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**Upcoming Events**

- Christmas Tree Forest**  
Open at Heritage Museum through Dec. 20
- Today**
- VA Tree Lighting**  
5:30 p.m.
- Saturday**
- FamousElle**  
1 year anniversary
- Gary B's Party**  
at the Plaza  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Christmas Parade**  
5:30 p.m.
- Breakfast with Santa**  
Heritage Museum  
RSVP, space limited
- Vintage Christmas**  
Heritage Museum  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Sunday**
- Feast of Sharing**  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Dec. 10**
- SMMC Tree Lighting**  
6 p.m.

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## Suspect arrested in theft investigation

*Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Department issued the following press release regarding a recent investigation involving numerous burglaries and thefts across the city.*

**Special to the Herald**

For the past several weeks Detectives with the Big Spring Police Department have been investigating the rash of vehicle burglaries and stolen vehicles within the City of Big Spring.

This investigation led to a joint investigation with the Howard County Sheriff's Office then expanded to include Dawson County Sheriff's Office, Palo Pinto County Sheriff's Office, Midland Police Department, Glasscock County Sheriff's Office, Mitchell County Sheriff's Of-

fice, Borden County Sheriff's Office, Nolan County Sheriff's Office and Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Throughout this investigation the Big Spring Police Department, Midland Police Department and Glasscock County Sheriff's office obtained multiple arrest warrants on Casey Adam Torrence, white male, 28 years of age to include Theft of Firearms, Felon in Possession of Firearms, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicles, Burglary of Vehicles and Burglary of Habitations.

On Dec. 5, 2019, the Big Spring Police Department learned the location of Casey Torrence, in the 2600 block

of Carleton. Investigators with the Big Spring Police Department called for the assistance of the Midland Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's office, Glasscock County Sheriff's Department, Department of Public Safety and Customs and Border Patrol.

Surveillance was established on the residence and Torrence was observed entering a black Ford F-350 that had been reported stolen out of Martin County. Surveillance was maintained on Torrence and the stolen vehicle until he exited the highly populated area. Torrence traveled to the



**Casey Adam Torrence**

southwest portion of Howard County at which time The Department of Public Safety attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Torrence and the stolen vehicle. Torrence refused to stop and a pursuit

was initiated at approximately 3 p.m. The pursuit continued for approximately 45 minutes.

At approximately 3:45 p.m., Torrence abandoned the stolen vehicle and evaded (officers) on foot in the heavily wooded area just northwest of Roberts Lake which is just south of IH-20 and west of

See **BSPD**, Page 3

## Big Spring Herald annual parade to light up Saturday night

*More than 65 entries, community invited to join festivities*

By **CINDY PINCH**  
 Staff Writer

The floats are decorated, weather is projected to be nice, and entries have been submitted.

The Big Spring Herald invites the community to come see the 34th annual Community Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. This year's parade theme is Rudolph and Friends.

"The Big Spring Herald looks forward to putting on the parade because of the joy it gives children and adults." Publisher Rick Nunez said.

The parade is a tradition that has been a part of the community for years. The Big Spring Herald took over responsibility for the parade in 1985.

The parade has grown and changed since that first year. The parade used to take place on Gregg street. However, due to

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*HERALD file photo*  
 The annual Christmas Parade will take place Saturday night, starting at 5:30 p.m. There are 66 entries this year. The community is invited to attend.

## 9th Annual Warming Up Our Community



*Courtesy photo*  
 Holy Trinity Catholic Church Youth sort through the donations received for the 2018 Warming Up Our Community Event. This will be the ninth year the Church Youth are hosting this event, which will take place Saturday.

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

Temperatures have started to cool down and in hopes of helping the community stay warm this winter, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be hosting the 9th Annual Warming Up Our Community Event. The event will take place in the Guadalupe Family Center at the church, located at 1009 Hearn St.

"This is a service project our youth group has hosted for the last eight years; this year will be nine years," Merlinda Moron, Holy

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**Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown**

**Destiny** says "Only 19 Days 'til Christmas!"  
 (Destiny, Daughter of Ashley Schwab, Classifieds)

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JENNIFER MUKLEY**, 36, of 2714 Oasis Rd., was arrested on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750 shoplifting).
- **NICOLAS MONROY LUGO**, 26, transient, was arrested on a charge of failing to yield right of way at stop intersection.
- **ADOLFO SEGOVIA LOPEZ**, 70, of 215 N.E. 9th St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JERRY JIMENEZ GOMEZ JR.**, 73, of 1800 S. Main St., was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).
- **LITTLE JOHN PHILLIP WINFIELD**, 57, of 1408 Runnels, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **HOMERO GONZALEZ**, 29, of 214 Tubb Loop Rd., #A15, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **THOMAS TERRY LAMBERT**, 40, of 6109 FM 1430, Rio Grande City, Texas, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane, and the 400 block of Hillside Drive.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 1200 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of S. Gregg St.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson Rd.

## Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JERRY JIMENEZ GOMEZ JR.**, 73, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).
  - **HOMERO GONZALEZ JR.**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
  - **PRISCILLA IRENE HERNANDEZ**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
  - **CHRISTOPHER ISAAH HINOJOS**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
  - **TOMMY RAY HULL**, 36, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, abandoning or endangering a child criminal negligence, driving

with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension, and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

- **THOMAS TERRY LAMBERT**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$50 to \$500).
- **ADOLFO SEGOVIA LOPEZ**, 70, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **NICOLAS MONROY LUGO**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of failure to yield row at a stop intersection.
- **JENNIFER LAVINIA MULKEY**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **ZAKKERY WAYNE TURNER**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault of family or household member impeding breathing.
- **LITTLE JOHN PHILLIP WINFIELD**, 57, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.

## Fire/EMS Report

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 800 block of Abrams. No transport was required.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 2500 block of Marsh Circle. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of W. 3rd St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of W. 4th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported east of Gilbert Road.. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Neill Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Take Note

• C. Larson Real Estate presents their Second Annual Jolly Jam-boree to be held Sunday, Dec. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at 1600 S. Gregg St. The event is free and everyone is invited. Stop by and get a photo with Santa, Mrs. Claus and The Grinch. Cookies, hot cocoa, music, a bounce house, and other fun surprises will be available.

• Anthony Rivas, local musician, is collecting food for Isaiah 58 Food Pantry. If you would like to donate, please contact Rivas at 432-935-0779, and he will arrange a time to drop off the donations at the food pantry. The food will then be distributed to the less fortunate in our area on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided that day, and a DJ will be on site for entertainment. Thank you Anthony for doing this for our community.

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. There will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee, cocoa, popcorn and cookies. There will also be a special visit from Santa from 3 to 5 p.m. If you would like to enter your house into the Best Decorated House contest, you can pick up an application at City Hall or at the Office of the Justice of the Peace and return by December 11. The winner will be announced at the park and will receive a yard sign and stocking of goodies.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought.

The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• A fund has been set up in order to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowlkes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

• 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. 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.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding.

The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, Jan. 6 and Tuesday Jan. 7, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

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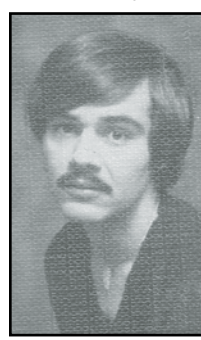
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## Obituaries

### Henry Madrid



Henry Madrid, 65, of Washington, formerly of Big Spring, died Nov. 13, 2019. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel. A vigil service for Henry will begin at 7 p.m.

Henry was born Nov. 11, 1954 in Big Spring, Texas, to Eva and Enrique Madrid. Henry is survived by his sister, Mary Ybarra Rodriguez (Tino); one niece; and three

nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eva and Enrique Madrid; and one nephew.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## 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.

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**PARADE**

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traffic concerns, the parade shifted east to Scurry street.

"This year's going to be a great one." Nunez said. Participants of the parade are varied. In the past, parade participants have included car clubs, school bands, local businesses, and private citizens. "We have many entries of different sorts." Nunez

said. "It will be interesting to see what the participants come up with."

This year, the parade entries will be judged by Terry Hansen, Mike Ritchey, and the Honorable Judge Tim Yates. The judges will score the entries based on workmanship, originality, lights, and theme.

"It's wonderful to give back to the community." He said.

The parade will start at 24th and Scurry and move north toward 4th street. The parade will loop

around and go south on Main street to end in front of Wells Fargo.

"We've been looking forward to it all year." Nunez said.

The Big Spring Herald invites the community to come on out and enjoy the parade.

