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Sept. 13
Sepsis Symposium
Dora Roberts Community Center
10 a.m. to Noon

Sept. 14
DAV Dove Hunt Community Dinner
6 p.m.
Spring Creek Fellowship

Big Spring Symphony Orchestra Concert
featuring pianist Fei Fei Dong
Big Spring Municipal Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Sept. 20-22
Howard County Fair
Gates open at 5 p.m.
Entries accepted on Tuesday, Sept. 18 all day

Sept. 28
2 p.m. Registration
4 p.m. Bike run begins
Bikes Across Big Spring

Don't forget to submit your *We Salute!* nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc. can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

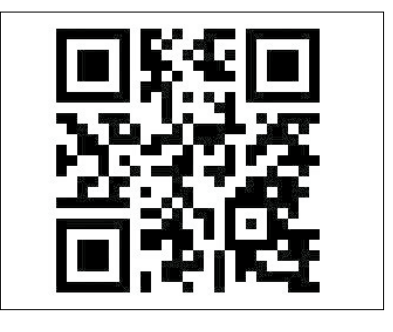
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Candelaria guilty on six counts of Aggravated Assault on Public Servants, Evading Arrest

Sentenced to 60 years for shots fired during dumpster standoff

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Peter Manuel Candelaria will spend at least the next 30 years in prison for the Dec. 28 assault on six Big Spring Police officers and Howard County Sheriff's deputies. Candelaria won't be eligible for parole until 2049 on the 60-year sentence handed down by the trial jury in the case.

Candelaria was found guilty of one count of Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, a third-degree felony (enhanced); and six counts of Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant, each a first-degree felony (enhanced). He received 25 years for the Evading Arrest charge, 40 years



Candelaria

Big Spring Symphony Orchestra & Pianist Fei Fei Dong
Sat. Sept. 14
Municipal Auditorium
7:30 PM

each for five of the Aggravated Assaults, and 60 years for the sixth Aggravated Assault. According to testimony arising during

the trial, police investigators were seeking Candelaria on warrants on Dec. 28, 2018. They had discovered a car he was believed to have been driving, and instituted a stakeout on the car. When Candelaria drove off in the car, investigators attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but Candelaria fled in the car, eventually stopping near the entrance to the alleyway between Edwards and Dallas streets, where the alley intersected with Pennsylvania Avenue. Candelaria and a female passenger exited the vehicle and fled into the alleyway.

Several officers arrived on scene to search for Candelaria, who was believed to be hiding in the alleyway. According to testimony, Investigator Steve Henry heard a metallic banging sound in the area and began searching some metal storage sheds. Investigator Dustin Thomas glanced in a nearby

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BSISD accepts \$5K award for teacher's 'Bold Ideas' innovation contest entry



By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees accepted a \$5,000 check from Schneider Electric Company Thursday afternoon as an award for a local teacher's entry in the

company's "Bold Ideas" innovation competition. Big Spring High School Communications Teacher Allen Morris entered the competition with his idea to engage students with communications technology

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Proposed Constitutional Amendments Proposition No. 3: Temporary property tax relief in disaster areas

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of stories about the 10 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution which will be voted on by Texans Nov. 5.

What would you think about a law stating that, if your property is affected by a natural disaster, your property tax is automatically lowered during the disaster's aftermath?

That's what Proposition 3 "Temporary Property Tax Exemption for Disaster Areas Amendment" proposes, and it will be decided by Texas voters Nov. 5.

The proposed amendment, originally designated "House Joint Resolution 34," received 100 percent positive votes in the Senate, and only 1 dissenting vote out of 145 cast in the House.

"A key word in that is 'temporary.' There are existing laws in place that allow appraisal districts to reappraise property after a disaster, but that is a rather long and cumbersome process and time-consuming, and expensive for the taxing authorities to do that," said State Representative Drew Darby (R-San Angelo), who represents the local District 72 in the Texas House of Representatives. Darby sponsored Prop. 3 along with Rep. Hugh Shine (R - District 55), and Rep. Phil Stephenson (R - District 85). "What this initiative is trying to do is set in statute, if you will, a mechanism for those values to automatically go down in a declared disaster. So if the governor declares that, and ultimately, there is damage to personal property and real property in a disaster, then taxpayers are afforded a temporary property tax exemption for that tax year based on the property's level of damage. I think the minimum threshold is at least 15 percent of the total. Whatever your

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Food2Kids donation



Mike and Sheila Abussaab, center, made a donation of \$1,000 to Food2Kids and presented a check Tuesday, Sept. 10. Food2Kids provides food to elementary school children for the weekends when they are away from school. A total of 1,440 bags of food were sacked during this first two-day event for the 2019-2020 school year.

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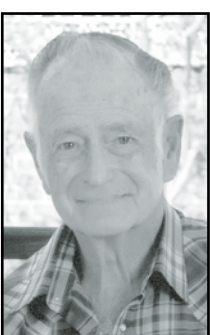


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Obituaries

Bob Roever



Bob Roever, 85, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, 2019, at Alive In Christ Lutheran Church, with pastor Richard Lamb, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bob was born Jan. 13, 1934, in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, to Louise Minnie Klaetsch Roever and Henry John William Roever. He moved to Big Spring around 1955 when he was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. Bob married Anna Jaunell McPherson on Feb. 16, 1957, in Big Spring. He was an active member of the Lions Club for many years. He was a truck driver for Montgomery Ward for over 25 years and was then self-employed with Chemical Express. He enjoyed restoring old tractors and gardening. He was a member of Alive In Christ Lu-

theran Church.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jaunell Roever of Big Spring; three sons, Bobby Roever (Judy) of Big Spring, Mike Roever of McCamey, and Jerry Roever of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Ryndi Smith (Tye) of Weatherford, Layni Honeycutt (Mallory) of Weatherford, Becky Roever (Cody Sparks) of Odessa, Jake Roever (La'Sha) of Odessa, Eddie Pylant (Sally) of Plano, and Darren Pylant (Stephanie) of Abilene; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Elaine Dullum.

Pallbearers will be Cody Sparks, Tye Smith, Eddie Pylant, Darren Pylant, Randy Dullum, Steve Dullum and Nathan Nalley.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorials be sent to Alive In Christ Lutheran Church, 2805 Lynn Street, Big Spring, TX 79720, or to Dakota Boys Ranch Foundation, Box 5007, Minot, ND 58702.

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

Paid Obituary

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **LARRY DALE KING**, 36, of 1606 Settles St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **RUDY MONTEZ HILLARIO JR.**, 40, of 3912 Parkway Rd., was arrested on warrants for expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), and two other outstanding warrants from other agencies.

