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Big Spring elementary, junior high students excel at UIL Academic meet



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Elementary-aged UIL academic contestants walk in line to their event Wednesday at Big Spring Intermediate School as other students line up. BSI and Big Spring Junior High School hosted elementary and junior high contestants at the District UIL meet. During the meet, 21 Big Spring students took first-place awards in their events, while many other local students placed in the top six.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Both Big Spring Junior High School and Big Spring Intermediate School experienced UIL firsts Wednesday. It was the first time either school had hosted a District UIL Academic Meet, and Big Spring students kept quite a

few of the honors at home. "We are extremely proud of our students here at BSISD," said BSI Principal Patsy Sanchez. "They worked hard and did a great job. All of this could not have been possible without our teachers giving up time afterschool to

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Famous Elle storefront appears on Main St.



HERALD photo/Brie Miller

Happen to spot the new downtown storefront on Main Street? The Famous Elle sign made its debut Thursday afternoon just in time for the grand opening celebration, which is scheduled for this evening at 5 p.m. Join in welcoming the new boutique to Big Spring with bubbly, snacks, a braid bar, early bird goodie bags and discounts, and even a chance to score a \$50 gift card.

Gingerbread houses galore!



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

These photos show two of the gingerbread houses that were turned in for this year's Big Spring Heritage Museum Gingerbread Competition. Gingerbread creations will remain on display at the Museum through Dec. 21, 2017, and you have until then to stop by and vote for your favorite. "The winner will be chosen by a People's Choice Vote and announced on Dec. 20. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$100.00," said Schrecengost. "Be sure to come see all the gingerbread homes that will be put together and all the wonderful Christmas trees in the Christmas Tree Forest, at the Big Spring Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry."

Grace Fellowship Craft Show

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Christmas is in full swing with gift giving being an integral part of the holiday season. It can be a little stressful finding just the right gift for those on your "good list," and sometimes you just need a little Heavenly guidance to get through the holiday shopping. That's why Grace Fellowship Church will be hosting a craft show for the public of Howard County, inviting local residents to come find a special gift for a special someone.

Grace Fellowship Church of God, 603 Tulane Ave., will host the Grace Fellowship Craft Show Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Grace Fellowship has been doing the craft fair for at least five years that I have known of...could be longer," said Sam Denton, President of the Women's Ministry. "The proceeds are for the Women's Ministry: Women of Grace. It does allow us to give back to the women

in the ministry by providing them funds to be able to go to retreats or assist them in any way we can, by sending flowers if in the hospital, or providing meals to the family for women who are 'out of pocket.'"

During the Craft Show there will be many

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Courtesy photo

This photo displays just one Christmas-themed decoration that will be found at the Grace Fellowship Craft Show Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grace Fellowship Church of God, 603 Tulane Ave.

Notice: Scenic Mountain Medical Group Gregg Street providers Leslie Berry, FNP; Sheri Nichols, FNP and Brandi Webb, FNP will be moving back to the Gregg Street location at 2301 Gregg Street on Monday, Dec. 10. "We appreciate our patients for bearing with us as we repaired the damage caused from a flood at the Gregg Street location earlier this month," Amanda Duforat, SMMC Marketing Manager said.

Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



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Obituaries

Jacqueline "Jackie" Marchant Simpson



Jacqueline "Jackie" Marchant Simpson, 84, of Big Spring, went to be with our Lord Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, at Marcy Place. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Courtney Ballard, pastor of Circuit Riders Cowboy Church, officiating. Graveside services will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at the funeral home.

Jackie was born Dec. 27, 1933, in Dallas and married Bob Simpson May 10, 1952. He preceded her in death April 15, 2002. Jackie, the daughter of Archie and Genevieve Marchant, lived in Lubbock until the age of 7 and then moved to Big Spring. She was a member of the First Christian Church where she served as the church organist for over 30 years. She was celebrated as an Elder Emeritus, often delivering Communion to the elderly and home-bound.

She was active in Isaiah 58.

After raising her family, she completed an Associate Degree in Business at Howard College, worked at the Big Spring State Hospital as a Staff Development Coordinator, eventually retiring from there.

Jackie is survived by a son, Chris Simpson and wife, Rhonda of Big Spring; a daughter, Gina Elson of Austin; six grandchildren, Jeff Simpson, Melanie Hickman, Travis Simpson, John Elson, Ginger Melton, Sara Elson and husband, Stephen Adams; six great-grandchildren, Kara and Madison Melton; and six sisters-in-law, Kay Simpson and Barbara Marchant Elliott.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Ricky Simpson; a brother, Charlie; four brothers-in-law and three sisters-in-law. She will be missed by friends and family.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Isaiah 58, 809 Scurry St., Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Paid Obituary

James E. Williams Sr



James E. Williams, Sr., 77, of Stanton, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, in Odessa. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton.

James was born Dec. 18, 1940, in Stanton, Texas, to Marcia Jenkins Williams and R.B. Williams.

James is survived by his wife Elnora Williams of Midland; six sons, Mark Williams and wife Tiffany of Henderson, Herbert Moore and wife Phyllis of Big Spring, Curtis Moore and wife Leonor of Austin, James Williams, Jr. of Killeen, Darrel Williams and wife Kristy of Lamesa and Darryl Williams and wife Erica of Stanton; two daughters: Carol Doughty and husband Sam of Ft. Wayne, IN and Marcia Holguin and husband Israel of Killeen; 27 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.

James was preceded in death by two sons: Randall Williams and James Williams, Jr.; the mother of his children: Faye Williams and a great grandson Jaylen Williams.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, of 1611 S Owens St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ABEL SILVA**, of 400 block of Ne 10th St., was arrested on warrants of an outstanding agency, and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- **CLIFFORD PAUL COOPER**, of 3017 Oasis Rd., was arrested on

aggravated sexual assault, and continuous sexual abuse of child victim.

- **CODY DEWANE LAIRD**, of 3019 44th St., was arrested on an unauthorized use motor vehicle, no class M Endorsement, expired registration, fail to appear.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of S Owens.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1700 block of E FM 700.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was re-

ported in the 700 block of W I 20, and in the 3000 block of N Hwy 87.

- **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported on Baymont Inn, and in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80, 1000 block of Hearn St., and in the 1300 block of S Scurry St., and in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.
- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

• **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, was arrested by BSPD on an outstanding warrant.

• **ABEL SILVA**, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of an outstanding agency, and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

• **CLIFFORD PAUL COOPER**, was arrested by HCSO on aggravated sexual assault, and continuous sexual abuse of child victim.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Art Association will have its Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 15th at 6 p.m. We will be at Ben and Sandee Lockhart's home. Anyone interested in art of any kind is welcome to come. Come see what we are all about.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

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• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial

challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

• 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.

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Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

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

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

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

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

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WEST TEXAS – The USGS has made a major announcement regarding oil and gas resources in West Texas.

According to a release, the Wolfcamp Shale and overlying Bone Spring Formation in the Delaware Basin portion of Texas and New Mexico's Permian Basin is believed to contain 46.3 billion barrels of oil, 281 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, and 20 billion barrels of natural gas liquids.

Back in 2016 the USGS assessed the area and found it to be the largest estimate of continuous oil in the United States.

"Christmas came a few weeks early this year," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. "American strength flows from American energy, and as it turns out, we have a lot of American energy. Before this assessment came down, I was bullish on oil and gas production in the United States. Now, I know for a fact that American energy dominance is within our grasp as a nation."

"In the 1980's, during my time in the petroleum industry, the Permian and similar

mature basins were not considered viable for producing large new recoverable resources. Today, thanks to advances in technology, the Permian Basin continues to impress in terms of resource potential. The results of this most recent assessment and that of the Wolfcamp Formation in the Midland Basin in 2016 are our largest continuous oil and gas assessments ever released," said Dr. Jim Reilly, USGS Director. "Knowing where these resources are located and how much exists is crucial to ensuring both our energy independence and energy dominance."

According to the USGS, these estimates consist of undiscovered, technically recoverable resources. The USGS defines them with the following:

"Undiscovered resources are those that are estimated to exist based on geologic knowledge and already established production, while technically recoverable resources are those that can be produced using currently available technology and industry practices. Whether or not it is profitable to produce these resources has not been evaluated."

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coach the students and the parents who make sure they attend the practices. It was very rewarding to see our BSISD district come together and host this UIL event for the first time."

BSI hosted elementary students (second through fifth grades) from Big Spring, Greenwood, Snyder, and Sweetwater; while Big Spring Junior High hosted sixth, seventh and eighth graders from the same school districts.

Big Spring's students claimed to capture several first-place awards:

- Marcy Elementary: Second Grade: Makeo Roberts, Music Memory.
- Moss Elementary: Second Grade: Kaitlynn Heffington, Storytelling.
- Washington Elementary: Third Grade: Landon Morrison, Chess Puzzle.
- BSI: Fifth Grade: Nissa Silva, Listening Skills. Sixth Grade: Simon Orosco, Modern Oratory; Austen Raines, Mathematics.
- BSJH: Seventh Grade: Lauren Bryans, Spelling; Ian Cortez, Social Studies; Olivia Davidson, Ready Writing; Joseph Gonzalez, calculator; Morgan Griffith, chess puzzle; Tyson Hodges, Science I; Giselle Holguin, Dictionary Skills; Ananya Limaye, Editorial Writing, Modern Oratory, and Number Sense; Ryleigh Pirraglia, Mathematics. Eighth Grade: David Summers, Spelling; Jaysena Roberts, Science II; and Marco Tan, Calculator and Mathematics.