*Cindy Pinch is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

**WARM**

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Trinity Catholic Church Youth Leader, said. "We begin in November by asking our church members to look through their closets for jackets and blankets they no longer need. Our parishioners are very generous, so we have a good variety for our Howard County Community to choose from. A couple of people that are involved are also with the St. Vincent De Paul society, and they help us every year by informing the people that go to them for financial aid or food on Thursday mornings. This gives us a better opportunity to help more

people." Anyone in need can stop by and choose from a variety of coats, gloves, blankets, and other warm attire. Everything is free to those who might need a little helping hand during these cold winter months. Refreshments will also be provided.

"We have helped more than 75 families over the years," states Moron. "Each year, we hope to help more than the year before."

For more information, please call the church at 432-714-4930.

*Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

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Farm to Market 818.

At approximately 4:15 p.m., Torrence was located hiding under brush and was taken into custody. Torrence was found to

be in possession of three pistols.

At the time of this media release (approximately 8:20 p.m. Thursday evening) Torrence has been booked into the Howard County Jail on multiple felony warrants and more warrants from several jurisdictions and agencies are

expected to follow.

The Big Spring Police Department thanks all agencies involved in the apprehension of Casey Torrence.

This is an ongoing investigation and no further information will be released at this time.



**Weather**

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 59. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph in the morning.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 74.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.

**Monday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 66.

**Monday Night:** A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 52.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)*

- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive.

Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities.

More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room.

Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

- 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.

- 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 of-

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office at 432-263-9669.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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Paul "BUMBA" Viera, Jr., 34, died Thursday. Funeral service was at 11 AM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Henry Madrid, 65, of Washington, formerly of Big Spring, died November 13, 2019. The family will receive friends from 6 PM until 9 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with a Vigil Service beginning at 7 PM.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 7: Breakfast with Santa:**  
Heritage Museum of Big Spring  
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**December 7: Big Spring Herald's Community Christmas Parade:**  
Parade will travel north on Scurry starting at 5:30pm

**December 8-25: Comanche Trail Festival of Lights:**  
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## Propitiation

In Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words under the word "propitiation", he states, "The verb 'hilaskomai' was used amongst the Greeks with the significance to make the gods propitious, to appease, propitiate, in as much as their good will was not conceived as their natural attitude, but something to be earned first. This use of the word is foreign to the Greek Bible with respect to God whether in the Septuagint or in the New Testament. It is never used of any act whereby man brings God into a favorable attitude or gracious disposition."

First, the one and only God possesses a disposition that is different from the angry disposition of the so-called gods of the heathen. The truth that God has a loving disposition can be seen in many passages or examples in scripture. One such example is when God declared His nature to Moses when He passed by him and said, Exodus 34:6-7

*6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."*

God's nature is not one of anger and wrath but rather one of love and holiness. It is because of His

holiness that man's sin brings separation from Him. God's holiness and man's sinfulness are like the same "poles" of a magnet which resist each other. That sin which is resistant to God's nature had to be covered before God could accept man back into fellowship. That was accomplished by God's propitious (to have favorable inclination toward others) nature.

Second, God does not have to be asked to be propitious. He is the one who initiated such action by sending Jesus. Paul expressed that when he wrote,

Rom 5:8-9  
*8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

From the very beginning of man's sinful act, He hinted at a time when man's debt would be paid (Genesis 3:15). He continued to expand and enlarged on that idea throughout Old Testament history. He revealed more and more of His plan until Christ came in the flesh to bring it to pass.

Third, the Bible never speaks of God's being reconciled to man. It is always man who is being reconciled to God. God didn't need to make any apology or amends for any mistakes. Man needed to do both, but God did make it possible for man to make amends for his sins by sending Christ who would be "THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS; and NOT FOR OURS ONLY, BUT FOR THOSE OF THE WHOLE WORLD." (1 John 2:2).

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## The Bible

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1

Yes, I am well aware of the fact that the Bible contains many rules and laws. But Jesus came to change all that. His coming transformed the Bible from a regulation book to an I-did-it-all-for-you love letter.

If we read the Bible through the eyes of Moses' Law, it can be a very scary book. But if we understand that God speaks to us today through His Son, we will see that God really does love us. And this is true because, the Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The purpose of the Bible is first, to show us that we are sinners and that our sin is exceeding sinful. But it also shows us that God made His Son, Jesus, to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. The Bible teaches us that there is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus.

If we read the Bible in the context of God's love and the great sacrifice that Christ made on our behalf, we will understand that the Bible is not a religious handbook on how to follow all the rules so that we can be more pleasing to God. It is a book that tells us that it is ok to know and believe the love that God freely offers to us.

John said - in the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The fact that Jesus is the Word of God tells us that we can rest in Christ when we read the Bible because He is the Word of God and He said...

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## Reflections: A Beautiful Day

My wife and I went to see "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" last weekend, the Mr. Rogers movie starring Tom Hanks. We usually go to the matinee, but in this case we had to wait until evening since all the theaters were sold out. We made our way over snow packed streets, found our seats and sat back to view the movie in a packed theater.



BILL  
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Perhaps the "Mr. Rogers" movie is so popular because we are exhausted by the constant media barrage of political accusations, hatred, prejudice and violence. We are hungry for gentleness, kindness, acceptance and encouragement.

I expected the movie to be about Fred Rogers, the well-known children's show host, but the movie focused instead on what Mr. Rogers taught with applications to adult brokenness. Specifically, it focused on the fact that we are neighbors. Everyone is our neighbor, regardless of race, gender, creed or age. It focused on the importance of forgiveness, especially in our closest relationships.

It does this by introducing us to Lloyd Vogel, a fictional character based on the real life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist, Tom Junod. Junod began writing for Esquire magazine in 1997 and received two national awards for journalism. In a live interview, Junod claims the friendship with Mr. Rogers was transformational. He

says, "I wasn't the only one. He had a long list of people that he ministered to, that he prayed for. He saw something in me at the time that maybe I didn't see in myself."

Of course these teachings do not originate with Mr. Rogers. He was an ordained Presbyterian minister and believed the teachings of Jesus. It was Jesus who taught we should love our neighbor as ourselves and defined the meaning of "neighbor" with His story of the "Good Samaritan" (Luke 10:25-37).

It was Jesus who underscored the importance of forgiveness, "For if you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, your heavenly Father will not forgive you" (Matthew 6:14-15). "Then Peter came and said to Him, 'Lord how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven'" (Matthew 18:21-22).

Jesus demonstrated what He meant when He hung upon the cross, the nails ripping at his flesh and the crown of thorns pressed deep into his brow. He looked upon His tormentors and cried, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)

What a different world we make when we treat every man, woman and child as our neighbor, when every wrong suffered is forgiven.

*Bill Tinsley's childrens book, Buddy the Floppy Ear Corgi is available on Amazon. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*

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# Rick Perry's belief that Trump was chosen by God is shared by many in a fast-growing Christian movement

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(THE CONVERSATION) In a recent interview with Fox News, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry stated that Donald Trump was chosen by God to be president. He said throughout history God had picked "imperfect people" such as King David or Solomon to lead their people.

Perry is not alone. A large number of evangelical Christians in the U.S. believe that God has chosen Donald Trump to advance the kingdom of God on Earth. Several high-profile religious leaders have made similar claims, often comparing Trump to King Cyrus who was asked by God to rescue the nation of Israel from exile in Babylon.

Many of these Christians are part of a movement that we call "Independent Network Charismatic," or "INC Christianity" in our 2017 book.

Leaders such as Rick Perry are connected to this movement. Eight years ago – in August of 2011 – more than 30,000 people cheered wildly when Perry, who was then a U.S. presidential candidate and Texas governor, came center stage at "The Response: A Call to Prayer for a Nation in Crisis" at Reliant Stadium in Houston. Perry quoted from the Bible and preached about the need for salvation that comes from Jesus. Many of the leaders who organized this event are the same leaders who claim that Trump is God's chosen to advance the Kingdom of God.

We argue that INC Christianity is significantly changing the religious landscape in America – and the nation's politics.

Here is what we found about INC

INC Christianity is led by a network of popular independent religious entrepreneurs, often referred to by their followers as "apostles." They have close ties, we found, to some conservative politicians, including Sarah Palin, Newt Gingrich, Bobby Jindal, Rick Perry and more recently President Donald Trump.

Charismatic Christians emphasize supernatural miracles and divine interventions, but INC Christianity is different from other charismatics – and other Christian denominations in general – in the following ways:

- It is not focused primarily on building congregations but rather on spreading beliefs and practices through media, conferences and ministry schools.

- It is not so much about proselytizing to unbelievers as it is about transforming society through placing Christian believers in powerful positions in all sectors of society.

- It is organized as a network of independent leaders rather than as formally organized denominations.

Finding followers

INC Christianity is the fastest-growing Christian group in America and possibly around the world.

