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The Train Car hosts benefit this Saturday for local man in need of kidney

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

The normally light-hearted mood at Train Car Cigar Bar will be taking on a more serious tone this weekend. Big Spring resident Timothy Underwood was recently given the devastating news that his kidney was failing. Underwood was rushed to the hospital after his wife found him unresponsive in their home. On Nov. 18, 2016, his doctor told him he'd have to start dialysis treatments immediately.

"When we found out about Timothy's kidney, I was working as a traveling trauma nurse," said Timothy's

wife Angela Underwood. "After the shock wore off and we gathered our thoughts, we made a plan for how to handle this. I made the difficult decision to quit my job and stay home to take care of Timothy full-time because our insurance didn't cover home healthcare and it made more financial sense for me to do this."

Angela went on to explain how her husband is never sick and has never needed any surgeries in his past. The Underwood family was completely caught off guard by the unfortunate news they'd been given, and decided to reach out for help instead of

suffering in silence.

The Underwoods contacted former Big Spring resident and event promoter, Barney Dodd, for a little guidance on how to organize a fundraiser.

"I own a promotion company based out of Abilene called BAD Events and I do business regularly in Big Spring," said Dodd. "I first met them at a local band competition I promoted at The Train Car Cigar Bar and I noticed they were at my event every night. I appreciated that they were there supporting this event so I was happy to offer support in return."



Courtesy photo
 Shown above are Timothy Underwood (left) and Misty Brosh (right). Timothy's niece Misty will soon give the gift of life to her uncle by donating her kidney to him. Their surgery is set for Feb 13 at Baylor Scott & White Hospital of Dallas, TX.

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Get ready to run



File Photo
 Runners from last year's Run 2 Love 2 Run Valentine's-themed 5K race, held at Big Spring State Park, take off from the starting line.

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Big Spring residents are teaming up for a yearly event aimed at raising money and awareness towards child abuse victims and gaining more advocates in Howard County.

On Feb. 10, CASA will be partnering with local Big Spring race organizer Craig Felty of Permian Basin Events for this year's RUN 2 LOVE 2 RUN.

"Felty organizes runs all around the area," said CASA of West Texas Marketing Specialist Kathy Harmon. "He contacted us a couple years ago and asked us to work with him on something like this. It's a really beautiful run on Scenic Mountain and it's a nice opportunity for people who like to run to come out and join us."

This year will mark the third annual run. It's a tradition that takes place every year, the weekend before Valentine's Day.

Run 2 Love 2 Run organizers encourage all participants to dress in a Valentine's Day-themed costume of their choosing for the costume contest that will be judged immediately following the run.

"We've had a great turnout in years past and the event has only grown in size since it started," said Harmon. "We're expecting good numbers this year as far as participation. Last year a running club joined and they were all over 70 years old, so this proves there is a place for all ages."

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to recruit, train, and support committed volunteers who are appointed by the court to advocate for the best interest of children in the foster care system.

In 1977, a Seattle juvenile court judge concerned about making drastic decisions with insufficient information conceived the idea of citizen volunteers speaking up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courtroom.

From that first program has grown a network of nearly 1,000 CASA programs that are recruiting, training and supporting

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How sweet it is



Courtesy Photo
 Thursday Feb. 1 was Candy Making Day at Parkview Nursing & Rehab Center located at 3200 Parkway Rd. The residents of Parkview all came together to visit, have fun, and made cotton candy and candy suckers. Shown in the top picture is Parkview resident, Virginia Kirkland, and Shelia Crockett, a volunteer from Kindred Hospice, sharing some cotton candy. In the bottom photo shows Parkview resident, Marie Pounds, helping herself to some of the cotton candy that was made by the residents there at Parkview.

Accident on FM 700



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens
 The Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring Police Department and Emergency Medical Services of Big Spring responded to a vehicular accident at the intersection of Birdwell and FM 700 this morning. One person was treated by EMS at the scene of the accident. The extent of injuries is unknown at this time.

Hawks win!



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
 Howard College's Amari McCray shoots over a defender during the Hawk's 76-69 win over New Mexico Junior College on the road in Hobbs, N.M. on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. See page 9.



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Obituaries

Russell Lee Henry



Russell Lee Henry, 40, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Russell was born Jan. 11, 1978, in Big Spring, Texas, to Karen Janise Daniels Henry and Jessie Dewaine Henry. He has been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne 1-504 "Red Devils." After his discharge, he began his career at Sendero Drilling. He was a rig manager and had been employed there for the last 10 years. Russell was an avid Dallas Cowboy and Texas Ranger fan.

He is survived by one daughter, Karissa Henry

(who is currently serving in the National Guard) and her mother Melissa of Fayetteville, North Carolina; one son, Logan Henry and his mother Stephanie of Big Spring; his mother, Karen Henry; his grandmother, Jonell Daniels, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Murphy Henry of Big Spring and Steven Henry of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; four nephews, Jackson, Nolan, Collin and Griffin and two uncles, Glen Daniels and Gordon Daniels both of Big Spring.

Russell was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Henry; his grandparents, Murphy Daniels and Violet "Limey" Melton and Jetti "Red" Henry.

Pallbearers will be Steven Henry, Murphy Henry, Jason Daniels, Jimmy Roper, Tommy Nester and Jacob Mendez.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to The Ranch @ Dove Tree, 1406 C.R. 5800, Lubbock, TX 79403 and 22 Kill, PTSD Organization, 13625 Neutron Road, Dallas, TX 75244.

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

Paid Obituary

Florida Bell Woodard



Florida Bell Woodard, 83, of Big Spring died Jan. 30, 2018. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Peace Chapel. The family will be at the funeral home Sunday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to meet guests.

Survivors include three sons, Emzie Jr. Woodard (Cynthia), Emmett Woodard and James Woodard (Marie) all of Big Spring; four daughters, Emily Turner (Lonnie) of Lubbock, Texas, Tammy Penny, Joyce Carr (Kenneth) both of Conyers, Georgia and Patricia Potts of Covington, Georgia; four sisters-in-law; 17 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Florida was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Emzie Woodard and 12 siblings.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at 1st and Austin. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of S Nolan. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5000 block of E FM 846. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W Marcy Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JERMEY EDWARD MOORE**, 19, of 1519 Sycamore St., was arrested on four warrant with other agencies.
- **DAVID GABRIEL TREVIÑO**, 45, of 5200 E Leisure Midland, was arrested on warrants of failure to identify giving false fictitious information, and two counts possession of dangerous

drug.

- **DANALD RAY HATCHCOAT**, 63, of 2419 Cactus, was arrested on a charge of driving with license invalid.
- **JOHN CARROLL RUTHERFORD**, 31, of 901 W 3rd St., was arrested on a warrant of terroristic threat cause.
- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 52, of 1900 Martin Luther Kind Blvd., was arrested

on a charge of violation of bond protective order.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1202 E 3rds St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1803 Nolan St.,
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 205 W 6th St.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported 4201 W Hwy 80.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of violation of bond protective order.
- **DONALD RAY HATCHCOAT**, 63, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid.

- **BRITTNEY JO HILGER**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of evading arrest detention with vehicle.

• **JEREMY EDWARD MOORE**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of expired driver's license, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **ERICA MORENO OCHOA**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of property less than or equal too \$20 to \$500.
- **NATHAN PRESCOT RICH-**

ARDSON, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bailing jumping and failure to appear, and on a charge of violation probation.

• **JOHN CARROLL RUTHERFORD**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of terroristic threat cause.

• **DAVID GABRIEL TREVIÑO**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of failure to identify giving false fictitious information, and two counts possession of dangerous drug.

Take Note

• Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lesson will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club, and the lessons will start Jan. 31. There will be five lessons at \$25 per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening.

If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• 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 ac-

cepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For information,; 432-935-3998.

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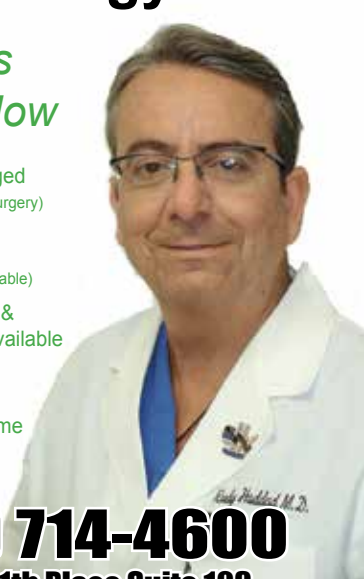
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SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

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Kidney Fest Benefit for Tim Underwood

February 3 from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Hosted by The Train Car Cigar Bar
100 S. Main Big Spring, TX 79720
A benefit with live music, silent auction, and BBQ plates for sale.