Other Big Spring students placing in the competition included:

- Marcy Elementary (Second Grade): Chess Puzzle: Tristan Trinidad and Zane Folsom, tied for fourth place; and Zachary Folsom, sixth place. Music Memory: Tahmid Rayid, second place; and Syeed Leos, third place. Storytelling: Brianna McPherson, second place. Creative Writing: Tahmid Rayid, second place; and Syeed Leos, fifth place.
- Washington Elementary (Third Grade): Chess Puzzle: Avani Limaye, second place; and Jack Cross, sixth place. Music Memory: Carter Womack, fifth place; and Isabella Peterson, sixth place. Ready Writing: Laura Noble, second place; and Carmen White, fifth place; Spelling: Ryan "A.J." Deel, second place; Noah White, fourth place; and Turner Latham, fifth place. Storytelling: Jordan Morris, sixth place.
- Goliad Elementary (Fourth Grade): Art: Leighton Paredez, fourth place; and Genesis Olivares, sixth place. Chess Puzzle: Drew Valbuena, fifth place; and Raiden Paredez, sixth place. Music Memory: Malori Lara, third place; and Ny'ranja Allen, sixth place. Number Sense: Dacion Bouston, sixth place. Oral Reading: Andrea Guerra, fourth place; and Braxton Gonzales, fifth place. Ready Writing: Kaylor Freeman, second place; and Jade Valenzuela, sixth place. Spelling: Reqaq Yanez, fourth place; and An'Drea Jones.
- Big Spring Intermediate (Fifth Grade): Chess Puzzle: Lillian Fancher, fifth place. Dictionary Skills: Melani Castillo, third place; and Caliana Moreno, fifth place. Listening Skills: Brooke White, fourth place; and Moses DeHoyos, sixth place. Maps, Graphs and Charts: Lane Walker, fifth place; and Kimberlynn Groage, sixth place. Music Memory: Holly Hodges, second place; and Abigail French, sixth place. Number Sense: Na-

Winter storm to bring snow, freezing rain to Southern Plains

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A winter storm packing freezing rain and snow is forecast to cut an icy path through the Southern Plains as a busy holiday shopping weekend unfolds.

The National Weather Service says a storm system that caused heavy rain and flooding in southern California was forecast to produce freezing rain beginning Thursday in central New Mexico.

The wintry weather will move eastward Friday, producing freezing rain in northwest Texas, much of Oklahoma then northern Arkansas and heavy snow from eastern New Mexico to northwestern Oklahoma.

Forecasters say snow will envelope Oklahoma and parts of Arkansas and Missouri on Saturday as the storm stretches to the mid-Atlantic, producing freezing rain in Tennessee and Kentucky and snow in western Virginia and North Carolina.

Heavy rainfall is forecast for the

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different vendors for the public of Howard County to come see and enjoy from Christmas décor, foods, and more.

"It's time for the holidays and everyone is out shopping for Christmas for a loved one or friend," said Brittney Henderson of Creations by Brittney. "I will have all kinds of wonderful gifts for anyone!"

Sometimes when gift shopping, you want to get those one of a kind, handmade quality gifts that you know no one else will have. Brittney detailed some of the items that will be featured during Saturday's Craft Show.

"Some of them items include holiday hair bows, Christmas decor, homemade Christmas stockings, wood Christmas decor, gender neutral gag gifts for the families who like to play games for prizes, white elephant or just cause," she said. "I also have adorable magic reindeer food in small glass jar topped with a cork, kids love this!"

"We currently have 16 vendors getting ready to set up and show the community what they have to offer using their gifts and talents," said Denton. "We are really looking forward to a great turnout despite the cold weather! We will have a warm building with amazing, custom-made products that you can't find in stores! If you need a snack or meal we have a food vendor ready to feed that need!"

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"Side by Side":
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than Franco, fifth place. Oral Reading: Zoe Shaw, fourth place. Ready Writing: Izabelle McCalister, second place; and Caliana Moreno, fourth place. Social Studies: Elise Snyder, second place; and Phillip Guzman, fifth place. Spelling: Makenna Goad, Best Alternate.

(Sixth Grade): Art: Ivan Vela, fifth place. Calculator: Jeremiah Austin, third place; and Elijah Johnson, fourth place. Chess Puzzle: Austen Raines, second place; and Madelyn Martinez, fifth place. Dictionary Skills: Ana Vallagrana, sixth place. Editorial Writing: Ashley Melendez, fifth place; and KeAndrea Smith. Maps, Graphs and Charts: Jauaquin Arguello, third place; and Tristin Chevalier, fourth place. Modern Oratory: Diazah Ramirez, fourth place; and Alex Lehman, fifth place. Music Memory: Jonah Villarreal, second place; Number Sense: Austen Raines, second place. Oral Reading: Ashley Melendez, fourth place. Ready Writing: Justine Baker, fourth place. Social Studies: Lawson Ridge, fourth place.

• Big Spring Junior High (Seventh Grade): Calculator: Zuleimy Castillo, fifth place. Chess Puzzle: Dylan Gonzalez, second place; and Junis Salgado, sixth place. Dictionary Skills: Cambree Wright, fourth place. Impromptu Speaking: Aaron Larez, fifth place. Mathematics: Kaiden Roberts, fourth place. Maps, Graphs and Charts: Kaegan Baker, second place. Music Memory: Kaydence Norwood, second place; Tryntin Parnell, third place; and Karleigh Norman, sixth place. Number Sense: Kaiden Roberts, second place; and Joseph Gonzalez, fourth place. Ready Writing: Elena Saracho, second place. Science I: Ian Cortez, fourth place. Social Studies: Tyson Hodges, third place; and Katherine Greene, fifth place. Spelling: Presley Watzl, fourth place.

(Eighth Grade): Calculator: Morgan Griffith, fifth place. Chess Puzzle: Robert Cox, fourth place; and Austen Allen, fifth place. Editorial Writing: Kourtney Moore, third place; and Kylin Corley, fourth place. Impromptu Speaking: Joshua Middleton, second grade; Felicity Yanez, fourth place; and Kylin Corley, sixth place. Listening Skills: Caterina Hernandez, sixth place. Mathematics: Kourtney Moore, third place; and Ananya Limaye, fifth place. Maps, Graphs and Charts: David Summers, sixth place. Modern Oratory: Taylor Partlow, second place. Music Memory: Aiden Chaney, second place; and Zabian Urias, fourth place. Number Sense: Morgan Griffith, fifth place. Oral Reading: Austin Allen, fifth place. Ready Writing, Alia Jimenez, fourth place. Science II: Wyatt Cornish, second place; and Emma Miracle, fourth place. Social Studies: Joshua Middleton, second place. Spelling: Giselle Holguin, third place; and Emma Miracle, fourth place.

BSI UIL Coordinator Stephanie Rincon thanked those that worked to make the event a success.

"Thank you so much for everyone that helped out yesterday!" she said. "The kids had a blast and I am so glad that they were able to experience UIL. Most of these kids just want to belong to a group and want to feel special and so that is why I am especially thankful for all of the coaches who stepped up and gave up their time to coach our kids, you have no idea the impact that you have made on them."

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

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DPS reminds Texans to prepare for winter weather

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) encourages Texans in all regions of the state to make preparations for staying safe as we approach the official start of winter.

"As we know all too well, Texas weather can change in an instant," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Every year, Texas faces serious dangers brought on by winter weather conditions, including freezing temperatures, ice, sleet and even snow. Taking extra safety precautions now could make all the difference during these potentially severe weather events this winter."

Texans can prepare their vehicles for the winter by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire pressure, tire tread and fluid levels, as well as taking time to lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing.

In addition, the following is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:

- Blankets/sleeping bags;
- Extra clothing, including gloves and a hat;
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight and extra batteries;
- First-aid kit and pocket knife;
- High calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water;

- Bag of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires; and
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and a shovel.

DPS offers the following additional tips for staying safe during possible winter weather:

- Monitor local weather broadcasts and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions at <http://www.weather.gov/>.

- Purchase an all-hazards weather radio for up-to-date warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information.

- Sign up for your local emergency notification system.

- Make sure you have inclement weather contact numbers for schools and work.

- Check on friends and family members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

- Allow extra time when traveling in inclement weather.

- Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted, and monitor road conditions by visiting www.drivetexas.org or by calling 1-800-452-9292.

- On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.

- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip, and keep your gas tank full.

- Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out,

treat all intersections as four-way stops.

- Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls.

- Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition.

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During the winter season, residents can contact 2-1-1 Texas, the state's free 24-hour helpline, to check on possible community-established warming centers or related services in their area. No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905 for community resources.

Visit the DPS website for additional information and tips regarding winter weather preparedness.

California teacher arrested for forcibly cutting boy's hair

VISALIA, Calif. (AP) — A high school teacher in central California was arrested on suspicion of felony child endangerment after forcibly cutting the hair of one of her students while singing the national anthem, authorities said.

Margaret Gieszinger was arrested Wednesday after videos posted to social media showed a student at University Preparatory High School in the city of Visalia sitting in a chair at the front of the classroom as Gieszinger cuts his hair.

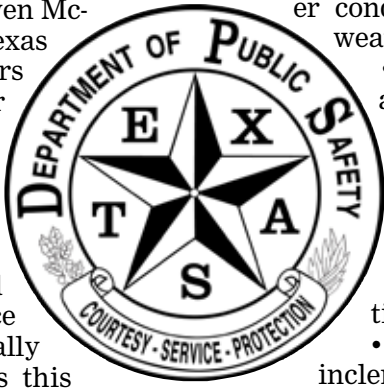
In a video obtained by KFSN-TV, the 52-year-old science and chemistry teacher is heard belting the "Star Spangled Banner" while cutting chunks of the boy's hair and tossing them behind her. The circumstances of what led the teacher to cut the student's hair were not immediately known.

After cutting the boy's hair, Gieszinger grabs at a girl's long hair before the students make a run for it out of the classroom, the video shows.