Over the 40 years from 1970 to 2010, the number of regular attenders of Protestant churches as a whole shrunk by an average of .05% per year, while independent neo-charismatic congregations, the category that includes INC groups, grew by an average of 3.24% per year.

Its impact, however, is much greater than can be measured in church attendance. This is because INC Christianity is not centrally concerned with building congregations, but spreading beliefs and practices.

The influence of INC Christianity can be seen in the millions of hits on many of their web-based media sites, large turnouts at stadium rallies and conferences and millions of dollars in me-

dia sales.

In interviews, leaders of Bethel, an INC ministry based in Redding, California, claimed to have had an income of US\$8.4 million in media sales in 2013. This included music, books, DVDs and web-based content. Another \$7 million came from tuition to the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry.

Sean Feucht, one of Bethel's popular musicians and worship leaders, is now running for Congress in California's Third Congressional District.

Appeal of INC

As part of our research, we conducted in-depth interviews with senior leaders, staff and current and former participants in INC Christian ministries. We also conducted supplementary interviews with Christian leaders and scholars with knowledge of the changing religious landscape and attended conferences, numerous church services, ministry school sessions, healing sessions and exorcisms. In all, we conducted 41 in-depth interviews.

Our primary conclusion is that the growth of these groups is largely the result of the informal way in which the network is governed. When compared to the oversight and accountability of formal congregations and denominations, the network allows for more experimentation. This includes "extreme" experiences of the supernatural, unorthodox beliefs and practices, and financing as well as marketing techniques that leverage the power of the internet.

We also witnessed the appeal of INC Christianity, particularly among young people. We saw the thrill of holding impromptu supernatural healing sessions in the emergency room of a large public hospital, the intrigue of ministry school class sessions devoted to the techniques of casting out demonic spirits and the adventure of teams of young people going out into public places, seeking direct guidance from God as to whom to heal or to relay specific divine messages.

'Seven mountains of culture'

Most Christian groups in America have seen the role of the church as connecting individuals to God through the saving grace of Jesus and building congregations that provide communities of meaning and belonging through worship services.

They also believe in serving and providing for the needs their local communities. Such traditional Christian groups believe that although the world can be improved, it will not be restored to God's original plan until Jesus comes back again to rule the Earth.

INC beliefs, however, are different. Most INC Christian groups we studied seek to bring heaven or God's intended perfect society to Earth by placing "kingdom-minded people" in powerful positions at the top of all sectors of society. These "seven mountains of culture" include

business, government, media, arts and entertainment, education, family and religion. In this form of "trickle-down Christianity," they believe if Christians rise to the top of all seven "mountains," society will be completely transformed.

"The goal of this new movement is transforming social units like cities, ethnic groups, nations rather than individuals," one INC leader we interviewed explained. "If Christians permeate each mountain and rise to the top of all seven mountains...society would have biblical morality, people would live in harmony, there would be peace and not war, there would be no poverty."

We heard these ideas repeatedly in most of our interviews, at events we attended and in INC media materials.

Most significantly, since the 2016 presidential election, some INC leaders have released public statements claiming that the Trump presidency is part of fulfilling God's plan to "bring heaven to Earth" by placing believers in top posts, including Perry, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson.

Changing the landscape

INC Christianity is a movement to watch. If it continues to draw adherents in large numbers in the future, as we predict, it will produce a growing number of Christians who see their goal not just as saving souls but as transforming society by taking control over its institutions.

While the Ukraine scandal, family separations at the border, and allegations of corruption have made some evangelical Christians question their support of Donald Trump, most of those steeped in INC Christianity will never abandon their president.

To them, as we found, to oppose Donald Trump is to oppose God who chose him specifically to bring America and the world back to God.

This is an updated version of a piece first published on March 15, 2017.

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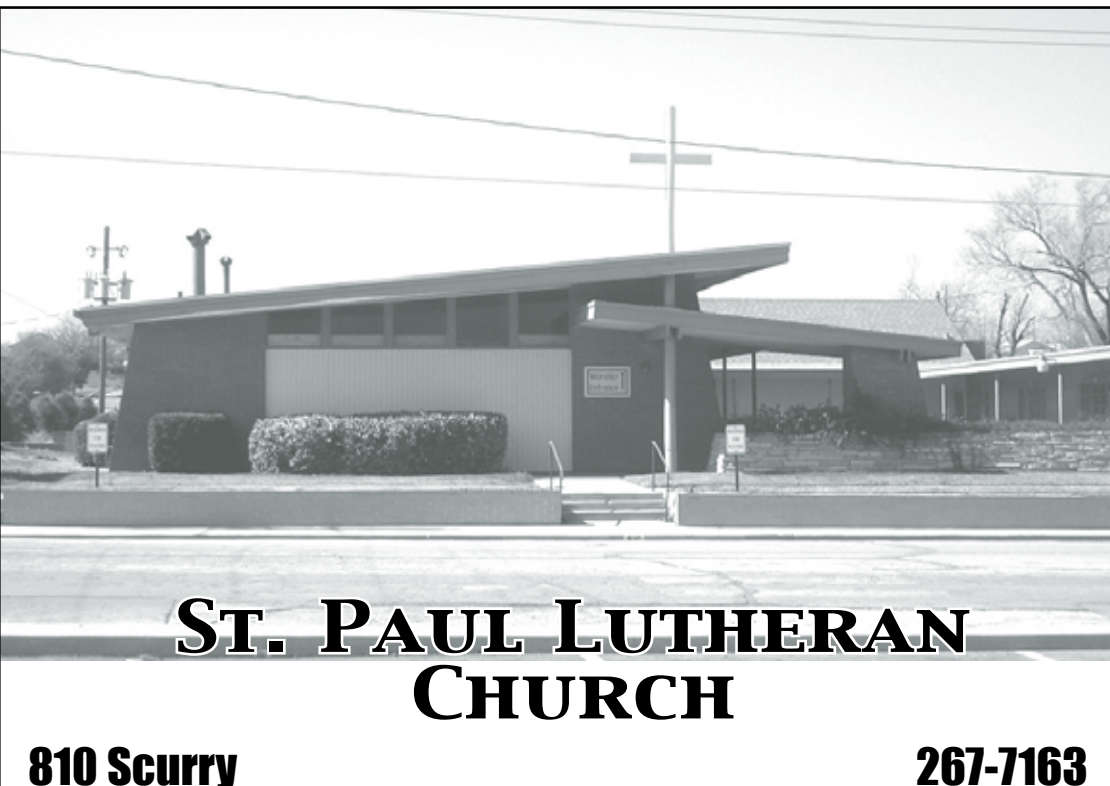
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# Church News

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

### Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

### “Celebrating and Sharing God’s Love and Grace in our lives”.

We are located at 2805 Lynn Dr. in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com).

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

Our Wednesday evening Bible study has stopped for the month of December. Please join us for our Advent Services every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. A meal will be provided at 6 p.m., and the service begins at 7 p.m. Please come and join us.

Bobby Roever will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour.

Tune in to

106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions, “Morning Meditation Thoughts”. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

## First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.

The usual Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday school, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, Pastor Derrell’s sermon is “Peace On Earth” from Isaiah 9:6-7. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and the angels who announced the birth of Jesus also declared “Peace on Earth”. The choir anthem in the 9 a.m. service will be “Let There Be Peace on Earth”.

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”.

“Our Savior” will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. The choirs, orchestra, drama, dancers, and children combine to present the story of why Jesus was born in Bethlehem and what it means to people today. Everyone is invited.

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 8:30 p.m. at Howard College, followed by a study during the semester.

“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. Men’s Step Studies meet at 8 a.m. on Sundays in Youth Hall.

Other events on the church calendar include:

- December 7: Saturday, “Our Savior” Presentation, 8 p.m.
- December 8: Sunday, “Our Savior” Presentation, 6: p.m.
- December 10: United Methodist Women Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Blue Ribbon Café
- December 12: Emmaus Community Gathering, FUMC, 7 p.m.; all are welcome
- December 15: Christmas Caroling, 2 p.m.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Carol and Communion Service, 6 p.m.
- December 29: Fifth Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

worship service only, followed by lunch

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com), or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

## College Baptist Church

Keep attitude of gratitude going through the year! The Christmas season is upon us. The end of year activities are coming fast. How is your vision? Is it 20/20? What a unique oppor-

tunity we have to increase our eyesight as we dive into a brand new year.

Women of the Word meets the first Tuesday at Pizza Inn for food and fellowship. SEND, First Priority, Bible teaching, preaching from God’s word, Christmas musical, and Back Pack Ministry are all ongoing ministries at College Baptist Church, 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. GA’s at 5 p.m. for grades first through fifth girls’ missions.