- **JUAN ALBERTO LOPEZ**, 35, of 500 N.W. 9th St., was arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention, driving with suspended or invalid license with previous conviction, and another outstanding warrant from another

agency.

- **STEPHANIE ROSHETA GILLIAM**, 44, of 2007 N. Monticello St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **ADAN RODRIGUEZ**, 29, of 6630 Jannie St., North Richland Hills, Texas, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **KAYLA LEE MORENO**, 30, of 200 Algerita St., was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).

- **ADAM DEWAYNE GRAVES**, 43, of 1201 Derrick Rd., was arrested on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

- **MATTHEW CASEY OB-**

Sheriff

bodily injury.

- **RUDY MONTEZ HILLARIO**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), violating promise to appear, and charges of expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **LARRY DALE KING**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear-possession of a controlled substance.

- **JUAN ALBERTO LOPEZ**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention, and warrant for bondsman off bond-unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, and driving

RIEN, 40, of 805 E. 18th St., was arrested on a charge of driving with invalid license.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 4200 block of Theo.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported at E. 11th Place and FM 700.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Lark St.,

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of W. 3rd St.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700.

with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.

- **ANGELICA REQUAL MJICA**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **KAYLA LEE MORENO**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).

- **MATTHEW CASEY O'BRIEN**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving with invalid license.

- **ADAN RODRIGUEZ**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at E. I-20 mile marker 197. One

person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Austin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of N.W. 10th St. No transport was required.

Take Note

ing this difficult time.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us. We would love

to have you.

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.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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TRIAL

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dumpster and discovered Candelaria hiding inside. Thomas yelled that Candelaria was in the dumpster, and Henry came to investigate.

"One of the officers looked in the dumpster - Steve Henry," said 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson during an interview following the trial. "(Candelaria) fired at him when he looked in and missed, but he felt the concussion. He thought he'd actually been hit, because of the way it went. He checked himself and found out he wasn't hit. That case they gave 60 years. (Candelaria) stuck the gun up out of the dumpster and fired west down the alley. There was a group of officers - Lt. (Chris) Mahurin, Chris Dominguez, Dustin Thomas, Marc Thomas, and Rory Gammons. Those five guys were to the west and he generally fired from the dumpster in a westerly direction. He got off that shot and Marc Thomas shot him with a rifle. They gave 40 years on each of those cases. So I think it was a very thoughtful jury to assess it the way they did, because they had one guy that he specifically shot at...who was in graver danger because of that specific shot...then the kind of general direction shot, they gave 40 years on. I think that demonstrates it was a very thoughtful jury who wanted to make a distinction between those actions."

Marc Thomas' shot hit Candelaria in his gun hand,

damaging the gun's trigger guard and disabling its trigger. The shot prevented Candelaria from firing further shots during the incident.

Wilkerson said the multiple sentences will run concurrently, alongside each other rather than one after another.

"They have to as a matter of law," Wilkerson said. "Whenever you try multiple cases at the same time - multiple counts - as a matter of law, unless it's a DWI or a sex case, they have to run together. The judge has no choice. He can't stack them. We had to explain that to the jury. It's like, 'It's not going to be if you give him 25 on each one, he gets 175 years. It's going to be more like,, whichever one is the big one, that's the one that counts.'"

Candelaria, defended by Lubbock attorney Artie Aguilar, took the stand in his own defense on Wednesday and claimed to have been shooting into the air rather than at the officers.

"The defense was basically one of, 'I fired the gun, but I didn't fire at any officers,'" Wilkerson said. "That was his defense. The officers testified that 'He pointed that gun at us and we saw it go off in our direction.' Steve Henry said he was looking down in it, and 'He pointed at me and shot.'"

Wilkerson said the damage to Candelaria's gun also suggests he fired level to the ground rather than into the air.

"If it went through the dumpster and hit the guy and hit the trigger guard and took the trigger off, it really takes away this...he maintained he was firing

in the air and not at the officers. But even when he was on the stand testifying, he was doing this (Wilkerson mimed pointing a gun at an angle parallel to the ground). It was kind of funny. The way that the bullet hit him when Marc fired at him...fired at the hand that was up there...it was quite clear that it was in a straight line. There was no up like this (mimes pointing into the air). The gun had to be level to the ground one way or another for it to strike in a straight line."

The motive for Candelaria fleeing from police was apparently significant amounts of drugs in his car, Wilkerson said.

"In regards to the evading, he testified, 'Yeah, I saw the lights come on,'" Wilkerson said. "When I start bringing in things like, 'Here are bullets, here's guns, here's drugs in the car, here's drugs in the backpack that was in the car, those were motives for him to flee, and he conceded, 'Yeah...' and he knew that there were warrants out on him, and that's why he was fleeing. So yeah, he knew they were police."

The trial began with jury selection on Monday and evidence was presented on Tuesday and Wednesday. The jury deliberated for about two hours Thursday before rendering their verdict on Candelaria's guilt, and for about another hour after that before issuing their determination of his sentence.

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BSISD

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including social media and television production.

"Mr. Morris, he's over our journalism and he put together our yearbook last year," said BSISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams. "He has a lot of innovative ideas about how kids can get involved, whether their message is about the school, whether their message is about character and leadership. And he wants them to obviously use things that people use now, whether it's social media, whether it's using various types of cameras, recording, able to broadcast announcements across the school district. Some of those things we have the capability of doing, some of them we don't because of the money issue. So I think Mr. Morris has some ideas going outside of the box. Let the kids be the ones that are doing it."

Lance Wyatt of Schneider Electric was on hand to present the award.

"This was a national contest, and we got hundreds of solicitations," Wyatt said. "The whole idea was to solicit innovation ideas to help K-12 school districts around the country to kind of think about the vision for the future. They went through a rigorous process to select a grand prize winner, but then there's five regions across the nation. Allen won for the South Region. We're very proud of that, and very glad to see it out of my area."

Wyatt read Morris' innovative idea during the meeting.

"This idea is to help students find their voice through the modernization of spaces for audio, video and visual production," he read. "This modernization will help create unique opportunities that would not have normally existed for students of Big Spring ISD, enabling students to find their voices and encourage others to do the same. Funds will be used to help students share their stories via radio, televi-

sion, print, and social media platforms."

In other business, the school board:

- Heard and approved a report from Drew Mouton of Mouton and Mouton Law Firm on the collection of delinquent taxes for the district;
- Approved Expedited and General State Waivers including staff development minutes, teacher data portal of the Texas Assessment Management System, and modified schedule for state assessment testing days.
- Approved implementation of a district "Grow Your Own" program in connection with the TechTeach program, approving stipends for teachers to pay for education costs with an agreement to teach at BSISD for the first two years of their teaching career.
- Approved employee recommendations.

