," he said, adding that measuring and tracking the effects of the project on the local economy will boost transparency around the utility's efforts.

The agreement includes language that provides for regular updates and meetings with an adviser about the project's progress.

A separate agreement was reached earlier this week that addresses concerns about the benefits of the project for New Mexico customers. The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission will consider that agreement next week, with a final decision expected in March.

The utility is working on similar agreements with stakeholders in Texas, where regulators also will have to sign off.

In New Mexico, Southwestern

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# Black women seek rewards from Democrats after Alabama race



AP photo

Actress Uzo Aduba speaks during a rally for Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Doug Jones, Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, in Birmingham, Ala.

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**

Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Once again, black women showed up for Democrats, with nearly all of them voting in Alabama for new Sen. Doug Jones, just as they did for Democratic candidates up and down the ballot in other states over the last few months.

The same women, having proven their loyalty by voting 98 percent for Jones, now wonder whether the Democratic Party will return the favor by sharing some of the party's political power, handing over places at the negotiating table and pushing legislation that speaks to their unique issues.

"Black women showed up and showed out," said Kimberlè Crenshaw, co-founder of the African American Policy Forum. In "any other context, people who get it 98 percent right, they'd be at the head of the class. It's time for black women to be at the head of the political class."

Black turnout was also high, at around 30 percent, according to exit polls. That level of support mirrors what black women did in Virginia, where 91 percent of them voted for incoming Virginia Gov. Ralph

Northam, and in New Jersey, where 94 percent voted for incoming Gov. Phil Murphy.

Those women also swept other candidates into office, including Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, the first black candidate to be elected statewide in Virginia since Gov. Doug Wilder in 1989.

"Let me be clear: We won in Alabama and Virginia because #BlackWomen led us to victory," said Tom Perez, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "Black women are the backbone of the Democratic Party, and we can't take that for granted. Period."

In Montgomery, Alabama, 70-year-old Annette Brown said she sometimes considers voting Republican, but there was no way she was going to vote for firebrand Roy Moore.

"I've been a Democrat all my life, and I'm sure not going to switch for this election. Sometimes I feel like swinging, but not for Moore," she said.

Brown said allegations that Moore pursued teenage girls while in his 30s and his waving of a gun onstage to emphasize his views on the Second Amendment made her decision easy.

"I believe the ladies.

And he's just off kilter anyway. When he pulled out that gun on stage, that was it for me," Brown said.

Black women have their own unique voting-mobilization strategy, said Barbara Arnwine, president of the Transformative Justice Coalition.

"That strategy is what I call 'my momma,'" Arnwine said. "You see, Vera Arnwine, when she knows an election is coming up, she gets on the phone. She calls everybody she knows. And she says, 'Are you voting? Are you registered? ... You better get out there and do it.' So this is what we do and it's just so powerful."

Tuesday's election continued the trend of black women over-performing for Democratic candidates.

In the 2016 presidential race, 94 percent of black women voted for Democrat Hillary Clinton while 53 percent of white women voted for Donald Trump. In 2008 and 2012, black women voted at a higher rate than any racial or gender group, each time giving President Barack Obama 96 percent of their vote.

While black men also turned out in high numbers for Democrats, black women historical-



AP photo

Supporters of Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Doug Jones react as they watch results during an election-night watch party Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, in Birmingham, Ala. In a stunning victory aided by scandal, Democrat Doug Jones won Alabama's special Senate election on Tuesday, beating back history, an embattled Republican opponent and President Donald Trump, who urgently endorsed GOP rebel Roy Moore despite a litany of sexual misconduct allegations.

ly have been the backbone of the vote-mobilization efforts, but they rarely get the credit, said LaTosha Brown, a Selma, Alabama, native and co-founder of the Black Voters Matter Fund. In Alabama, black women were on the ground working without much fanfare, just as they've done all the way back to the civil rights movement, she said.

"Black women stand and have continuously been standing in the gap, and been providing an enormous amount of leadership because we don't just bring our own issues. We bring our community with us," she said.

In addition to voting, black women are running for office, testing whether the Democratic Party will stand behind them in the 2018 elections and beyond. Stacey Abrams is running to be Georgia's first black governor. In Virginia, Vangie Williams hopes to become the state's first black congresswoman.

In 2017, black women held only two statewide offices — GOP Lt.

Gov. Jenean Hampton of Kentucky and Connecticut state Treasurer Denise Nappier, a Democrat. Black women are mayors of seven of the nation's 100 largest cities and hold 271 state legislature seats, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University's Eagleton Institute of Politics.

Black women say they now need to be compensated for their devotion. Democrats also need to share some of their positions of power with black women on the ballot and inside political party machines on local, state and national levels.

Sen. Kamala Harris of California, who is the only black woman in the Senate and is already being mentioned as a 2020 presidential candidate, said Democrats and progressives need to go beyond just thanking black women.

"Let's address issues that disproportionately affect Black women — like pay disparity, housing & under-representation in elected

office," she said Thursday on Twitter.

Rep. Shelia Jackson Lee, a Texas Democrat, said she and other black women Democrats plan to put together a package of legislation that will speak to black women's issues and present it to Democratic leadership with a message.

## WIND

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Public Service Co. already operates the state's biggest facility — the 250-megawatt Roosevelt Wind Project that came online in December 2015.

Xcel has estimated that adding more wind generation to its portfolio will help lower the cost of energy and save customers in Texas and New Mexico around \$2.8 billion over the next three decades.

Company officials reiterated Thursday that they are watching the debate in Washington, D.C., as any negative changes to production tax credits could derail the projects.

Aside from consumer savings, supporters say the projects represent an opportunity for New Mexico to establish more of a foothold in the renewable energy market through jobs and education programs focused on the industry.

As part of the negotiations, Southwestern Public Service Co. has agreed to contribute a \$25,000 grant to Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari, which is home to a wind research and training center.