Then Bible study for youth and adults at 6 p.m. Wednesday we 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 all seasons. 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, helps us as we delve into God’s word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

Join in 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 Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study will not meet this week, but the Chancel Choir rehearsal at 6 p.m. meets, as usual.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch will meet at Al’s and Son BBQ on Gregg Street at 11:30.

There will be no Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, November 30.

Anyone wishing to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary may complete the order blank and put it in the collection plate or bring it to the church office.

Ushers last Sunday were Jim Little, Rip and Claudie Patterson, and John Yater. Communion Servers were Paschal Odom, Helen Glass, Buddy Cochrane, and Paula Farquhar.

The Girl Scouts will be in charge of Take Ten on Sunday.

The lectionary passages for the Second Sunday of Advent are Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12. The Choral Introit is “People Look East.” (Last Sunday in lieu of the absent choir, Gabe Martinez sang the first verse of “People Look East” as the Introit.) Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. Gabe Martinez is the organist and choir director.

Following worship, there will be a called congregational meeting to hear from the nominating committee and elect elders for the class of 2022. The nominating committee will present the slate of officers, Kay Kennemur, Doug Mays, and David Wilson.

Other nominations may be made from the floor. The new officers for the Class of 2022 will be elect

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.fp-cbs.org](http://www.fp-cbs.org) We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

## 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](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

## First Baptist Church

“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.” Psalm 27:13-14

Become part of the family of First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 a.m., and rejoice in the Lord, giving thanks to The God of All Comfort for His unfailing compassion and love.

Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith.

Pastor Mark Lindsey will deliver the message from Scripture titled “Quest of The Wise Men”. Drawn from Matthew 2:1-12, listeners will marvel at this account of earthly sovereigns, and their unwaveringly focused devotion to know and worship the world’s Savior,

Jesus Christ. Their pursuit of Jesus demonstrates their faith in Him as the promised Messiah and King of Kings, and reminds us today that true wisdom is born in following Him, and no learning is complete without knowing Christ.

FBC offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning worship 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](http://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. Bible study/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.

Sunday evening will be a time for small group Christmas parties, so there will be no service. If you’re not involved in a small group-Sunday School class, this is the perfect opportunity to get to know others and find a group. Call 267-8223 or 270-8332 to find out party locations and more information.

Thursday, Dec. 12, the Food Pantry/Mission Center will be open at 9 a.m. It is located on Lancaster one block behind HEB at Iglesias Central.

All area men are invited to the Men’s Breakfast Saturday December 14. Bring some friends and neighbors to the FBC dining room at 8 a.m.; enter through the east kitchen doors.

Save the date! Sunday, Dec. 15, all are welcome at the FBC Christmas celebration “Jingle and Mingle”. The fun will begin at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a festive time of fellowship and seasonal treats in the Family Life Center; invite some friends and neighbors now.

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](http://fbcbigspring.org) to save your place and learn more.

Wednesday evening schedule includes:

- 5:45 p.m. Children’s Activities;
- 6 p.m. Adult Bible study, and worship choir practice;
- 6:15 pm Youth Activities; 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!
- 7:30 pm, the worship band rehearses, and there’s room for you if you play an instrument.

Contact Music Minister Alan Schantz at 267-8223, or just stop by Wednesday evening if you’re interested in being part of praising God through participation in the Worship Band.

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](http://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 Christian Church

This coming Sunday, Dec. 8, will be the Second Sunday of Advent - Preparation of Peace

Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-5.

“In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Sunday, Laura and Dennis Stapel will relight the candle of Hope and Expectation.

Let this candle remind us of the great hope we have in Christ the Messiah and in God’s promises. As they light the candle of preparation and peace, let it remind us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

If you don’t have a regular or permanent church home, come visit us at First Christian Church where everyone is welcome. Worship service starts at 10:50 a.m with fellowship with coffee and donuts at 9:15 a.m. in the sitting room.

Hope to see you this Sunday!

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## CHURCH

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## 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 through the book of 1 Timothy. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Book of Acts, verse by verse.

Please come join with us at Crestview if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever! We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd., in Big Spring.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located 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.

Happenings for December:

- Christmas Eve service will be on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 10:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Please come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. All are welcome.

## NazFamily Church

- Revealed: A Light in the Darkness

Buying gifts, cleaning house, hanging lights, decorating, preparing meals, going to parties, writing cards, performing programs, traveling – there is a reason that they talk about the “hustle and bustle” of this Season. It is the time that we celebrate the coming Prince of Peace, and, yet, true peace seems so elusive in the chaos our world.

I'm reminded of what Carlo Carretto once wrote, “The best metaphor for our world today is astronauts speeding through the cosmos, but with their life-supporting capsule pierced by a meteorite fragment. But the Church resembles Mary and Joseph traveling from Egypt to Nazareth on a donkey, holding in their arms the weakness and poverty of the Child Jesus: God incarnate.” Join us this Sunday as we slow down to Prepare the Way for Peace.

- 33rd Annual Drive Thru Nativity

Our 33rd Annual Live Drive Thru Nativity will run December 13-15 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Come experience the true story of Christmas this year.

- Annual Ornament Exchange

December 9 is our NazLadies Annual Ornament Exchange at 7 p.m. It will be a great time of food, fun, and fellowship. Don't miss it!

- Service of the Nativity

On Sunday, Dec. 15, our NazKids will be leading us in a special Service of the Nativity. You won't want to miss it.

- Christmas Eve Service

On Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m., we will have a special Christmas Eve Service. It will be a simple service of story and song focused on the true reason for the season. We hope you will invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate the Giving Gift this Christmas.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

Angels for the Angel Tree Prison Ministry will be available this Sunday at the Information Desk. For more information, please contact Debbie Van Pelt or Connie Schooler.

Please plan to attend our Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. We will be taking cookies to some of the people that work on Christmas Eve after the services. Please bring your favorite recipe of cookies packaged in zip top bags by the dozen and plan to take some to brighten the night of someone who works the holiday.

The Fireworks Store will be open starting December 22 through New Years Day. Please come out and get your fireworks.

“Our Daily Bread”

will be giving 150 turkeys to those in need for the holidays. Each one costs \$10, and you can make donations at the information desk or drop in the giving boxes. They also need cash donations to help keep the Food Pantry

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“Our Daily Bread” Food Pantry will be open the second and fourth Saturday of November and the second and third Saturday in December 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](http://springcreekfellowship.org)

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584, or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

“Every Member a Minister”-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

## Something to think about...

We drove through several miles of dense fog on the way home from our visit with family this Thanksgiving. With limited visibility, we had to significantly slow down and still nearly missed some of our turns. Not being able to see what was in front of us or around us very well while driving down the highway was somewhat unsettling, to say the least. However, we simply had to focus on what we could see in order to stay on the road. Thankfully, we made it home safe and sound.

That experience reminded me that life can sometimes feel a bit foggy. There are seasons when it seems as if a dense fog has settled around us and we have difficulty navigating through the darkness. Sometimes all we can do is try to stay on the path and pray that we find the Way. I think that is why one of my favorite Christmas songs is “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”. It is a bit of an obscure one, but once you know the story behind the song then you understand its significance.

The song was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Longfellow was one of the brightest minds in America during his day. He graduated from college at the age of 18 and was teaching in a university at a young age. However, he also experienced significant tragedies in his life. His first wife and child died during a difficult delivery. He eventually remarried and had five children. However, in 1861, his second wife, Fanny, died in a house fire that also took their home. The country was mired in a civil war, and his oldest son rode for the Massachusetts Cavalry. His son was wounded in battle. As Longfellow sat by his son's bedside on Christmas morning, not knowing if he would make it through the week, he heard the church bells ringing and wrote these words:

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*And in despair I bowed my head:  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Till, ringing singing, on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

The Good News of Christmas is that Christ has come into the darkness with everlasting light and unending love. God is not dead. The Kingdom will come, and He shall reign forever and ever. It is that promise that helps us find the Way through the foggy seasons of life. I pray that your holiday season is filled with something much better than presents – I pray that it is filled with God's Presence.

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### Lady Buffs go 2-0 at New Home Classic

By SHAWN MORAN  
Herald Sportswriter

The Forsan girl's varsity team kicked off their weekend at the New Home Classic on Thursday afternoon in a battle of the Lady Buffaloes.

The Lady Buffs faced-off against the Petersburg Lady Buffs in their first game of the tournament in a matchup of stout defenses. Each starter for Forsan recorded a steal in the game and wreaked havoc on the Petersburg offense.

"They hustled hard but I feel like we had the better basketball players," Lady Buffs head coach Lloyd Vedder said. "For the most part, our defense is doing what it needs to."