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US added strong 200K jobs in January; pay up most in 8 years

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers added a robust 200,000 jobs in January, and wages rose at the fastest pace in more than eight years, evidence of a consistently healthy job market. The unemployment rate remained 4.1 percent, the lowest level since 2000, the Labor Department said in its monthly jobs report Friday.

The pay gains suggest that employers are increasingly competing for a limited pool of workers. Raises stemming from Republican tax cuts and minimum wage increases in 18 states also likely boosted pay last month. The figures point to an economy on strong footing even in its ninth year of expansion, fueled by consumer spending and global growth.

The pickup in wages could make it likelier that the Federal Reserve will raise short-term interest rates more quickly in coming months. In anticipation of inflation pressures and of a possible acceleration of Fed rate hikes, investors sent the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note surging after the jobs report was released.

The yield reached 2.84, from 2.79 before the jobs report was released. Stock prices were also poised for a sharp drop.

In January, average hourly pay rose 9 cents to \$26.74 after an even bigger increase in December. Compared with 12 months earlier, wages are up 2.9 percent — the biggest gain since the recession ended eight years ago.

Weak wage growth has been one of the economy's most persistent shortcomings for nearly a decade. But with fewer workers to



AP photo

In this Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, photo, Grace Ochoa, of Performance Food Service, right, talks with a job applicant at a JobNewsUSA job fair in Miami Lakes, Fla. On Friday, Feb. 2, the U.S. government issues the January jobs report.

hire, employers are being forced to raise pay.

Hiring was broad-based last month. Construction companies added 36,000 jobs, lifted by demand for new homes and remodeling.

Manufacturers added 15,000, health care 26,000. Professional and business services, which includes highly-paid jobs in engineering and accounting, added 23,000. Restaurants, hotels, bars and entertainment gained 35,000.

Most other recent economic data have also been encouraging. Factories, for example, expanded rapidly in January, according to a survey of purchasing managers, in part because a weaker U.S. dollar and solid growth overseas have boosted U.S. exports.

And many Americans appear confident enough to buy homes: Sales of existing houses reached their highest level in 11 years in 2017. At the same time, would-be buyers are struggling to find suitable homes because so few properties are available for sale. The demand for housing helped lift home building in 2017 to its fastest pace in a decade. Construction companies added 210,000 jobs last year, the most in two years.

Victims' father tries to attack Larry Nassar in courtroom

By DAVID EGGERT

Associated Press
CHARLOTTE, Mich. — A father of three victims of Larry Nassar rushed toward and tried to attack the disgraced former sports doctor during a sentencing hearing Friday, after the judge declined his request for "five minutes" alone with Nassar in a locked room. He was quickly tackled by bailiffs.



AP photo

Two of the man's daughters had just addressed the court, saying they and another sister had been sexually abused by Nassar under the guise of medical treatment. Their father, Randall Margraves, then told the judge he was a "distraught father."

He looked at Nassar, shook his head and called him a profanity while speaking at the courtroom podium. The judge cautioned Margraves against using profanity. He then asked for "five minutes" alone with Nassar. When the judge said she couldn't allow that, Margraves asked for one minute. The judge again declined.

The father then lunged at Nassar, who was sitting nearby.

Crying could be heard in the courtroom as Nassar was escorted out. Assistant Attorney General Angela Povilaitis told families in the courtroom to "use your words," not violence.

"This is letting him have this power

over us," she said. "We cannot behave like this. I understand this is a remarkable situation. But you cannot do this. This is not helping your children. This is not helping your community. This is not helping us."

The incident occurred during the third and final sentencing hearing for Nassar on sexual abuse charges. The charges in this case focus on his work with Twistars, an elite Michigan gymnastics club. The hearing resumed after about 25 minutes.

More than 30 victims have given statements so far. During a similar hearing that ended last week, more than 150 girls and women came forward to say Nassar abused them under the guise of medical treatment.

More victims are expected to speak. The proceedings are likely to extend into next week.

Randall Margraves, father of three victims of Larry Nassar, left, lunges at Nassar, bottom right, Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, in Eaton County Circuit Court in Charlotte, Mich. The incident came during the third and final sentencing hearing for Nassar on sexual abuse charges.

RUN

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volunteers in 49 states and the District of Columbia.

In 1990, CASA of West Texas began representing abused children in court as an umbrella agency under Centers for Children and Families. CASA of West Texas became independent in April of 2000 and the organization has grown to serve volunteers and abused children in seven counties including Midland, Howard, Martin, Dawson, Gaines, Andrews and Glasscock Counties.

"We've been in Big Spring for a long time and a lot of people in the community still don't know we're here, said Harmon. "We served 134 just from Howard County in 2016."

Anyone interested in registering for RUN 2 LOVE 2 RUN can find information on how to do so online at www.active.com. The fee will be \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. You can also pay online. If registration fees are paid on the actual run day, the fee will be \$35 for individuals and \$65 for couples.

The front gate closes at 9:45 am, so participants have to be there before this time.

"If participants or anyone else in the community is interested in volunteering with us, we have a Feb 26 training coming up," said Harmon. "For more information on CASA, visit www.casawtx.org."

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BENEFIT

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And so, Kidney Fest was created to help the Underwoods raise money for his surgery and other expenses. This event will be held at The Train Car Cigar Bar, located at 100 S. Main St., and will take place on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Barney Dodd will emcee the event, and bands from all over the area will perform while a silent auction takes place. \$10 BBQ plates can be purchased and delivered to those attending or not attending the event, if needed. Drink specials will also be offered to event-goers.

Dodd and the Underwoods encourage community members to visit their GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com.

"You can find us on GoFundMe by searching for 'Kidney Fest' or 'Timothy Underwood', said Angela. Our goal amount is set to \$15,000 and this will go towards fees associated with Timothy's transplant surgery that will be taking place on Feb 13 at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Dallas, TX."

After conducting a search through the livingdonor.org website, Timothy Underwood's niece Misty Brosh was found to be a donor match for him.

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Kathrene Ann Charvarria, 46, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2018. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Russell Lee Henry, 40, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

William Langford Wood, Jr., 75, of San Diego, California, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10:
Run2Love2Run 5K:
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February 10:
Big Spring Symphony Presents "Winter Wonderland Concert":
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Trump says Republicans had a bumper year



AP photo

President Donald Trump pauses while speaking at the 2018 House and Senate Republican Member Conference at The Greenbrier, in White Sulphur Springs, WVa., Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018.

By CATHERINE LUCEY

Associated Press

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, West Virginia (AP) — President Donald Trump used a speech before GOP lawmakers Thursday to pat fellow party members on the back and take digs at Democrats just days after calling for bipartisan unity.

Trump also urged the passage of an immigration framework that has been lambasted by Democrats and some members of his party, making clear that he sees no room for compromise.

Speaking to the House and Senate Republicans at their annual legislative retreat at the luxury Greenbrier Resort, Trump claimed his first year in office was "one of the greatest years in the history of politics, in the history of our country, for a party, what we've done and what we've accomplished. I don't think it's been done."

That's despite a limited legislative record that includes a single, though sizable accomplishment: passage of the Republican tax bill.

Still, he said the party was unified like never before and claimed he'd now fulfilled "far more promises" than even he'd promised, dubbing his record: "promises plus."

Days after calling on both parties to come together in his State of the Union speech, Trump criticized Democrats for the less than enthusiastic reception they'd given him on Capitol Hill.

"They sat there stone cold, no smile, no applause," Trump said, suggesting that "perhaps they'd rather see us not do well than see our country do great. ... We have to change that."

Trump also urged those gathered to rally around a White House

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Holocaust survivor, US lawmaker Lantos gets Budapest statue

By PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — A statue of Hungarian-born U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos, the only Holocaust survivor ever to serve in the U.S. Congress, was unveiled Thursday in Budapest as those attending praised the man known for his advocacy of democracy and human rights around the world.