Officers responded Wednesday to the high school housed on the grounds of the College of the Sequoias, a California community college, after receiving reports of child endangerment involving a teacher and a "pair of scissors," Police Chief Kevin Mizner told the Visalia Times Delta. Mizner did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Rob Herman, a spokesman for the Tulare County Office of Education, said counselors were made available Thursday to support students at the public high school.

"We take very seriously the safety of the students in classrooms and on the COS campus," Herman said in an email.



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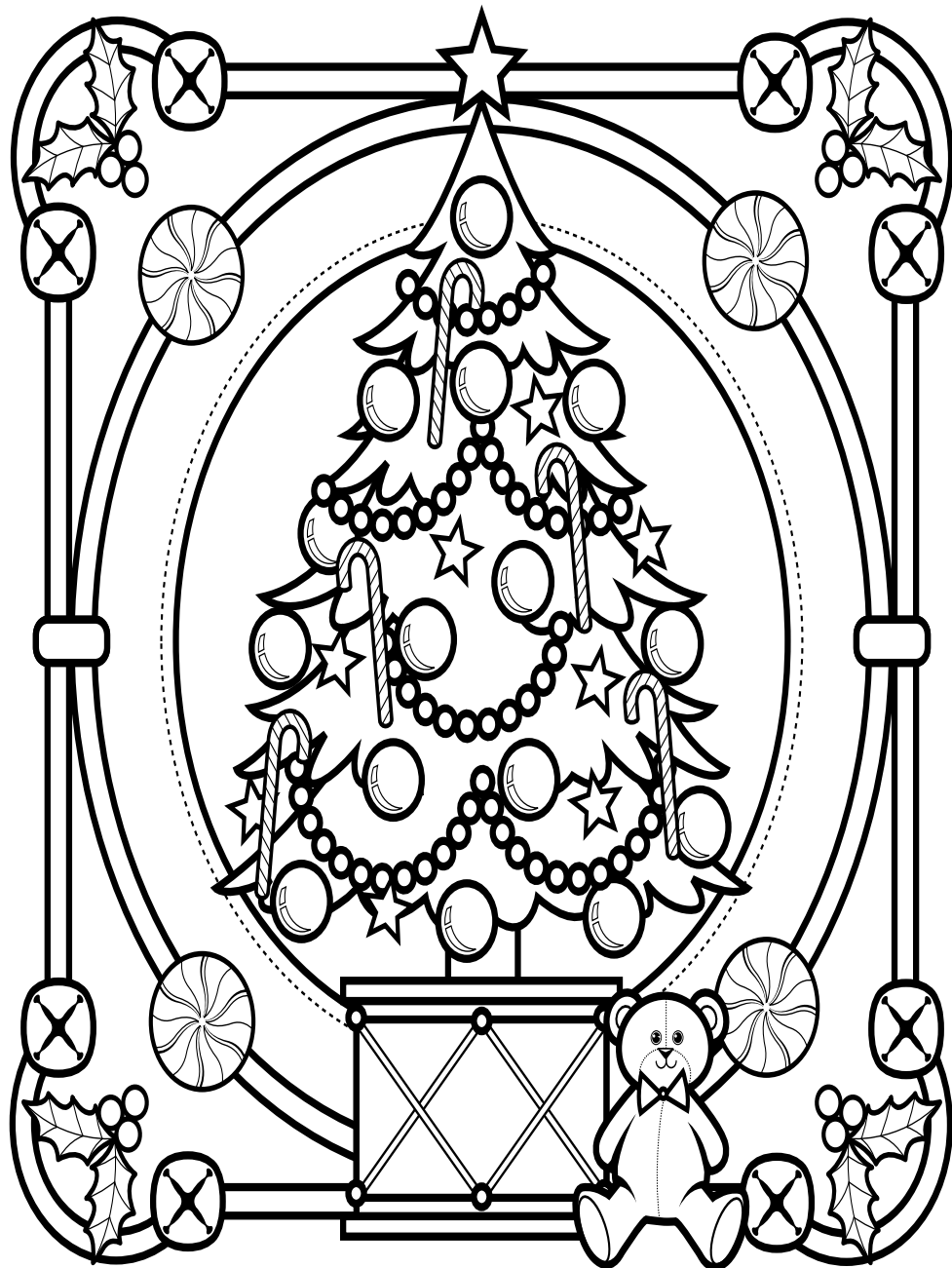
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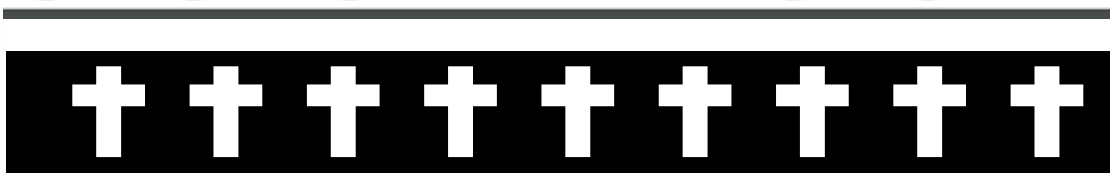
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(Joel 2:23)


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(Psalm 103:11)

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Reflections: Legacy of Light: George H.W. Bush

I first saw George H. W. Bush at a Fourth of July picnic in Lake Jackson, Texas, a slender young politician in his mid-40s running for congress. He won the election and later served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and Vice President with Ronald Reagan before being elected President of the United States. His son, George W. and I are the same age.



BILL TINSLEY I have always been impressed with George H.W. as a man of integrity, honesty, character, courage and faith. He embodied the qualities that Tom Brokaw described as "the greatest generation." Not least in the legacy of President Bush was his devotion to his

wife, Barbara and the support they shared in the death of their daughter, Robin.

I saw the same qualities in my father, a blue-collar worker with Bell Telephone who was devoted to my mother, raised three sons and served as a deacon in his church. He died at 53 of cancer.

It is good for our nation that we will spend this next week remembering a leader with the qualities of George H.W. Bush. A world awash with lies, accusations, falsehoods, greed, self-serving, prejudice, fear and faithlessness needs to be reminded of the higher standards that can sustain us.

Abraham Lincoln referred to "our better angels." President Bush referred to "a thousand points of light." At his 1989 inaugural he said, "I have spoken of a thousand points of light, of all the community organizations that are spread like stars throughout the Nation, doing good. We will work hand in hand, encouraging, sometimes leading, sometimes being led,

rewarding."

President Bush later spearheaded the formation of the Points of Light Foundation that encourages volunteers to engage solutions for their communities. According to their website, Point of Light has a global network of over 200 affiliates in 35 countries working with thousands of non-profits to mobilize volunteers world-wide.

Most of us will never be rich or famous. All of us, regardless of our occupation or income, can make the world better. Whether we are garbage collectors, janitors, cashiers, factory workers, salesmen, technicians, nurses, maids or executives, we will all leave a legacy.

Most of us will have children and grandchildren. We all have classmates, friends and co-workers. Every life counts. Every life makes a difference.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp and

put it under a basket, but on a lampstand and it gives light to all who are in the room. So let your light shine before men that they might see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16).

In a dark and desperate world, when increasingly it seems people practice dishonesty, deceit and immorality in the shadows of secrecy, perhaps we can heed the legacy of our former President and live in such a way that we turn the world from darkness to light.

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth let us be reminded that "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not [comprehend it]." (John 1:4).

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

Church News

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

Sunday, Dec. 9th- Join us this Sunday as we enter the season of sharing and great expectations. We offer both a 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship service so come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Monday, Dec. 17th- Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. We will be gathering in the ARC from 6-8P.M. for our 7th Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with sisters in Christ. Please bring an ornament to exchange and a dish or finger food to share. If you need more information, contact Debbie Reiger @432-935-1257

Fall Breakout Session- Join us each Wednesday for our Mid-Week Breakout Sessions. We will start at 6:00pm with our Fellowship Meal in our Misfits lounge. Praise & Worship will start promptly at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary followed by our Breakout sessions @7:20 p.m. Breakout session schedules can be picked up at the Front Office or Kiosk station.

Starfish Program- Our STARFISH program is a tutoring program that assists 3rd grade children by offering Christian character building principles; academic tutoring; and remedial & reinforcement assistance. We are still needing volunteers for tutoring. If you are interested in being a part and are willing and available to serve in this powerful ministry to our community we would love to hear from you. Contact Kathryn Lane 512-577-0132 or Stacey Munsell 432-935-1151

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Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Saturday, Dec. 8, the Big Spring High School Chorus will present a concert in our Sanctuary at 7 p.m. We are pleased to welcome them in celebrating the Christmas season and invite everyone to come to hear these outstanding musicians, under the direction of Gershom Garcia, who was recently recognized as a superlative choir director by his peers in Texas music.

Senior members of the church and guests are invited to a Senior Luncheon at noon on Thursday, Dec. 13, in Fellowship Hall. The "Tardy Bells," a bell choir made up of retired teachers and directed by Susan Dawes, are the program. To RSVP or get more information, call (432)263-0565 or (432)270-1007.

The Girl Scouts will provide refreshments for Take Ten this week. Lector is Buddy Cochrane. Ushers last Sunday were Louise Hitch, Dave and Susan Wilson, and Susan McDaniel. Communion Servers were Lucy and Paschal Odom, Helen and Lynn Glass, and Louise Hitch. Rev. Todd and his wife Abby lit the first Advent candle during worship.

During the season of Advent, the Children's Sunday School is presenting a Living Advent Calendar for the Children's Moment in each Sunday's worship service.

The Service Committee is requesting the congregation to donate turkeys for the Northside Community Center (which has been renamed Howard County Resource Center), Salvation Army, and for the PW Christmas baskets. They are also setting up a "Care Chain" for members of the church. Each month one person will visit any of the members who have been hospitalized. Those interested may sign the Care Chain List placed in the Narthex.