## South Dakota state park to inspect bison amid historic fire

By **JAMES NORD**

Associated Press  
SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota state park known for annual buffalo roundups drawing thousands of spectators will perform an unscheduled one in the coming days to determine how a historic wildfire affected the animals.

Officials at Custer State Park located its bison herd by Thursday afternoon, and every animal found so far was

alive, said Kobee Stalder, the park's visitor services program manager. However, he cautioned it's unlikely all wildlife escaped unscathed from the fire that has consumed more than 73 square miles (190 square kilometers) in the park and beyond its borders. Staff will take on the "im-promptu roundup" to assess the herd of roughly 860 bison and likely give them pneumonia immunizations because of the wildfire, Stalder said.

"Custer State Park is known for their herd of bison," Stalder said. "Every other question any time we post on social media is, you know, 'Are the bison OK?' 'Is the wildlife OK?' 'Are the burros OK?'" The wildfire, which started Monday, is the third-largest recorded in the Black Hills. There had been no human injuries, and main park buildings have been spared from the blaze, officials said.

Tens of millions of bison,

also known as buffalo, once thundered across a range stretching from central Canada through the Great Plains and northern Mexico. After a century-long slaughter driven by commercial hunting for buffalo pelts, the population dwindled to a thousand or fewer near the end of the 1800s. Now, there are nearly 400,000 bison in North America, many on private ranches and farms, according to the National Bison Association.

## PLANET

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very weak," said Christopher Shallue, a senior software engineer at Google in Mountain View, California.

NASA astrophysicist Jessie Dotson, the Kepler project scientist, is "so excited to see where this goes next."

"Who knows what potential insights might be gained," she said.

Shallue teamed up with astronomer Andrew Vanderburg of the University of Texas at Austin to develop the program. They essentially trained a computer to identify exoplanets based on Kepler's observations in changing stellar brightness — the subtle, fleeting dip in a

star's brightness when a planet passes in front of it.

The two used a technique similar to what had been previously used by others to enable machines to distinguish between pictures of cats and dogs.

Besides identifying Kepler-90i, the machine-learning program also confirmed an exoplanet missed by astronomers in yet another solar system: Kepler-80g, the sixth planet in that particular solar system.

Shallue and Vanderburg plan to keep up the hunt, using the program to scour the 150,000-plus stars observed by Ke-

pler.

In all, more than 3,560 exoplanets have been confirmed to date — two-thirds of them spotted by the 2009-launched Kepler — with another approximately 4,500 candidates awaiting verification.

It will be up to more advanced telescopes, like the James Webb Space Telescope targeted for launch in 2019,

to study the atmospheres of these distant worlds and sniff out any traces of possible life, Vanderburg noted.

Shallue said Google plans to release all the code needed for someone to join the exoplanet search, using a basic home computer and the publicly available Kepler data. No specialized hardware should be needed, he said.

Neither NASA nor Google expect to put astronomers out of business.

Shallue sees this as a tool to help astronomers have more impact and increase their productivity.

"It certainly will not replace them at all," he assured reporters.

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# Did you ever wonder? Return to Judah

Second Chronicles 36:15-21 recaps the fall of Jerusalem and the carnage and destruction done by Nebuchadnezzar's army. It also points out the reason God allowed this to happen.



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For many years God had been patient while the people disrespected the rules He had given for them to live by. He did not punish them for worshipping other gods. He merely removed His blessing and protection.

Whenever Judah had a king who tried to serve God, He blessed the nation.

God had allotted a definite time for them to turn back to Him. Now the time had passed.

Official records show that Israel was carried into captivity in Assyria by Sargon II in 709 BCE. Judah was carried into exile in Babylon in 586

BCE by Nebuchadnezzar.

As kingdoms and nations often do, the strength of the government becomes ineffective and fails because of infighting between factions. The Babylonian leadership became weak, and they were conquered by the Persians.

Babylonian captivity had been cruelty and harsh servitude. Persian policy was to allow the government of a conquered nation to continue to function. They were a weak, vassal nation that was heavily taxed. But Persia also had a policy of allowing their subjects to worship their own god, which was unusual for the time.

King Cyrus offered the Judeans a choice of returning to Judah or remaining in Persia. Under Persian rule, many Jewish people had established businesses and owned property. Only a small portion chose to make the 500 mile journey back to Judah.

King Cyrus planned to build a temple to God in Jerusalem. He suggested that the people who stayed in Persia contribute gold, silver, goods

and livestock. He sent back all the furnishings that had been taken from the Temple.

Ezra was a priest and teacher of the Law in Babylon. The king chose him to lead the people home to Jerusalem. Ezra kept careful records of the people who returned and of the contributions of the people who stayed in Persia.

Zerubabel was appointed governor of all Israel and Judah. Jeshua, the priest, and Zerubabel were in charge of construction of the Temple.

The Judeans feared attack by the people who had been settled in Israel in their absence. But they had the altar rebuilt and dedicated in time to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

They hired masons and carpenters. They traded food, drink and oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre for cedar logs. They also had to train priests and Levites to minister at the Temple.

The Jewish people who had been left behind from the captivity had intermarried with the foreigners brought in by the Assyrians and Babylonians.

They had consequently adopted idol worship. The Judeans just back from exile considered them Samaritans, not Jews, and shunned them.

The Samaritan's provincial government feared that their power would be diminished with the rebuilding of the Temple. The Samaritans wrote a letter to Artaxerxes, the current king of Persia, asking him to send soldiers to punish the Judeans. Work on the Temple and the city wall was halted.

When Darius became king of Persia, a letter was sent to him from Jerusalem. It asked him to search for the scrolls of King Cyrus giving them permission to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple.

King Darius issued a directive that the people were to support, not hinder, the rebuilding of Jerusalem. In the second year the Judeans were able to celebrate the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread at their proper time.

## Church News

Thank You to everyone who came through the 31st Annual Drive Through Nativity to witness the birth to ascension of Jesus. Thank you to all who helped and support this great gift to the community.

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.