A California Democrat in office from 1981 until his death in 2008, Lantos frequently visited his homeland, often warning against anti-Semitism while also supporting Hungarian minorities in neighboring countries.

"During his whole life, his heart was in Hungary," said his widow Annette, speaking at the unveiling ceremony on what would have been Lantos' 90th birthday.

The top U.S. diplomat in Hungary remembered Lantos as "Hungarian by birth and a dedicated American by choice" who worked to build consensus and strengthen relations between the two countries.

"Tom Lantos called on all of us — not just those in government service, but all citizens, all human beings — to show courage in the face of fear, to smooth difficulties and correct mistakes," said David Kostelancik, the charge d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy. "He called on us to remember that the very essence of our civilization, the belief we hold most dear, is the inherent dignity and worth of every single person."

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AP photo

Standing next to the statue of late US Congressman of Hungarian origin Tom Lantos his two daughters, Annette Lantos Tillemann-Dick, left, and Katrina Lantos Swett, fourth right, his widow, Anette Lantos, seated, Mayor of the 13th district of Budapest Jozsef Toth, right, grandson of Lantos Tomicah Tillemann, second left, and husband of Katrina, Richard Swett, second right, applaud as one of Lantos' great-grandsons, third left, looks on during the unveiling ceremony in Budapest, Hungary, Thursday, Febr. 1, 2018.

Drought deepens dramatically in Southern California



AP photo

In this Wednesday Jan. 3, 2018 file photo, Grant Davis, director of the Dept. of Water Resources, center, discusses the results of the first snow survey of the season at the nearly snow barren Phillips Station snow course, near Echo Summit, Calif. California's water managers are carrying out their mid-winter snowpack survey Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, as the winter's dry spell persists.

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and RICH PEDRONCELLI

Associated Press

PHILLIPS STATION, Calif. — California is rapidly plunging back into drought, with severe conditions now existing in Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties — home to one-fourth of the state's population, a U.S. agency said Thursday.

The weekly report released by the U.S. Drought Monitor also shows 44 percent of the state is now considered to be in a moderate drought. It's a dramatic jump from just last

week, when the figure was 13 percent.

"It's not nearly where we'd like to be," Frank Gehrke, a state water official, said after separately carrying out manual measurements of winter snowfall in the Sierra Nevada, which helps supply water to millions of Californians. Overall, the vital snowpack stood at less than a third of normal for the date.

California lifted a drought state of emergency less than a year ago. A rainy winter snapped a deep five-year drought that forced

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Prosecutor resigns after lenient sentence for blind rapist

SULPHUR, Okla. (AP) — An Oklahoma prosecutor has resigned after negotiating a plea deal that gave probation to a legally blind man who raped a 13-year-old Texas girl at a church camp.

Murray County District Attorney Craig Ladd said he disliked the way the case was handled. On Wednesday, he announced the resignation of David Pyle, the assistant prosecutor who handled the case.

Pyle said Monday that a major factor in his decision not to insist on prison time was that the defendant was legally blind. Instead, Benjamin Lawrence Petty, 36, was sentenced to 15 years' probation after pleading guilty to first-degree rape and other charges.

"I want it to be known that I strongly disagree with the lenient manner in which the Benjamin Petty case in Murray County was prosecuted in many respects," Ladd said.

Under the terms of his probation, Petty will be required to wear an ankle monitor for 24 months, register as a sex offender and obtain treatment.

"Failure to hold perpetrators accountable regardless of their disabilities sends the wrong message to victims of crime," said Candida Manion, executive director of the nonprofit Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Petty pleaded guilty to attacking

the girl in 2016, while she was attending the Falls Creek church camp in southern Oklahoma. Petty, who was a cook at the camp, tied a rope around the girl's wrists, raped her and threatened to hurt her if she told anyone, according to investigators.

"There is a lack of knowledge about sexual assault within the criminal justice system, and what we know about violent offenders is that they will reoffend," Manion said.

Pyle said the girl's family agreed to the plea deal and that they "didn't want to make all the travels back and forth." However, the family's attorney, Bruce A. Robertson, disputed that statement.

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immigration proposal unveiled last week.

Trump said the plan, which would provide a path to citizenship for as many as 1.8 million young people living in the country illegally in exchange for money for his southern border wall and a major overhaul of the legal immigration system, represented the "center, mainstream

view of the American people."

Democrats have rejected the plan outright, accusing Trump of using the fight over "Dreamer" immigrants to push through a hyper-conservative immigration agenda, while some conservative Republicans have rejected it as "amnesty."

But Trump claimed that, if Democrats don't agree to the plan he's presented, it will be because they want the issue to animate voters in the 2018 midterm elections.

US says Syria may be using new weapons to deliver chemicals

By JOSH LEDERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Thursday accused Syrian President Bashar Assad's government of producing and using "new kinds of weapons" to deliver deadly chemicals despite committing to abolish its program in 2013, and said the world must find a way to stop it.

President Donald Trump has not ruled out additional military action to deter attacks or punish Assad, administration officials said, although they did not suggest any action was imminent. They emphasized that the United States was seeking a new way to hold chemical weapons-users accountable and wanted cooperation from Russia, Assad's patron, in pressuring him to end the attacks.

Raising the alarm about the continued threat, U.S. officials said it was "highly likely" that Assad kept a hidden stockpile of chemical weapons after 2013 that he failed to properly disclose. They said information gathered from recent alleged attacks also suggested that Assad retained a "continued production capacity" — also banned under the 2013 deal.

There were no indications that the Syria government, after seven years of civil war, had developed new, deadlier chemicals. Rather, the officials said they believed the weapons used to distribute the chemicals had evolved to become more sophisticated, potentially to evade international capability by making the origins of attacks harder to trace. The officials weren't authorized to speak on the record and briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

More recent attacks have involved both chlorine, which has nonchemical uses and is easier to acquire, and the more sophisticated chemical sarin, the officials said. They said that in recent years, Assad has also adjusted his tactics to reduce the chances that attacks will be attributed to his forces.

That has made evidence-collection more difficult,

though the U.S. believes it has a firm understanding of the extent of chemical use in Syria through a combination of intelligence, sample testing by third countries, and social media and other open-source information, the officials said.

Assad's government has denied using chemical weapons, and its chief ally, Russia, has claimed that the reports are false attempts to pressure Syria's government or provocations perpetrated by opposition groups. Syria and Russia have dismissed the conclusions of the Joint Investigative Mission, an expert body set up by the set up by the United Nations and Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, that determined Assad's government used chlorine gas in 2014 and 2015, and sarin in April 2017.

Use of such widely deplored weapons comes with great risk for Assad, raising questions about why he would take the chance. But the officials said the U.S. believes Assad's government sees chemical attacks as an effective way to terrorize rebels and sympathetic populations into fleeing, therefore altering the demographic balance in the Alawite heartland where Assad is trying to consolidate control. Assad is a member of the Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam that forms a minority of Syria's population.

Yet Syria's government isn't the only chemical weapons threat in the region, according to the officials. The Islamic State group continues to use them, they said, although the militants' arms are said to be more rudimentary.

Though IS no longer controls large parts of Syria or Iraq, the officials said the extremist group continues to use sulfur mustard, via artillery shells, and chlorine, delivered by improvised explosive devices. The officials noted that the underly-

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During World War II, the teenage Lantos, like many other Jews, was sent to a forced labor camp, this one not far from Budapest. He escaped but was caught and severely beaten, escaped again and managed to survive the final stages of the war with relatives in a Budapest safe house set up by Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who helped save the lives of thousands of Hungarian Jews by issuing Swedish diplomatic passes.

Lantos joined Wallenberg's anti-Nazi underground network, carrying messages, food and medicines around the Hungarian capital. Af-

ter the war ended, Lantos found out that his mother and other relatives had been killed in the Holocaust. At just 19, he arrived in the United States in 1947 on an academic scholarship.

In 1983, Lantos co-founded the bipartisan Congressional Human Rights Caucus, which after his death was renamed the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. In 2011, the Hungarian government and the U.S. Senate established the Budapest-based Tom Lantos Institute, a research institute and think-tank focusing mainly on Jewish and Roma issues.

In a video during Thursday's ceremony, former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden recalled being Lantos' guest in

Hungary and said he often cited a Lantos quote in his own speeches — "The veneer of civilization is paper thin. We are its guardians, and we can never rest."