The lectionary passages for the Second Sunday in Advent are Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philipians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6. Rev. Taylor Todd, our new interim pastor, will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir opens the service musically with the Introit, "People, Look East," based on a French Folk Melody. We welcome Gabe Martinez as our organist and choir director, who has graciously come to lead the music during this season and until we find a permanent music leader. There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship to present candidates for the new class of the Session.

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. Please Like us on Facebook.

Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His Word together. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday Worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching on Luke 1:26-38 this Sunday morning. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Book of Proverbs, verse by verse.

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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 Advent Services begin this week. We are having a Soup Supper from 6:00-6:45pm and the Advent Service begins at 7:00pm. Please come and join us.

Phillip Reid 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.

College Baptist Church

We celebrate a very important birthday of a King of kings and Lord of lords this month. His Name is Jesus. Don't forget to tell Him "Happy Birthday." God is on the move at College Baptist Church, and we would love to meet with you as our visitors and

friends on the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane, Sunday Morning at 9:15 for Sunday School, 10:45 for Worship.

Last Sunday evening we celebrated our first Christmas party on the 2nd Sponsored by our ministry Staff. It was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Just a note: This Sunday emphasis will be Plentiful Harvest Prayer Day, and Sunday evening at 6 p.m. we will be praying for the Nations and talking about Lottie Moon Christmas offering. You might be surprised who shows up at this meeting. We have a special guest. Our service Wednesday, King's Kids, Wee singers, and prayer and Bible study for Youth and Adults all meet at 7 p.m.

As we move into the Christmas season, remember Jesus is the reason for ANY season. The choir will be presenting our musical on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at 10:45 a.m.

Also we have a SAVE THE DATE event on February 23rd and 24th. We are planning a College Baptist Church reunion. All former members are welcome to attend this community event. Please continue in prayer so we can reach our "Jerusalem" and beyond for Jesus.

As a church we are involved in many ministries that come together with those in Howard County to meet the needs of our community. Come celebrate the joy with us in worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information about this great Church.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall.

On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m.

What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Walterhouse 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: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world." I John 4:14

Sunday at 6 p.m., the entire community is invited to First Baptist Church's annual 'Jingle & Mingle'. This festive celebration of the Christmas season will feature the music and worship ministry's presentation of "The Greatest Story Ever Told" in the church's sanctuary, followed by a time of fellowship and food in the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome!

Become part of the First Baptist Church family Sunday at 10:50 am as they gather to rejoice in the season of Jesus Christ's birth. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "The Colors of Christmas" with the message titled "A Blue Christmas." Drawn from the book of Luke, listeners will contemplate God's compassionately planned reach from Heaven as He presented the gift of His One and Only Son, Jesus-born in humble circumstances under the banner of divine love-so that whoever will come to Him, through faith, will never be turned away. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you

December, The Cold Busy Time of Year

By Dr. Lillian Bohannon

Hurry, get your shopping done. Only eighteen days left til Christmas. Oh, but wait, I only have eighteen dollars in my checking account, (or debit card, or credit card). How am I going to pay for all I have left to buy for? I can't leave anyone out. What will they think of me? And so it goes when the cash runs out before the necessary gifts are purchased.

We think we have to buy for everyone on our Christmas list, and some we forgot to buy for last year, and ad nauseum. What is Christmas all about anyway? We go over our heads in debt to please everyone, or don't buy anything and please no one. Again, what is Christmas about anyway? Can we think of a better way to celebrate The Christ Child than to buy for everyone?

My younger brother was in college, trying to work his way through and had absolutely no money for Christmas presents. I told him I didn't want anything from him anyway, because I knew he was having a struggle with finances. But I told him something Dad told us a long time before that. He said, "When I am dead and gone, don't you dare forget to get something for your mother for Christmas, birthday, and Mother's Day."

So I asked him if he could make something for her. When she opened her present from him, she sat there and cried.

She knew he didn't have the money for what she received. She asked him where he purchased a beautifully decoupage cross. It was attached to a piece of wood with the words: "For God So Loved..." It was the best Christmas present she ever received.

I look back on that experience and realize how precious that home-made gift was to the one who received it and to the one who gave it. Now, as I reflect back on it, I realize that is exactly what God did for me.

The Cross is why Jesus came. He is God's precious gift to us. Jesus was also attached to a not so beautiful cross. But to us who know why He came, it is the most beautiful symbol of sacrifice the world has ever received. And on that Cross a person can almost read the words of John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

What a precious gift He gave. It cost Him everything. It costs us nothing. So think about the reason you give your gifts this year. See if you can make something that will be more appreciated than an expensive gift you really can't afford from the store.

We are always talking in America about recycling. Maybe it's time to tighten our belt and recycle. Little things mean a lot. Don't forget to give something to Jesus this year as well. Remember it's His Birthday. Happy Birthday, Jesus, and thanks for the Cross.

I Cannot Make A Tree

"For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" 1 Corinthians 4:7

More often than not, I find that I am afflicted with a touch of my own arrogance. It is so easy for me to look around and think that I am responsible for all the good things in my life. But all I have to do is look at a tree to know that I have not created, but received.

What's even more humbling is the fact that I cannot even do right without the constant gift of God's grace in my life. Honestly, my bad decisions far outnumber the good ones. So, I find that my life is not the product of the "good" that I might have done but of the mercy of God, because He has not rewarded me according to my transgressions.

I was brought into this life by my loving Creator, and this is not

my world. Furthermore, it is His grace that abounds in my sin and I am helpless without it. Grace, mercy, love, forgiveness and blessings are all God's idea, not mine. I find that my heart is so fickle and weak that I cannot even receive all the good that God offers me without His help. I need what we call - grace for grace. In other words, I must have God's grace to receive His grace. And this tells me just how dark all my "good" decisions are.

No, I did not make the trees. But, so long as He helps me, I can trust the God who did and receive all the good things He daily bestows on my floundering heart.



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broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service 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,

Food Pantry to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. Hours are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 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! If you are interested in volunteering with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 am at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us!

There is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. This group is called "PUP" which stands for "Picking Up Pieces." All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome! Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there! For address or more info, please contact the church office.

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the Mall. Our Van Ministry is growing and needs licensed drivers to help pick up those that need a ride to church. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact the church office.

Donations are needed for our Blessing Box placed outside in front of the church. This ministry is separate from "Our Daily Bread" and is supported completely by donations of nonperishable foods. Please consider donating nonperishable food items on a regular basis if you are able! Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated.

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 Lauren Bratcher.

Weekly Happenings:
Sunday-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.-noon-Worship Service

10:45 a.m.-noon-Children's Church

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-

6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4

7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study-Beautiful Outlaw

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples

Saturday

7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall and prayer at the church.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas.

Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

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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. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS')

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.

All area men are invited to the Men's breakfast and Bible study Saturday December 8 at 8 am in the Family Life Center. Plan now to attend, and to bring some friends to this special time of fellowship and encouragement. The study is "The Man God Uses" by Henry and Tim Blackaby.

Thursday December 13, the Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open at 9 a.m. It is located on Lancaster at Iglesias Central one block behind HEB. Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 pm, and include adult worship choir practice, adult Bible study and prayer time, children's activities, and youth group. Call 267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org for detailed information. FBC is looking for a secretary/receptionist to work in the church office. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please call the church at 267-8223, or see Pastor Mark for more information.

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website: fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

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

First United Methodist Church

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 December 9 Pastor Derrell's message, "The Name of the Messiah", is from Luke 1:26-38. The name of Jesus is not only symbolic, it is powerful. Worship services are

program, "Our Savior."

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5. One Wednesday December 12 "The Tardy Bells" will present a Christmas program of hand bell music.

Real Life Wednesday night sessions include something for almost everyone. All Youth will meet at 6:00 PM for a Christmas Party in the Parter Building. The Women's Bible Study Group meets at 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. The Praise Team rehearses at 7 p.m. There is a Family Movie Night at 6 p.m. on Dec. 19; the movie is "The Star". During December the regular schedule for Wednesday evenings will vary depending on holiday activities. A Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24.

An "Open House" is scheduled for the Parsonage on Sunday, Dec.16 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm. Don't forget the Cookie Run immediately after! We take cookies to those who have to work Christmas Eve to show them we appreciate them. Please bring cookies packed by the dozen in zip top bags. We always need as many cookies as we can get! Please share with your favorite cookie recipe!

KID CONNECT/GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, JOSEPH EXPLAINED DREAMS, Genesis 39-41. Lesson point: God gave Joseph power to understand dreams.

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us!

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry is taking donations to sponsor turkeys and hams to give to families in need for the holidays. Just \$5 will help! Contact Kay Elder for more information.

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Bulldogs go 1-1 on opening day of Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic



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Bryson Cline, No. 14, tries to get past Markis Monroe in the Coahoma Bulldogs/Colorado City game held Dec. 6, 2018, at the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic in Stanton. Cline led the Bulldogs in points racking up 18 for the game.

Special to the Herald

STANTON — The Coahoma Bulldogs split their first two games of the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic in Stanton Thursday.

Game 2
Coahoma vs Colorado City
STANTON — The Coahoma Bulldogs lost 48-62 to the Colorado City Wolves Thursday night in a wild, fast, hard-fought game between the two district rivals.

The final score doesn't relay how close and intense the match was. After racing back and forth between the two posts for the opening minute or so of the game, Joe Manning managed to drop the ball in for Coahoma for the first points of the match. Colorado City answered back quickly netting two 3-point goals in a row.

It didn't take long for Coahoma to respond. Bryson Cline buried a shot from behind the arc to add 3 points to the scoreboard. From then on, the two rival teams traded the lead back and forth during the first half of the game.

The Wolves came out on top by the end of the first quarter with a slim 1-point advantage but by halftime, the two teams headed into the locker room tied 25-all.