### 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 "LOVE ALWAYS", and the scripture is from I Corinthians 13: 4-8. 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. You can watch previous worship services on that Facebook page, including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior."

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 last Noon Bible Study for the year will be on Dec. 20. The meal and study will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018.

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

A "Polar Express" Movie Night will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, from 7 p.m. 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.

"Real Life" activities on Wednesday evening are on break through Christmas and will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018. For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

### Midway Baptist Church

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 Sunday, December 17th, our choir will be presenting our Christmas Cantata during the morning service. We will follow with a Christmas meal in the fellowship hall. We would love to have you join us.

Sunday, December 24th, we will be having a candlelight service during our evening service. Poin-

settias are for sale in memory of a loved one and can be taken home following the service. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas during this time of celebration!

### Spring Creek Fellowship

Our Food Bank will be open the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays in December only. It will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays starting in January. 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 Angel Tree Prison Ministry Party is set for this Sunday, Dec. 17th from 4 p.m.-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!

Please join us at our Christmas Eve Service. 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:** This week and next we step out of the chronological study of scripture to focus on the birth of our Savior. This Sunday, "Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph," Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-56. Lessons can be found at Springcreekfellowship.org under the Kid Connect tab, Winter 2017-18.

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.

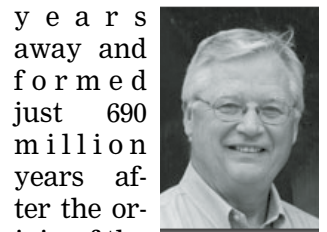
"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact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

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 of-

## Jesus' birth: The mystery and the majesty

Last week astronomers discovered a massive black hole with a total mass greater than 800 million suns. Scientists estimate the black hole is over 13 billion light



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years away and formed just 690 million years after the origin of the universe. Such dimensions of time, space and mass boggle the mind.

These dimensions give us a clue to the majesty of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul tried to capture that majesty with these words: "He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:15-17).

Our understanding of God and Jesus are too small, too limited. We think in simple terms of time and space, beginning and end. But,

like the universe, He is more.

That is why, when Moses met God in the desert and asked His name, God answered, "I Am That I Am."

And that is the reason Jesus spoke of Himself in the same terms. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I Am." These are perhaps the most profound words ever uttered. They change everything. All our concepts about existence and time. About who we are and who God is. About the meaning of life.

The religious leaders of the first century failed to recognize Jesus because they were conditioned to think in linear terms, past and present, a coming King. Like them we miss Him as well when we think in such terms. He is more than we imagine. He is past, present and future.

John attempted to capture His mystery in more symbolic language: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness did not comprehend it. ... The Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory." (John 1:1-5,14).

We have limited our understanding of Jesus Christ to a mere mortal man who was born, who lived and died at a particular time in history. While He was born in Bethlehem, lived in Galilee and was crucified under Pontus Pilate outside Jerusalem 2000 years ago, He was far more than anyone understood. We have to chip away all the religious brick and mortar of 2,000 years, all the plaster and paint. We must look beyond the musty pages of theology and church history to discover the miracle and the mystery of that moment in time when all that is eternal entered into our narrow frame of understanding, calling to us from beyond, calling us to be more than we ever imagined, to be better than we believed we could be, to link our lives with the eternal, to enter, literally, eis aionos, "into the age."

When Jesus was born, God touched the earth.

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

ferred 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 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.

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



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

Trinity Baptist Church performed their annual toddler Christmas program Wednesday night in the church sanctuary. Gayla Williams directed the program with the assistance of toddler class teachers who joined them on stage. All songs were played on piano by Sheila Stockwell.

## CHURCH

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in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Klint 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>

We will have a new "App" after the first of the year. It should be easier to work with have more applications. More news to come!!

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

### First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St., Big Spring. Sunday morning fellowship begins at 9:15 with coffee & donuts. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m., and worship begins at 10:50 a.m. This Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017, Pastor Sandy Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called "Fools and Wise Men" which is taken from Matthew 2:1-12. Assisting Pastor Sandlin in worship serving at the Lord's table will be Dan Miracle and Laura Stapel. Welcoming you will be Deneice Walker and Larry Oster.

Helping to enhance worship with music are Choir Director, Tara Trowbridge and Music Director, Lawrence Thibeault. A few selections they are presently working on are, "Joy to The World," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Angels from the Realms of Glory" and "Softly and Tenderly".

It's not too early to start making your Christmas Eve plans. First Christian Church invites you to join them for a "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service," Sunday Dec. 24, at 6 p.m.

If you would like more information regarding their services or any goings on, please call 432-517-4821.

### Forsan Baptist Church

This week the Children's Christmas Program will take place during morning worship on Sunday.

A Candlelight Service will take place on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

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, 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.

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 2:00 pm as they celebrate the season of the birth of the world's Savior, Jesus Christ. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, contact Pastor Jim at: [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com). Merry Christmas!

### First Baptist Church

"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:12-14 Join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 as they gather in celebration and awe of God's majesty, mercy, holiness, and loving kindness. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the sermon titled "All I Want for Christmas... Hope." Drawn from Luke 2:38, this message emphasizes that those who know Christ themselves should do all they can to bring others to know Him, and that every breath a believer draws in Christ's direction is an act of worship, and proclaims Him as Redeemer and Lord. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of tunes which include: "Joy Has Dawned," "Jesus Messiah," "Angels

We Have Heard on High," and "Go Tell It on the Mountain." The Worship Choir will exalt God in song with the special music offering "A King Like This." Lighting the Advent Candle will be the Marc Couch family. 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](http://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.

You're invited to gather in the FBC chapel at 5 pm before heading out in groups for Christmas caroling at locations throughout the community. There will be no other activities Sunday evening.

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

There will be no activities Wednesday evening December 20th.

The Mother's Day Out program is closed for the holidays, and will re-open in January.

For details about scheduled services and activities, go to the church website: [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org) and click on the calendar page.

You're welcome to attend the Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. Sunday Dec. 24th; there will be no morning service or Sunday School that day.

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.