Forsan guards Rylee Evans and Taryn Spivey combined for five made shots from beyond-the-arc throughout the first half and helped their Lady Buffs jump out to a 17-13 lead at halftime. Those five shots were the only converted field goals by Forsan through the first two quarters. Along with only two made free throws in the game, Forsan was living and dying by the three-point shot.

"Until we can get something established inside, with the forwards being consistent, we're going to have to keep shooting that shot," Vedder said.

Forsan's first two-point field goal did not come until the fourth quarter. The Lady Buffs finished



HERALD photo/Shawn Moran

**Forsan and Petersburg players huddle for a group prayer following their matchup.**

the game in a slow fourth quarter where they only scored four points. Luckily, with the cushion the team had built and the suffocating defense played throughout, Forsan was able to close out the game confidently with a 36-26 win.

Next, the Lady Buffs would welcome the challenge from the Wink Lady Wildcats. Following a matchup with Wink last season where one of their

star players controlled the court and ran all over the Lady Buffs, Vedder was ready for the rematch.

"We had to make sure we made good passes, especially skip passes," Vedder said.

After falling behind early and trailing Wink 18-10 at halftime, the Lady Buffs came out of halftime firing on all cylinders. Evans and Spivey picked their team up with two made three-pointers and trimmed the lead down to 26-20 heading into the fourth quarter.

They were not done yet.

Both Lady Buff standouts were able to knock down one more triple apiece and held the Lady Wildcats to a lowly four points to close out the game. Evans scored six points in the final frame and the Lady Buffs escaped their second game of the day with a 31-30 win.

UP NEXT: After going 1-1 on the first day of the New Home Classic, Forsan will play their next game of the tournament on Friday afternoon.

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### Forsan Buffaloes drop both games on day one in New Home



Herald Photo/Shawn Moran

**The Buffaloes set their defense while a Farwell player brings the ball up the court.**

By SHAWN MORAN  
Herald Sportswriter

Action got underway early on Thursday morning at the annual New Home Classic. The Forsan Buffaloes faced-off against the All Saints Patriots in their first of two games on the day and came out of a defensive battle with a 44-34 loss.

"The kids played hard," Buffs coach Cory Richardson said. "It was a defensive game. I feel like we should have scored more. I think it was just two great defensive teams."

Forsan was led by a committee effort with three different players tied for the team lead with six points scored. Heading into the final quarter trailing 24-23, the Patriots were able to pull away with an eye-opening 20 points to close out the game. Unfortunately for the Buffaloes, Zane Riffe was the only player on the court to get something going offensively in the fourth quarter. The senior

forward scored all six of his points in the final frame.

In the early-season three-day tournament hosted in New Home, the Buffs are still working out the kinks and just looking to play well against improved competition.

"We have a few guys that are just coming back off of injury, so it's good for us," Richardson said. "We're still trying to figure out roles and who can do what."

Facing a matchup with the Farwell Steers later in the day, the story was much of the same.

The Buffaloes struggled to get shots to fall consistently and were unable to slow down the Steers perimeter shooters.

"I thought we played great except for one little stretch where they made some shots when they needed to," Richardson said. "We missed too many easy shots. We missed enough to be right with them at the end."

One thing that the Buffaloes excelled at in their second game was an ability to get to the free-throw line. The team knocked down 20 total free throws and the pressure that Forsan put on Farwell by driving the lane and taking the tough shot put the Steers into foul trouble.

Farwell had a deep bench and were able to keep fresh legs out on the court. In a game that was close throughout the entire first half, the Steers really began to pull away to start the third quarter. The Steers outscored Forsan by 13 points and would not look back from there.

Although Forsan fell to Farwell by a final score of 65-53, they never gave up. Even though the lead was at double-digits for the entire second half, the game never seemed out of reach for this group of Buffaloes.

"It's good for us to have these five games in three days," Richardson said.

UP NEXT: The Buffaloes will face-off against Petersburg at 1 p.m. on Friday afternoon at the New Home Classic.

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### Bulldogettes win first game at O.W. Follis Tournament



Courtesy Photo

**Pictured above left: Head coach Jim Kinnear draws up a play for his team in their 53-28 win over Monahans. Pictured above right: MaKynlee Overton attempts to get a shot off against a stingy defense.**

### Mitchell Trubisky helps Bears beat Cowboys 31-24

By ANDREW SELIGMAN  
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Mitchell Trubisky and the Chicago Bears appear to be hitting their stride, even if it might be too late to salvage their season.

Trubisky threw three touchdown passes and ran for a score in Chicago's 31-24 victory over Dak Prescott and the slumping Dallas Cowboys on Thursday night.

In a matchup between disappointing teams that made the playoffs last season, the Bears (7-6) came away with their fourth win in five games after dropping four in a row. The Cowboys (6-7) have lost seven of 10 since a 3-0 start.

"I think it shows we're resilient," Trubisky said.

"We stick together. We believe in each other even when nobody else believes in us. It's a special group in that locker room. We just want to keep this feeling going."

Trubisky shook off an early interception near the goal line to complete 23 of 31 passes for 244 yards. He matched a season high for touchdown throws and set one with 63 yards rushing. That included a 23-yard scoring dash early in the fourth quarter to make it 31-14.

Allen Robinson caught two TD passes and Anthony Miller had one as Chicago tied a season scoring high.

On defense, Khalil Mack had a sack but 1 in-backer Roquan Smith left the game with a pectoral

injury on the opening drive, with coach Matt Nagy saying it "doesn't look real good for him." Still, the Bears took out the NFC East leaders after beating the struggling Detroit Lions twice and New York Giants in recent weeks.

"Most teams at some point in time will hit some type of adversity," Nagy said. "We went through that four-game stretch. It was difficult in a lot of different ways. ... Everybody's seeing what type of people we have on this football team. No one's flinched. We've pulled together. We've become even tighter."

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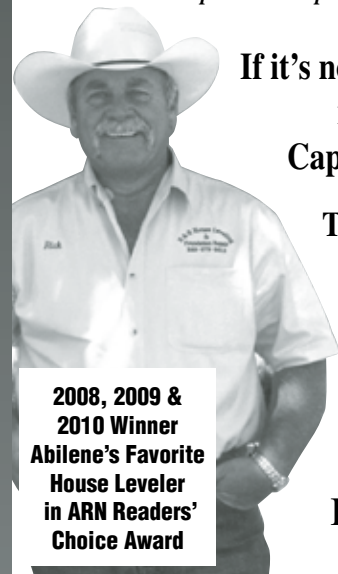
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Annie's Mailbox

Passive-Aggressive or Perfectly Appropriate?

Dear Annie: My wife and I are approaching our 70th birthdays this year. As we have aged, hosting company and taking care of visiting children and grandchildren has become more stressful. Both of us have age-related health issues. One of our daughters (my stepdaughter), "Janet," visits with her 8-year-old daughter and 70-pound dog. The dog eats off the grandchild's plate while she's still eating, jumps on furniture and is not well-behaved much of the time. Also, Janet visits twice a year and stays anywhere from 10 days to two weeks each trip. While she is here she is "on vacation" and likes to be waited on by her mother. After her first trip with the dog, I said he should not come back when they visit, but she brings him anyway. We have four other children with five other grandchildren who visit, and one daughter also brings her dog, but the dog is well-behaved.

So, recently, I decided to write a post on social media with some general rules for visiting children. I explained that we loved for them to visit but, because of our advanced age and health issues, we needed to establish some standard guidelines: "First,

please help pick up after your children." (My wife has tripped over shoes and toys left on the floor.) "Second, help out with household chores while visiting. If you want full maid service, go to a hotel. Third, before bringing a pet, check with us first. Well-behaved animals are welcome but it is based on our definition of 'well behaved.'"

Responses from the kids were mixed. Our youngest, who is 33, fully understood the need for the rules. My daughter laughed about it but understood. Unfortunately, Janet and my stepson took great exception to the rules. Janet called her mother crying and squalling saying she was never coming back to visit until I apologized. I conveyed to my wife that I was sorry she was taking that attitude but it is our home and we have every right to have standard expectations of our visiting family.

The daughter calls my wife on her cell every week or so complaining about me and telling her mother I need to apologize. This is keeping my wife upset, and I told my wife this daughter is being inconsiderate of her feelings and is exhibiting manipulative behavior. Help! -- Stepdad

Dear Stepdad: Your

medium undermined your message. It's perfectly appropriate for you to ask your family members to help with chores, pick up after their children and clear it with you before bringing pets. In fact, it's a shame that you even have to ask.

That being said, the best way to have that kind of conversation is in person. The second-best way is a phone call. The third-best way is an email. A social media post doesn't even rank.

Your stepdaughter and stepson might have perceived the post as passive-aggressive and embarrassing. I'd encourage you to reflect on how you could have gone about this in a more direct way. If so, consider apologizing to them for that aspect, and letting it be the jumping-off point for a discussion about mutual respect.