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AMENDMENT

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damage is to that property, there would be an automatic tax exemption for that, temporarily, until that disaster is over and improvements have been made and restoration of the value of the property."

Implementing legislation, designated "House Bill 492," has already been passed in the legislature and was signed into law May 30. If voters approve the proposed amendment, HB 492 would go into effect Jan. 1, 2020, providing specifics such as rules and regulations for local governments to provide for tax exemptions in governor-declared disaster areas.

Local officials have spoken out against the state hampering local governments by issuing unfunded mandates. Prop. 3 could be essentially an unfunded mandate, requiring targeted tax rate reductions and costing local governmental entities revenue without offering any state money to reimburse those local governments, said Howard County Commissioner Craig Bailey.

"About 80 percent of the money we spend every year is unfunded mandates from the state," Bailey said. "This just probably, in my opinion, piles on. It frustrates me. History has taught me they're not to be trusted."

Darby said this measure is needed to help residents in times of emergency, and that the local governments can recoup the loss of revenue through various means.

"Absolutely if there's a disaster, there's going to be a lot of people hurting," Darby said. "Not only would a city or county be hurt

in a disaster, but people who live and work in that area. Cities and counties would have to recognize that there has been damage to the market value of the property, and would have to react accordingly. There are mechanisms in place that help those cities and counties provide resources to compensate for that loss in revenue, such as FEMA or other flood disaster programs that would be available. Low-interest loans, that sort of thing, that would help cities and counties survive. Every taxpayer in this state wants to pay their fair share, but they don't want to pay more than their fair share. If you have property that has been damaged by a natural disaster, you've been hurt. Your house has been hurt, your property has been hurt. So I think, if your property reflects a diminishment of value because of that natural disaster, then you ought to be able to have your property taxes being reduced proportionately. I think that's the issue. It's a sense of fairness about what's happened."

Next week's article will look at Proposition 4 "Prohibit State Income Tax on Individuals Amendment."

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Pamela "Pam" Ann Richards, 60, died Friday. Graveside service will be at 12 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Patty Kirkpatrick, 58, passed away Monday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bob Roever, 85, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Alive In Christ Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Kathleen Kendall, 77, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019. Graveside service will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019, at Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

Juanita Vega, 60, died Thursday. Services are pending. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

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September 14:
The Train Car Tracks Concert Series:
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September 20-22:
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RICHARD SCHNEBERGER

"Dear Mother, I'm sorry I haven't communicated these last four months. The reason I haven't is because of a brain operation I had, which was the result of a concussion I received when I jumped from the fourth story of the dormitory when it caught fire. Fortunately, a young mechanic across the street saw the fire, called the fire department and the ambulance and got me to the hospital in time.

While I was in the hospital, the young man visited me regularly. When I was released, I had no place to go. He invited me to share his apartment. It wasn't really an apartment, it was just a basement room. It was kind of cute. Yes, Mother, I am in love. I'm pregnant and we

do plan to get married. The reason we haven't gotten married yet is because of some silly disease he had and failed the blood test.

Sincerely, Your Loving Daughter

P.S. Now, Mother, this is just to let you know: I did not have the brain operation. There was no concussion. I did not jump from the dormitory. It did not catch on fire. I am not in love. I'm sure not going to get married! I did make a 'D' in English and an 'F' in history. I thought you ought to see these two things in their proper perspective."

Keeping a proper perspective is vitally important in our spiritual journey. The great Welsh preacher, Dr Martin Lloyd Jones, once said, "There is no grosser or greater misrepresentation of the Christian message than that which depicts it as offering a life of ease with no battle and struggle at all... sooner or later every believer discovers that the Christian life is a battleground, not a playground."

We are regularly re-

Reflections: Changing the Rules

It is always important to know the rules in anything we do. We have rules at school, rules at work and rules at home. We establish laws to govern traffic: speed limits, stop signs, turn lanes and signals. We pass laws for family, marriage, commerce and civil conduct. We spend billions of dollars to employ law enforcement officials, judges and lawyers to make sure the rules are obeyed.

Some rules are unwritten. We assume we know them from birth. They are common to every culture on earth. They are simple rules: love your family and your friends; do good things for them; love your country; if someone hits you, hit them back; don't break in line; lend only to those who will pay you back with interest; look out for "number one"; protect your property; defend yourself; if someone wrongs you, get even. Sometimes we follow these rules even when they conflict with the law. They are the stuff of most movies and novels. They are the rules by which we live our lives.

We even have rules for play. Every sport has its rules with umpires and referees to insure that the rules are enforced. We have added instant replay to make sure their rulings are fair and objective. Still, arguments erupt and tempers flare when either side believes it has been unfairly judged. New Orleans fans are still miffed about the pass interference no-call last January, and the NFL has changed the rules. For the first time, following the Saints play-off fiasco, coaches can challenge a pass interference play.

When Jesus came, he changed all the rules. His words sound strange when compared to our natural assumptions about how life is supposed to work. "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. Treat others the same way you want them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:27-36).

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Explanatory Statements for the November 5, 2019 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting an elected municipal judge to serve as a municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time. Unlike an appointed municipal judge, an elected municipal judge may not concurrently hold another municipal judge office. This amendment would allow an elected municipal judge to serve as a municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time, in the same manner as appointed municipal judges.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 79)

SJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds, in an amount that does not exceed \$200 million, for the economically distressed areas program. These bonds can only be used to provide financing for the development of water supply and sewer service projects in those economically distressed areas as defined by law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 34)

HJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to temporarily exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of certain property located in an area covered by a disaster declaration of the governor. The proposed amendment would allow the legislature to prescribe the method of determining the amount of the tax exemption and the duration of the exemption and also would allow the legislature to create any additional eligibility requirements for the tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 38)

HJR 38 proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting the state from imposing or collecting an individual income tax, including an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income. There is no current constitutional bar on imposing or collecting an individual income tax.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 24)

SJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would automatically appropriate the net revenue received from the portion of the state's tax revenue received on sales of sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The legislature would maintain the authority to determine the specific uses of the funds and their allocation between TPWD and THC.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas' natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 12)

HJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the maximum bond amount for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) from

\$3 billion to \$6 billion to be issued by the Texas Public Finance Authority. CPRIT was created in 2007 to promote and fund cancer research in Texas. CPRIT uses bond proceeds to award grants for cancer research and prevention.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 151)

HJR 151 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions from \$300 million per year to \$600 million per year to the available school fund and also allowing the State Board of Education, the General Land Office, and other entities that manage revenue from land or other properties held in the permanent school fund to dis-

tribute certain revenue to the available school fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 4)

HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment creating the flood infrastructure fund as a special fund in the state treasury, using money appropriated from the economic stabilization fund. The flood infrastructure fund would provide additional resources to implement plans to mitigate flood damage. The proposed amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to use money in the flood infrastructure fund for drainage, flood mitigation, or flood control projects. The proposed amendment also would authorize the creation of separate accounts in the flood infrastructure fund as necessary to administer the fund or authorized projects.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects."