Thanks & have a blessed day. Merry Christmas! Nancy Spurgin

### First Presbyterian Church

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## The family of Jesus

I have an aunt to whom I am not related by blood. Regardless, I know she loves me as if I were her own child. She has been a part of my life since my earliest days and cared for me as a child in the absence of my parents. I also have a brother – not because we have the same mother and father, but because of the close relationship which developed due to circumstances in our lives. Our "brotherhood" has only increased now that we share in the occupation of preaching.

You, undoubtedly, have similar people in your life. Whether you were brought together by common interests, a common friend, or even through a common tragedy, you have those who are just like family.

The Bible uses family metaphors a lot. In the Old Testament, God is described as a loving husband, even though his people, Israel, are described as an unfaithful spouse (Jeremiah 3:20). In the New Testament, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray to their Father who is in heaven (Matthew 6:9). By the grace of God, when we submit to the will of God we become children of God by adoption and fellow heirs with Christ (Romans 8:12-17).

This special relationship is formed when we choose to make God the

priority in our lives – when we deny ourselves (Matthew 16:24) and seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33). But something else happens when our relationship with God is formed – we are adopted into a family along with everyone else who has submitted to the will of God.

Jesus illustrates the significance of this spiritual relationship over natural relationships in Matthew 12:46-50. While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (ESV)

You have probably heard the phrase, "Blood is thicker than water." People use this to say that family comes first before others. Well, the Bible teaches us that the blood of Jesus is thickest of all. It is by his blood that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:14).

Have you submitted your will to God? Are you doing the will of the Father? Are you an heir of God and fellow heir of Christ? The spiritual, eternal inheritance that is promised by God so far exceeds anything we could gain in this life. Our relationship with God and with Jesus is greater than any natural relationship we could ever have.



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### Lecomte returns as No. 21 Baylor tops Texas Southern 99-68



**Baylor guard Manu Lecomte (20) of Belgium and team staff celebrate a score late in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Texas Southern on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, in Waco, Texas.**

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) — Manu Lecomte's wrap on his injured left thumb will come off eventually, as Baylor coach.

Baylor coach Scott Drew chuckled while wondering whether that was a good thing.

"Maybe we need to wrap his hand all the time," Drew said after Lecomte scored 22 points in his return after missing a game, helping the 21st-ranked Bears to a 99-68 victory over winless Texas Southern on Thursday night. "He was really good tonight."

With the wrap on his non-shooting thumb, the Bears point guard was 7 of 11 from the field, made all five free throws and had a game-high six assists in the 46th consecutive home win over an unranked nonconference

opponent for the Bears (8-2).

It was their third straight win since losing to No. 3 Wichita State on the Waco campus. Baylor improved to 11-0 against Texas Southern as the teams met for the fourth straight year.

Nuni Omot matched Lecomte with 22 points in the first game since scoring a career-high 30, and Jo Lual-Acuil had 18 points and two blocks with his Sudanese parents watching. In town for his graduation Saturday, his mom and dad hadn't seen him in four years.

"I was nervous for the game, just because my mom has never seen me play," said Lual-Acuil, who was born in Sudan before moving to Uganda and Australia as a child. "No words can really explain how I'm feeling, for when I did see them. It was definitely

a special moment and a day I'll always remember."

Trae Jefferson scored 24 points for the Tigers (0-10), who are playing every November and December game away from home for the third straight year.

This year, the schedule for former Indiana coach Mike Davis' Southwestern Athletic Conference team has included No. 12 Gonzaga and 13th-ranked Kansas along with Ohio State, Syracuse and Oregon.

"I think we lose money when we play home games," Davis said. "I want our guys to get out and play on the road so we can get used to playing against real good competition. That's the only way to get better. It's worked for us the last three years."

Lecomte, who missed a win over Randall when the Bears played at nearby Fort Hood for the third straight year, had a four-point play when he got fouled on a corner 3 to spark an 11-2 run for a 35-24 lead late in the first half.

The 5-foot-11 native of Belgium had another 3-pointer and five points in a 17-0 spurt for a 62-37 lead in the second half. Lecomte was 3 of 6 from long range.

BIG PICTURE

Texas Southern: It doesn't mean much for the Tigers to lose most or all

of their nonconference games. They play a schedule that looks like something from Davis' days with the Hoosiers, and they haven't played at home in November or December since 2014. Texas Southern has still won at least 22 games twice in the previous three seasons and made the NCAA Tournament as SWAC tourney champion three of the past four years.

Baylor: The Bears' dominance centered up best in the shooting percentages for both teams. Baylor matched a season high at 66 percent to 41 percent for Texas Southern. The Bears were 10 of 18 from long range (57 percent). Since losing to the Shockers, Baylor has beaten three overmatched opponents by an average of 27 points.

OUTSIDE TO INSIDE

Omot did most of his damage inside after setting career highs for 3-pointers and attempts (6 of 8) against Randall, going 10 of 12 from the field and 2 of 3 from beyond the arc. He didn't shoot a free throw after the Fort Hood game.

CLOSE CALLS

The Bears set the school record for shooting percentage for the second time this season — by two-hundredths of a percentage point (66.12 percent to 66.10 percent in a 107-66 win over Central Arkansas in the opener). They came up short on the other close call, missing by a point what would have been consecutive 100-point games for the first time since 1989. Baylor beat Randall 105-82.

UP NEXT

Texas Southern: At Wyoming on Saturday before a return to Texas to face TCU on Monday.

Baylor: Two more home games before start of Big 12: Savannah State on Sunday and Southern on Wednesday.

### Cowboys' Prescott concedes that things changed minus Elliott

By SEAN SHAPIRO

Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Now that Ezekiel Elliott is near the end of a six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations, Dak Prescott doesn't mind acknowledging that things changed for the Dallas Cowboys.

Prescott was more defiant while the Cowboys were losing their first three games without last year's NFL rushing leader and the quarterback's backfield mate during their remarkable rookie seasons that fueled a 13-3 record.