Whatever happens, it's important that you and your wife harmonize on family dynamics. Discuss what your relationships with your children would look like ideally, and make a list together of practices you'll both put in place toward that end.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Bidding quiz

Partner bids One Club, next player passes, neither side vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ K92 ♥ AQ94 ♦ A104 ♣ 832
2. ♠ AKQ9762 ♥ 83 ♦ J5 ♣ 92
3. ♠ AJ94 ♥ 8 ♦ KQJ10 ♣ Q872
4. ♠ AQ7 ♥ AQ5 ♦ KJ86 ♣ 983

1. One heart. Although the hand may seemingly qualify for a jump to two notrump (13 to 15 points, balanced distribution, stoppers in the three unbid suits), it is better to bid one heart. This is in keeping with the general principle that it is easier to make game in a major suit than in notrump when the combined hands contain eight or more trumps. Partner could easily have four hearts, and this possibility should be explored by responding one heart initially.

If partner does not support hearts, you can jump in notrump at your next turn.

2. Four spades. It is hardly likely that you'd settle for playing at less than game or in any suit but spades, and the best way to convey this message to partner is to bid a game in spades at once.

The jump to four spades is not a strong bid — it merely states that 10 tricks can probably be made in that suit opposite a normal opening bid. No slam implications are attached to the bid; if the hand offered slam possibilities, an initial jump-shift to two spades, indicating 17 or more points and a powerful suit, would be used to alert partner to the potential of the hand.

3. One diamond. Some thought might be given to responding one spade in the hope of finding a fit in that suit, but nothing can be lost — and something might be gained — by bidding one diamond first. This leaves room for partner to bid spades next if he has them, and for you to bid one spade over a one-heart rebid by partner. In this way, a fit in any of the four suits can be explored at the one-level.

If the bidding does go one club-one diamond-one heart-one spade, you will next bid three clubs (forcing) to pinpoint your singleton heart, which will put partner in position to judge where the best game (or slam) might be.

4. Three notrump. This shows 16 or 17 points, balanced distribution and stoppers in the three unbid suits — in effect, the values for an opening one-notrump bid. It also tends to deny holding a four-card major suit.

There is not much point in responding one diamond when another bid is available that describes your distribution and high-card strength so perfectly. Partner is free to go on toward a slam if he has values in excess of a minimum opening bid.

Tomorrow: Priority order.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



can fit into a lot of different descriptions, and yet you're far too complex to fill out just one. Getting to know you takes time.

LI-BRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Think that life is good, and it will show you how good it is. Think life is hard, and it will show you that, too. You're not afraid to see more than one side of it. You're a realist and quite aware that no reality is universal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's easier to work a room when you think you'll only have to do it once. This is the gift of strangers. You can shine in the moment without a single thought about the past or future of a relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Holding back takes either self-control or fear. Throwing everything in takes either courage or ignorance. Knowing what to give, when and how much takes either prudence or wisdom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a difference between borrowing trouble, seeking it and anti-

pating it for the sake of preparation. You'll entertain a few troubling thoughts just long enough to prepare a response for each.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The course of this day will resemble

a zigzag. Perhaps it hardly makes sense, but the intrinsic logic will reveal itself at some point. In the meantime, you won't have to report to anyone or explain yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Caring people are all around you, and you'll instinctively move toward the ones that will be most enriched by your presence. The bottom line is that you just like people who are good for you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 6). There's a real ease that kicks in two weeks from now. What you naturally do works so well with the rhythms of life, and synchronistic events will start to show you a path. Don't rely too much on the external though. This is a dance in which a purpose grows in you. Scorpio and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 5, 11 and 16.

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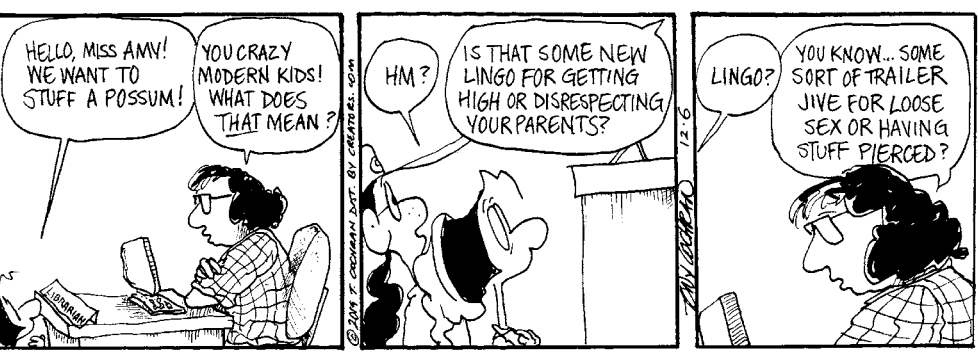


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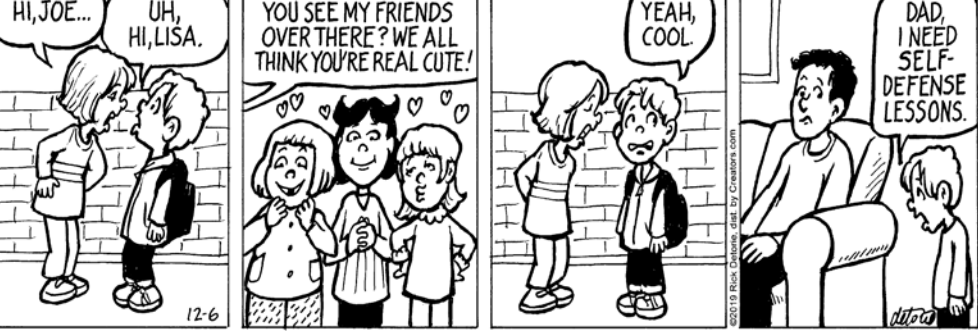
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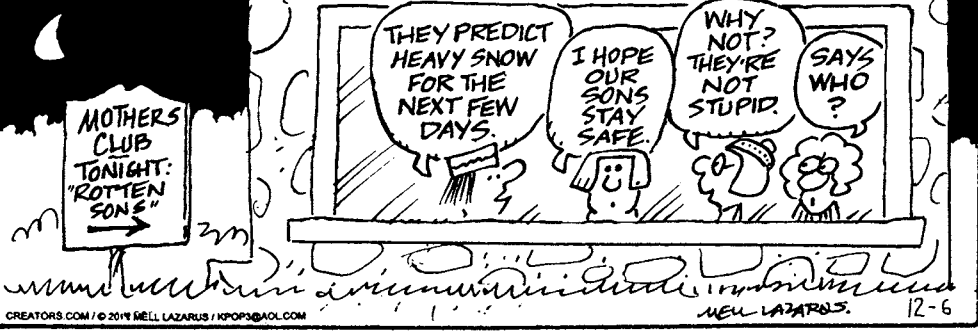
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## This Date In History

### Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2019. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 6, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it.

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1917, some 2,000 people were killed when an explosives-laden French cargo ship, the Mont Blanc, collided with the Norwegian vessel Imo at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the Canadian city. Finland declared its independence from Russia.

In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

In 1962, 37 coal miners were killed in an explosion at the Robena No. 3 Mine operated by U.S. Steel in Carmichaels, Pa.

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

In 1998, in Venezuela, former Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez (OO'-goh CHAH'-vez), who had staged a bloody coup attempt against the government six years earlier, was elected president.

In 2001, the House of Representatives, by a one-vote margin, gave President George W. Bush more power to negotiate global trade deals. President Bush dedicated the national Christmas tree to those who had died on Sept. 11 and to service members who had died in the line of duty.

In 2007, President George W. Bush announced a plan

to freeze interest rates on subprime mortgages held by hundreds of thousands of homeowners.

In 2017, President Donald Trump declared Jerusalem to be Israel's capital, defying warnings from the Palestinians and others around the world that he would be destroying hopes for Middle East peace. Time magazine named as its Person of the Year the "Silence Breakers" - those who had shared their stories about sexual assault and harassment.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama visited the U.S. Senate during a rare Sunday session to rally Democrats behind closed doors on a health care overhaul. The Kennedy Center Honors lauded jazz great Dave Brubeck, rocker Bruce Springsteen, actor Robert De Niro, comic genius Mel Brooks and opera singer Grace Bumbry. Five years ago: Officials announced that American photojournalist Luke Somers and a South African teacher, Pierre Korkie, were killed during a high-risk U.S. raid to free them from al-Qaida-affiliated militants in Yemen. In a runoff in Louisiana, Republican Rep. Bill Cassidy defeated Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu, denying her a fourth term and extending the GOP's domination of the 2014 midterm elections. One year ago: Flag-waving crowds lined the tracks as a special funeral train carried the flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush from the Houston area to College Station, Texas, for burial on the grounds of his presidential library. Kevin Hart announced that he had stepped down as Oscars host following an outcry over anti-gay tweets and comments he had made in the past. The Dick Cheney biopic "Vice" led the way with six Golden Globe nominations, including nods for best comedy picture and best actor for Christian Bale.