Back for the second half, Coahoma and Colorado City continued to play tight, fast ball for the first part of the third quarter then the Wolves started to slowly pull away. Heading into the fourth, the Bulldogs faced an 8-point deficit.

Missed shot and fouls were costly for the Bulldogs in the fourth quarter. The last 10 points earned by the Wolves came from the charity strip. Most of those goals were netted by Colorado City's Omar Boone, who had a game high of 30 points.

Cline led the Bulldogs with 18 points followed by Zack Schneider with 17. Cline also netted three 3-point goals.

Coahoma: 15, 10, 10, 13 - 48
Colorado City: 16, 9, 18, 19 - 62
Coahoma: Brice Martin, 2; Joe Manning 5; Zack Schneider, 17; Bryson Cline, 18; Gage Clark 6;

Colorado City: Tracy Smith, 7; Markis Monroe, 10; Bubba Williams, 5; Omar Boone, 30; Jacob Munoz, 7

Free Throws - Coahoma 9-14; Colorado City, 18-24; 3-Point Goals - Coahoma 3 (Cline 3), Colorado City 6 (Monroe 2, Boone, Williams, Smith, Munoz); Total Fouls - Coahoma 13 ; Colorado City 15

Game 1
Coahoma vs Stanton JV

The Coahoma boys basketball team handily won their match against the Stanton JV Buffaloes 57-22 Thursday. Gage Clark had a 57-22 high of 19 points followed by Zack Schneider with 9 and Joe Manning with 7 to help lead the Bulldogs to a victory.

Coahoma dominated the game from the beginning racking up a whopping 21 points in the first quarter alone while keeping the Stanton JV team to just 2. The Bulldogs continued to score in the double digits for the next two quarters while limiting the Buffaloes to single points throughout the game.

Next: Coahoma will play their last game of the tournament at 10:30 a.m. Saturday against a yet to be determined opponent.

57-22
Coahoma: 21, 16, 12, 8 - 57
Stanton: 2, 6, 9, 5 - 22

Coahoma: Brice Martin, 5; Sean Striegler 2; Joe Manning, 7; Zack Schneider, 9; Marcus Martinez, 2; Gage Hill, 5; Bryson Cline, 9; Gage Clark, 10; Burgans, 4; Kolt Redden, 4

Stanton: Austin Hewttly, 8; Bradden Waggoner, 2; Josh Hensley, 2; Nate Lopez, 4; Evan Cox, 2; Adrian De La O, 4

Free Throws - Coahoma 7-19; Stanton 6-20; Total Fouls - Coahoma 19; Stanton 12

Bulldogettes have a tough start to Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma Girls Basketball Head Coach Jim Kinnear speaks with his team during a time out at the Bulldogettes/Lady Steers game held Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, at the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic in Stanton.

Special to the Herald

STANTON - The Coahoma Bulldogettes went 0-2 in the first day of the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic.

2nd Game: Coahoma vs Snyder
Abbie Lopez led the Bulldogettes with 7 points and Caitlyn Corley added 5 more but the team's effort fell short as Coahoma lost 30-47 against the 4A Snyder Lady Tigers Thursday.

The Bulldogettes returned for the second half with determination to erase their 8 point deficit against the Lady Tigers. And they did just that.

Coahoma tied the match by mid-quarter thanks to the efforts of Cassie Grant, Ashley Romero, Jovi Gonzales and Abbie Lopez. However, the Lady Tigers took back the momentum of the game and re established their 8-point lead by the end of the third. Snyder added 14 more points in the fourth while holding Coahoma to just 5.

Coahoma: 6, 7, 12, 5 - 30
Snyder: 9, 12, 12, 14 - 47

Coahoma: Macey Grant, 2; Ashley Romero, 4; Caitlyn Corley, 5; Peyton Romero, 1; Paige Atkins, 4; Jovi Gonzales, 4; Kenzi Canales, 2; Abbie Lopez, 7; Cassie Grant, 1.

Snyder: Abby Benitez, 2; Jordan Phillips, 1; Melanie Martinez, 6; McKenna Lentz, 6; Kamiah Davis, 23; Natalee James, 9

Free Throws - Coahoma 4-10; Snyder 5-12; Total Team Fouls - Coahoma 15; Snyder 9

1st Game: Coahoma vs Big Spring
Caitlyn Corley led Coahoma with 5 points followed by Paige Akins and Abby Lopez with 3 each in the Bulldogettes loss against the 4A Big Spring Lady Steers, 19-46.

The Coahoma girls went head-to-head with the Lady Steers at the start of the game only allowing Big Spring to get a slim 2-point advantage by the end of the first quarter.

By the second, the Lady Steers took control and kept Coahoma to single digits on the scoreboard for the rest of the match.

Big Spring's Amber Martinez had a game high of 15 points followed by her teammate Tristan Smith with 11. Martinez and Logan Terrazes netted a 3-point goal each.

Next: The Bulldogettes will play their last game in the tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday against a yet to be determined opponent.

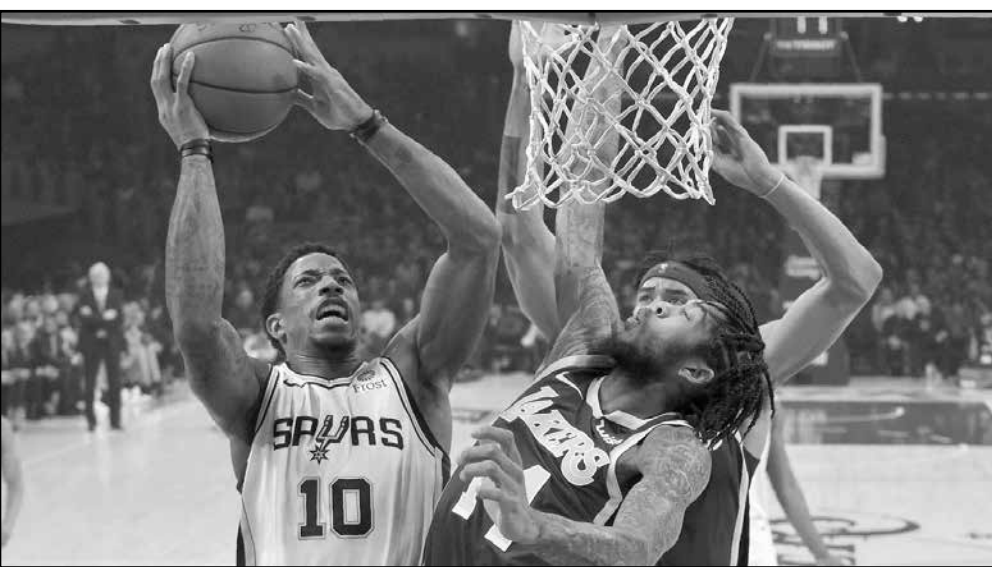
Coahoma : 8, 2, 6, 3 - 19
Big Spring: 10, 12, 10, 14 - 46

Coahoma: Ashley Romero, 2; Caitlyn Corley, 5; Paige Atkins, 2; Jovi Gonzales, 2; Kenzi Canales, 2; Abbie Lopez, 3; Cassie Grant, 2

Big Spring: Amber Martinez, 8; Alexis Starr, 2; Kayleigh Penny, 15; Jacqueline Belew, 1; Logan Terrazes, 5; Tristan Smith, 11; Alex Enriquez, 2; Alissa Cervantes, 2.

Free Throws - Coahoma 5-11; Big Spring 16-30; 3-Point Goals - Big Spring 2 (Martinez, Terrazes); Total Team Fouls - Coahoma 18; Big Spring 14

LeBron scores 42 as Lakers surge past Spurs late, 121-113



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan, left, shoots as Los Angeles Lakers forward Brandon Ingram during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — LeBron James had no idea why he was so tired. He slept 11 hours overnight, missing his company Christmas party in the process, and then had a 2½-hour nap

before the Los Angeles Lakers' game against San Antonio.

Perhaps his body just knew he would need all that stored-up energy to hold off the Spurs during a frantic finish.

James scored 20 of his

42 points in the fourth quarter and Josh Hart hit two clutch 3-pointers in the final minutes of the Lakers' fourth straight victory, 121-113 on Wednesday night.

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Jazz shut down Rockets for 118-91 victory



AP photo

Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) drives around Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert, left, during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday Dec. 6, 2018, in Salt Lake City.

By JOHN COON

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — No Rudy Gobert proved to be no problem for the Jazz on defense.

Utah smothered the Houston Rockets for the better part of four quarters en route to a 118-91 victory Thursday night. The Jazz pestered and pressed Houston into coughing up the ball repeatedly, es-

pecially after halftime. The Rockets gave up 22 turnovers and allowed Utah to score 33 points off them. Both were season highs for a Houston opponent.

The Jazz played the bulk of the game without their starting center after Gobert was ejected less than three minutes into the game. He picked up his first foul on the opening tip. After

picking up his second at the 9:13 mark of the first quarter, Gobert was tossed after swatting a paper cup off the scorer's table in frustration.