Dallas (7-6) won the past two without Elliott and has to keep winning to stay in the wild-card race. The last game before Elliott's return is Sunday night at Oakland (6-7).

"It's a different team," said Prescott, who had eight turnovers without a touchdown pass in the first three games without his fellow star.

"I think that's the first (thing) you got to recognize is it's not the same and things are going to be different and play-calling is going to be different. But for what I've learned I guess is everybody is embracing their role, their new role, different role or maybe it's the same role."

A loss would put a damper on Elliott's return because it would end any realistic hopes of the young duo making the playoffs again. But his return to the team's facility, likely on Monday, will be celebrated either way.

"I know he's excited, and I've kept up with him on text," tight end Jason Witten said. "One thing I know about Zeke through his first year and half I've been around him is he loves football. He'll have to bear down here and help us make this push."

The Cowboys scored just 22 points in the first three games without him and were outscored 72-6 in the second half, when they were wearing down opponents with Elliott's physical running style.

After those five interceptions and three lost fumbles, Prescott became more comfortable even through some sluggish starts for the offense. He threw for a career-best 332 yards and three touchdowns in last week's 30-10 win over the New York Giants.

"He's done a good job of getting through a dry spell," Cowboys offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said. "He really worked on his game, from fundamentals to everything else and it just shows he's going to be here for the long haul."



**In this Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) carries the ball after taking a hand off from quarterback Dak Prescott (4) during an NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs in Arlington, Texas. The Dallas Cowboys won't have to adjust for Ezekiel Elliott's absence much longer. Elliott has one game remaining in his six-game suspension, when Dallas travels to Oakland on Sunday night, Dec. 17, 2017 and will be allowed back in the team facility on Monday.**

That's the upside for the Cowboys if they don't make the playoffs. Barring suspensions and injuries, Prescott and Elliott could be a backfield pair for a long time.

"We've adjusted to it and we've figured it out," Prescott said. "It'll make me a better player. ... Any experience I get, especially when you're losing a player or just even that tough stretch we had, everything that I encounter I'm going to make sure I use it to make me a better player."

Alfred Morris and Rod Smith have split snaps at running back in Elliott's absence. Morris has started four of the five games, but Smith has an edge in playing time with 158 snaps to Morris' 136.

"Zeke Elliot is a very good player, and when he is available to us, he makes a positive difference to our team," coach Jason Garrett said. "In a lot of ways those opportunities for those other guys get minimized, but that doesn't diminish our confidence in them."

Smith has rushed for a touchdown in three

straight games and took a short pass 81 yards for a touchdown against the Giants. Morris has gotten the bulk of the carries and ran for a season-best 127 yards against Washington.

Morris, who turned 28 earlier this week, is a free agent after this season. The player said he isn't thinking about it right now, but Elliott's absence may have been the showcase he could parlay into a better opportunity in the offseason.

"He's just got that style in the run game where he can carry the load," Linehan said. "He can be a 20-plus carry guy, and that's where he's going to have his best production."

NOTES: DL David Irving (concussion), CB Orlando Scandrick (back fracture) and WR Brice Butler (foot) have not practiced this week, dimming the prospects for their return after missing the New York game. ... LT La'el Collins practiced for the first time in three weeks because of back issues. He hasn't missed a game.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case  
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831527  
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Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin.  
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DRILL permit in Sec. 33, Bk.  
33 T3N, T&P RR CO Survey,  
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#9634 December 15, 22, 29,  
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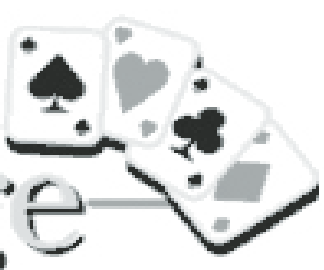
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# Contract Bridge



By Steve Becker

## Test your play

**Assume you're declarer** with the West hand at Six Clubs, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

<p><b>WEST</b></p> <p>♠ K J 7 ♥ K J 6 ♦ A ♣ A J 7 6 4 2</p>	<p><b>EAST</b></p> <p>♠ A 4 3 2 ♥ A 4 3 2 ♦ — ♣ K Q 9 8 3</p>
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**This excellent problem**, published in the British Bridge Magazine many years ago, was composed by Paul Lukacs, Israeli expert.

**West should begin** by ruffing the queen-of-diamonds lead in dummy (it would be wrong to discard a spade or a heart). He then draws both missing trumps, ending in dummy, and leads the deuce of spades.

**If South follows suit** with the five or six or shows out of spades, West plays his seven and is sure to score the rest of the tricks regardless of which suit North returns after winning the seven of spades.

**If South produces** the eight, nine or ten of spades on the deuce lead from dummy, West wins with the king, returns to dummy with a trump

and leads the three of spades toward his hand, planning to play the jack if South follows low.

**By adopting this line of play**, declarer makes the contract in each of the following six cases:

- 1. If South has no spade** higher than the six.
- 2. If South errs and plays** the five or six of spades on the first round of the suit when he holds the eight, nine or ten.
- 3. If South has** the queen of spades, in which case whatever other spades he was dealt makes no difference at all.
- 4. If North has** either the singleton or doubleton queen of spades.
- 5. If the six spades** held by North-South are divided 3-3.
- 6. If the potential heart finesse** — taken as a last resort after the spades fail to behave favorably — wins because South was dealt the queen.

**Only if all six chances go wrong** would declarer fail to make the slam on the recommended line of play. If they all did go sour, declarer could easily be forgiven if he decided to give up the game for a while.