The bronze statue with a special red patina, depicting a slightly larger-than-life Lantos sitting on a bench with his favorite dogs, was created by Mamikon Yengibarian, a Budapest-based Armenian sculptor. It was placed on Tom Lantos Promenade in Budapest's 13th district, near his high school, the Berzsenyi Daniel Gimnazium.

Yengibarian said he wanted to show "a magnificent, brilliant man who is not afraid ... and fights for justice and humanity until the end."

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water conservation.

The figures from the federal agency came amid growing concern among state officials about another dry winter.

The dry spell is acute in Southern California. Los Angeles and some surrounding areas have received only one significant storm in nearly a year. The region is now seeing record-setting heat.

The reading detailed Thursday shows the drought has significantly worsened in 5 percent of the state.

California's water managers trekked to the mountains to check the snow depth — one gauge of the state water supply. Electronic sensors show statewide snow levels at 27 percent of normal.

At the peak of California's recently ended five-year drought, Gov. Jerry Brown ordered 25 percent water con-

servation in cities and towns.

Heavy rains in Northern California last year finally snapped the drought, and Brown declared the emergency over in April.

But the drought never really seemed to end in some Southern California areas, notes Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at University of California, Los Angeles.

In Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, west of Los Angeles County, the lack of rain and dry vegetation were perfect fuel for a December wildfire that grew to become the largest recorded in state history. When it finally rained, the scorched earth turned into deadly mudslides.

Doug Carlson, spokesman for the state's Department of Water Resources, which carries out the snowpack surveys, said the dry weather is a growing concern, although reservoirs are still fuller than usual thanks to last year's rain in Northern California.



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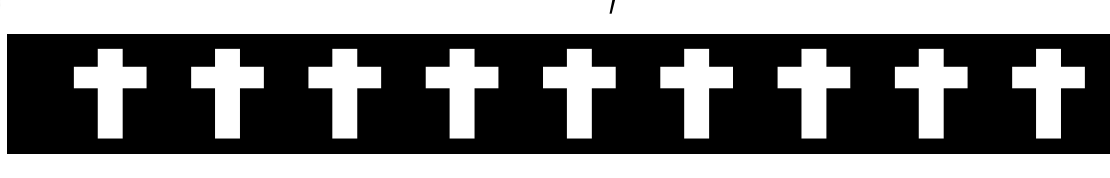
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First United Methodist Church

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, February 4, Pastor Derrell continues a sermon series on the Apostles of Jesus. The Apostle Jude is the subject of the sermon, and the scripture is from Luke 6: 12-16. 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 service videos on that Facebook page, including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior."

The church will recognize Boy Scout Sunday on February 4.

The Senior Adult Ministries (SAM's) will hold a "2018 New Year's Party" on Friday, February 16 at 6 p.m. The January 1 New Year's Party had to be rescheduled because of weather, but black-eyed peas will still be served.

United Methodist Women's Sunday is set for February 18. Special presentations will be made in both services on that Sunday.

Other scheduled activities coming up include Ash Wednesday services on February 14; Community Lenten Lunches; Confirmation Classes; Maundy Thursday Service on March 29; and Easter Services on Sunday, April 1. The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5.

The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. You may contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868.

Evening Adult Bible Study, Real Life, meets Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in Garrett Hall. Besides children and youth programs, an adult Bible study is also offered. The adult Bible study is led by Pastor Derrell, and is entitled "Sunday Sermon 2.0." Questions and group discussion help those who attend dig deeper into the scripture and sermon from the previous Sunday.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week continues in the series called Big Sandals:Retracing the Footsteps of Kings. Sunday's message comes from 1 Kings 15:11-15 and is called Morals Calling.

Wednesday youth and children's activities have resumed for the spring. 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 p.m. Van rides are available at 7 p.m.

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

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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to rejoice in The LORD with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Waltherhouse welcomes you to be a part of this dynamic group as they worship and study God's Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Fifth Sunday in Epiphany February 4, 2018 "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

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

Pastor Lamb or the church office please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

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

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is back. We

serve a meal from 5:30-6:30pm. Bible Study begins at 6:30pm. Our adult class is studying Lutheranism 101. The adult class will be led by Pastor Lamb. The youth will have a class led by Dolline Budke.

Bill Dorey will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

First Baptist Church

"O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!" Psalm 8:1

Join the First Baptist Church family Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. as they come together to worship the King of Kings and LORD of Lords, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in glorifying God through a selection of songs which include classic hymns of the faith and contemporary praise and worship music. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Fruit of the Spirit" based on Galatians 5:22-23. Titled "Kindness: Responding Sympathetically to a Hurting World," Sunday's message reminds listeners that believers in Christ are instruments through which God displays His divine compassion, and that true kindness is demonstrated by behaving toward others as God has behaved toward them. If you have mobility issues use the west circle drive, and someone will be happy to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship and hot coffee.

At 5:30, the new semester of Discipleship Classes meet. The classes are designed so you can join them at any time, even if you were unable to attend previously. These classes present the opportunity to grow in and apply your faith; the selection is:

"Turning Everyday Conversations Into Opportunities to Naturally Share Your Faith." Facilitated by John Long, participants will explore and learn creative, conversational, and natural ways to share the Gospel with those you already know; meets in Room 238(close to chapel and parlor).

"The Simplest Way to Change the World: Biblical Hospitality as a Way of Life." Facilitated by Mark and Sherry Lindsey, participants will focus on making a difference in the world simply by opening their front door, and offering a sincere warmth and friendliness to others, as a way to build relationships for Christ. This group meets in the Chapel.

"Authentic Love: Christ, Culture, and The Pursuit of Purity"-Especially for Grades 7-12. There will be separate groups for guys and gals, and topics to be discussed are: holiness, purity, and living Godly lives that reflect the character of Christ in each area of one's life, including sexual purity. Each session will include a video followed by Scripture study and plenty of discussion led by adults who have walked through this in life. Gals' location is Room 212; facilitated by Rebekah Raffini, Morgan Metcalf, and special guests. Guys' location is Room 217; facilitated by Charles Diaz, Bryan Samsel, and special guests.

"Ready to Launch: Jesus-centered Parenting in a Child-centered World." Facilitated by Jonathan Raffini and parents of former youth, this group will empower participants to parent with Jesus as the focus, and teach parents to develop and implement a Gospel centered approach to parenting.

Reflections: DoomsDay

Last week the Doomsday Clock moved to 2 minutes before midnight. Rachel Bronson, President of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists said, "As of today, we are two minutes to midnight. To call the world's nuclear situation dire is to underestimate the danger and its immediacy." The world has never been closer to its final apocalypse.

The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists was formed in 1945 by the Manhattan Project Scientists after the creation of nuclear weapons and the annihilation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II.

Its concerns have expanded to include environmental change and emerging technologies. The decision to move the Doomsday Clock forward 30 seconds included the increased dangers of global warming and development of artificial intelligence.

In light of increasing threats from North Korea, Japan recently adopted nuclear drills for survival of an attack. For the first time

in 70 years sirens wail, children run for shelter, adults hunker down behind walls hoping to find shelter while wondering if it would do any good.

On Dec. 1, 2017, Hawaii initiated monthly nuclear warning drills. At 8:07 a.m. on January 13 sirens sounded as smart phones lit up with the warning, "This is not a drill!" People panicked. It was a false alarm.

Stephen Hawking has concluded human survival on earth has less than 100 years.

While the scientific predictions are new, the destiny of life on earth is not. The Bible has predicted our fate for millennia. Jesus said, "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. ... For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will." (Matthew 24:7-8, 21).

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10).

But there is a differ-

ence. While many see little hope for human survival, the Bible sees the end time as an open door to the future. Jesus said, "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:30)

"The heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. (2 Peter 3:12-13)

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create." (Isaiah 65:17)

Those who have faith in Jesus Christ need not fear. Whether we live to see the end of days on this earth, we know that for each of us, our days will end. We are all mortal. God has created another dimension, another time and place, a new heaven and a new earth where life, joy and righteousness reign.

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

There will be video teaching by J.D. and Veronica Greer, with moderated discussion time. Additionally, there will be testimonies that will encourage and challenge participants how to best prepare their kids to enter the world with Jesus continuing to lead them. This group meets in Room 214(youth room).

Also at 5:30, the 'Worship Arts for Kids' program invites all area children to participate in this exciting time of learning about worship through music, drama, and instruments. Contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for additional details.

