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Submit your holiday festivities photos to be featured in the Big Spring Herald. Email editor@bigspringherald.com.

Saturday
 Nutcracker
 Municipal Auditorium
 7:30 p.m.

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa
 Hangar 25
 1 p.m.

Christmas Tree Forest
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Big Spring Police Department investigating two robberies, murder

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Department issued three media releases regarding the incidents that occurred in the early morning on Tuesday, and Wednesday night. At press time no other information was available. All three incidents are an ongoing investigation and the community is encouraged to provide any information that might be helpful to the investigation.

Special to the Herald

On Dec. 10 at approximately 3:15 a.m., Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to the DK located at 1801 S. Gregg in reference to a Robbery. Upon arrival contact was made with witnesses and officers learned that an unknown male wearing a black and yellow hoodie, gloves and a mask, walked into the store and threw a backpack onto the counter while displaying a hand gun and demanding money from the register. The male also demanded nicotine products to be placed in the

backpack. The clerk complied with the demands and the male then quickly left the store and was last seen walking southbound on Gregg St. with the currency and nicotine products in the backpack. This investigation has been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. No one was injured during this incident, according to the media release by BSPD. On Dec. 11, 2019, at approximately 7:20 p.m., Big Spring Police Department Officers were dispatched to 1703 S. Gregg (Posh Nail & Spa) in reference to a robbery. Upon arrival, officers learned from witnesses that a Hispanic male wearing dark clothing and a hoodie, with his face

covered with a dark color bandana, and another unknown male subject wearing a white T-shirt and light colored mask and head cover, entered the building and approached an employee demanding money. The Hispanic male was displaying a handgun. The male subjects were given a bag of money and they quickly left the store. According to the media release, this investigation has been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. No one was injured during this incident. Later in the night on Dec. 11 at approximately 10:35 p.m., Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to the 300 block of San Jacinto in reference



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Tips for Trash

KBSB will be at Walmart, 10 a.m. - Noon on Saturday

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

It seems like we're all always on the go to and from work, shuffling kids around, and shopping at this time of year, so it can feel like we live in our cars. Along the way to all of these activities, many times we grab a quick bite to eat, as well. Next thing you know, you've got a pile of bags and cups in your car that you know you need to throw out. On Saturday, Dec. 14, Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB) will be in the Walmart parking lot to help you with that problem.



would be a good fundraiser to help alleviate some of the costs we incur at our e-waste disposal events." KBSB will be in the Walmart parking lot from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., asking people to throw the trash out of their vehicles. In exchange, KBSB hopes to receive tips from those disposing of items from their cars. The money raised from these tips will go toward the expense of future e-waste projects. "In addition, we will also have a table set up on the east side of the parking lot with information and if people would like to donate money to KBSB," continues Hafley. "We have asked several clubs from Big Spring High School

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United Way of Big Spring/Howard County hosts The Big Push



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat
 The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County hosted the annual Big Push on Wednesday afternoon. Those who drove by the United Way office around lunch most likely saw United Way board members, the Salvation Army mascot, along with Santa Claus taking part in The Big Push. During this year's event, the United Way collected more than \$1,400 toward the 2020 campaign. Monies raised benefit 14 local agencies.

Christmas Bazaar at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

Want to get some Christmas shopping done while supporting one of our local churches? Then head on over to Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar, which is organized by the Knights of Columbus, on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1009 Hearn St. in the Family Center building.

Whether you are looking for last minute, unique Christmas gift ideas or a good meal to start the day, there is something at the Bazaar that could draw your interest.

"I think this is the eighth year that we will be hosting the Christmas Bazaar," Victor Torres with the Knights of Columbus, said. "We will be serving breakfast in the morning, then lunch later in the day. We'll also have different vendors selling their arts and crafts, baked goods, and so much more."

Vendors are local and will be offering a variety of gift ideas, many handmade from church members and community members.

"We try to help our church community out first," Torres said. "The funds we raise will go toward the youth group, CCE classes, and especially the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry."

For information about the bazaar or booth rental, please call 263-6112.

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

Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown

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Obituaries

Irma Ree Deweber Mayo



Irma Ree Deweber Mayo, 88, of Big Spring, formerly of Midland, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring, with Dr. Walter McCall, her son-in-law, officiating. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

She was born Sept. 4, 1931, in Jack County, Texas, to Newton Eugene and Cora Elizabeth (White) Deweber. She married Wendell Mayo, Jan. 27, 1950. He preceded her in death March 20, 2011. She graduated from Bowie High School and attended Draughon's Business College. Irma worked many

years for Midwest Glass Company and Walsh Petroleum as a bookkeeper.

She is survived by a daughter, Cheryl McCall and husband, Walter of Big Spring; a son, Greg Mayo and wife, Cyndi of North Richland Hills; two grandsons, Kyle McCall and wife, Haley of Amarillo and Travis Hammack of North Richland Hills; and two great-grandchildren, Emerson and Jackson McCall of Amarillo.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Emmitt, Newton and Virgil Deweber; and four sisters, Ruby Reaves, Opal Ogle, Millie Ogle and Rachel Hubble.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C32, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

Paid Obituary

Kenneth M. Beeler



Kenneth M. Beeler, 82, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Ken Thomas, of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

Kenneth was born Jan. 11, 1937, in Stigler, Okla., to Icy Jewel James Beeler and Otis Beeler. He married Wanda Johnson on Dec. 1, 1953, in Abilene, Texas. She preceded him in death on May 11, 2001. Kenneth and Wanda moved to Big Spring from Sun-

down, Texas in 1987. He had owned Big Spring Instruments since 1987. He enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing and especially stock car racing. He collected Nascar models and guns.

Kenneth is survived by two sons, Terry Beeler (Bonnie) of Big Spring, and David Beeler of Las Vegas; one daughter, Michelle Machwart (Ralph Rollins) of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Shannon Samora, Rena Garland, Richard Merritt and Tara Stiles; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife; and a son, Wade.

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

Paid Obituary

Carolyn Dennard Boyd Bunn



Carolyn Dennard Boyd Bunn, 93, of Cedar Park, Texas, passed away on Dec. 9, 2019. She was born on April 11, 1926, in Atlanta, Georgia, to the late Wier Lovelace Boyd and Lena Mae Dennard Boyd. On Dec. 7, 1946, she married DeWitt Bunn over the phone while he was stationed in Tokyo, Japan, and later went to live with him in Japan. They had a formal wedding cer-

emony on July 30, 1947, in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Bunn was preceded in death by her husband, DeWitt Relyea Bunn. She is survived by her sons, Bruce Bunn and wife, Barb of Cedar Park, and Stewart Bunn of New Jersey; daughter, Nancy Tate and husband, Chuck of Midland; two sisters, Marie and Emily; as well as, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bunn will be laid to rest with her husband in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Arrangements under the direction of Beck Funeral Home, 1700 E. Whitestone, Cedar Park, Texas 78613, 512-259-1610. On-line guest registry at www.beckchapels.com.