Proposition Number 9 (HJR 95)

HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a property tax exemption for precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state."

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 32)

SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow a state agency or political subdivision to transfer a law enforcement animal to the animal's handler or another qualified caretaker in certain circumstances. Currently, the Texas Constitution prevents the transfer of certain public property, such as law enforcement animals, to a private person or organization at no cost. This amendment authorizes the legislature to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to the animal's handler or another qualified caretaker at no cost, upon the animal's retirement or at another time if the transfer is determined to be in the animal's best interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances."

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What must I do to be saved?

We can ask no more important question than, "What must I do to be saved?"

Each of us will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and we are responsible for obeying the Lord. Salvation has two parts: God's part and man's part. God, because of His great love for mankind, has done His part in sending Christ to die for the sins of men.

"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" (John 3:16).

Paul calls this "grace" the gift of God.

"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8).

Paul reminds us that we cannot save ourselves and must rely on God "through faith."

"Through faith" means that man must also do his part because no one benefits from a gift until it is received.

To find what man's part in the plan of salvation, one must go to the right place.

The book of Acts explains God's plan through several examples of conversion.

There are nine specific accounts of conversion in Acts:

The conversion of the Jews on Pentecost, chapter 2; the samaritans, chapter 8; the Ethiopian eu-

nuch, chapter 8; Saul of Tarsus, chapter 9 and 22; Cornelius, chapter 10; Lydia, chapter 18; the Ephesians, chapter 19. In each example, certain common actions, or steps of obedience, were taken by those who became Christians.

Upon hearing the pure gospel message, each believed in Jesus as the Son of God. Following their confession of faith in Christ, Peter told the Jews on Pentecost, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Thus we understand that repentance must accompany faith in Christ.

One must also confess faith in Christ, as did the Ethiopian in Acts chapter 8.

Baptism is the only step toward salvation explicitly mentioned in every conversion account. So what do we have?

Each of the accounts of conversion in Acts shows that baptism is necessary for obedience in Christ.

Hearing the Gospel message, believing in Christ, repenting of past sins, confessing Christ, and being baptized for the remission of our sins makes one a Christian, and brings salvation.

Then one must serve the Lord faithfully (Revelation 2:10).

We invite you to come and worship with us at any time. You would be our honored guest.

Ralph Anderson
Minister

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

What's wrong now?



LILLIAN BOHANNAN


When I was a child, I would cry when I got hurt, or sad, or mad, or happy. I think it was because I am a woman. We do have a tendency to cry a lot of times without even knowing why.

But today when things seem wrong, or out of sorts, we don't cry as much. When 9-11 happened, I remember crying then as I saw the live news cast where people were leaping from the towers so they wouldn't die in the fire. Thinking back, the nation was in shock that such a thing would take place on our soil. People went to church for a while. Then they tapered off and went back to the same lifestyle as before.

So what's wrong now? Do we need to be shocked out of our sin and complacency to realize just who God is supposed to be in our lives? Our city just completed meetings in the Baptist churches of Big Spring. They were called Revival Meetings. Will we go back to Satan's trap of complacency and live just the same way? Or will we continue on the path God wants us to travel with Him in charge of our lives? What is wrong now?


I am so thankful to live in a free country where I can go to church, find the Savior sufficient, and worship the God of Creation. Complacency has no place in a Christian's life. We need to be about our Father's business until He sends Jesus back to earth for His Bride. Will He find faith on the earth? I hope so. Ask Him to give you some of His and show you how to overcome the "What's Wrong?" He will be more than glad you did. And so will you!

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Church News

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are at 1001 S. Goliad, north of the high school, and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays, 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.

Exciting Events coming up.

- Starting Wednesday, Sept. 11, we will start a new program called "Exploring Christianity. This is a new style of delving into this Christian life we are trying to live, and if Christianity is not a way of life you're familiar with, "Exploring Christianity" is a way of "dabbling" your toes into spiritual waters. For four weeks beginning, Wednesday, Sept. 11 throughout Wednesday, Oct. 2, we will host a series of talks and discussions by guest speakers on the following subjects:

1. Who Jesus is and what this Christian religion is meant to be
2. Baptism
3. Communion
4. Prayer

Starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m., it will be a chance for talking, listening, sharing, only if you so choose, while gaining spiritual direction from "experts" in these four theological topics; food will be provided. If you are hungry or just even curious about developing a deeper spiritual life, we urge you to attend. This program is open to all people from different faiths, backgrounds, or whatever belief you bring to the table - IT IS OPEN TO ALL.

- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals service will be Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2, outside St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in the Bennett Garden. This service is open to all animals in our community, so please spread the word. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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, Sept. 15- Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

- Monday, Sept. 16- Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. Ladies please bring a dish to share as we will be gathering in the ARC from 6 to 8 p.m. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with fellow sisters in Christ. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

Saturday, Oct. 26-We are excited to announce our church's 12th Anniversary coming up this October. To honor this momentous occasion, we have planned a special Anniversary Weekend. We will have our Anniversary Banquet Saturday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m., in the East Room at Howard College Coliseum.

Then, Sunday, Oct. 27, join us for our Church Anniversary worship services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

- Van transportation- We have an active van ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride please, contact the church office.

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 E. 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.

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Dr. Sandy Z. Sandlin, pastor

The Self Directed Person

We've all heard jokes about men who refuse to stop and ask for directions. But in reality, there's probably a good bit of truth to the stereotype, and it isn't limited to males. Plenty of men and women in this world zoom along without slowing down to ask for guidance.

If you were to look at the situation from a spiritual perspective, you'd see a world of lost souls desperately trying to save themselves. They think they can earn their way into heaven through hard work and the accumulation of good deeds. But they're wrong.

Luke 12:16-21, describes a wealthy person who makes a lot of plans based only on his own thoughts, desires, and experience. Take the time to look at the passage, and notice how many times he used the words "I" and "my." What you'll see is that his fo-

cus was squarely on himself. This parable is a sad picture of the self-directed man trying to make his own way and secure his own future with no help from anyone, including God.

The Lord didn't mince words: He called the man "fool" (v. 20). Worldly wisdom amounts to nothing in the eyes of our omniscient, all-wise Father (1 Cor. 1:20), and He expects His children to both request and follow His guidance.