FBC's Triple LLL(Living Longer & Loving It) group invites you to join them Tuesday February 6 at noon in the church dining room for a wonderful time of fellowship and a delicious lunch. Bring a friend and enter through the east kitchen doors.

The Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open Thursday February 8 at 9 a.m. It is located on Lancaster one block behind HEB at Iglesias Central Church.

All area teens are invited to participate in the upcoming Discipleship-Now(DNOW)weekend. DNOW is February 9-11, and attendees will stay in local host homes. Cost is 30.00, and scholarships are available. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 or call the church at 432-267-8223 for details.

FBC Mother's Day Out program is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about available openings for your little ones, or go to fbcbigspring.com to download a registration form.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 pm and include: Adult Bible Study and prayer time, Adult choir practice, 'Saturate' youth group for teens, and Real LYF for children. Upward Basketball games continue Saturday January 27th. For game schedule, and additional information about how to support this fun Bible based sports program, call 432-267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

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CHURCH

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First Church of the Nazarene

Join us on Sunday Morning, Pastor Menefee will be bringing us a great messages about 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.

Small groups for both men and women meet Sunday morning at the Lancaster campus at 9 am while kids enjoy fellowship and breakfast before service.

Upcoming events:

Men's breakfast is this Saturday at 8 am in the fellowship hall. A couple retreat is also taking place February 9th and 10th featuring Paul Baskin. The retreat will start Friday at 6 pm and close Saturday at 5 p.m. See Howard Callender for more information and tickets.

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.

Spring Creek Fellowship

New Connection Groups are meeting now and include "What Does the Bible Say?," "Discovering Who You Are In Christ," "Malachi" starting January 30th, "Love and War" for married couples, "Chasing the Lion," "Men's 33 Series," and "A Walk Through The Gospel." All start at 9:15 on Sunday mornings!

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 to 1 a.m. If you are in need of food, please come see us! We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left!

You may also visit our Blessing Box just outside the front doors of the church entrance to get food. Donations are needed to keep us 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 or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

We have a new "App" for your use this year. It should be easier to work with have more applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download, and then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

KID CONNECTION: 1/28 Paul's first Journey, Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-28, check the Bible lesson under the Kid Connect tab, Winter 2017-18, at springcreekfellowship.org. Better yet, join us in the "yellow room" at Spring Creek this Sunday.

Keep an eye out for information about our "Winds of Change" Conference coming in February!

As Kids On A Mission, we have learned that our 126 shoeboxes sent for Operation Christmas Child are headed to Panama and Ecuador to bless children with the message of Jesus' and His love!

We are updating our files and need your help to make sure we have the correct information for you and your family. Please 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.

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SMALL THINGS

Is there anything that you cannot do by yourself? That really is a silly question. There are many things that I cannot do on my own. Sometimes, circumstances make me feel rather small and insignificant.



GREG
SURLS

In Matthew 13:31-33, Jesus told two stories about small things. He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven

that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." (ESV)

Too often, I believe, we have misused this principle. Kids have been told (maybe we have told our children this as well) that they are like the little acorn and the potential to become the mighty oak tree is all within them. Many kids have been told that they can be anything they want to be. While we want to encourage children to strive for excellence, we must realize that this thinking is very man-centered.

The one who causes the growth is God. God can take something that starts very small and cause it to grow beyond what we could have imagined. Only by the will of God could a small group of men start a movement in the far reaches of the Roman Empire and have it expand and spread from Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and ultimately around the world (ref. Acts 1:8).

Whenever we begin to think that we are unable to do anything, we can be encouraged by remembering that it is God who gives the increase and makes things grow. On the other hand, we must never begin to think that we can do it all ourselves without God. The power is in God and his word. His word is the seed (parable of the sower). The gospel (the good news of God's great work to redeem humanity through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus) is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16).

Keep in mind - it's not that things which start out small can become great, big things, but, rather, that God can and does use small, seemingly insignificant, things for his glory. If you don't think God can use you - think again! And, if good things are happening in your life, the devil will appeal to your pride and try to get you to boast in yourself. The Apostle Paul ex-

plained why God uses the weak and lowly in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." (ESV)

Greg Surles
Preacher
Birdwell Lane church
of Christ



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

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

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.

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

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

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes.

We hope and pray these songs will speak to you and draw you into His presence. We are so very proud of our Spring Creek worship team for stepping out and using their gifts for God and to witness to others! If you would like to get these songs,

go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

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Sunday-8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service
9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-noon- Narcotics Anonymous

7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study

Wednesday-Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study

Friday-

7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous

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

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Howard College's Jeremy Hayes takes a shot during the Hawks' 76-69 win over New Mexico Junior College on the road in Hobbs, N.M. on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018.



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Howard College's Corbyn Cunningham takes a three point shot during the Lady Hawks' loss to New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018.

Super Fan: 81-year-old has attended every Super Bowl



AP photo

In this Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018 photo (left) Donald Crisman poses with memorabilia from the 51 Super Bowls he has attended so far, at his home in Kennebunk, Maine. Crisman been to every Super Bowl and plans to attend this year's game between New England and Philadelphia in Minneapolis.

memories of the last Super Bowl in Minneapolis — in 1992 at the now-gone Metrodome.

He has a hat from the game bearing the Super Bowl XXVI logo that was signed by Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs, quarterback Mark Rypien and wide receiver Gary Clark. He is wide receiver Gary Clark. He is wide receiver Gary Clark. He is wide receiver Gary Clark.

SUPER BOWL THAT ALMOST WASN'T

Crisman's trip to the second Super Bowl in 1968 was an odyssey. He had made arrangements to take a private plane to the game in Miami but an ice storm made it impossible to fly.

Crisman was undaunted and managed to find a train that took 24 hours to get to Miami. "I can't believe how many times that train stopped," he

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By PATRICK WHITTLE
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Donald Crisman has more than a half-century of Super Bowl memories behind him, from taking a 24-hour train ride to Super Bowl II to seeing his beloved New England Patriots win in overtime last year.

But he says the 52nd Super Bowl featuring the Philadelphia Eagles and the Patriots on Sunday just might be

his final big game.

The 81-year-old resident of Kennebunk, Maine, is a member of the ever-shrinking "Never Miss a Super Bowl Club" that's attended every season finale since its inception in 1967. He has bought his own ticket every year except one.

Crisman was featured in a 2010 Visa commercial along with three friends who had attended every Super Bowl. He is attending this game with a

heavy heart because friend Larry Jacobson of San Francisco died last fall. Crisman said attending the game without Larry would be different, and he might not have gone if the Patriots weren't in it.

He shared some of his favorite memories with The Associated Press.

LAST TIME IN MINNEAPOLIS
Crisman prefers the warmer venues for the Super Bowl. But he has fond

James Harden leads Rockets past Spurs 102-91

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Houston Rockets used their offense to roll past San Antonio in December. This time, they shut down the Spurs with their defense.

James Harden had 28 points and 11 assists, and Houston dominated San Antonio for the second time this season with a 102-91 victory Thursday night.

"It's really good for us, especially that we did it the right way," Rockets center Clint Capela said. "This second game, we did it the right (way) by being present defensively all game long, keep them under control, it's going to be a good confidence to everybody on the team."

Capela added 14 points and 13 rebounds in Hous-

ton's third straight win.

The Rockets led by as many as 19 points in the first matchup between the Texas rivals since the Spurs' 124-109 blowout loss on Dec. 15 in Houston.

The Spurs' only lead came in the opening minutes. They trailed by double digits for much of the night.

"It's a great step," Harden said. "All night defensively we were locked in. We just got stops. We knew at some point they were going to make a run, especially in that second half. We held our composure."

San Antonio scored the first points of the fourth quarter to close to 82-76 with 10 minutes remaining. But Chris Paul responded for Houston.

The veteran point guard, who is nursing a sore right groin, apologized to coach Mike D'Antoni for being too cautious and allowing the Spurs to get

back into the game.

"I was like, alright, we tripping," Paul said. "Let me go ahead."

Paul hit three jumpers to rebuild Houston's lead to 88-76.

"In the end, a couple of great players hit shots," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "I thought Chris was great in the midrange. He hit about three or four in a row and of course James hit a couple of 3s there back to back. That's talent taking over."