Arletha "Angel" Jaso Mitchel Jones



Arletha "Angel" Jaso Mitchel Jones, 79, of Atoka, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2019. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at Brown's Funeral Chapel in Atoka, Okla. Wendell Ingram and Willard Harrison will officiate.

Angel was born Jan. 5, 1940, to Reynaldo Jaso and Verbilene Mitchell, in Stanton, Texas. She married Robert Conner Jones on Nov. 27, 1958. She is survived by her husband; chil-

dren, Johnny Jones and wife, Charquintlyn of Ft. Worth, Texas, Selena Crow and husband, Ricky of Lancaster, Calif., Robert "Brocky" Jones and wife, Sylvia of McKinney, Texas; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Richard Jaso and wife, Corena of Midland, Texas; sisters, Carol Jenkins of Los Angeles, Calif., Darlene Mabry and husband, Phillip of Ft. Worth, Texas; along with other relatives and special friends.

Condolences may be sent to the family by email to browns@atoka.net. Please reference the name of the deceased in your correspondence. Family night is Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Internment will be held at Trinity Memorial Park, 6900 US Hwy 87, Big Spring, Texas, on Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, at 1 p.m.

Jean Marie Tidwell



Jean Marie Tidwell, 94, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Scott Kirkland, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Survivors include one daughter, Bobbie Lee

Fryar and husband, Melvin of Brownwood; three granddaughters; nine great-grandchildren; numerous great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Don Harrison of Arlington, and Ed Brice of Sulphur Springs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Ralph R. Newman and Russell Tidwell; a son, Ralph R. Newman Jr.; two daughters, Anita Sue Myers and Ginny Crawford; and two grandsons.

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

Gene Keyser Todd

Gene Funkhouser Keyser Jones Todd died Dec. 7, 2019 at her home. Memorial services have been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, at 2 p.m. at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, Texas.

Gene is survived by her own five children and their spouses, Carolyn K. Curtis and Carl, Julie K.

Squires and Michael, Edward M. Keyser and Janet, Laura K. Hartsell and Greg, Ann K. Stewart and Dick; Phil's children and their spouses, "Dusty" J. Wilson and "Tic", Debbie J. Stucker and Mike, Douglas M. Jones and Nola.

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at CR 846 and CR 1584. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Main St.,

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Larry. No transport was required.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported-

ed in the 500 block of Sunset. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of E. I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 5900 block of N. Service Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Travis D. Fryar

Travis D. Fryar, 83, of Midland, passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019. Funeral Services will be 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch funeral home.

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

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DAVID YBANEZ JR.**, 37, of 311 N. 13th St., Lamesa, Texas, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **STEVE DUANE HECTOR**, 55, of 2109 Williams Rd., was arrested on a charge of violating a protective order-going to or near residence, employment or school.
- **VIRGINIA BERNAL**, 35, of 1700 N. FM 700, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 7000 block of N. Service Rd., 800 block of W. I-20, and the 3300 block of E. I-20.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 93 inmates at the time of this report.

- **VIRGINIA CASTILLO BERNAL**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for a bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **JACK PATRICK GRAHMANN**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **STEPHEN DUANE HECTOR**, 55, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of violating bond/protective order.
- **LIONEL LEYVA**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and duty on striking fixture or highway landscape.
- **LESLIE ANN RODRIGUEZ**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for driving in invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.
- **CASEY ADAM TORRENCE**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for aggravated robbery.
- **DAVID YBANEZ JR.**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for a parole violation.

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.

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Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 72. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 70. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 43.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 52.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 51.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 55.

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

Texas Lottery reminds players to gift responsibly with new campaign this holiday

(AUSTIN) – Lottery tickets are a popular gift during the holiday season and throughout the year, but the Texas Lottery is reminding consumers not to give them to anyone under the age of 18. For the 11th year, the Texas Lottery is partnering with the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and McGill University's International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors to raise awareness of the risks of underage lottery play by reminding lottery consumers to "Gift Responsibly. Lottery Tickets Aren't Child's Play." Lottery players must be 18 years of age or older to purchase or redeem lottery tickets in Texas.

"We are proud to once again join lotteries and other organizations around the world in support of NCPG and McGill University's 2019 responsible gambling campaign to encourage players to gift responsibly this holiday season," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "Our games are designed to be entertaining stocking stuffers or holiday gifts for individuals

that are 18 years old and over."

Throughout the holiday season, the "Gift Responsibly. Lottery Tickets Aren't Child's Play" message will be featured on the Texas Lottery's social media accounts, website, retailer newsletter and in-store electronic messaging. Educational messages regarding the risks of underage gambling will be sent to retailers and employees throughout December.

As a Silver Member of NCPG and a Level 3 certified member of the World Lottery Association (WLA), the Texas Lottery emphasizes responsible gambling in its marketing efforts and promotional materials throughout the year, all of which encourage responsible play and remind consumers that you must be 18 or older to purchase a lottery ticket. Nearly 20,000 lottery retailers across the state also are trained that lottery tickets should not be sold to or prizes redeemed by anyone under the age of 18. Information on how individuals with gambling problems can find help is available on Texas Lottery's games, website, social media and

advertising.

About the Texas Lottery
Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$30 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$62 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$24.2 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$123 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball®, Mega Millions®, Lotto Texas®, All or Nothing™, Texas Two Step®, Pick 3™, Daily 4™, Cash Five® and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org. **PLAY RESPONSIBLY**

Take Note

- The Potton House will be open, beginning Sunday, Dec. 8, and then on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through the month of December. Hours will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Come see a little bit of Big Spring's history at the historic Potton House.

- 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.

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Ikey Joe Morgan, 56, died Monday. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. today at Trinity Baptist Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Kenneth M. Beeler, 82, died Wednesday. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Joyce Coffman, 63, died Tuesday. Services are pending. A fund has been established at the funeral home to help the family with expenses.

Jo Ann Africh, 54, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

BSPD

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to a gunshot victim. Officers arrived on scene and found Chandon Dakota Davlin, white male 29 years of age, lying inside a residence with an apparent gunshot wound.

Big Spring Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene though Davlin had already succumbed to his injuries. Davlin's next of kin has been notified. The Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigations Division responded and is currently investigating this incident as a murder.

These are ongoing investigations and there is no further information available at this time. The Big Spring Police Department urges anyone with information relating to these incidents to call CrimeStoppers at (432) 263-TIPS (8477) or use the P3tips.com software to submit your tip online. Remember no caller ID is ever used and all tips are anonymous.

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KBSB

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to help us with this, and KBSB volunteers will be there, as well. If this project is successful, we will do it again next year."

"We also always need volunteers, so if you would like to help, donate, or have any questions, please let us know."

Hafley also adds that more trash is generated during the Winter months, so please make sure all dumpster lids are closed and that all trash is in bags to prevent it from flying away.

KBSB meets the first Monday of every month at noon. The meetings are held at Howard College Cactus Room. Contact Hafley at 432-934-4068 for more information about this event. You can also follow KBSB on Facebook.