Gobert drew a \$15,000 fine from league officials earlier in the week for criticizing the officiating crew following Utah's 102-100 loss to Miami on Sunday.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#10014 Dec. 7,2018

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Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Bob Powell Kennedy, Deceased, were granted to Carl Condray, Independent Executor of the Estate of Bob Powell Kennedy, Deceased, on the 20th day of November, 2018, by the County Court of Howard County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to Carl Condray, c/o John R. Norris III, whose post office address is 3811 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 400, Dallas, Texas 75219, within the time prescribed by law. Independent Executor of the Estate of Bob Powell Kennedy, Deceased Cause No. P-14855 Attorney: John R. Norris III Address : 3811 Turtle Creek Blvd Suite 400 Dallas, Texas 75219

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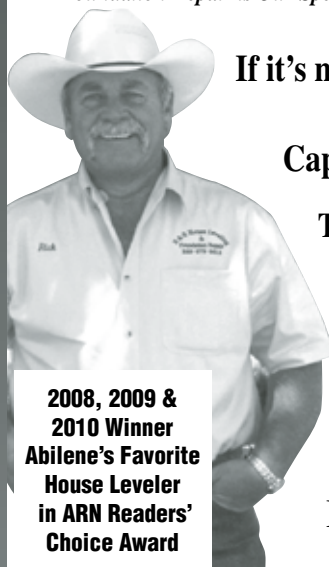
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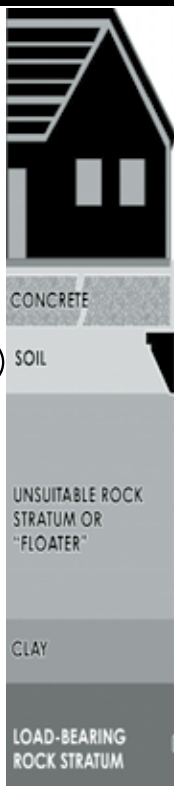
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Annie's Mailbox®

Blue Christmas

Dear Annie: Whenever Christmas rolls around, I feel sick. I want to enjoy the merriment as much as most people seem to. Unfortunately, I have negative associations with the winter holidays. I'm sure I'm not alone in dreading Christmas. How can I put these associations aside in order to have a happy holiday season? -- Cringing at Christmas

Dear Cringing at Christmas: It sounds as though it's not Christmas you're cringing at so much as the unresolved emotions it brings up for

you. It's also possible that you're experiencing seasonal affective disorder, a type of depression that affects an estimated 3 million Americans each year. Either way, counseling could be a hugely beneficial tool for exploring, processing and, one hopes, moving past these negative associations.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Grieving Mom," the mother who received a letter from a woman who is alive because of an organ donation from "Grieving Mom's" son who tragically died. My husband died while riding his

bicycle three years ago. We donated his organs because that's what he had indicated he wanted. Later, I received a note from someone who had gotten a tendon from him, thanking us for making this hard decision. We were so grateful to get that letter, knowing that maybe someone else could now ride a bike or be able to walk or function normally. My heart aches for "Grieving Mom," but I know that the recipient of the organ was just trying to express her gratitude to that mother for giving her some more time. I hope that one day, "Grieving Mom" can

accept the offering of gratitude. -- Aching Heart

Dear Aching Heart: I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. Thank you for sharing your experience and offering some heartfelt perspective.

Dear Annie: This is a response to "Grieving Mom." I lost my 31-year-old son to a drunken driver last year. My son was riding his bicycle cross-country. With no hesitation, our family donated every part of his beautiful body so that others could have better lives. Greg would have wanted that. My

point of this letter is to highlight how we all have different responses to tragic losses. Whereas "Grieving Mom" wants no contact with the recipient of her son's heart and is appalled that the receiver reached out to her, I would embrace the chance to hug the individual who has my son's heart beating in his or her body. What a gift for the both of us! Please remind your readers to take the time to become organ donors so that others might have the chance for a better life and your loved one, in a beautiful way, could live on. -- Barry

Dear Barry: I am so sorry for the loss of your son. It sounds as if he was a generous and kind person. Thank you for your perspective. A single organ donor may save the lives of up to eight people and improve the lives of up to 50, according to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

New Moon Plus Mars and Neptune Conjunction

Between the new moon in Sagittarius and the conjunction of Mars and Neptune in Pisces, there's a dream of other worlds hovering on the horizon -- worlds with different rules, worlds built for specifically with people like us in mind, worlds where we can finally be fully ourselves. And though, alas, it's but a dream, so was this world at one time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There was a time when even your very favorite people were complete strangers to you. Actually, this is such a time as well. You'll soon meet someone who will be very important to your future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What unfolds will confirm it for you;

there's room in your head for many different kinds of ideas and affinities, beliefs and preferences, systems and skills. You can trust in all that's been established and still learn more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know that you own a lot more than you care to think about. That's why you need to, every once in a while, physically lay your hands on what you own. It helps you remember and keeps you from buying things you don't need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The best way to keep yourself motivated is to choose a task you know you can successfully finish over the course of this day. A win such as this will keep you sailing far into next week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're around people who appreciate you and see you for who

you are, you don't have to actively seek reasons to feel good about yourself. But you're not always around such people. So do what you can to support yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Peace within brings peace without. But how do you find peace for something you're not OK with? It's a little like reconciling the books. Look inside, figure out what's not adding up, and do what you can to make it work.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are many factors to consider before you embark on an endeavor, but your age should not be one of them. You will be the same age whether you do it or not. Take a risk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a person who must walk your talk. It's one of the basic rules you have for yourself. Today, as you walk your talk, you may wonder why you talked so much! It's

tricky now, but you're better off for the ambition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Seek delight. Because if you know how to move yourself from one state to a higher one, you know how to lift others, too. And one of the best things you can do for the world today is raise the mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Dreams of hope aren't just for the exiled and obviously oppressed. Everyone needs the power of hope. But the better off a person is, the more specific that hope must be to maintain a charge. So what's your hope?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Books can be wonderful friends. They can be counted on for constancy, are completely nonjudgmental, and usually bring forth a deeper and brighter mindset than you'd run across on a

typical day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Start a project. It doesn't have to be a big, important deal. Anything halfway interesting to you will do; it's just something to help you through a transition, out of your head and onto a new way of thinking about life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 7). You've wanted to give your complete trust to someone who knows you inside and out and loves every bit of you. That is part of the package this year because you're willing to do the work to reciprocate. Other highlights include a formal educational experience, a mysterious message and an inheritance. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 28, 1, 16 and 36.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test your play

You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Notrump. North leads the jack of hearts, which you win with the queen as South follows low. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ A K Q 2	♠ 6 5 4 3
♥ 3 2	♥ A K Q
♦ A K Q 3	♦ 2
♣ A K Q	♣ 6 5 4 3 2

If either the spades or clubs are divided 3-2, you have 13 tricks, so you should start by assuming that both suits are divided unfavorably — that is, 4-1 or 5-0.

The contract cannot be defeated — no matter how the cards are divided — if you play correctly. You might have to execute a squeeze, but to accomplish it you must be careful to cash your tricks in the right order.

You start by playing the A-K of spades and A-K of clubs. When you do, you might discover (1) that one opponent has both of these suits guarded, or (2) that each opponent has one suit guarded.

In case No. 1, the squeeze is accomplished by simply cashing the A-K-Q of diamonds, queen of clubs and A-K of hearts, ending in dummy. As these cards are cashed, you discard a spade and a club from dummy and a diamond from your hand, leav-

ing this position:

West	East
♠ Q 2	♠ 6
	♣ 6

The opponent with both black suits guarded is down to two cards also and was forced to unguard one of those suits when the last heart was cashed. Whether he relinquished a club or a spade, that discard was fatal.

In case No. 2, you continue by cashing both black queens, followed by the A-K-Q of hearts, to bring about this position:

West	East
♦ A K Q 3	♠ 6
	♦ 2
	♣ 6 5

By now the squeeze (called a double squeeze because both opponents feel the pinch) has already worked. The opponent with the spade guard could not keep more than three diamonds, and the opponent with the club guard likewise could not keep more than three diamonds. The A-K-Q-3 of diamonds therefore win the last four tricks.

Of course, if either opponent relinquishes his guard in either black suit, you would discard the three of diamonds on the established club or spade before cashing the A-K-Q of diamonds.

Tomorrow: On the horns of a dilemma.

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4	4	6	9	2	7	1	8	3
3	8	6	5	7	1	9	4	2
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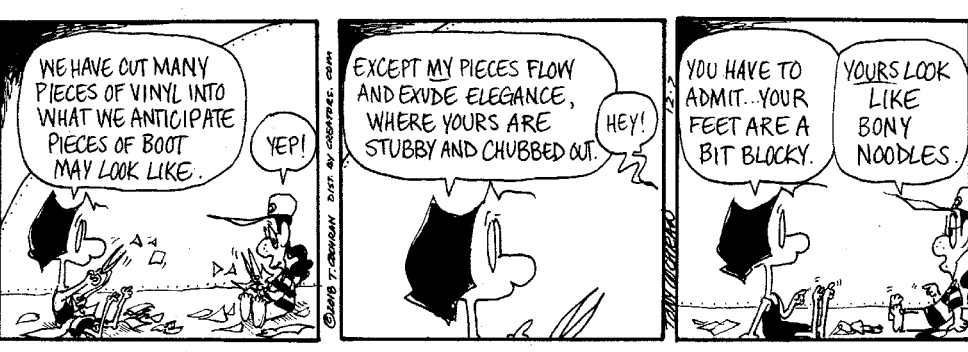
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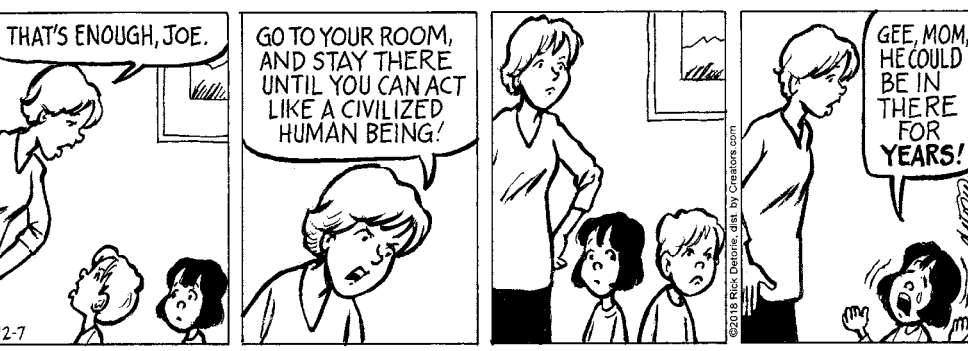
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2018. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan launched a surprise attack on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as part of its plan to conquer Southeast Asian territories; the raid, which claimed some 2,400 American lives, prompted the United States to declare war against Japan the next day.