The Rockets finished 14 for 42 on 3-pointers.

Danny Green had 22 points to lead San Antonio in scoring for the first time this season. LaMarcus Aldridge was held to 16 points on 8-for-15 shooting.

"For us, offensively is probably the problem," Green said. "That's kind of new, rare. They say

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

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Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥

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

- ♠ 5 ♥ 9873 ♦ Q82 ♣ AQJ64
- ♠ 1063 ♥ J52 ♦ KJ542 ♣ A7
- ♠ QJ4 ♥ 96 ♦ A1075 ♣ KJ82
- ♠ KQ85 ♥ A8743 ♦ 10 ♣ Q76

1. Three hearts. Responses by a player who has previously passed are in a different category from those made by a player who did not previously pass. Obviously, a player who fails to open the bidding at his first turn denies the values required for an opening bid. His partner is therefore permitted to pass any response he makes if he thinks game is not possible opposite a passed hand.

Thus, a two-club response here would not compel partner to bid again, even though, without a prior pass, it would be 100 percent forcing. For this reason, you should immediately show your support for partner's hearts, while at the same time inviting him to go to game. The three-heart bid can be passed when partner thinks a game can't be made,

but the jump-raise is far more likely to induce a further bid from him than a response of two clubs.

2. Two hearts. This is preferable to either one notrump or two diamonds, either of which partner may pass. The heart raise has a better chance of spurring a further bid from partner because the knowledge of a trump fit will increase the overall value of his hand.

3. Two notrump. Ordinarily this response would indicate 13 to 15 high-card points, notrump distribution and stoppers in the three unbid suits. But after a player has passed originally, the point-count requirement becomes 11 or 12. In the present case, any response other than two notrump is unthinkable.

4. Four hearts. Evaluated in support of partner's opening one-heart bid, this hand now assumes the stature of a full opening bid. The golden rule that an opening bid facing an opening bid means game can therefore be applied, and you should bid it directly.

It would be foolhardy to raise partner to only three hearts and run the risk of a pass. This hand is far too likely to produce 10 tricks to justify taking such a risk.

Tomorrow: A sure thing.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Virgo Moon Rules Groundhog Day

The Virgo moon rules this Groundhog Day, suggesting that Punxsutawney Phil -- seer of seers, sage of sages, prognosticator of prognosticators and weather prophet extraordinaire -- will be reticent to make a determination this year, as high stakes always seem much higher under this moon of perfectionism.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Interesting characters will fill your scene. The more you study them, the more fascinating they get. It helps that you seem to know just the question to unlock the good stories.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't have to wave your hands mysteriously, chant words or concoct recipes involving "eye of newt, wing of bat" to cast a spell over someone. You accomplish maximum enchantment just by being you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sometime in the future when you have urgent or exciting news to share, you'll discover that your reach is outstanding, largely due to the work you do today, building casual goodwill.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Much will be accomplished in small increments. If you'd like to have more faith in life's process, note what the ocean did to the mountain -- ground it into a softy, sandy beach. One wave at a time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It is a commonly held belief in the current era that the life of a child should be as easy and magical as possible. In earlier times, many children were sent off to work at age 8. Your inner child feels like a factory worker today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). They may say that this is a laid-back, easygoing kind of commitment, but don't believe the lip service. There's a tacit expectation here. And where there is an expectation, there is work to be done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's better to be overdressed than underdressed. But more importantly, it's

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 1, 26 and 31.

WEEKEND

LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Be enthusiastic about the date and it only gets better. TAURUS: Do what it takes to keep the relationship fresh and surprising. If you don't know what to do, read up. GEMINI: Questions of honor and integrity might surface, and you'll

better to be dressed like you than like someone else. Actually, you may enjoy rethinking the sartorial part of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The ideal would be a focused effort. Persistent efforts are good; consistent efforts, even better. But it's the fact you're making an effort at all that makes the biggest difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The late great George Burns suggested, "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city." Your support system can take many forms.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When it's very easy to get to know someone, it's usually an indication of a well-developed outer layer of personality. It's always deeper than that, though, which you know and discover more about every day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're disarming. Maybe it's because you really do believe in the goodness of people. You know how to question someone's views without questioning their integrity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Casual conversation is a window. Small interactions deliver everything, especially to ones as sensitive and intuitive as you. Now the question is: How much do you want to know?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 2). It's a year to be bold. Happiness will increase with the force of intention to do good work, to love more fully and to take on responsibilities. You can handle this! The money you spend to improve your surroundings and the way you operate inside them will pay you back in joy and also in dollars.

other test. CANCER: With trust, love follows naturally. LEO: People will show you that they cherish you -- if you just give them a hint about the best way to go about it. VIRGO: It's the look from across a crowded room that will be remembered most. LIBRA: You have the power and the tools to relieve someone's pain. SCORPIO: Road rage is a sign of emotional immaturity, a character flaw and a red flag. If you're the one, work on it. If they're the one... be wary. SAGITTARIUS: Sometimes you have to itch before you mend. CAPRICORN: You like a pretty face, but the one who makes you laugh will be absolutely irresistible. AQUARIUS: Maybe you don't know exactly how to say what you need to say, but start!

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COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Libra and Aquarius are intellectual equals who become unequal when they get together, because one will try and up the other, and then the other will top that. The result is that they're both 10 times smarter for knowing each other. But does this kind of mind exercise lead to love? Respect and shared experience will be at the heart of it if it does.

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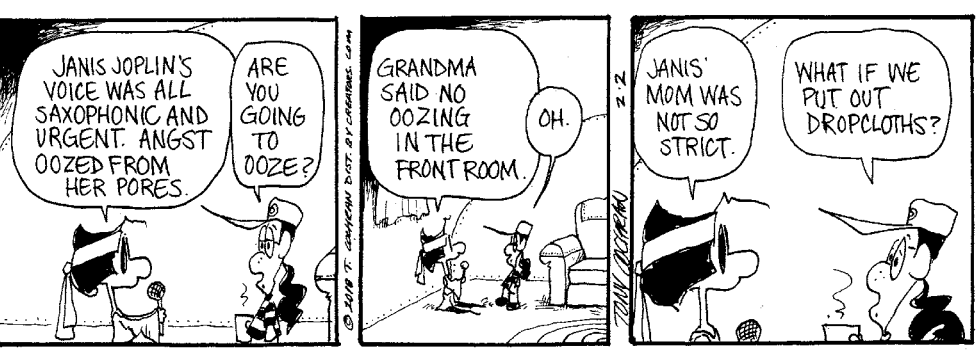
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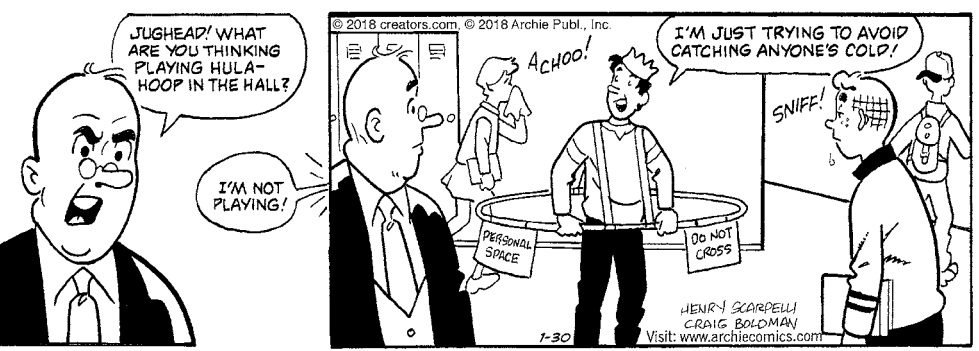
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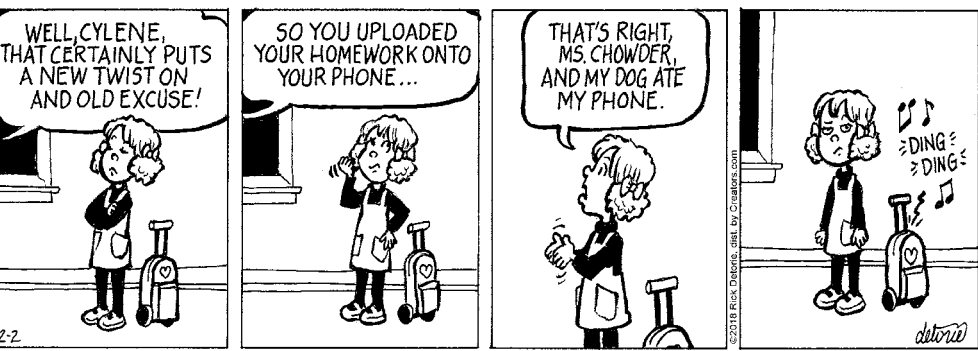
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2018. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 2, 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II. On this date: In 1536, present-day Buenos Aires, Argentina, was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain. In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated. In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War, was signed. In 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival. In 1914, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co. The musical "Shameen Dhu," featuring the song "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ral," opened on Broadway. In 1925, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana. In 1932, Duke Ellington and His Orchestra recorded "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" for Brunswick Records. In 1959, public schools in Arlington and Norfolk, Virginia, were racially desegregated without incident. In 1964, Ranger 6, a lunar probe launched by NASA, crashed onto the surface of the moon as planned, but failed to send back any TV images. In 1971, Idi Amin, having seized power in Uganda, proclaimed himself president. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan pressed his case for additional aid to the Nicaraguan Contras a day ahead of a vote by the U.S. House of Representatives. (The three major broadcast TV networks declined to carry the speech, which was covered by CNN; a divided House voted to reject Reagan's request for \$36.2 million in new aid.) In 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela. Ten years ago: A gunman killed five women at a Lane Bryant store in Timley Park,