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Reflections: A Soul Full Christmas

We don't talk much about the soul. Other generations did, but not ours. We are far more focused on our bodies and our money. This is apparent in our approach to Christmas with our lists of what we want and our search for the perfect gift at the deepest discount. It seems that we have abandoned discussions about the soul to practitioners of New Age and metaphysics.

The soul is not an organ that can be removed, placed on a laboratory table and analyzed. We cannot perform a "soul-ectomy. We all sense that there is something within us that is more than the sum of our parts, the substance of our being where we make decisions that affect the health of our bodies, our mind and our emotions. This is our soul. It is the substance and the essence of who we are, especially in relationship to God and to each other. When the body withers and dies, the soul remains.

Jesus emphasized the importance of the soul. Regarding the soul in comparison to the body, he said, "Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Mat. 10:28). With respect to money, Jesus said, "What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" (Mat. 16:25-27). He told a story of a rich man who was focused on his wealth and amassed greater fortunes. But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what

you have prepared?" (Lk 12:20).

David was intimately aware of his soul and referred to the soul often in the Psalms. He gave us clues as to how we can nurture and shape our soul. He said, "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul." And, "Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in His salvation." (Ps. 19:7; 35:9).

In some way, the Christmas season reveals the condition of our soul. If we focus on satisfying ourselves and others with possessions and self-gratification, Christmas becomes a season of stress, leaving us disappointed, exhausted and empty. But, when we approach Christmas in faith, our soul is stirred. When we focus on the goodness of God who sent His Son and when we seek opportunities for generosity and comfort to others, we discover joy and gladness. Our soul resonates with Mary, the mother of Jesus who sang, "My soul exalts the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior. For he has had regard for the humble state of his bond slave; for behold from this time on, all generations will count me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is His name. And his mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear Him. He has done mighty deeds with his arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart. He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble. He has filled the hungry with good things; and sent the rich away empty handed." (Lk 1:46-55).

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BILL
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Something to think about...

Have you ever found yourself deep in the wilderness? Or at least felt like you were wandering around in a wild place where dangers seemed to lurk around every corner? That's often how I feel when I attempt to go shopping this time of year. Seriously, we live in a wild and often chaotic world, and yet, it seems that wandering through the wilderness is a part of the journey for God's people.



RICHARD
SCHNEBERGER

When God liberated Israel from Egypt, God didn't bring the people straight from slavery into the promised land. They first had to pass through the wilderness. It wasn't the way they wanted to go, and they ended up stuck there longer than scheduled, but God doesn't waste the wilderness time. It is an important, though uncomfortable, part of the journey. It was a time that God used to prepare His people to receive His promise. It is in the dry and difficult places of life that we learn to truly trust and follow Him.

This has been on my heart and mind lately because it seems that we live in the wilderness, and I'm reminded that wilderness time is not wasted time. It is a time of deep growth as we prepare to live into the promise and more importantly to be filled again with His Presence.

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,

make straight paths for him."

~ Matthew 3:1-3

As we journey through the wilderness together, may this be a season of preparation walking by faith into God's promise. And may we with one voice call out in the wilderness - prepare the way for the Lord. Get ready...God is on the move!

Do You Hear?

"Will you just listen a minute?" was usually said by my mother when she wanted her children to understand whatever it was she was telling us. We had a difficult time listening because, as children, we always had our own agenda. Mother would call us to eat, to bed, to wake in the morning, and at any other time she needed us to do an errand or chore. If we didn't listen, we were grounded, sent to bed, or got a big flat hairbrush to our backside. Since we didn't like the alternative, we learned to listen.



TOM
SLOAN

Me thinks it's a skill that is missing in our modern world. Children are called at least three times or more before they stop and know it is really their name being spoken. They seem to be conditioned by their parents or grandparents to be given three chances to respond. Then if they don't respond, they are moderately admonished to listen next time.

I worked in a large department store in my early days in Texas, back in 1975. It was just before Christmas in the mens' clothing department. A mother and small son were shopping together, but the son was hiding among the racks of clothing, knocking shirts off their hangers and generally having a great time of play. The mother called her son multiple times with no response from the boy. Finally, the mother shouted her

son's name, counted to ten out loud, and at the last second the boy ran to his mother laughing. It was a game to him. I asked the mother why he didn't come when she called the first time. She said she really didn't know. I don't think she had a clue.

When my mother called me as a youngster, if I didn't come, I was in big time trouble. My dad sometime even got involved when I wouldn't listen. That wasn't fun because he used a belt to remind us to listen.

Back in the Old Testament of God's word, young Samuel, the prophet, heard his name called three times. Thinking it was Eli the priest, Samuel ran to him and said, "Here am I." After the third time, Eli told Samuel to tell the Lord, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." I am glad he answered the call the first time because he was the one of the greatest prophets in Old Testament times.

When we listen to the Lord, our lives are more peaceful, we find things we lose, we have love and joy unimagined by the world, and we have eternal life in Heaven. This season of the year, it is so important to listen to our Heavenly Father. He brings us peace in the form of the child in the manger of Bethlehem. He brings us love in that perfect life of His Son. He brings us joy unspeakable and full of His glory in the resurrection of that same Jesus.

Have you learned to listen? He's always calling and listening for your response.

What Does Nothing Mean?

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; ye, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isaiah 55:1

Does God have a problem communicating with us, or do we have a problem listening? Or maybe we have a problem accepting that which is free. We believe that if we are going to obtain something good, we must have something good to give in return. We have a hard time believing the gospel of the grace of God because we are not accustomed to getting something for nothing.

The prophet Isaiah says that God expects us to buy wine and milk without money. How exactly are we supposed to buy without money? If we were to go to the grocery store and buy these things (wine and milk) without money, we would be prosecuted for theft. But God's economy is vastly different from ours.

In God's economy, we

learn that there is nothing good we can do to earn His favor, and nothing bad to lose it. Why? Because in His economy, free really does mean free because nothing truly means nothing. What does God expect from us in return for His favor? Nothing. What does God expect from us in return for saving, sanctifying and blessing us? Nothing.

Come with nothing and leave with everything. Bring your tattered, filthy rags and exchange them for God's righteousness. Your phoniness for His authenticity. Your poverty for His riches. Your ashes for His oil of gladness. Come to God empty handed and He will bless you with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.

In our religious way of thinking, it may be that nothing means something, but when God says that it is free, He means free.