The message for us today is clear: When we figure out our own plans and take action with no thought about what God would advise, we are behaving like fools. The Lord has a plan for your life. He knows where you'll succeed and where you'll fail. Be wise and ask Him for directions

This Sunday, I will be sharing "Why I Believe Jesus Is The Only Way."

First Baptist Church

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

Saturday Sept. 14 is the monthly Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. in the church dining room. Guys, invite your neighbors and friends to this time of fellowship and a tasty meal. Enter through the east kitchen doors.

Join the family of First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., as they lift high the name above all names, Jesus Christ, and give God glory for His majesty, faithfulness, and love. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a mix of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message titled "In Our Midst." Drawn from John 20:19-29, listeners will reflect on the infallible proof of Christ's resurrection: His showing Himself alive to this group of assembled disciples who readily recognized Him. The disciples were so certain in the identification of their risen Lord, that they risked their lives in continuing to follow Him, and share the truth of the Gospel.

FBC now offers deaf interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS').

At 9 a.m., The Gathering Place, FBC coffee shop, is open, and you're invited to have some coffee and a sweet treat while enjoying a time of fellowship. Greeters are happy to direct you to The Gathering Place which is located in the former library space.

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.

At 5 p.m., gather for a time of corporate prayer in the church parlor, across the hall from the chapel. Don't miss the blessing!

Evening worship service starts at 5:30 p.m. and is a wonderful way of coming before the LORD in preparation for the week ahead. Pastor Mark will bring the sermon titled "Making a Difference: Be a Giver". Drawn from Acts 4:32-35, listeners will ponder the grace of God which He pours out lavishly on all who believe and will receive it, setting the example of giving to meet the needs of those who are disadvantaged in any way.

Save the date: Oct. 13, world-renowned preacher and teacher, Dr. Robert Smith, Jr., will bring the message in the morning worship service at 10:50 a.m. Start inviting your neighbors and friends now to this special event.

Wednesday night meals are served from 5-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Reservations are required by Monday noon to assist with planning; call 267-8223, or go to fbcbigspring.org to save your place and learn more.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m. and include adult Bible study and prayer time, Real LYF for children, youth group, and adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor Youth room at 6:15, and join the fun.

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

To learn 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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Currently, they are joining with the First Baptist Church family in the main sanctuary with interpreters provided. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. For information about additional activities or to learn more about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 Bible study has begun. We are studying Proverbs. A meal will be provided at 5:30 p.m., and class begins at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us as we begin this new study.

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

Meetings for Revival in Big Spring! The speakers were the youth pastors in our area. The Evangelist spoke Wednesday evening at College Baptist. Only God brings Revival, and that's what we are praying will happen in our fair county. We love to meet together whether it's for work, worship, or just some good old fashion fellowship. Come join us this Sunday.

College Baptist Church is located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. We invite you to come join us on Sundays for Sunday school, Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, followed by worship at 10:45 in the auditorium. RA's helps grades first through fifth boys in mission studies and activities. GA's is for grades first through fifth girls' missions, and both meet Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. Church-wide snack supper and Bible study for everyone is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, we eat deliciously at 6:30, then have a craft time, King's Kids, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults, all beginning at 7 p.m.

Come worship with us as we celebrate the God of ministry. This Sunday, Jamie Scott and our praise team will lead us in presenting our hymns of praise to our heavenly Father. Our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, will help us as we delve into God's word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

Celebrate the joyful activities with us in exciting worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call 432-267-7429, for more information about this exciting, loving church.

First United Methodist Church

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

On Sunday Sept. 15, Pastor Derrell Patterson concludes the sermon series on Kings, "First Kings, Then Prophets". The message, "Asking Boldly" is from 2 Kings 2. Before Elijah is taken to heaven in a whirlwind he lets Elisha make a request. Elisha asks boldly for a double portion of the old prophet's spirit.

Worship services are 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, "Our Savior".

The Wednesday noon Bible study meets in Garrett Hall. The meal is served at 11:50 for \$5, followed by a Bible study of the Book of John.

Real Life Wednesdays include Celebrate Recovery, choir Rehearsal, women's Bible study, children's choir, and youth meetings, which all meet at 6 p.m. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7 p.m. The college ministry, Wesley Foundation, meets on Wednesdays for worship at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a study.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday in Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday.

Other events on the church calendar include:

- Fifth Sunday Service, Sept. 29; only one worship service at 11 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch at noon.

- "Our Savior" Choir Rehearsal begins at 6:30 p.m.

- United Methodist Women Luncheon and Study, 11:45, Youth Hall.

- Walk to Emmaus Weekend Retreat, Oct. 17-20.

- Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31.

- December 7 and 8, "Our Savior" Presentations.

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

First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m. in the library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

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CHURCH

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Ushers last Sunday were Jim Little, Louise Hitch, Danny Kennemur, and Mike Robinson. The choir substituted an anthem by Natalie Sleeth last week because of changes in personnel. Therefore, the offertory anthem this Sunday is the same one that was listed for Sept. 8.

After the Rally Day Pancake Breakfast to begin a new Sunday school year, the SS teachers were recognized and thanked. Cici Hallford and Paula Farquhar stated that the children and youth are studying the Ten Commandments. John Ferguson and the Covenant Class continue in their study of the covenants in the Bible. Helen Glass said that the Discovery Class begins a four-week DVD study on "Moses, the Reluctant Prophet," led by Adam Hamilton.

The "Lunch Bunch" will meet at the Spanish Inn this Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19, the service committee sponsors a movie lunch featuring the movie "All Saints." Please contact Ellen Austin to let her know that you are coming and if you are bringing a friend.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, Presbyterian Women will begin their new year with a kick-off brunch.

Saturday, Sept. 28, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, the monthly prayer breakfast takes place. Everyone is invited to this time of good food and fellowship.

Sunday, Sept. 29, our Fifth Sunday Pot Luck Lunch will be the annual church barbecue. The cooking crew will provide the barbecue and drinks; everyone else is asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts.

The lectionary passages for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (or 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time) are Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Choral Introit will be "Come, Christians, Join to Sing," by C. Henry Bateman. The choir will present "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God," arranged by Carl F. Mueller, as the offertory. Gabe Martinez is the organist and pianist. REMINDER: Worship services are back in the Sanctuary.

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. We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. to help anyone who needs food. 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. Volunteers are needed to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering with 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 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us.

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy worship. This ministry is for children ages kindergarten through fourth grade. We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning.

"PUP", which stands for "Picking Up Pieces", is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there. For address or more info, please contact the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Funeral Meal Team
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Van Ministry
- "People Helping People" Ministry
- "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry

The Signal Mountain Quilters Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This group is open to all in the community who are interested. The proceeds from the quilt they are making this year will be donated to The Life Center. You may see the quilt in the foyer.