**Tomorrow:** Maximizing your chances.  
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# SUDOKU

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6	9	5	7	8	2	1	3	4
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5	3	4	6	7	9	1	8	2
7	1	7	9	2	6	8	5	4
9	8	2	3	4	5	7	6	1
4	9	8	1	2	6	3	5	7
2	9	6	8	5	3	4	1	7
1	3	5	4	7	9	2	8	6

**ANSWER:**

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Bird's Eye View from Mercury and Venus

This Mercury (retrograde) and Venus alignment in Sagittarius will be a real challenge to people who like things the way they are. Restlessness and boredom are like chickens coming home to roost. Those birds are nice enough, but do you really want to live in the same coop with them? Spread your wings. Change is inevitable.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The person you imagine your admired someone to be and the person that someone actually is ... well, of course they can't be one in the same -- unless you're a fiction writer inventing a person.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** This conflict embodies the same source of all conflicts. Both sides believe they are doing what's best; they just have drastically different ideas and definitions of what that entails.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Think about the problem as if it were your own, whether or not that's the case. Of course, solving problems that aren't yours always comes with the added problem of getting others to adopt your solution.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Accepting someone's story is often a matter of convenience over plausibility. We all believe what we'd rather believe. Remember this, because you'll be in a position to convince someone of the truth.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The good thing about your cosmic mindset is that it limits the amount of time you're willing to spend on trivial, personal minutia. There are much, much bigger things with which to concern yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** When good taste prevents a person from getting involved with good people, that's called snobbery. The division is bad for everyone

You'll fight this in yourself and you'll call it out in others.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** When you're not sure what to do next, a small voice inside you will chime in: "Is this really what the world needs now?"

Your focus on what's missing in the world (instead of what's missing in you) will light the way.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Loved ones don't always agree on how to get things done, but today you'll at least agree on the goal. Focus on this and unify your efforts. You'll prevail on the collective strength of the group.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Purge your stuff and your soul gets purged, too. Release the old; let go of the tired; get rid of the rubbish. It will help you take advantage of opportunities that will come with next week's new moon.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Sleep is what you long for when the alarm clock goes off in the morning and yet still resist in the wee hours of a fun night. For optimum health and vitality through the end of the year, guard your sleep this weekend.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** When the environment is neat and orderly, you feel that all is right with the world. It's why you'll work so hard today to straighten things up and organize what you have.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The mirror isn't enchanted; the tomb isn't cursed; the artifacts don't come with power beyond what they're given. But some things really ought to be given power. Make a thing sacred. Do this

by giving it sacred attention.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 15).** Your unsinkable attitude is what will make this a remarkable year. Setbacks will happen, and you'll keep bobbing back up and moving forward. Gorgeous additions to your environment happen in early 2018.

A twist in your professional world will allow for a fresh approach to finance. Aquarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 44, 48, 30 and 12.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** Your mindset is more important to your success than anything that could get in the way of you and love. **TAURUS:** You'll feel more sociable and flirtatious. You're playing a new role. **GEMINI:** The ones you want to meet are around you. You just have to engage them. **CANCER:** You are gaining power over yourself, and power inside a relationship, and this will feel terrific. **LEO:** When it comes to love, the pain of your past nourishes the courage of your future. **VIRGO:** Rest assured, you matter quite a lot to the ones who matter to you, even when they are being too self-absorbed to do the right things. **LIBRA:** You'll see a remarkable improvement in your love life, mostly due to your change of approach. **SCORPIO:** The dynamics of love will bring out both the fearful and the brave side of you in the next 48 hours. **SAGITTARIUS:** Connection is more than a matchup of preferred traits. It's action and reaction to a shared moment.

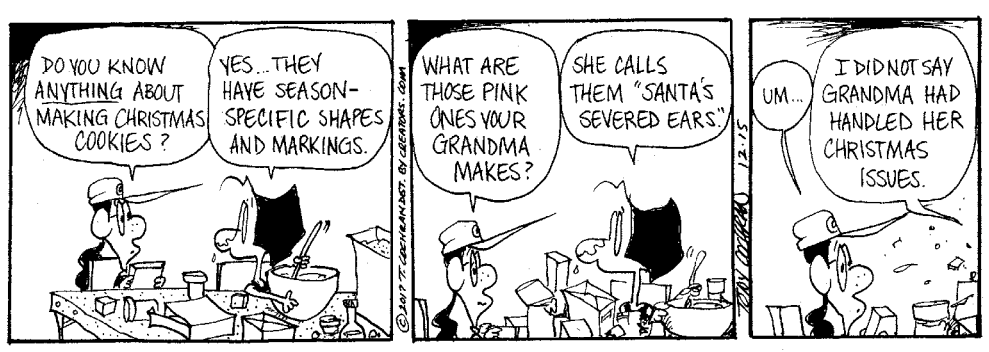
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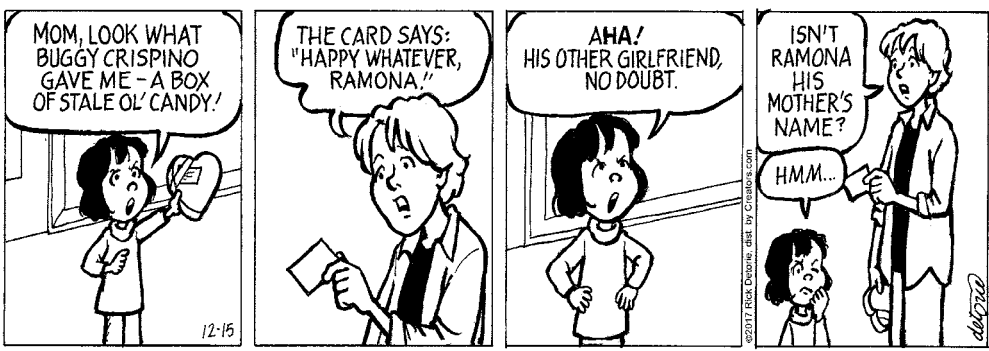
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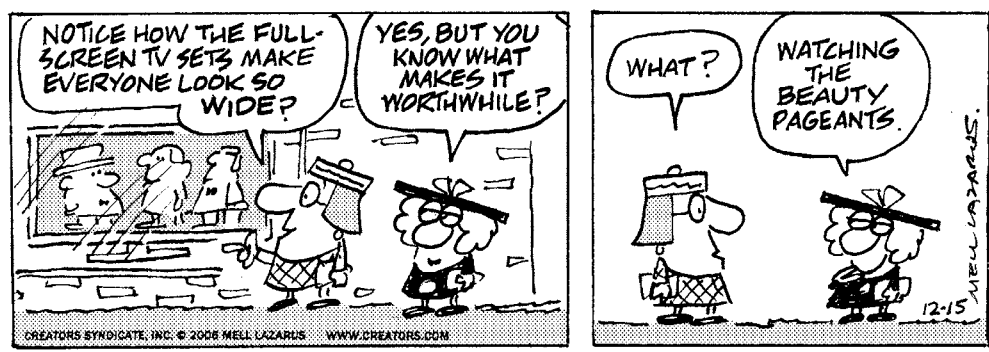
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 15, the 349th day of 2017. There are 16 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 15, 1939, the Civil War motion picture epic 'Gone with the Wind,' starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable, had its world premiere in Atlanta. On this date: In 1791, the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, went into effect following ratification by Virginia. In 1864, the two-day Battle of Nashville began during the Civil War as Union forces commanded by Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas attacked Confederate troops led by Gen. John Bell Hood; the result was a resounding Northern victory. In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, South Dakota, during a confrontation with Indian police. In 1938, groundbreaking for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C. with President Franklin D. Roosevelt taking part in the ceremony. In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller, a major in the U.S. Army Air Forces, disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris. In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6A and Gemini 7, maneuvered toward each other while in orbit, at one point coming as close as one foot. In 1967, the Silver Bridge between Gallipolis (gal-ih-puh-LEES'), Ohio, and Point Pleasant, West Virginia, collapsed into the Ohio River, killing 46 people. In 1971, the Secret Service appointed its first five female special agents. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he would grant diplomatic recognition to Communist China on New Year's Day and sever official relations with Taiwan. In 1989, a popular uprising began in Romania that resulted in the downfall of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu (chow-SHES'-koo). In 1995, European Union leaders meeting in Madrid, Spain, chose "euro" as the name of the new single