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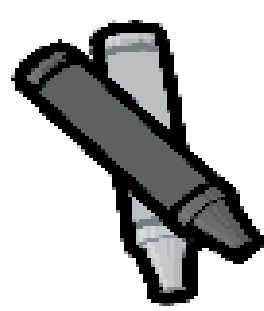
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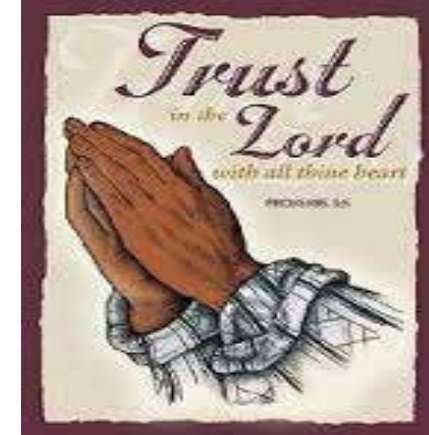
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The Christmas season is upon us. The end-year parties and activities are here. How is your vision? Is it 20/20? What a unique opportunity we have to increase our eyesight as we dive into a brand new year. Women of the Word meets the first Tuesday at Pizza Inn for food and fellowship. SEND, First Priority, Bible teaching, reaching from God's word, Christmas musical, 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 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 the church choir will be presenting our musical of "The Song of Bethlehem." Our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, helps us as we delve into God's word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

Come and be a part 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.

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

Our Wednesday evening Bible study has 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. We will have a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m., and a Christmas morning service at 10 a.m. Please come and join us.

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

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

106.3 FM or 1400 a.m. 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.

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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. Merry Christmas!

First Baptist Church

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Sunday evening at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary, come celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ as First Baptist Church hosts its Jingle & Mingle, and join in this festive time as the FBC Music and Worship Ministry presents "The Song of Joy". Then enjoy wonderful fellowship and tastes of the season in the Family Life Center. Everyone's welcome!

Saturday, Dec. 14, all area men are invited to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. in the church dining room. Bring your friends and neighbors to this time of encouraging one another in the Lord while enjoying a delicious breakfast.

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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.

Christmas Eve worship service is Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m..

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 fcbigspring.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 p.m. 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!

At 7:30 p.m., 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 fcbigspring.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

Merry Christmas!

First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m. in the library, and the Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m.

The Thursday Lunch Bunch will meet at Blue Ribbon Cafe at 11:30.

This is a busy week at the church. Tuesday BSHS Choir sets up for a concert fund raiser in Fellowship Hall; Wednesday at 9 a.m, BSHS Choir practice; Thursday BSHS Choir practice; Friday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 15, BSHS Christmas Choir concert and fund raiser at 7:30 p.m.

The Covenant Class, led by John Ferguson, begins a new study entitled Honoring God, which is a study of personal and corporate expressions of worship.

The Discovery Class views a special Adam Hamilton DVD study for Advent called the Journey - Walking the Road to Bethlehem.

Presbyterian Women met Tuesday, Dec. 3 for the annual cookie project. They boxed and sent cookies and gift cards to our college students, Charlie Boling, Rowan Colette, Serena and Sheana Reese, and Kelli Schaedel Kitchens. Other cookie box recipients were Myra Robinson, Ethel Guthrie, and Rev. Bob Bennett. Cookie trays were also delivered to Jo Dell Myrick, Winnie and John Kennemur, Ray Andrews, Billie Miles, Maudie McClendon, and Marj Carpenter. Cookie boxes will be included in Christmas gifts and food to two families.

Ushers last Sunday were Jim Little, Rip and Claudie Patterson, and John Yater. Communion Servers were Lynn and Helen Glass, Vicki McLean, and Jim Little.

Cici Hallford will be in charge of Take Ten on Sunday,

The lectionary passages for the Third Sunday of Advent are Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11. The Choral Introit is "People Look East. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "All Is Well" for the offertory. Gabe Martinez is the organist and choir director.

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 11:00 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.fbcbs.org We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

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

- Thursday, Dec. 19 - Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies Annual Ornament Exchange. We will be gathering in the ARC from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped ornament to exchange. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with fellow sisters in Christ. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

- Saturday, Jan. 11 - Hurting Moms, Mending Hearts is a 10 week support group for Moms who are experiencing heartache and pain because their child is rebellious, out of control and making choices that may cause serious damage and even destruction. Contact April Gutierrez at 816-5431 and find out more about times, books and how God's promises through the scripture can help you surrender your child to God.

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

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

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions, please contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015, or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring), or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

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 Dec. 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 open. Please donate often.

"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

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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.

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

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NazFamily Church

• Service of the Nativity
The Nativity is a visual proclamation of the Christmas story. It brings together Mary, Joseph, the Christ Child, Shepherds, Angels, and the Wise Men. It is a story of hope because God built a bridge of Divine Love from Himself to us. You won't want to miss this Sunday at 10

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With all the hustle and bustle in this season, we invite you to come, slow down, and be reminded why we celebrate Christmas. NazFamily Live Drive Thru Nativity on Dec. 13, 14, 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

• New Hope and NCA Christmas Program

There is something significant about hearing the Christmas story from a child's perspective. They remind us of the wonder and mystery of this miraculous moment. Join us at our Lancaster campus on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. for the New Hope Christian School and Nazarene Christian Academy Christmas Program, and experience the joy of Christmas!

• Christmas Eve Service

On December 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.

First Christian Church

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees. "Yes sir," the new employee replied. "Well then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."

Not counting today, there are eleven days until Christmas. Eleven days to shop until we drop. Eleven days of special meals and parties, and most importantly, eleven days to recharge our batteries for whatever life might dish out to us next year.

I look forward to this time of year. This coming Sunday is the third Sunday in Advent season, Joy. I invite you to think of the Advent and Christmas season as your annual booster for life. Worn down from a year's worth of bad news, Advent allows us to grab hold of the Christmas spirit so that our lives will be renewed again for another year. Advent renews our spirit of joy.

The scripture reading is from Isaiah 9:6-7: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Our Guest speaker this coming Sunday, Dec. 15, is a special young ministerial student from Lubbock Christian University, Andy Simpson. Lawrence Thibeault will be directing the music with Gary and Jackie Brooks lighting the Third Advent Candle of Joy.

FCC Christmas Party, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Mrs. Clause will be on hand to hand out goodie bags to all the children, so bring your kids, grandkids and your neighbor's kids. Entertainment by George Bancroft.

If you are searching for a church home, look no further. First Christian Church is the place to be. Come Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship service. Fellowship time starts at 9:15 a.m. in the sitting area with coffee and donuts.

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.