Illinois, in an apparent botched robbery (the case remains unsolved). French President Nicolas Sarkozy (sahr-koh-ZEE') and former supermodel Carla Bruni were married at the presidential Elysee Palace. Former Washington Redskins players Art Monk and Darrell Green were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame along with New England linebacker Andre Tippett, San Diego/San Francisco defensive end Fred Dean, Minnesota/Denver tackle Gary Zimmerman and senior committee choice, Kansas City cornerback Emmitt Thomas. Former Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz died at age 98. Actor Barry Morse died in London at age 89. Five years ago: Former Navy SEAL and "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle was fatally shot along with a friend, Chad Littlefield, at a gun range west of Glen Rose, Texas; suspect Eddie Ray Routh (rowth) was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Coach Bill Parcells, Warren Sapp, Cris Carter, Jonathan Ogden and Larry Allen were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings closed out the season with two of the top NFL awards from The Associated Press: Most Valuable Player and Offensive Player of the Year. Actor John Kerr, 81, died in Pasadena, California. One year ago: Declaring that religious freedom was "under threat," President Donald Trump vowed to repeal a rarely enforced IRS rule that said pastors who endorse candidates from the pulpit risked losing their tax-exempt status. Using a backhoe to smash through a barricade of water-filled footlockers, police stormed Delaware's largest prison, ending a nearly 20-hour hostage standoff with inmates; one hostage, a guard, was killed. Today's Birthdays: Former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing (val-eh-REE' ZHEES'-kahr deh-STANG') is 92. Actor Robert Mandan is 86. Comedian Tom Smothers is 81. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 76. Television executive Barry Diller is 76. Actor Bo Hopkins is 74. Country singer

Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 72. TV chef Ina Garten (EE'-nuh) is 70. Actor Jack McGee is 69. Actor Brent Spiner (SPY'-nur) is 69. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 69. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is 66. The former president of South Korea, Park Geun-hye (goon-hay), is 66. Model Christie Brinkley is 64. Actor Michael Talbot is 63. Actress Kim Zimmer is 63.

Actor Michael T. Weiss is 56. Actor-comedian Adam Ferrara is 52. Rock musician Robert DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 52. Actress Jennifer Westfeldt is 48. Rock musician Ben Mize is 47. Rapper T-Mo is 46. Actress Marissa Jaret Winokur is 45. Actress Lori Beth Denberg is 42. Rock musician Jesse Siebenberg (Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real) is 42.

Singer Shakira is 41. Actor Rich Sommer is 40. Country singer Blaine Larsen is 32. Actress Zosia Mamet is 30. Thought for Today: "It was naive of the 19th century optimists to expect paradise from technology — and it is equally naive of the 20th century pessimists to make technology the scapegoat for

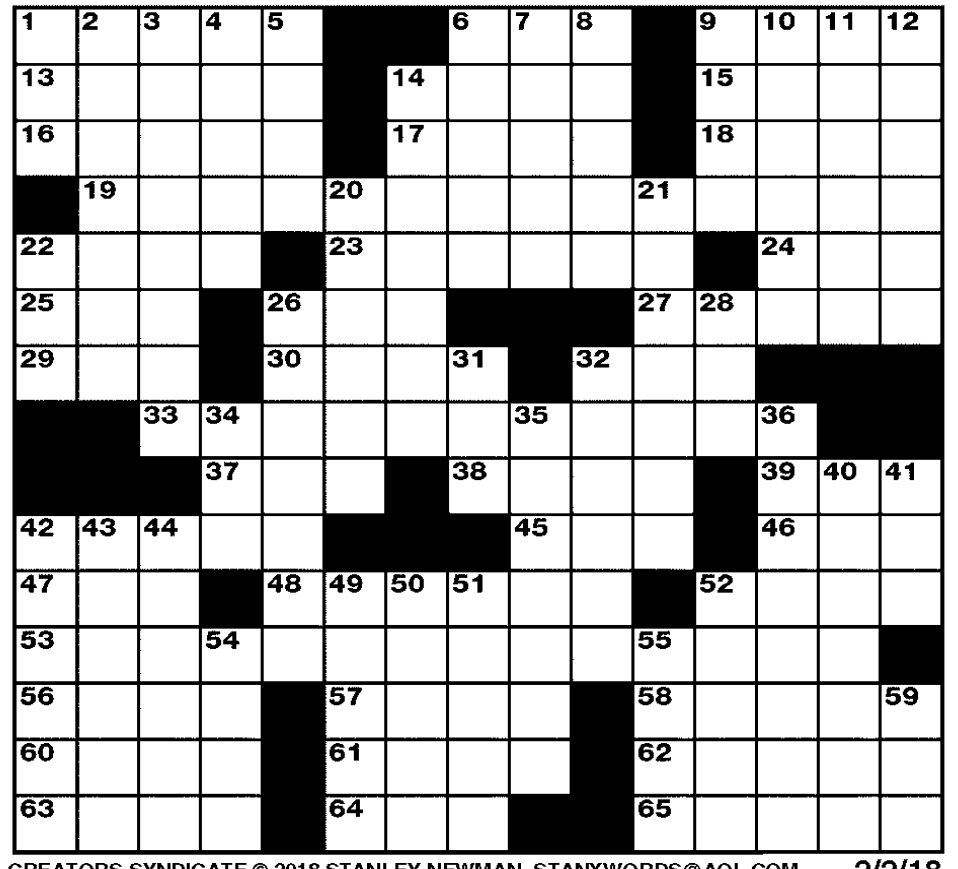
such old shortcomings as man's blindness, cruelty, immaturity, greed and sinful pride." Peter F. Drucker Austrian-born American business management consultant (1909-2005). © 2018 The Associated Press.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS 1 They're not serious 6 With 14 Across, films like Pretty Woman 9 Opposite of "glossy" 13 Island near Naples 14 See 6 Across 15 Tiger's habitat 16 Lag behind 17 48 Across' first UN ambassador 18 Allowed to use 19 Big Apple icon 22 Stage assistance 23 Marco Polo's hometown 24 "Lords a-leaping" count 25 Only president with three VPs 26 Director Anderson 27 Recreational athletics 29 Series that had a Cyber spin-off 30 URL opener 32 Parts of a range: Abbr. 33 Carl Sagan book 37 Biomedical research agcy. 38 Lab work 39 Tolkien creature 42 Minutemen's school 45 Vision, in brand names 46 Disorganization metaphor 47 Wheel's edge 48 UN member since 1949 52 Impel 53 Artist's implements 56 River near the Leaning Tower

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ROCKETS

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defense wins championships, but you still have to be able to score. Right now, we are trying to find that rhythm, that identity, flow."

Houston scored 27 points off 16 turnovers while San Antonio was only able to produce four points off nine turnovers.

Gerald Green added 15 points for the Rockets, and Ryan Anderson had 13 points.