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.

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible". If you are interested, please contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry operates through donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

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.-12 p.m.-Worship Service
11 a.m.-12 p.m.-Children's Church
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

- Tuesday-
6 p.m.-Pain Management Class-Room 4
7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study
- 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.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office, or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org

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~ Matthew 10:16-18 NIV

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- Alabaster Offering

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- Back to Church Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 15 is National Back to Church Sunday. One of the most common reasons given from people who don't attend church is simply, "No one invited me." Many say that they would come to church if someone would just extend the invitation. Your gift may not be teaching a class, singing on the worship team, or serving with the children, but we can all invite someone to join us for worship. Such a simple act could have an eternal impact. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to come find a place to belong at NazFamily Church!

- Revive Our Hearts: Women's Conference

On Friday evening, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 28 at 8:30am, the NazFamily will be simulcasting this powerful national women's conference. There will be some great speakers including Nancy Wolgemuth, Dannah Gresh, Marian Kasasian, Kelly Needham, and more. There is no cost to attend this event. Please RSVP so we prepare enough food. You can find out more at www.revive19.com.

Singer-songwriter to imbue concert with message of hope in Kerrville

Staff Writer
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A local bereavement support group is hosting a free concert this month featuring award-winning speaker, songwriter and recording artist Alan Pedersen.

As part of his Angels Across the USA Tour, Pedersen will perform at 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center, 800 Jefferson St.

"We know music and song speak to our hearts with comfort and encouragement," states a press release from the The Hill Country Compassionate Friends. "Alan Pederson is a bereaved parent who knows the bereaved parent's journey. His words and music encourage those in grief from loss of a loved one. All are invited to this evening of song and encouraging words."

The Angels Across the USA Tour is all about hope and is intended to reach out to those in grief, according to the press release.

Pederson's 18-year-old daughter, Ashley, died in 2001. Since then, he has traveled to more

than 1,500 cities speaking and playing his original music. Alan also successfully served four years as the executive director of The Compassionate Friends, the largest grief organization in the world.

"His inspirational message of hope and his music have resonated deeply with those facing a loss or adversity in their lives and have made him one of the most popular, in-demand presenters in the world on finding hope after loss," states the press release.

Pedersen's Angels Across the USA Tour will have him speaking and performing in more than 100 U.S. cities this year.

The tour is supported by hundreds of families and organizations who sponsor butterfly decals bearing the names and home towns of their loved ones who have died.

"These decals are lovingly placed on the Angels Across the USA van, which travels across the country,"

states the press release.

The Family Life Center, where the concert will be, is behind the First Presbyterian Church. Enter from Earl Garrett Street.

For more information, call Sue Endsley at 830-928-7745.

The Compassionate Friends support group is open to all bereaved parents, grandparents, and those who give emotional support. The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of January though November at 6:30 p.m. in Ryan Hall at First Presbyterian Church

Grimes plays to sold out crowd at First Christian dinner theater

Kim Cox undefined

Country singer Curtis Grimes said he had so much fun, he plans on coming back to Paris next year.

The singer/songwriter performed to a sold out crowd Monday night at the quarterly First Christian Church Dinner Theater.

The night was an unparalleled success, organizer Ronnie Nutt said.

"All comments received were what a wonderful young man and singer he was and wanted him to come back," Nutt said, "and we have agreement he will be back Sept. 14, 2020."

The event raised between \$2,500 and \$3,000 that also received a matching \$1,750 grant for The Texas Dream Center in Deport. The grant came from Modern Woodman Fraternal Financial Representative Diane Stegall, Nutt said.

"Curtis sang for over an hour, singing his seven consecutive number one Texas country music hits and closed with his biggest hit 'Born To Die,'" he said. "Curtis stayed and signed autographs and talked to fans for over an hour."

The event was catered by Hole in The Wall and Mike Taylor's Boy Scouts Troop 2 served and cleaned up the meal.

"The audience raved about their great service," Nutt said.

The Fourth Quarter First Christian Church Country Theatre will be Dec. 2, and will feature current national country Christian artist Chris Golden, Nutt said.

To reserve a table, contact Ronnie Nutt or Tonya Earley at First Christian Church at 903-785-5516.

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CHS celebrates homecoming



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Pictured are the 2019 CHS Homecoming Queen nominees. They are from left Peyton Woods, Caitlyn Corley, Austyn Montgomery, Kirah Kimball, and Emilee Custer. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned at the Bulldog/Wildcat football game on Friday.

COAHOMA — Bulldog spirit is in full force at Coahoma ISD for homecoming this week and the festivities will culminate Friday with the coronation of the homecoming queen at the Bulldog/Wink varsity football game.

The 2019 CHS homecoming queen nominees are Peyton Woods, Caitlyn Corley, Austyn Montgomery, Kirah Kimball, and Emilee Custer.

To celebrate homecoming, a number of spirit days and activities have been scheduled throughout the week.

A bonfire will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at 7747 E. Midway Rd. This event is being held thanks to the efforts of volunteers Brandon and Michael Atkins and is not a Coahoma ISD sponsored activity.

On Friday, Coahoma ISD will host a community pep rally at the Bill Easterling Memorial Stadium. The rally begins at 2 p.m. That night, the coronation of the Football Sweetheart and Hero will be held at 7 p.m. before the varsity football game. Kickoff for the Bulldogs and the Wink

Wildcats match is at 7:30 p.m., and the announcement of the Homecoming Queen will be held at halftime.

The following is a list of spirit days.

Monday: PJ Day — All campuses are encouraged to participate. The Bulldogs will be the Wildcats worst nightmare

Tuesday: Crazy Socks day — elementary and Academy; Twin Day — junior high and high school. Make the Wildcats see double.

Wednesday: Hat Day — elementary and Academy; Christmas Sweaters or Patriotic Day — junior high and high school. Send the Wildcats ho-ho-home

Thursday: Shades Day — elementary and Academy; Tourist Day — junior high and high school. Send the Wildcats packing.

Friday: Red and White Day — elementary and Academy; No. 1 Fan Day — junior high and high school.



Courtesy photo

The Coahoma football players gather together during the Homecoming bonfire. The team will be battling Wink for their Homecoming game Friday night.