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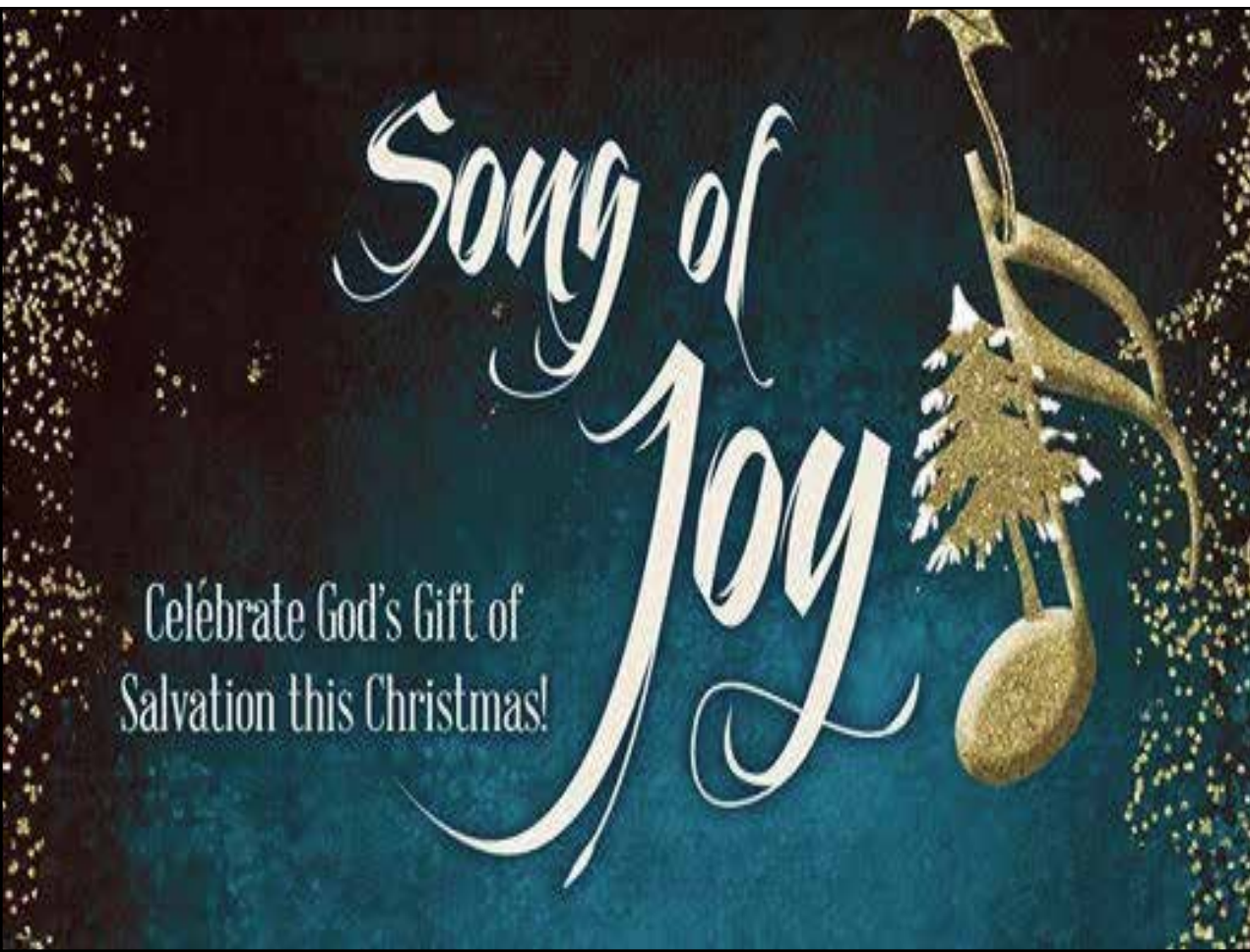
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Lady Steers go 1-1 on first day of Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic in Stanton



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Pictured above left: Trinity Galloway gets in a defensive position as Monahans brings the ball up the court. Pictured above right: Baylor Trevino shoots a free throw during their win over the Lady Loboes.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

STANTON — Big Spring was back in action on Thursday afternoon at the 2019 Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic held at Stanton High School.

First, the Lady Steers squared off against the Monahans Lady Loboes in their first game of the three-day tournament. In a game that went down to the final whistle, Big Spring was able to come out of the matchup with a 46-43 victory.

The story of the game was the Lady Steers ability to move down the court quickly with long passes that stretched the Monahans defense.

"We have been working on that for a while," Lady Steers head coach Krystle Jim said. "We have been practicing on our passes and just seeing the court for a very long time and I think they're now starting to get it."

In the first half, the Lady Steers recorded 10 steals in a game where every starter for Big Spring grabbed at least one. Tristan Smith and Trinity Galloway led the way with four steals apiece, with all of Smith's coming in the first half.

Two quarters filled with aggressive offensive strategies by both teams led to a 23-19 Big Spring lead at halftime. The Lady Steers were able to get to the charity stripe consistently and knocked down seven shots from the free throw line in the first 16 minutes of action.

After a first half of play, the intensity level increased for both teams in the second half. The Lady Loboes were able to find their offensive rhythm in the third quarter and took a one-point lead heading into the fourth. Two days after only scoring 10 points in the entire second half, Jim's squad was prepared for the test of not floundering to finish off the game again.

"It all starts with our practices and them being tough," Jim said. "Now, I feel like they're starting to sense the basketball knowledge. And it's just them pushing through adversity of everything they've gone through in practice."

The game's lead stayed within a few points for the entire duration of the final quarter. Big Spring took a 42-41 lead with 3:30 left in regulation and gave the Lady Steers a shot of adrenaline as the overall team communication seemed to grow with the game on the line.

With the game tied at 43 apiece with 37.9 seconds left, the Lady Steers ran a play fresh out of a timeout that gave Galloway a wide-open shot from within two feet of the basket. Galloway knocked down the shot and gave the Lady Steers a 45-43 lead that they would not relinquish.

"She's finding her stride and her teammates are feeding off of that," Jim said. "She had a little bit of a rough start to the season but she's found her groove and is helping all of her teammates feed off of that."

In addition to Galloway, senior wing Baylor Trevino led Big Spring with 13 points and made a team-high four shots from the free throw line. Trevino was a vital reason that the Lady Steers had an ability to create turnovers and second-chance points in their first game of the day.

Next up, the Lady Steers battled with a feisty Dalhart Lady Wolves squad in a 48-20 blowout loss in their second game of Thursday afternoon.

Through the first two quarters, the Lady Steers had scored only four points and trailed by 28 at halftime to the strong Lady Wolves squad from up north. An inability to knockdown shots that they had made routinely in the first game of the day hurt Big Spring and put them in a big hole early after Dalhart jumped out to a quick 11-0 lead in the first few minutes of action.

"We've got to fight through when we think we're tired after one game," Jim said. "The same thing happened to us at Denver City where we got it done in the first game and the second game came and we laid an egg. We just weren't prepared to go hard from the get-go."

In the second half the Lady Steers stepped it up on defense but still had trouble finding the bottom of the basket. They held the Lady Wolves to only seven points in the second quarter but could not close the gap as they only score seven points themselves in the quarter.

Dalhart finished with 16 second half points after doubling that output in the first half. Galloway picked up two blocks in the second matchup which pushed her daily total to five and limited the Lady Wolves offense.

Jim made some second half adjustments that helped her team but it was ultimately too-little too-late for the Lady Steers.

"We wanted to attack the middle and get to the foul line whenever we could and we also just moved the ball around a little bit more instead of just standing around," Jim said.

Big Spring finished with a 1-1 record on the first day of the tournament in Stanton and Jim believes the outcome of the second game will not affect her team heading into Friday.