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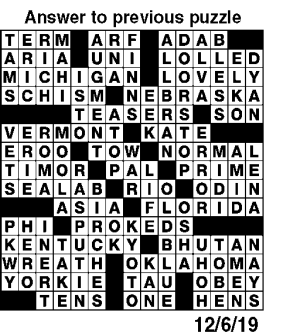
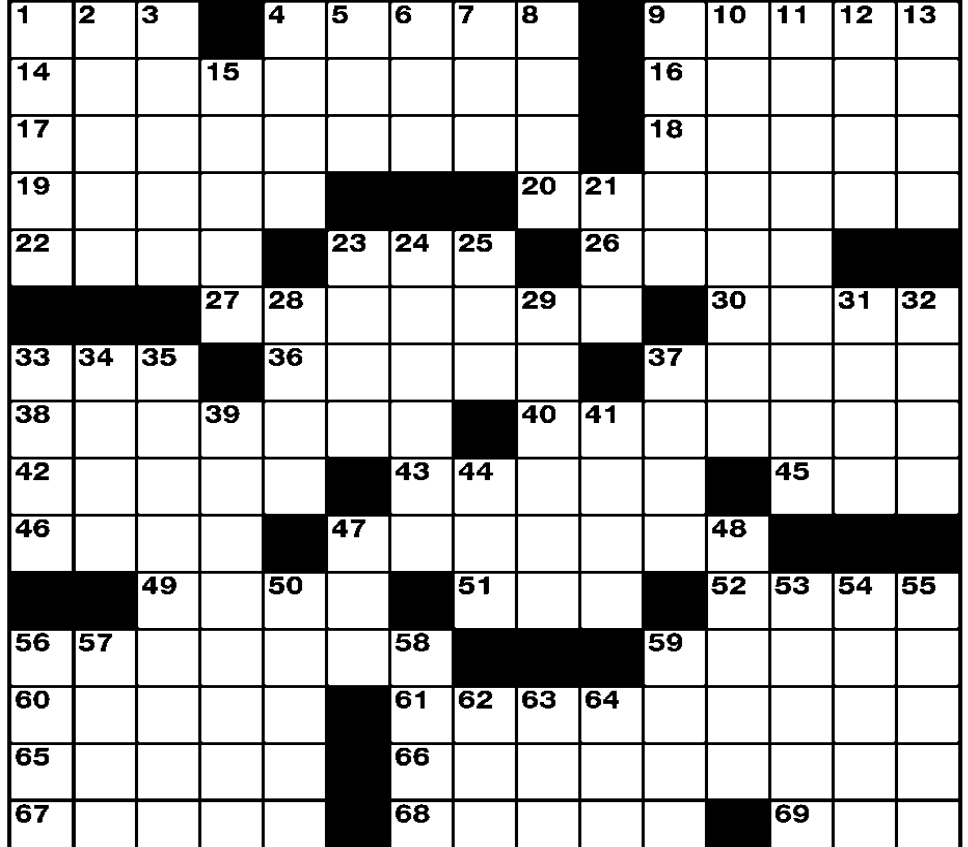
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## ALL-ENCOMPASSING by Greg Johnson

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cyber security org.
  - 4 "Hit the bricks!"
  - 9 Humphrey successor
  - 14 On report
  - 16 \_\_\_ Laredo (Rio Grande city)
  - 17 "Rest easy!" [initials]
  - 18 One in a wet suit
  - 19 Show before show or secret
  - 20 Most knotty
  - 22 "This is for you"
  - 23 One of the old Big Three
  - 26 Visionary
  - 27 Washington Monument, e.g.
  - 30 Sure-of-hand
  - 33 Appeal for aid
  - 36 "Not me"
  - 37 Common after-dinner entertainment
  - 38 "Would you have guessed?" [last letter]
  - 40 Cabinet for curios [first letter]
  - 42 Chile chain
  - 43 App downloaders
  - 45 What some potato skins are
  - 46 Certain tusker
  - 47 Occult observations
  - 49 Habit
  - 51 NYC hoops venue
  - 52 Cosmo competitor
  - 56 Metaphor for fog
  - 59 Shoes made by Reebok
  - 60 Played a part

- DOWN**
- 1 About 11 percent
  - 2 Audible respiration
  - 3 Battling
  - 4 Far from pleased
  - 5 Surly one
  - 6 Scoring play stat
  - 7 Brown-bottled beverage
  - 8 Interlock
  - 9 Arnold's co-conspirator
  - 10 Service animal
  - 11 At no time [initials]
  - 12 Days prior
  - 13 Beer fermenting agent
  - 15 Gig for a clown
  - 21 Do some grilling
  - 23 Land treaty word
  - 24 Go viral
  - 25 Stray [last letter]
  - 28 Bulk candy containers
  - 29 Turns the wheel
  - 31 Cause for alarms
  - 32 Prepared for a drive
  - 33 Cotton-tipped product
  - 34 Strong denial
  - 35 Zero calorie mixer [initials]
  - 37 Crow's nest locale
  - 39 Camping fuel
  - 41 Class needing scientific calculators
  - 44 Smartphone's \_\_\_ card [first letter]
  - 47 Alphabetic trio
  - 48 Quidditch team complement
  - 50 Central points
  - 53 '20s headline nickname
  - 54 Chili server
  - 55 What this clue has two of
  - 56 Water carrier
  - 57 Brown shade
  - 58 Secretive sound
  - 59 Hardly at all
  - 62 "Whammo!"
  - 63 Caustic chemical
  - 64 It's cleared for takeoff





## Cowboys

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## SLUMP CONTINUES

Facing a top-10 defense for the third week in a row, the Cowboys once again couldn't get their high-powered offense going.

"I can't put a finger on it," said Prescott, the NFL's passing leader. "I wish I could right now. If I could we wouldn't be in this situation, we would be getting over this and out of this slump, but that's the most frustrating part, we have the skill level, we have the players, we have the chemistry at times, But we're not playing together as a team, complementary enough when we need to, and we need to figure it out."

Prescott was 27 of 49 for 334 yards and a touchdown. Ezekiel Elliott ran for 81 yards — his fifth straight game under 100 — and two scores.

Michael Gallup had 109 yards receiving. Amari Cooper caught six passes for 83 yards and a touchdown, but the Cowboys lost their third straight. They lead Philadelphia by a half-game in the division.

"I know we have the right pieces in place, right players, right talent. Just about doing it instead of talking about it," Cooper said.

## TAKING CONTROL

Kept out of the end zone in a 13-9 loss at New England two weeks ago and then held to two touchdowns in falling 26-15 to Buffalo on Thanksgiving, the Cowboys went 75 yards for a score on the game's opening possession. Elliott lunged in from the 2 to cap a 17-play drive.

Jourdan Lewis then intercepted Trubisky's pass with a neat play near the left pylon, dragging his left foot. He was initially ruled out of bounds, but the

call was overturned by a replay review.

But it was all Bears after that.

Chicago tied it early in the second quarter when Trubisky hit Robinson with a 5-yard pass and took a 10-7 lead on a 36-yard field goal by Eddy Piñeiro. Dallas' Brett Maher then missed a 42-yarder wide right. Chicago added to the lead in the closing seconds of the half with Trubisky's 8-yard pass to Robinson, and Miller's 14-yarder in the third made it 24-7.

"I think we stayed ahead of the chains, we scored early, we were able to get the run game going," Robinson said. "All aspects of our offense were working today. We were able to keep them off balance."

## FOR KICKS

Maher is 20 for 30 on field goals this season after going 1 of 2. The 10 misses are more than any other NFL kicker has had in a season the past four years.

## INJURIES

Cowboys: WR Cedric Wilson jammed his left leg trying to catch a long pass in the closing minute. ... LB Leighton Vander Esch (neck), NT Antwaun Woods (knee) and S Jeff Heath (shoulder) were inactive.

Bears: WR Javon Wims (knee) walked off gingerly in the closing seconds of the first half after an awkward landing as he tried to make a leaping catch in the end zone. ... CB Prince Amukamara (hamstring) was inactive after being listed as doubtful. ... WR Taylor Gabriel (concussion), TE Ben Braunecker (concussion) and RT Bobby Massie (ankle) all missed their second straight game.

## UP NEXT

Cowboys: Host the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 15.

Bears: At the Green Bay Packers on Dec. 15.