Upcoming sporting events

Big Spring ISD

Junior High Lady Steer Volleyball

Sept. 16

Sweetwater (Away) 5 p.m. / 7th Grade A and 8th A
6:15 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Sept. 23

Greenwood (Home) 5 p.m. / 7th Grade A and 8th A
6:15 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Sept. 30

Snyder (Home) 5 p.m. / 7th Grade A and 8th A
6:15 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Oct. 10

San Angelo Lincoln (Away) 4:30 p.m. / 7th Grade A and 8th A
5:45 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Oct. 17

Lamesa (Away) 5 p.m. / 7th Grade A and 8th A
6:15 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Oct. 21

Sweetwater (Home) 5 p.m. / 7th Grade A and 8th A
6:15 p.m. / 7th Grade B and 8th Grade B

Coahoma ISD

All games are at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Sept. 13

Homecoming - vs Wink

Sept. 20

Senior night - vs Slaton

Sept. 27 - vs Iraan (Away)

Oct. 11 - vs Idalou (Home)

Oct. 18 - vs Abernathy (Away)

Oct. 25 -

Gold Out game vs Stanton (Home)

Nov. 1

Senior Walk - vs Colorado City (Home)

Nov. 8 - vs. Lubbock Roosevelt (Away)

Oklahoma State announces ceremony to honor Pickens

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — A public memorial is planned at Oklahoma State University to honor the late T. Boone Pickens, who donated hundreds of millions of dollars to his alma mater during his lifetime.

Pickens died Wednesday in Dallas at age 91. OSU says the university will honor Pickens on Sept. 25 at Gallagher-Iba Arena in Stillwater.

Pickens said last month in his annual letter to Oklahoma State fans that he checked with the school and learned he had donated \$652 million over the years, with much of it going to athletic facilities.

The school's football stadium was named for Pickens in 2003 after he made a \$70 million donation, which included \$20 million set aside for a stadium expansion.

A funeral service is also planned

Ole Miss seeks 2nd straight win as it hosts SE Louisiana

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi aims to build on what worked in a victory over Arkansas when the Rebels host Football Championship Subdivision program Southeastern Louisiana.

"Southeastern Louisiana presents unique challenges on both sides of the ball," Ole Miss coach Matt Luke said. "We will have to prepare well. And then for us to improve from week two to week three, we will focus on doing the little things better technique-wise and getting better in every area because we can."

Ole Miss followed up a season-opening 15-10 loss at Memphis by winning 31-17 over Arkansas in its Southeastern opener.

Southeastern Louisiana's essentially had over two weeks to prepare for this game since opening the season on Aug. 29 with a 35-14 victory over Jacksonville State. The Lions scheduled Sept. 7 game with Bethune-Cookman was canceled due to the threat of Hurricane Dorian.

The Lions tried to make the most of the extra time off.

"We went back to more training camp-like practices because of it, focusing on ourselves and didn't spend much time schematically on Ole Miss," Southeastern Louisiana coach Frank Scelfo said. "They had only played one game prior to that, so there wasn't a whole lot of information to go off of,

so we waited until after the Arkansas game to put in a game plan."

After a poor offensive performance against Memphis, Ole Miss fared much better against the Razorbacks as the unit begins to get more acclimated to new offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez's scheme.

"The effort has always been good since camp," Rodriguez said. "It's just that execution was little bit better, but we still have to get a lot of things cleared up. This is going to be an important week for us."

Here are a few other things to watch when Ole Miss hosts Southeastern Louisiana.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA'S SPEED

Southeastern Louisiana won't come into this game short on confidence, especially after winning its opener The Lions possess plenty of speed on offense and racked up 384 total yards against Jacksonville State.

"Frank Scelfo is a great offensive mind," Luke said. "He has a veteran quarterback, Chason Virgil, (who) is a transfer from Fresno State. They also have Cole Kelley, the transfer from Arkansas, so they have two very capable quarterbacks. They have a running back, a transfer from Indiana, in Devonte Williams. They have good skill guys and a quarterback that can distribute the ball, so they'll test us on

the perimeter."

REBELS IMPROVED UP FRONT

The most noticeable difference from week one to week two for the Ole Miss offense was the play of its offensive line. The Rebels netted just 173 yards of total offense against Memphis but gained 483 yards against Ole Miss.

Scottie Phillips rushed for 143 yards and two touchbacks on 26 carries against Arkansas.

"I was really happy that we were able to win the rushing battle because that was a mindset with us trying to go in and stop (Arkansas') Rakeem Boyd," Luke said. "And for us to outrush them, that was a big difference."

Scelfo noticed the improvement and cited growing confidence as a source.

"A lot more certainty in what they were doing and what the scheme was, and then they started playing faster once that happened," Scelfo said. "We are really going to have to play well and be prepared."

MISSING SANOGO

Ole Miss will be playing its first full game without linebacker MoMo Sanogo, who underwent surgery this week after injuring his ankle in the Arkansas game.

Sanogo recorded four tackles in the Rebels' first two games. He made 112 tackles last season to tie for fifth place among all Southeastern Conference players.

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Bucs use goal-line stand to beat Panthers 20-14

By STEVE REED

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — When Cam Newton left the shotgun and began creeping toward the line of scrimmage, Buccaneers cornerback Vernon Hargreaves knew exactly what was coming.

The Bucs sniffed out a fourth-and-1 play from the 2-yard line with Hargreaves shoving Christian McCaffrey out of bounds with 1:22 left to preserve a 20-14 win over the Carolina Panthers and cap off a terrific defensive performance on Thursday night.

Jameis Winston threw for 208 yards and a touchdown, Chris Godwin had 121 yards receiving and a score and Peyton Barber ran for 82 yards, but it was the Bucs defense that won this game. Tampa Bay held the Panthers without a touchdown and limited McCaffrey to 53 total yards to give coach Bruce Arians his first victory with the team.

The goal-line stand, particularly the fourth down play, was just the icing on the cake.

As Newton cleared out of the way, McCaffrey took the direct snap from center, faked a reverse to Curtis Samuel and raced around left end but couldn't find the edge. He tried to extend the ball, but didn't pick up the first down as Hargreaves rode him out of bounds.

"You watch any football and you've seen it a few times," Hargreaves said of the play. "Once I saw Cam walk up to the line of scrimmage and act like he was talking to me I had a pretty good idea what was going on."

It would be hard to imagine the Panthers taking the ball out of their 6-foot-5, 245-pound quarterback's hands in the past. Even Hargreaves said a few years ago, Newton "definitely, 100 percent" would have tried to run and score.

But this is a different time for the ninth-year

quarterback. Although he has more TDs rushing than any other QB in the league, he has just minus-2 yards on five carries this season with two fumbles.

"He can't take them hits like that," Hargreaves said. "It's going to eat his body up. So not really. We expected more throwing as he is getting older in his career."

Panthers coach Ron Rivera said there is nothing wrong with Newton's shoulder or foot that prevented him from running the ball. He believed the Panthers had the right play called.