"I think we'll be alright," Jim said. "We'll bounce back. We've got to carry over the momentum. We've already played Levelland and they're a good team but we've seen what they're working with. We've just got to be ready to go."

UP NEXT: The Lady Steers will play Levelland in their third game of the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic on Friday afternoon at 3:00.

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Coahoma Bulldogs dominate Stanton JV at Pinky Jones Classic

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

STANTON — To open up the Coahoma Bulldogs trip to the 2019 Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic, they dismantled the Stanton Buffaloes JV team 62-25.

After a tight first quarter where the Bulldogs were held to only 11 points and had just a three-point lead over the Stanton junior varsity, Bulldogs head coach Joe Mireles made some adjustments to open up his offense and also made some defensive shifts to force the Buffs into turnovers.

"We just pressured them a little bit more," Mireles said. "That led to them turning the ball over more and that led to easy buckets for us."

The pairing of senior forward Zack Schneider and guard Isaiah Martin combined for 17 points in the first half and helped the Bulldogs close out the second quarter strong. At halftime the Bulldogs had stretched their three-point lead at the end of the first quarter to 16 points and led 35-19 heading into the second half.



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Coahoma chases down a Buffaloes ball-handler as he weaves his way down the court.

For the remainder of the game, the Bulldogs would not let up.

Coahoma allowed only three points from the Buffaloes through the entire third quarter and ended up with a 30-point lead heading into the final frame. The Bulldogs trap defense seemed to fluster the Buffaloes and their success with that will be something that they rely upon all-season long.

"It's getting better and we're working on it daily," Mireles said. "It's something that we're going to need later on down the road."

Sophomore guard Braydon Smith dished out some accurate passes and came up with a handful of steals while making his last six shots of the game from inside the arc.

The Bulldogs once again allowed only three points in the final quarter and had their deep bench players on the court by the end of their big victory.

UP NEXT: The Bulldogs will play Dumas and Colorado City on Friday afternoon on the second day of the 2019 Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic.

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Doncic's triple-double lifts Mavs past Pistons in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Luka Doncic's Spanish was flawless. His game was pretty good, too.

Doncic scored 41 points and posted his eighth triple-double of the season, Seth Curry added a season-high 30 points off the bench and the Dallas Mavericks topped the Detroit Pistons 122-111 on Thursday night in the opener of the NBA Mexico Games.

Doncic finished with 12 rebounds and 11 assists for the Mavericks, who at 17-7 are off to their best 24-game start since posting the same mark at this point of the 2014-15 season.

"He picked us apart," Pistons coach Dwane Casey said.

Curry scored 18 points in the second quarter alone for Dallas.

The Mavericks trailed by seven late in the first half, then went on a 14-0 run before intermission and eventually led by as many as 24.

Curry became the first Dallas reserve to score 30 off the bench since Jason Terry had 34 against San Antonio on Jan. 29, 2012.

"Even when Detroit was playing zone, our guys were making an effort to drive-and-kick, drive-and-

kick and find Seth ultimately for the shot," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "Real happy for him. He did everything."

He drove it. He shot it. He made a couple good plays on the breaks. He made a couple good passes. He was a huge contributor tonight."

Doncic's eight triple-doubles already match his total from last season.

Kristaps Porzingis added 20 points for the Mavericks, who outrebounded Detroit 52-34.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Happy Friday the 13th

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't control the weather outside. But by thinking in less dramatic terms, you can influence your internal climate. Take the temperature down a few notches. Keep it comfortable and stable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The biggest reason for dishonesty is a fear of truth's consequences. To make it easy for you to be accountable to yourself, take away the threat of self-punishment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't have to let the little bothersome interferences deter you from progress. Perspectives of time will help you keep relationships in balance. Will you even remember this little issue next week?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to make a move or form a definitive opinion on matters just yet. It takes some restraint, but there's a lot of benefit from waiting, watching and processing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It takes no effort at all to stay current on the topics that interest you, as all you have to do is follow your curiosity. To stay abreast of a loved one's interests, too, is an act of selflessness that will repay you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The question will arise as to whether you might be able to handle more than you currently are. To level up, you'll need more efficient systems. Ask around because knowledgeable friends will help you figure it out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is a way of telling a story that is accurate and encouraging, and there is a way that is accurate and deflating. Try it both ways privately and cherry-pick the public message.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). For you, teaching what you know isn't so much a job as it is a calling. Teaching helps you understand things at deeper levels. Furthermore, it makes you feel very connected to the fabric of existence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you can't quite figure out how to change your behavior or attitude, change your circumstances. What you're dealing with may not be a lack of willpower; rather, it's a case of an unsupportive environment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The extra work you do will bump up your stock. A small rise in value every day will add up to something substantial. Eventually, you'll be able to trade in on this.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). For many, silence can bring its own kind of chaos. Many are uncomfortable in the stillness and will reflexively fill it with noise and movement. To resist this urge and relax into the quiet will invite restoration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're willing to consider other sides of an argument, probably because you don't feel threatened by ideas. You find it pretty easy to respect people, even if you don't agree with them. Many could learn from you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 13). Long ago, you longed for the kind of

recognition you'll receive this year. From the light of a loved one's eyes indicating that deep understanding has been reached to the sound of applause and the satisfaction of "likes," you'll treasure the experience while realizing you no longer need it as much as you once did. Aries and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 18, 40, 33 and 28.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You kid around with the ones you love.

The underlying meaning of jokes will be telling. **TAURUS:** You're not willing to settle for less than you think you deserve in relationships, nor will you ever be. **GEMINI:** The aesthetics that matter to you will impress someone else and vice versa. **CANCER:** People getting to know you will put more weight in your overall vibes than in any one thing you say. **LEO:** It's natural to be skeptical about what people want from you. Be honest about this and give people a chance to ally or validate your trepidation. **VIRGO:** As a diligent student of human nature, what you learn this weekend gives you a social edge. **LIBRA:** No one will know where the chapters begin or end until much later. Fully play through the moments and you'll have no regrets. **SCORPIO:** The wins are catching. Celebrate others; soon you will revel for reasons of your own. **SAGITTARIUS:** Electricity between people will be unexpected and without reason. **CAPRICORN:** There is an attractive power in having a greater awareness of your internal monologue. **AQUARIUS:** In time, you'll think of the way a relationship is developing right now as something that fits beautifully into the scheme. **PISCES:** The heart-pounding aspects of love will be small moments rather than big events.

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ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

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

- ♠732 ♥Q2 ♦K7632 ♣J84
- ♠QJ6 ♥1043 ♦10952 ♣AQ5
- ♠QJ2 ♥6 ♦K10542 ♣J643
- ♠KQ4 ♥8 ♦10873 ♣A9652

1. **Three hearts.** First, it might be best to discuss the meaning of partner's three-club bid. It is a jump shift, forcing to game, and in effect says: "Partner, I realize you may have only six points for your one-trump response, but those six points are enough for us to make a game in some denomination."