On this date: In 43 B.C., Roman statesman and scholar Marcus Tullius Cicero was slain at the order of the Second Triumvirate. In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1842, the New York Philharmonic performed its first concert. In 1911, China abolished the requirement that men wear their hair in a queue, or ponytail. In 1917, during World War I, the United States declared war on Austria-Hungary. In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff (WYN-kahf) Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff. In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral. Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was shot dead by her bodyguards. In 1987, 43 people were killed after a gunman aboard a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger, the pilots and himself, causing the plane to crash. Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a Washington summit with President Ronald Reagan. In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25-thousand. In 1993, a gunman opened fire on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train, killing six people and wounding 19. (The shooter was later sentenced to a minimum of 200 years in prison.) In 2001, Taliban forces abandoned their last bastion in Afghanistan, fleeing the southern city of Kandahar. In 2004, Hamid Karzai

(HAH-mihd KAHR-zey) was sworn in as Afghanistan's first popularly elected president. Ten years ago: President-elect Barack Obama introduced retired Gen. Eric Shinseki (shin-SEHK-ee) as his choice to head the Veterans Affairs Department. Actress-singer Barbra Streisand, actor Morgan Freeman, country singer George Jones, dancer and choreographer Twyla Tharp and musicians Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey of The Who received Kennedy Center Honors. Five years ago: North Korea freed an 85-year-old U.S. veteran of the Korean War after a weeklong detention, ending the saga of Merrill Newman's attempt to visit the North as a tourist six decades after he oversaw a group of South Korean wartime guerrillas still loathed by Pyongyang. One year ago: Democratic Sen. Al Franken said he would resign after a series of sexual harassment allegations; he took a parting shot at President Donald Trump, describing him as "a man who has bragged on tape about his history of sexual assault." Republican Rep. Trent Franks of Arizona said he would resign, after revealing that he discussed surrogacy with two female staffers. A brush fire driven by gusty winds exploded north of San Diego, destroying mobile homes in a retirement community and killing race horses at a training facility. A white former South Carolina police officer, Michael Slager, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the fatal shooting of an unarmed black motorist, Walter Scott, in North Charleston in 2015. Demonstrators in the Gaza Strip burned U.S. flags and pictures of President Trump, and Palestinian protesters clashed with Israeli forces in east Jerusalem and the West Bank, after Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Today's Birthdays: Linguist and political philosopher Noam Chomsky is 90. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 87. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 86. Former Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 81.

Broadcast journalist Carole Simpson is 78. Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench is 71. Actor-director-producer James Keach is 71. Country singer Gary Morris is 70. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 69. Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, is 66. Basketball Hall of Famer Larry Bird is 62. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 61. Former "Tonight Show" announcer Edd (cq) Hall is 60. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychedelic Furs) is 60. Actor Patrick Fabian is 54. Actor Jeffrey Wright is 53. Actor C. Thomas Howell is 52. Actress Kimberly Hebert Gregory (TV: "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World") is 46. Producer-director Jason Winer is 46. Former NFL player Terrell Owens is 45. Rapper-producer Kon Artis is 44. Pop singer Nicole Appleton (All Saints) is 43. Latin singer Frankie J is 42. Country singer Sunny Sweeney is 42. Actor Chris Chalk is 41. Actress Shiri Appleby is 40. Pop-rock singer/celebrity judge Sara Bareilles (bah-REHL'es) is 39. Actress Jennifer Carpenter is 39. Actor Jack Huston is 36. Singer Aaron Carter is 31.

Thought for Today: "Any frontal attack on ignorance is bound to fail because the masses are always ready to defend their most precious possession — their ignorance." Hendrik Willem van Loon Dutch-American journalist and lecturer (1882-1944). © 2018 The Associated Press.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Unkind words

6 Spanish version of Ralph

10 Certain flame holder

14 Release from a band

15 Concession ender

16 Verse's "in no time"

17 Port near Nazareth

18 "I haven't a clue!"

20 Far from sturdy

22 Visionary project

23 Exercise attire

27 Mythical gold-finger

28 0-and-something

29 Strong affirmation

31 Choral group

32 Machete cousin

33 Grease-trap stuff

37 Jamaïque, for one

38 Capitol's place

42 Londoner's lav

43 DEA agent

45 Sch. founded by Jefferson

46 In first

48 Pub garnish

50 Measure of heat

52 "Finally..."

55 Idle chatter

57 Seven-time Stallone role

59 Meat garnish

60 Dunk in basketball

62 Verses

66 Infinitive form of suis

67 Homogeneous

68 Extra effort

69 11 Wall St. institution

FIRST-WORD ADVICE by Mark McClain Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

19 Utmost height

21 Beast of burden

23 Young suitor

24 Name on the cover of O Pioneers!

25 Hospitable interjection

26 Street-corner shout

30 Voice of Daffy and Porky

32 Insightful interjection

34 It means "beyond"

35 Salad dressing restriction

36 Ruble fraction

39 Use kazoos

40 Diary (Twain Biblical tale)

41 Stick-y candy

44 Dues

47 Rather inappropriate

49 "several minds about it"

50 One of a dolly foursome

51 Sight from Turin

52 Strindberg contemporary

53 Stylish

54 Unkind words

56 Language related to Hawaiian

58 Pharaohs' sacred symbols

61 Humble house

63 70-pound bird

64 Base enforcers

65 Restraining order

Answer to previous puzzle

VELMA	ABC	DDAY
ICEAX	MOO	VERGE
BUTTER	BOX	ALIEN
RAG	LILY	SPIN
ADOS	MEAT	LOCKER
NOBLE	HEROINE	
TRIVIA	SURE	UNIL
INRE	HUME	STOPS
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12/7/18

Texans look for 10th straight win as they host Colts



Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) screams before an NFL football game against the Cleveland Browns, in Houston. The Texans (9-3) can clinch the AFC South with a win against Indianapolis (6-6) and a loss by the Titans, who play on Thursday night.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans are in a much different place now than the first time they faced the Indianapolis Colts this season when they were 0-3 and desperate for a win.

Ka'imi Fairbairn made a field goal as time expired in overtime to lead the Texans to a 37-34 victory in that game and they haven't lost since, reeling off a franchise-record nine straight wins entering Sunday's rematch.

The Texans (9-3) can clinch the AFC South with a win against Indianapolis (6-6) and a loss by the Titans, who play on Thursday night.

Houston led 28-10 in the third quarter in that first meeting before Andrew Luck threw three second-half touchdowns to rally the Colts and set up the wild finish.

The Colts failed to convert a fourth-and-4 with 24 seconds left in overtime to give Fairbairn a chance to win it.

"Being up 28-10 ... and then letting them come back and being down in overtime and pulling through the adversity it kind of slingshot us to where we are now," Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson said.

"That was one game where we went through all types of phases and situations that put us through this nine-game win streak. It was the start of everything."

Defensive end J.J. Watt said that Sept. 30 game seems as if it was a long time ago and noted how difficult it has been for the Texans to win in Indy, a place where they're just 3-14 all time.

"We needed one to get started. That was the one to get us started on this streak," Watt said. "Bit of an unorthodox way to get it, but we got it. So, here we are."

The Texans are coming off a 29-13 win over the Cleveland Browns while the Colts were shut out 6-0 by the Jaguars last week to end a five-game winning streak.

"The Jacksonville game was tough," Luck said. "They outplayed us. There's not much else to say about it. As a defense against our offense, they just flat outplayed us ... we took a good look at it and we'll improve. I know we will."

Some things to know about Sunday's game between the Colts and Texans.

TOUCHDOWN THOMAS

Houston rookie tight end Jordan Thomas has a knack for scoring with four touchdown catches despite having just 14 receptions this season. His four touchdown receptions are tied with Andre Johnson for second-most TD receptions by a rookie in franchise history. The 6-foot-6, 277-pound Thomas has been a favorite target of Watson's in the red zone with all his scores coming on catches of 13 yards or less.

NEW BALANCE

Coach Frank Reich has stressed the need to find balance since he took the Colts' job in February.

When these teams met previously, Luck set single-game franchise records with 40 completions and 62 attempts and became the 11th player in league history to throw for 450 yards and four TDs. He wound up with 464 yards, second in franchise history, and four scores.

Since then, an improved ground game helped lessen the burden on Luck's arm — until last week when he threw 52 passes, including 14 straight during one stretch, in the loss to Jacksonville. Don't expect the Colts to be so one-dimensional in Houston.

"You never want to have to drop back and pass it 52 times," offensive coordinator Nick Sirianni said. "We always want to run it more. Just in that scenario, the way we were running it, we had some plays on our call sheet that we felt were going to be good to hit, some chunks in the pass game and that's the way we went."

THE BIG D

Houston also will see a different defense.

After allowing an average of 30 points over their first six games, the Colts cut that number to 16.8 points over the past six. Indy is the only team to have forced at least one turnover in every game this season, is second in the league in tackles for loss (71.0) and rookie linebacker Darius Leonard leads the league in tackles (122) and is tied for fourth in forced fumbles (four).

First-year defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus sees it as a good start.

"We feel we have set the standard of how we want to play in terms of the style. Now we just need to execute on a consistent basis and just keep doing that week in and week out," he said. "There are a lot of things that we have to improve on, but we have come a long way."

DEANDRE'S ART

On a TV show this week, Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Lewis said the way DeAndre Hopkins catches a football "is an art" and the Houston star agrees.