TIP-INS

Rockets: G Eric Gordon was listed as questionable, but did not play due to low back stiffness. ... F Trevor Ariza missed his second straight game with a strained left hamstring. ... Capela recorded his 25th double-double in 45 games this season. He had 25 double-doubles over 154 games in his first three seasons.

Spurs: Kawhi Leonard remains out with what the Spurs call return from injury management due to right quadriceps tendinopathy. He was not in uniform for a second straight game after being dressed and sitting on the bench in the first two games of the five-game homestand. ... Aldridge has led the Spurs in scoring in 39 of 50 games, the most of any player in the league this season.

UP NEXT

Rockets: Visit Cleveland on Saturday night.

Spurs: Host Utah on Saturday night.

HONORING RASUAL

San Antonio observed a moment of silence before the game to honor former Spurs player Rasual Butler.

Butler and his wife, Leah LaBelle, were killed in a single-car crash early Wednesday.

Popovich described Butler as a "good person in every way."

"It's always a shock, always a loss, but much more so to their own families," Popovich said. "And, obviously, his wife was with him, which makes it even more tragic. We feel for all the family, and that's where your thoughts have to go, and once again be amazed, it can happen to any of us at any time."

NEW LOOK

Paul and Tony Parker have had some memorable battles during their storied careers, but they weren't on the court together often Thursday night now that the Spurs' veteran is coming off the bench.

"That definitely is odd," Paul said of Parker not starting. "T.P., that's my guy. I've known T.P. since day one, since I was in college. It is, but he's still going to be him. He's just a consummate pro, whatever I'm sure Pop asks him to do, he's going to do."

SUPERFAN

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said. "It was agonizing, to say the least."

FAVORITE VENUES

The Miami area, which will set a record by hosting its 11th Super Bowl in 2020, is Crisman's favorite place to see the game. He's also a fan of San Diego, which has hosted three times.

Crisman is "not a fan of these winter bowls," occasionally held at indoor stadiums in Indianapolis, Detroit and Minneapolis. But when asked about his worst experience at a Super Bowl venue, he cannot think of one.

TOP PLAYS

The Rhode Island native has been a Patriots fan since the team's inception in 1960, so his favorite Super Bowl play of all time is fittingly James White's overtime, game-winning touchdown last year. Previously, he was the subject of endless teasing because his favorite plays were a pair of field goals.

Specifically, field goals that won Super Bowls for the Patriots in 2002 and 2004.

"I've been laughed at and kind of ridiculed. 'You can't have a field goal be your favorite play,'" he said. "Well, I do."

WILL HE KEEP GOING?

Crisman's crew at the Super Bowl included Jacobson and Pittsburgh Steelers fan Tom Henschel and Green Bay Packers fan Bob Cook, who also had attended every game. But the group has dwindled to just him and Henschel after the death of Jacobson last year and Cook, who died in 2011. He's welcoming Jacobson's daughter Heather on Sunday and expects to shed a few tears when she sits in what would have been her dad's seat.

His son, Don Jr., called his dad "the most consistent force in football." He said it will be different when his father no longer goes to the big game. After 51 Super Bowls and counting, the elder Crisman said that day might be coming soon.

"I'm thinking about it," he said. "But this year, I'm taking the Patriots."

Beck's OT layup gets Coastal Carolina past Texas State 56-54

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Demario Beck made a layup at the buzzer to lift Coastal Carolina to a 56-54 overtime victory over Texas State on Thursday night.

Nijal Pearson's two free throws tied the game at 54 for the Bobcats with 1:05 to play. Ajay Sanders missed a 3 for the Chanticleers on the ensuing possession, but Texas State committed a turnover before Beck made the game-winner.

Neither team had more than a three-point lead since midway through the second half.

Artur Labinowicz scored 14 points to lead Coastal Carolina (11-13, 5-6 Sun Belt Conference). Zac Cuthbertson added 12 points and Jaylen Shaw had 10. Beck finished with four points, with his first points of the game coming on a pair of free throws with 2:55 to play in the extra period.

Pearson scored 16 points to lead Texas State (14-10, 7-4).

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First Presbyterian Church

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

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

The Children's Sunday School classes will be working on banners and studying about the significance of Lent and Easter in anticipation of presenting the banners at the Easter worship service.

This Sunday, February 4, the Annual Congregational Meeting and a Potluck Lunch will be after worship. There will be a guest speaker for worship: Sara Potts Schmidt Lisherness, Director of the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Division of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. During the Congregational Meeting the congregation will vote on the terms of dissolution for Pastor Holstedt prior to his retirement.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary passages for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany are Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20; I Corinthians 9:16-23; and Mark 1:29-39. Sara P. Lisherness, Director of the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Division of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, is the guest speaker. Rev. Craig Holstedt will officiate at Communion. The Chancel Choir will present "We Are One in the Spirit" by Peter Sholtes as the anthem and a Korean hymn by Paul Junggap Huh and Hyan Chul Lee, "Come to the Table," as the Communion hymn.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m.

If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org.

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

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, January 14th - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service as we launch of our brand new Series entitled, "Elephant In The Room."

During this series we will journey through 10 or so weeks of sensitive, but relevant subjects that are often times not spoken of nor touched on particularly in the Church community. 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.

Tuesday, January 16th- Join us each Tuesday for 7 weeks from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the ARC as we study and learn with Natasha Bailey on the book Made to Crave by Lysa Terkeurst. For this class You will need to purchase your book. The journal & Study guide are NOT needed for this class.

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 February 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. Monday, February 12th-Join Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry in the ARC from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. As we encourage and equip each other in God's word. Bring your favorite dish to share for food, fun and fellowship. For more info contact Debbie Reiger @432-935-1257

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 9:00am, 11:00am and Wednesday at 7pm for worship services.

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FOOTBALL PARTY



Fire up fellow football fans with smoked wings



The Super Bowl is nearly here, and that means scores of football fans are readying themselves for a day spent fraternizing with friends and indulging in all of the great food that has become synonymous with the biggest day in American professional sports.

No football feast is complete without wings, and this year Super Bowl party hosts can satisfy their guests' needs for this beloved bar snack with the following recipe for "Virgil's Smoked

Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip" from Neal Corman's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press).

1. To make the dip, combine 1 cup of the blue cheese, mayonnaise, buttermilk, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and salt in the bowl of a food processor and blend on low until smooth.

2. Remove to a medium heat mixing bowl and fold in the rest of the blue cheese, scallions and celery, being sure to break up the large blue

cheese crumbles. Place in a covered container and refrigerate overnight.

3. Mix all the marinade ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Place the wings in a large container with a lid and pour the mixture over the wings. Toss until the wings are thoroughly coated. Cover and refrigerate for 2 days.

4. Preheat the grill or smoker to 245 F.

5. Spread out the wings on a sheet pan and wipe away any excess marinade. Sprinkle liberally with the dry rub, coat-

Virgil's Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip

Serves 4

Blue Cheese Dip
2 cups blue cheese crumbles, divided
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup buttermilk
2 teaspoons hot sauce
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 cup finely chopped scallions
1/4 cup finely chopped celery

Marinade

1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup hot sauce

4 tablespoons Virgil's Dry Rub (see below)
4 tablespoons granulated garlic
4 tablespoons granulated onion
Juice of 1/2 lemon

Wings

8 large chicken wings
1/2 cup Virgil's Dry Rub (see below)
Sauce
10 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 teaspoon cornstarch
4 tablespoons white vinegar
3/4 cup hot sauce
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

ing the wings all over.

6. Position the wings on the grill away from the direct heat of the coals or burners, and add hickory to the smoker, or hickory chips on the coals or gas burners.

7. Cook the wings for about 3 hours, flipping every 30 minutes (their internal temperature should be about 165 F when cooked).

8. While the wings are cooking, cut the butter for the sauce into 1-inch cubes and refrigerate. Whisk the cornstarch into the white vinegar, in a small bowl.

9. In a medium sauté pan over medium heat, bring the hot sauce to a simmer and whisk in the thickened vinegar. Return to a simmer, cook for 1 minute, and remove from the heat.

10. Add the cayenne and slowly whisk in the cold butter. Keep warm until serving.

11. Remove the wings from the smoker or grill and put half of them into a bowl, cover with the sauce, and toss. Repeat with the remaining wings and serve on a platter, with the blue cheese dip on the side.

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