European currency. In 2001, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy, was reopened to the public after a \$27 million realignment that had dragged on for over a decade. Ten years ago: Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf (pur-VEHZ' moo-SHAH'-ruhh) lifted a six-week-old state of emergency. International climate talks in Bali, Indonesia, culminated in a last-minute U.S. compromise and an agreement to adopt a blueprint for fighting global warming by 2009. Celine Dion concluded a five-year engagement at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Five years ago: A day after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, investigators worked to understand what led the 20-year-old gunman to slaughter 26 children and adults after also killing his mother and before taking his own life. In his Saturday radio address, President Barack Obama declared that "every heart heavy with hurt" and said it was time to "take meaningful action to prevent more tragedies like this." One year ago: A federal jury in Charleston, South Carolina, convicted Dylann Roof of slaughtering nine black church members who had welcomed him to their Bible study. In an unexpected reversal, President Barack Obama declined to sign a renewal of sanctions against Iran but let it become law anyway, in an apparent bid to alleviate Tehran's concerns that Washington was backsliding on the nuclear deal. Colorado's Mike MacIntyre was selected The Associated Press college football Coach of the Year after leading the Buffaloes to a 10-3 record and their first bowl game since 2007. Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 84. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 78. Rock musician Dave Clark (The

Dave Clark Five) is 75. Rock musician Carmine Appice (Vanilla Fudge) is 71. Actor Don Johnson is 68. Actress Melanie Chartoff is 67. Movie director Julie Taymor is 65. Movie director Alex Cox is 63. Actor Justin Ross is 63. Rock musician Paul Simonon (The Clash) is 62. Movie director John Lee Hancock is 61. Democratic Party

activist Donna Brazile is 58. Country singer Doug Phelps (Brother Phelps; Kentucky Headhunters) is 57. Movie producer-director Reginald Hudlin is 56. Actress Helen Slater is 54. Actor Paul Kaye (TV: "Game of Thrones") is 53. Actress Molly Price is 52. Actor Garrett Wang (wahnj) is 49. Actor Michael Shanks is 47. Actor

Stuart Townsend is 45. Figure skater Surya Bonaly is 44. Actor Geoff Stults is 41. "Crowd-hyper" Kito Trawick (Ghostown DJs) is 40. Actor Adam Brody is 38. Actress Michelle Dockery is 36. Actor George O. Gore II is 35. Actress Camilla Luddington is 34. Rock musician Alana Haim (HYM) is 26. Actress Maude Apatow (AP'-ih-tow) is 20.

Actress Stefania Owen is 20. Thought for Today: "The drama of life begins with a wail and ends with a sigh." Minna Antrim American writer (1856-1950). © 2017 The Associated Press.