"There's more to it than just going out and catching a football," he said. "There's a lot of factors

that go on before that. It's for sure an art and repetition makes perfect."

Hopkins routinely makes nearly impossible catches look run of the mill and Watson has said that he believes Hopkins will catch anything he throws his way. His latest nifty catch came last week against the Browns on a 24-yard reception near the sideline that came after T.J. Carrie grabbed his dreadlocks to try and slow him down.

Hopkins knows that he makes it look easy, but wanted to make clear that it is not.

"It's harder than people think," he said. "Especially like me I usually have a defender on me or close to me so catching the football isn't easy for me like it is for some people who are wide open. It's a challenge for me to play through that and still catch it."

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Comfortable Cowboys? NFC East leaders say they can't be

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Pro Football Writer
FRISCO, Texas — Dallas safety Jeff Heath figures there's a world outside his locker room where people seek comfort in their jobs.
The Cowboys are about to get a test of the notion that they're never supposed to get comfortable in their line of work.
"I think the coaches do a good job kind of keeping us sharp, keeping us on edge," Heath said. "You just have to understand that comes with this game."
Before the four-game winning streak that propelled them to sole possession of first in the NFC East, the Cowboys (7-5) were on the verge of losing touch with the playoff race early for the second straight year.
Two games ago, Dallas trailed Washington by a game with the Redskins visiting on Thanksgiving. Now it's the Cowboys with that one-game lead, this time over Philadelphia with the defending champion Eagles (6-6) coming in Sunday.
Once the chaser, now the chased.

No difference, says quarterback Dak Prescott.
"We're not necessarily thinking about we're getting chased now," Prescott said Thursday. "Our backs were against the wall a few weeks ago and they haven't changed. This is a team that looks to go out there every week and put that on display every week."
Human nature will always suggest otherwise, and the New Orleans Saints might argue that point after their 10-game winning streak was stopped by the Cowboys. Dallas was tied with Washington then, and conventional wisdom gave the Redskins a shot to get back in first place alone.
Instead, the Cowboys had their best defensive showing of the season in a 13-10 win over the high-scoring Saints while the Redskins lost another quarterback to a season-ending injury in a 28-13 loss to Philadelphia that left them tied with the Eagles.
"Nobody's really thinking about a letdown or anything," Cowboys receiver Cole Beasley said. "They're all big. We've got to worry about what we

have to do to get better as a team each week and put our best out there. We put our best out there, we'll be fine."
While the Eagles have back-to-back wins for the first time this season, the defending champs badly need a third if they want a shot at another Super Bowl.
With a victory, Philadelphia would pull even with Dallas and have a season split with a better division record, the first tiebreaker between two teams. Lose, and the Eagles will trail the Cowboys by two games with just three remaining.
The Cowboys would counter that they're fighting to maintain control of their playoff fate.
"We don't have a margin," offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said. "We approach it no different than we did when we were, whatever it was, 3-5. Coach (Jason) Garrett's been obviously talking that every minute of every day."
"We all need to know that in the NFL, things change quickly, for the better or for the worse, if you don't keep your foot on the gas pedal."

Whatever Garrett is sharing with his team, as usual, he's not sharing it publicly.
"I don't really understand what you're talking about," Garrett said when asked about preaching against any tendency for the team to ease up. "Our backs are to the wall. They're always to the wall and that's how we look at it."
Running back Ezekiel Elliott will have something of a personal test to keep things rolling. After 90 touches — 72 carries and 18 catches — over three games in a 12-day span, Elliott finally had some time to rest. He says he felt the best he has in a while coming into the week.
The key is for Elliott to avoid any negative side effects of that feeling. Say, for example, easing up.
"I mean, honestly, we're in the same position that we were when we were 3-5," said Elliott, who does have the motivation of trying to regain the league rushing lead he lost to Todd Gurley last week. "Having that same mentality, attacking work the same every day."

ROCKETS

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His response to the officials ended up being more subdued this time around.
"I just came in to try to play basketball," Gobert said. "Fouls were called and I had a stupid reaction. I think I can blame myself more than anything for that one."
Derrick Favors stepped up in Gobert's absence. Favors totaled a season-high 24 points on 10-of-13 shooting and 10 rebounds in 26 minutes off the bench.
"When Rudy went out, I had an opportunity to just go out and be aggressive and take advantage of the opportunity that was given to me," Favors said. "That's what I did and it paid off for me."
Joe Ingles added 18 points and six rebounds for the Jazz. Utah (13-13) won for the fourth time in five games to climb back to .500.
Everything unraveled for Houston starting in the third quarter.
The Jazz opened up the second half with a 15-2 spurt. Joe Ingles and Jae Crowder each scored a pair of baskets on Utah's first four possessions to ignite the decisive run that gave the Jazz a 68-47 lead.

Houston committed four turnovers in that stretch, leading to eight points for Utah.
"They were driving and kicking and being more active," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "They were more athletic, getting to the rim. They just beat us in every which way they could."
the Rockets finished with eight turnovers in the quarter and gave up more points off turnovers (15) than they scored (11). Favors bookended Jazz baskets over three straight possessions with a dunk and a hook shot to give Utah its largest lead at 91-54.
"They got off to a really good start in that third quarter," Rockets guard James Harden said. "They made shots. We didn't make shots. We made a couple of mental errors on defense and they capitalized."
Harden scored 15 points while Chris Paul and Clint Capela added 12 apiece for the Rockets. Houston (11-13) allowed an opponent to pull away in the second half for a second straight game after committing a season-high 22 turnovers and giving up a season-high 33 points off those turnovers.
Utah adjusted well to Gobert's early absence. The Jazz ripped off an 11-0 run to take a 27-16 lead near the end of the first quarter. Favors ignited the spurt with a pair of dunks. Dante Exum finished it off by

slashing to the rim on back-to-back possessions for a pair of baskets.
"The game is always going to throw you adversity," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "It's wrapped in different ways. The way that Derrick responded was terrific."
TIP INS
Rockets: Michael Carter-Williams scored a season-high 13 points off the bench. . Houston totaled a season-low 11 third-quarter points. That also represented a season low for a Utah opponent. . The Rockets gave up more than 100 points for the 10th consecutive game.
Jazz: Exum had a season-high 15 points. . Utah outscored Houston 16-4 in fast-break points and finished with a 70-42 advantage on points in the paint. . The Jazz improved to 7-2 when scoring at least 20 points off turnovers. They had a season-high 15 steals.
PAUL HITS MILESTONE
Chris Paul passed the 17,000 point mark with a driving layup in the final minute of the third quarter.
UP NEXT
Rockets: Visit Dallas on Saturday.
Jazz: Visit San Antonio on Sunday.

SPURS

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Kyle Kuzma had 22 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who lost Brandon Ingram to a sprained left ankle in the first quarter.
Los Angeles still beat the Spurs for the first time in three tries this season, but only after James dramatically took control of another fourth quarter during his third 40-point game since joining the Lakers.
"It's the fourth quarter, and my teammates look at me to make plays," James said with a shrug. "Sometimes it doesn't happen that way but I put that type of pressure on my back because I love my teammates giving me that responsibility."
James went 7 of 8 from the field with three 3-pointers in the fourth, but he was quick to point out he had plenty of help from younger Lakers, even after Ingram went down. Kuzma scored nine points in the fourth, including a key dunk on a pass from James with 2:13 left, while Hart and Lonzo Ball both hit big 3s.
Everything added up to an impressive finish by the Lakers, who improved to 15-9 with their eighth win in their last nine home games.
"You just know" when James is about to take over a game, Hart said. "I've said it before. He's the best ever to put on a uniform. When it's happening, sometimes it's amazing. People should stop criticizing, shut up and enjoy his greatness."
DeMar DeRozan scored 32 points and Rudy Gay had a season-high 31 before fouling out for the Spurs in the first of back-to-back games in three days to wrap up the season series between these longtime West rivals. They'll meet again in San Antonio on Friday night.
"We made everything tough for them, (but) it got away from us in the fourth quarter," DeRozan said. "Even though we were scoring, going back and forth, we couldn't get those critical stops when we needed them, and that killed us."

San Antonio held an eight-point lead in the fourth before James started a rally by scoring nine consecutive points. The Lakers hit seven 3-pointers in the final period while making 13 of 20 shots overall with one turnover.
LaMarcus Aldridge had 21 points and nine rebounds for the Spurs, who have lost seven of 10.
"They made tough shots," Aldridge said. "Guys competed and tried to keep guys in front of them, but they found the back side of the defense."
TIP-INS
Spurs: Longtime Lakers big man Pau Gasol didn't get to play against his old team. He is out with a stress fracture in his left foot. ... Davis Bertans hit three 3-pointers but also drew a technical foul in the third quarter. "I think I said one more word than I was supposed to," he explained.
Lakers: Ingram had played at least 25 minutes in every game since he returned from a four-game suspension for fighting in Los Angeles' home opener. ... Ball had 14 points and nine assists, hitting three 3-pointers.
INGRAM OUT
Ingram left midway through the opening quarter after getting hurt while Aldridge committed a flagrant foul against him. The Lakers' third-leading scorer had X-rays that came back negative, but the Lakers seem to think he'll miss additional games. "(Ingram) said they got him pretty good," coach Luke Walton said.
The former No. 2 overall draft pick has been a key component of the Lakers' starting lineup around James, providing length on the perimeter and improving his drives to the hoop.
BIG GAME FOR RUDY
Gay poured in 16 points during the third quarter of his highest-scoring performance for the Spurs and a personal best for the injury-plagued scorer since Jan. 5, 2016. He had just one basket in the final 10½ minutes before fouling out with 27 seconds left.
UP NEXT
Spurs: Host the Lakers on Friday.
Lakers: Visit the Spurs on Friday.



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