## No. 6 Oklahoma, No. 8 Baylor on playoff edge in Big 12 game

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

When Baylor jumped out to a quick 25-point lead over Oklahoma, there was a sense for the Bears that they really did belong in those conversations about being a Big 12 contender — and maybe even bigger things.

That feeling didn't go away, even after the 12-time Big 12 champion Sooners had their biggest comeback ever to ruin a big night for the Bears, who had won 11 games in a row until then.

"It just changes your level of expectation," Baylor coach Matt Rhule said. "So, that game can do nothing but help us as long as we make sure that we learn from it, which I think we have."

Three weeks later, No. 6 Oklahoma (11-1, 8-1 Big 12, No. 6 CFP) and No. 8 Baylor (11-1, 8-1, No. 7 CFP) meet again Saturday in the Big 12 championship game and on the edge of a possible playoff spot, depending on what happens with Georgia in the SEC and Utah in the Pac-12.

This is a familiar spot for the Sooners, in the Big 12 title game for the 11th time, including all three since the league was able to reinstate that game in the playoff era after a six-year hiatus. The four-time defending champs are the league's only team to make the College Football Playoff, getting to a national semifinal three of the past four seasons.

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley hasn't spent a lot of time thinking about what happened on the banks of the Brazos River, when quarterback Jalen Hurts overcame three turnovers with four touchdown passes and 114 yards rushing in a 34-31 win — after Baylor led 28-3 early in the second quarter.

"That was a great night, but that was multiple weeks ago. It was two really good football teams going at it. They played better than we did in the first half, we played better than they did in the second half, tight game," Riley said. "This one's different. Championship games are different. Playing not at

home, not on the road. ... The stakes are different, the setting's different, the teams are at different points."

Rhule, voted this week by his Big 12 peers as coach of the year, has taken a similar approach. But he believes the Bears, the only Power Five team ever to go from 11 losses to 11 wins within two seasons, are already "a way better team" than they were only three weeks ago.

Baylor and quarterback Charlie Brewer rebounded from that only loss with convincing wins over Texas and at Kansas to finish the regular season.

"It changed us in a way," linebacker Jordan Williams said. "And the fact that we know what we can do, and I guess if we go out there now and that we know we can do it off the bat, then we won't feel like we're not supposed to be there, or feel like this isn't supposed to be happening. We'll be able to finish the game out."

Some other things about the 18th Big 12 title game, which was also played in the home stadium of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys in 2009 and 2010:

## LAMB IS BACK

Oklahoma leading receiver CeeDee Lamb missed the Baylor game last month because of what Riley called "a medical decision." He has only six catches for 52 yards and a touchdown in the two games since. He had six catches for 167 yards and a touchdown against Texas in last year's Big 12 title game. Right before the Baylor game, he had eight catches for 167 yards and two TDs against Iowa State, his fifth 100-yard receiving game this season.

"His health's fine. He's been fine. He's handled things well. He's been through a bunch of these battles," Riley said.

"You have to account for him anytime he's on the field," Rhule said.

## STAYING THE SAME

Rhule took Temple to consecutive American Athletic Conference championship games before

taking the Baylor job. He didn't have to face a rematch in the AAC, but learned something about title games.

After the Owls lost at Houston in the 2015 AAC game, they won 34-10 the following year on the road against a Navy team coming off a stretch of games scoring 42, 66 and 75 points.

"I messed the first championship game up by changing what we did. I worried too much about them," Rhule said.

In 2016, despite the "dazed look" he had watching Navy's impressive offense, Rhule had a message for his Temple team, one that now applies to Baylor.

"We said let's go out there and be us, and be how we play," Rhule said. "That's my message to our guys. We're a legitimate, legitimate football team in the country this year. Let's not do anything different."

## MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE

Oklahoma is in the Big 12 championship game for the 11th time, matching the combined total appearances by all of the other current conference members. The Sooners have nine wins in the game, with the next closest being three wins by Texas (in six appearances, matching former Big 12 team Nebraska for the second-most times in the game).

## FIVE IN A ROW

Oklahoma has a chance to become the first Power Five team since Alabama from 1971-75 to win five outright conference titles in a row. Clemson could do that in the ACC on Saturday night.

## SOME OTHER STANDOUTS

Big 12 defensive player of the year James Lynch has 10½ sacks this season, and the junior DE is Baylor's career leader with 19. ... Oklahoma RB Kennedy Brooks has averaged 133.5 yards rushing in a four-game winning streak, even with Baylor limiting him to 93 yards. He averages a Big 12-best 7.2 yards per carry.

## Pavelski scores on power play in OT, Stars beat Jets 3-2

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars didn't want to be in overtime after blowing a two-goal lead. Joe Pavelski didn't mind because he'd been there before.

Pavelski scored on the power play 2:02 into overtime and Dallas beat the Winnipeg Jets 3-2. His third career overtime winner ended a four-game losing streak (0-3-1) for the Stars.

"We made a little play over there and (Tyler Seguin) shot it," Pavelski said. "Great play by him on the rebound to lay it back out in front. I had an open net. Pretty good to see that one come."

The winning goal came 31 seconds after Josh Morrissey went to the penalty box. Seguin's backhand pass helped Pavelski score his sixth goal this season.

"I thought we carried the play on the 3-on-3 (overtime)," Dallas coach Jim Montgomery said. "We were really good with the puck and without the puck and drew that penalty."

Dallas goalie Ben Bishop made 36 saves, 13 in the third period and overtime. Jamie Benn scored on the power play in the first period. Denis Gurianov's goal gave Dallas a 2-0 lead in the second period. The Stars had lost 11 of the last 14 games against Winnipeg.

Blake Wheeler and Mark Scheifele tied the game with third-period goals for the Jets, who outshot Dallas 13-3 in the period. Scheifele's came with 45 seconds left in regulation, after goalie Connor Hellebuyck had been lifted for a sixth skater. Hellebuyck also had 36 saves.

"Great pass by (Patrick Laine)," Scheifele said. "He was challenging, and I just tried to get a good shot. They were collapsing, so if the puck gets cross-ice, you're going to get a bit of room."

The Stars pulled within one point of the Jets, third in the Central Division. At home, Dallas is 10-4-1, the best record in the Western Conference.

Wheeler broke up the shutout with a wrist shot from low in the right circle that bounced off Bishop and over his left shoulder into the net at 1:38 of the third. It was Wheeler's ninth goal and 37th point in 34 career games against Dallas.

Winnipeg coach Paul Maurice hoped for more but was pleased with his team's comeback.

"Rightfully so, this team's proud of its effort. They're not hanging their heads. It's the opposite feeling. We've played well, we've won a bunch of games. Let's go try to win one more

and leave the building feeling good."

Two minutes into the game, the Stars' Corey Perry had poked the puck away from Hellebuyck and inside the left post. The apparent goal was waved off immediately.

With 3:38 left in the first, a scramble in the blue paint in front of Hellebuyck went to video review, which indicated that the puck didn't go past the goal line. The goalie stopped two shots, defenders blocked two other close-in attempts and Scheifele and Dallas's Blake Comeau went off for roughing.

A tripping penalty on Laine resulted in a Dallas power play. As Scheifele and Comeau returned to the ice, Benn sent a wrist shot from the top of the left faceoff circle past Hellebuyck into the right side of the net.

The Stars outshot Winnipeg 14-8 and led 1-0 after one period.

Gurianov scored his first goal in more than a month at 9:25 of the second. His wrist shot from the right circle found a hole between Hellebuyck's blocker and pad leading into the lower

left corner.

Bishop stopped all 15 shots by the Jets in the second. The Stars had 16.

NOTES: Jets D Nathan Beaulieu returned after missing four games because of an upper-body injury. ... Dallas RW Alexander Radulov was a healthy scratch. ... The Stars lost 5-1 at Winnipeg on Tuesday. This was the first of three home-and-home series in December for the Jets. ... Scheifele has 16 goals and 34 points in 29 career games vs. the Stars. ... Dallas RW Denis Gurianov's fifth goal of the season was his first since Nov. 2.

## UP NEXT

Jets: Play Anaheim on Sunday in the first of two home games.

Stars: Host the Islanders on Saturday in the second of a four-game homestand.

## Stars host the Islanders following OT win

(AP) -- New York Islanders (19-6-2, second in the Metropolitan Division) vs. Dallas Stars (16-11-3, fourth in the Central Division)

Dallas; Saturday, 9 p.m. EST

BOTTOM LINE: Dallas hosts the New York Islanders after the Stars knocked off Winnipeg 3-2 in overtime.

The Stars are 10-4-1 at home. Dallas has allowed 16 power-play goals, stopping 84.5% of opponent opportunities.

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