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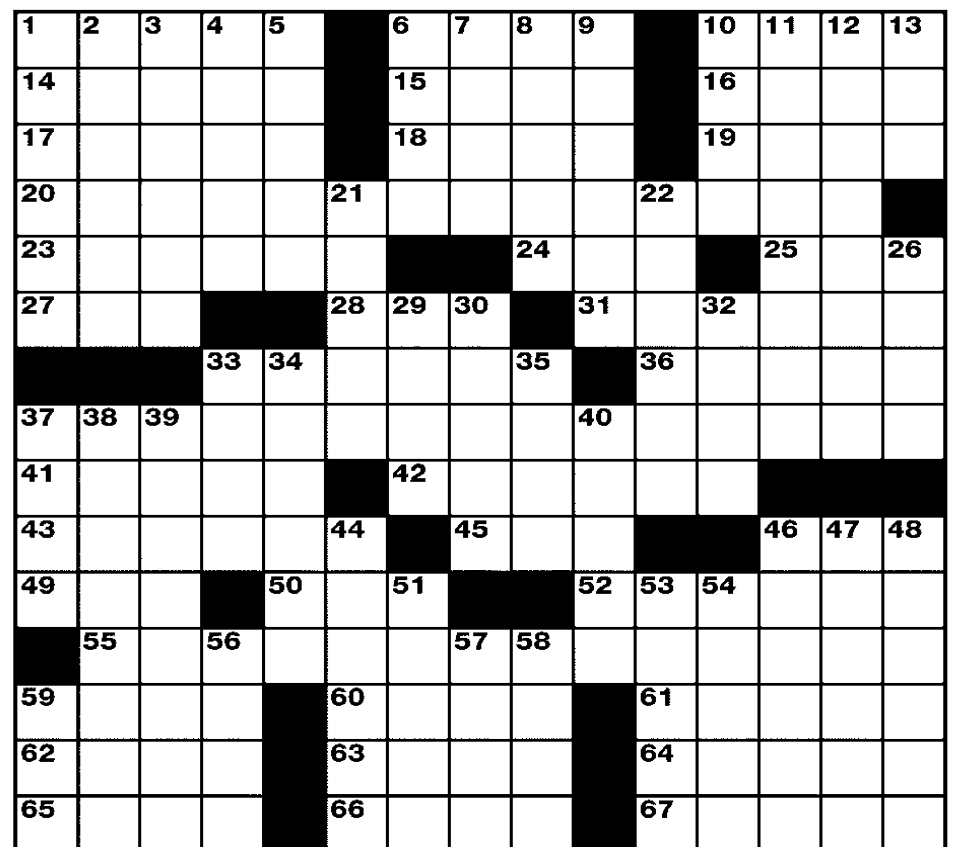
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# Italy OKs living wills amid long-running euthanasia debate

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italy's Senate gave final approval Thursday to a law allowing Italians to write living wills and refuse artificial nutrition and hydration, the latest step in the Roman Catholic nation's long-running and agonizing debate over euthanasia and end-of-life issues.

As soon as the 180-71 vote was tabulated, cheers erupted outside parliament among a small group of right-to-die activists who saw the bill as a victory after several high-profile euthanasia cases prompted criminal prosecu-

tions. "Of course, we are still missing the legalization of euthanasia that we'll propose to the next parliament," said spokesman Marco Cappato of the right-to-die movement.

Cappato is currently on trial in Milan for having helped bring Fabbio Antoniani, a well-known Italian disc jockey known professionally as DJ Fabo, to Switzerland earlier this year to die in an assisted suicide clinic. Antoniani was left paralyzed, blind and unable to breathe on his own after a 2014 car accident.

A day before the Senate passed the bill, the Milan courtroom heard Antoniani's

pre-recorded anguished testimony of how he couldn't bear to live another day, comments that reportedly brought even the prosecutor to tears.

The law's passage Thursday comes as the Vatican itself has taken up end-of-life issues anew. A series of conferences have emphasized the need for palliative care and reinforced Catholic doctrine, which requires only "ordinary" care be provided to the dying, not "extraordinary" care that extends life at all costs.

In a November speech taken by Italians as an endorsement of the pending legislation, Pope Francis repeated

the church's opposition to euthanasia but also rejected the "therapeutic obstinacy" sometimes practiced by doctors even when the benefits of heroic therapies for patients are debatable, negligible or non-existent.

While church teaching considers artificial nutrition and hydration to fall under the "ordinary care" that must be provided to the dying, the parliamentary debate over the living will and its provision that Italians could refuse food and water generated relatively little Catholic opposition.

The absence of unified Catholic criticism was notable,

given the Vatican had previously been vocal in criticizing cases of assisted suicide — most significantly when the Italian church refused to give a Catholic funeral to Piergiorgio Welby, a poet whose 2006 assisted suicide helped galvanize the right-to-die movement in Italy.

There was, however, opposition. Lawmakers from the center-right Forza Italia party voted against the bill, with Sen. Maurizio Gasparri saying it essentially introduced euthanasia into Italy.

Proponents said the bill merely entitled Italians to determine their own end-of-life care.

## CHURCH

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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.

The Wilson family, Dereck, Amber, Kendyl, and Kaley, lit the Advent candle for the second Sunday in Advent.

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." Lessons in the series are "Faith in Jesus (Dec. 3), "Faith to Discern" (Dec. 10), "Faith to Persevere" (Dec. 17), "Faith to Unite."

The Discovery Class begins a new DVD study by Adam Hamilton entitled Faithful, looking at Christmas through the eyes of Joseph for Advent. From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the Nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for everyone John Ortberg says of this study, "This may be the greatest Christmas present of the year. Hamilton thoughtfully, movingly walks us through what really happened when God touched this planet. The richness of the full story will touch your life as well."

Friday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. "BS High Festival of Song and Desert" will take place in the Sanctuary. The community is invited to this fund-raising opportunity event.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, the monthly Stated Session meeting takes place in the church library at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24, the traditional Candlelight Service will be in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. During the Christmas season the Christmas Joy Offering, to support past, present, and future Church leaders, will be accepted.

Saturday, Dec. 30, at 8:30 a.m. men of the congregation are cooking for a Prayer Breakfast. Josh McKain, Corps Officer of the Salvation Army will be the speaker. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor.

Susan McDaniel is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector is Jim Little. Ushers for the month are Velen Esquivel, Danny Kennemur, and John Yater.

The lectionary passages for the Third Sunday of Advent are Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 9or Luke 1:46-55); John 1:6-8, 19-28; 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 "Child of Peace," from the Christmas musical Peace Has Come, by Mary McDonald The Offertory will be "While We Are Waiting, Come" by Don Cason.

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



Courtesy photo

Ethan Buske, Selina Diaz, and Price Tarbet act out a scene from First Baptist Church's Christmas program "Come Let Us Adore."

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](http://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.

### 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, Dec. 17th – Join us this Sunday as we enter this wonderful season of sharing and great expectations. 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.

Monday, December 18th- Far Above Rubies- Or-

namment Exchange & Potluck held in the ARC Academic Resource Center at 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 December 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. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.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](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or visit us at [www.ccbigspring.org](http://www.ccbigspring.org) if you would like more information.

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