"Unfortunately, it didn't work," Rivera said. "That's all I can tell. We felt good about the play."

McCaffrey said it was his job to get into the end zone — or at least pick up the first down — and he failed.

"The ball is in my hands and I have to make that play," McCaffrey said. "I have to get better."

Actually the entire Panthers offense needs to get better, Newton said.

"It's hard to look defensive guys in the eyes after a game like this because we didn't uphold our end of the bargain," Newton said. "All fingers are pointed back to the offense and me specifically."

Newton finished with 324 yards passing, but was held without a touchdown for the second straight week.

The Buccaneers (1-1) got plenty of pressure on Newton with three sacks coming from Shaquil Barrett. The Panthers failed to reach the end zone, only scoring on Joey Slye's four field goals and a safety by Luke Kuechly. They are 0-2 for the first time since the 2013 season.

Newton said it's embarrassing being booed off the field on some third downs. He said you can't blame the fans and "they deserve better."

WINSTON AVOIDS TURNOVERS

After throwing two pick 6's last week, Winston played a turnover-free game.

And with the defense playing well, that was good enough.

"I thought he was outstanding," Arians said. "He had a hell of a week as far as mentally preparing and getting ready for this ball game. I think that's the type of game he can play."

NEWTON THROWS DEEP

After fielding plenty of questions about only attempting only one pass of more than 20 yards downfield in the season opener against the Rams, Newton connected on a 44-yard strike to Curtis Samuel late in the first quarter. It was one of handful of deep balls the quarterback threw.

JEERS TO CHEERS

After fumbling his first two punt return attempts, Ray-Ray McCloud was greeted with sarcastically cheers as he fielded his third punt cleanly. But the jeers quickly turned to cheers when McCloud raced up the middle of the field for a 39-yard return.

SLYE GUY

Undrafted rookie Joey Slye made all four field goals, including a 54-yarder and is now 6 of 7 on the season in place of the injured Graham Gano.

INJURIES

Buccaneers: Linebacker Devin White left the game in the first quarter with a knee injury and cornerback Jamel Dean suffered a lower leg injury in the third. Neither player returned to the game. Kevin Minter, who replaced White, was given the game ball after finishing with eight tackles.

Panthers: None reported.

UP NEXT

Buccaneers: Host New York Giants on Sept. 22.
Panthers: At Arizona on Sept. 22.

Olson, Athletics top Astros 3-2, take over AL wild-card lead

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HOUSTON (AP) — The Oakland Athletics left Houston feeling pretty good on Thursday night after taking three of four games from the imposing Astros as they look to lock down a playoff spot.

Matt Olson hit a two-run homer to back a solid start by Homer Bailey and the Athletics beat the Astros 3-2 to take over the AL wild-card lead.

Oakland shook off a 15-0 loss in the opener of this four-game series to win three in a row, beating Cy Young Award front-runner Justin Verlander in the finale.

The A's moved a half-game ahead of Tampa Bay atop the AL wild-card standings. Cleveland is one game behind Oakland.

"We played well against them at our place and this is probably the toughest place in the American League to play," manager Bob Melvin said. "To be able to come in and take three out of four and do it in different fashions every night, yeah, it felt good."

The Athletics got Verlander (18-6) for three runs in the first three innings before he settled in to pitch three scoreless frames.

Bailey (13-8) yielded three hits and one run in 5 1/3 innings to win his fourth straight decision. He matched his career high in wins set in 2012 with Cincinnati.

"We pulled it out, won the series," Bailey said. "We've been playing so good against these guys and also New York, and it just goes on further to show that we believe that we can play with any team in this league."

It was a much better outing than in his first start against Houston this season when the Astros jumped on him for eight hits and nine runs — both season highs — in just two innings of an 11-1 loss on July 22.

The Astros missed opportunities in both the eighth and ninth innings to tie it or take the lead on a night they went 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

Jose Altuve's solo home run off Yusmeiro Petit got Houston within a run with one out in the eighth inning. The Astros loaded the bases with two outs

but Blake Treinen struck out rookie Kyle Tucker to leave everyone stranded.

Houston had runners on first and third with two outs in the ninth, but Liam Hendriks struck out Michael Brantley for his 21st save.

The Athletics tagged Verlander right away in his second start since tossing his third career no-hitter



on Aug. 1. Marcus Semien singled on his first pitch and he struck out the next two batters before Mark Canha walked. Seth Brown gave Oakland an early lead with an RBI double to left field.

It was Semien who got things going again in the third with a leadoff single. An out later, Olson extended his career high by hitting 32nd home run this season and third of the series to make it 3-0.

"They had a good game plan and really had some good at-bats," Verlander said. "With that being said, I really only regret one pitch, to Olson. I yanked a fastball down and in and he put a good swing on it."

Manager AJ Hinch isn't surprised to see the A's playing so well.

"They're here to stay," he said. "They're a really good team. They put pressure on you from the beginning. From the first pitch from (Verlander), they just keep coming at you. They've got a ton of relievers, some good young kids so they're no secret around here."

Verlander, who leads the AL with a 2.58 ERA, allowed five hits and three runs with 11 strikeouts in six innings to snap a three-game winning streak. He is just 25 strikeouts shy of reaching 300 for the first time in a season and needs 19 Ks to become the 18th player in MLB history to collect 3,000 in his career.

Robinson Chirinos singled and Josh Reddick doubled to start the bottom of the third. The Astros cut the lead to 3-1 when Chirinos scored on a groundout by George Springer.

The Astros had runners at first and second with no outs in the sixth after Bailey walked Altuve and Brantley. Bailey struck out Alex Bregman before he was replaced by Jake Diekman, who picked off Altuve as he tried to steal third base before striking out Alvarez to end the threat.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: SS Carlos Correa (sore lower back) will begin a rehabilitation assignment with Triple-A Round Rock on Friday.

THEY SAID IT

Verlander on the possibility of reaching 3,000 strikeouts this season: "I'd be lying if I said I didn't know where I was at. It's kind of on the back burner, I guess. I'm aware of it. I try not to focus on it too much, but it'd be pretty cool to get to it this year, for sure."

UP NEXT

Athletics: RHP Chris Bassitt (10-5, 3.64 ERA) will start for Oakland in the opener of a three-game series at Texas on Friday night. Bassitt is 5-1 with a 2.78 ERA in 10 starts since the All-Star break.

Astros: RHP Gerrit Cole (16-5, 2.73) is scheduled to start for Houston in the first of three games with Kansas City on Friday. Cole, who leads the league with a career-high 281 strikeouts, allowed one hit and fanned 15 in a season-high eight innings of a 21-1 win over Seattle in his last start.

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