This means, of course, that partner has upward of 19 points, most of which are in the form of high cards, but some of which are sure to be distributional. The reason for responding three hearts rather than four clubs, the suit you have slightly better support for, is that a 10-trick heart game (partner has to have at least five hearts) is more likely to make than an 11-trick game in clubs.

2. **Four hearts.** Having limited your hand to six to 10 points by your initial response, you can afford to

jump to four hearts without the risk of having the bid misunderstood. The nine points you have — six of which are in partner's two suits — should prove to be highly useful. The reason for jumping to four hearts rather than bidding just three is to encourage partner to consider bidding a slam if he has a hand something like: ♠K5 ♥AKQ72 ♦A ♣KJ1082, in which case slam is an excellent proposition.

3. **Three notrump.** That's about all you can do with this hand. The nine-trick game in notrump looks more feasible than an 11-trick game in clubs. If partner passes, you should be all right, but if he rebids hearts or clubs, you will then carry on to five clubs.

4. **Five clubs.** Your stock went up considerably when partner jumped to three clubs. This assortment didn't look very imposing at the start, when game seemed doubtful, but the jump-shift has completely changed the picture.

It would be wrong to bid only four clubs, which you would also do with, say, five clubs to the queen instead of the ace. But with your actual holding, partner has to be apprised that the club raise is being given not just as a matter of obligation, but with genuine enthusiasm, so that if a slam is in the offing, partner will be encouraged to bid it.

Tomorrow: A challenging grand slam.

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Breaking the Cycle of Guilt and Pain

Dear Annie: About two years ago I was pregnant with my first-born. About five months into the pregnancy, my partner, the father, cheated on me. When I found out about it, I was devastated; I didn't know what to do with myself.

I felt he did it to me on purpose with the reasoning of "getting even" because I'd cheated on him years before. It was one time, and I felt pushed away and insecure at the time. Of course, cheating didn't make me feel better; it made me feel worse.

His cheating on me while I was pregnant made me feel that I didn't mean anything to him. I felt stupid because it was someone we knew, someone I was hanging around thinking that nothing was going on between them. I've even hosted her at our house with a few other people even though they were messing around with each other during that

time.

Now I feel back in the same place, and I don't know how to stop this running circle of guilt, like it was my fault he cheated on me. I really wish I could get over it and move on, because that's what I should do. But I have flashbacks and make up scenarios in my head. Please give me some advice. I'm tired of feeling this way. I need a way to let go of this heavy weight on my shoulders. -- Lost in Love

Dear Lost in Love:

He needs to help you take that weight off your shoulders. It is possible to move past cheating in a relationship, but only with sincere remorse, a commitment to healing the wounds and a willingness to have trust restored. You both need to either work together toward those tenets or consider separating now and cultivating a respectful nonromantic relationship as co-parents for the long-term.

Dear Annie: My situation is not a unique one in that I know many women experience difficulties with daughters-in-law. I have had discussions with my son about my feelings, but I really do not wish to cause further strife between him and me nor between him and his wife. They live very near her family members and everything they do and every holiday involves just her family. I feel as though my family is an afterthought, and that I am occasionally kept within their lives merely as a resource for gifts and financial help if and when needed. My question is, because I feel this way, should I cut back on financial gifts, as I'm feeling very used. I know if I confront my son it will surely cause problems. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated. -- Feeling Used Financially

Dear Feeling Used Financially: We tend to think of boundaries as something we set for oth-

ers. But we also must set boundaries for ourselves -- i.e., be cognizant of how much of ourselves (and our resources) we are truly comfortable giving. If the financial assistance and gifts are causing you resentment, it's a sign you're violating your own boundaries.

The next time you're considering giving them something, think about how you will feel afterward. If you'll feel frustrated or slighted, don't do it.

Know that you don't need to shower them with gifts to be worthy of their time. You are enough. Toward that end, don't give up on spending quality time with your son and his wife. Keep a dialogue open about potential visits.

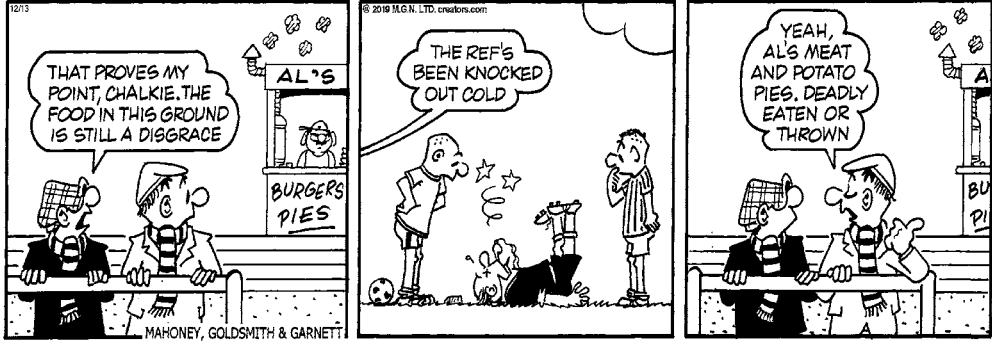
You do not need to continue showering them with material gifts and financial assistance in order to be worthy and loved. You are enough.

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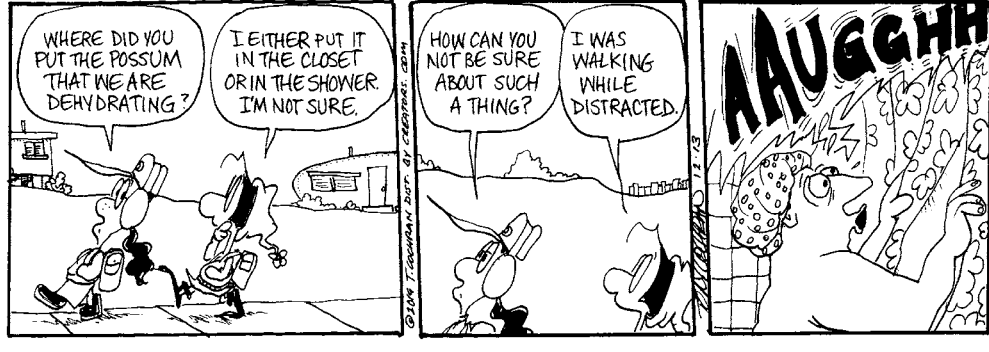
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 2019. There are 18 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 13, 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.) On this date: In 1862, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside launched futile attacks against entrenched Confederate soldiers during the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg; the soundly defeated Northern troops withdrew two days later. In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office. In 1937, the Chinese city of Nanjing fell to Japanese forces during the Sino-Japanese War; what followed was a massacre of war prisoners, soldiers and citizens. (China maintains that up to 300,000 people were killed; Japanese nationalists say the death toll was far lower, and some maintain the massacre never happened.) In 1944, during World War II, the light cruiser USS Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack off Negros (NEH'-grohs) Island in the Philippines that claimed 133 lives. In 1977, an Air Indiana Flight 216, a DC-3 carrying the University of Evansville basketball team on a flight to Nashville, crashed shortly after takeoff, killing all 29 people on board. In 1989, the film "Driving Miss Daisy," starring Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy, was put into limited release by Warner Bros. In 1993, the U-S Supreme Court ruled, five-to-four, that people were entitled to a hearing before real property linked to illegal drug sales could be seized. In 1997, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in Los Angeles for the 1 billion-dollar Getty Center, one of the largest art centers in the United States. In 2000, Republican George W. Bush claimed the presidency a day after the U.S. Supreme Court shut down further recounts of disputed ballots in Florida; Democrat Al Gore conceded, delivering a call for national unity. In 2001, the Pentagon publicly released a captured videotape of Osama bin Laden in which the al-Qaida leader said the deaths and destruction achieved by the September 11 attacks exceeded his "most optimistic" expectations. In 2002, Cardinal Bernard Law resigned as Boston archbishop because of the priest sex abuse scandal. In 2003, Saddam Hussein was

captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit. Ten years ago: The Senate passed, 57-35, a \$1.1 trillion spending bill with increased budgets for vast areas of the federal government, including health, education, law enforcement and veterans' programs. An attacker hurled a statuette at Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi, striking him in the face and leaving the stunned 73-year-old leader with a broken nose and two broken teeth. (The attacker, Massimo Tartaglia, was later found unfit to stand trial.) Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Samuelson died in Belmont, Massachusetts, at age 94. Five years ago: Thousands of protesters marched in New York, Washington and other U.S. cities to call attention to the killing of unarmed black men by white police officers who faced no criminal charges. Congress cleared a \$1.1 trillion spending bill for President Barack Obama's signature. Marcus Mariota won the Heisman Trophy, becoming the first Oregon player to earn the award. Bill Bonds, an iconic Detroit anchorman who'd also worked for ABC stations in New York and Los Angeles, died at age 82. One year ago: Authorities confirmed that a 7-year-old girl who had crossed the U.S.-Mexico border with her father the previous week died after being taken into the custody of the U.S. Border Patrol; the girl had been flown to an El Paso hospital after she began having seizures. Bomb threats were emailed to hundreds of schools, businesses and government buildings across the country in what authorities said appeared to be a crude extortion attempt. The suspect in the shooting attack on a Christmas market in the French city of Strasbourg two days earlier was shot and killed by police. A Russian gun-rights activist, Maria Butina, admitted in a plea deal that she was a secret agent for the Kremlin who tried to infiltrate conservative U.S. political groups as Donald Trump rose to power. (Butina was deported the following October after serving a prison sentence.) Janet Jackson, Stevie Nix and Def Leppard were among those earning induction to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

is 99. Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 94. Actor Christopher Plummer is 90. Country singer Buck White is 89. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 86. Singer John Davidson is 78. Actress Kathy Garver (TV: "Family Affair") is 74. Singer Ted Nugent is 71. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 71. Country musician Ron Getman is 71. Actor Robert Lindsay is 70. Country singer-musician Randy Owen

is 70. Actress Wendie Malick is 69. Former Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is 69. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is 66. Country singer John Anderson is 65. Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert is 65. Singer-actor Morris Day is 63. Actor Steve Buscemi (boo-SEH'-mee) is 62. Actor Johnny Whitaker (TV: "Family Affair") is 60. Rock musician John Munson (Semisonic; Twilight Hours) is

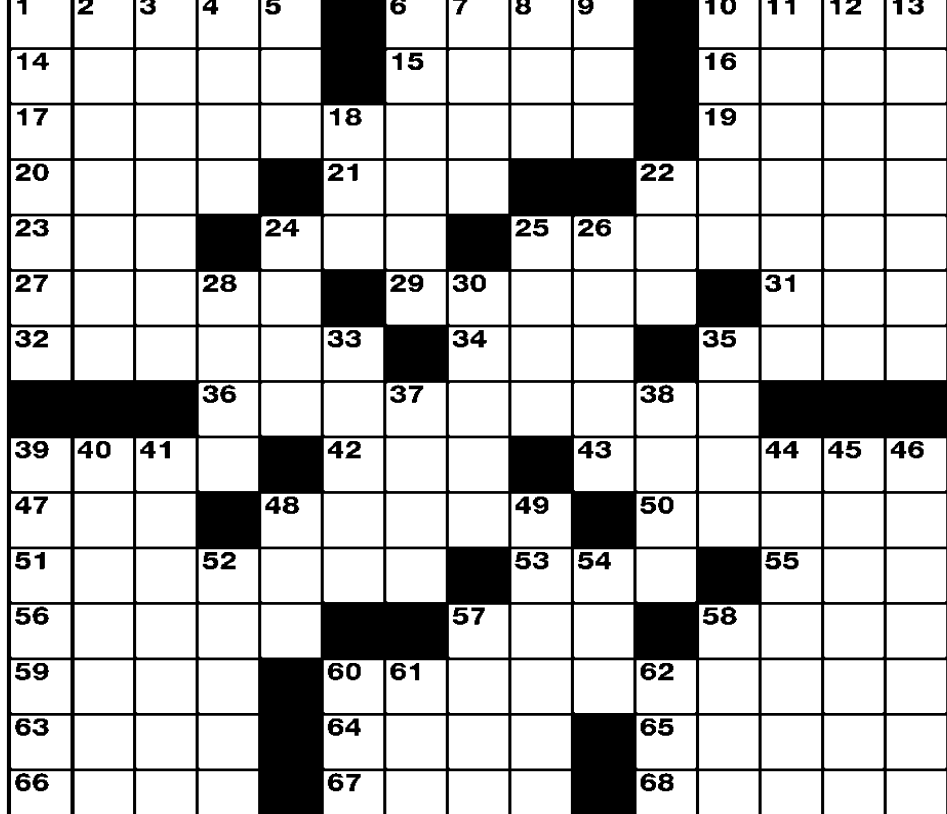
57. Actress-reality TV star NeNe Leakes is 53. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 52. Actress Lusia Strus is 52. Actor Bart Johnson is 49. Actor Jeffrey Pierce is 48. TV personality Debbie Matenopoulos is 45. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge is 44. Actor James Kyson Lee is 44. Actress Kimee Balmilero (TV: "Hawaii Five-0") is 40. Actress Chelsea Hertford is 38. Rock singer Amy Lee (Evanescence)

is 38. Actor Michael Socha is 32. Neo-soul musician Wesley Watkins (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 32. Actor Marcel Spears (TV: "The Mayor") is 31. Singer Taylor Swift is 30. Actress Maisy Stella is 16. Thought for Today: "An orator without judgment is a horse without a bridle." — Theophrastus, Greek philosopher (c.371 BC - c.287 BC).

Newsday Crossword

WHAT TO DO by Greg Johnson Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Prospector's companion, 6 Job for a tow truck, 10 More than a sip, 14 Depleted, 15 See 7 Down, 16 Winter frost locale, 17 Do the ___, 19 Kellogg brand, 20 Disparage, 21 Vegan milk ingredient, 22 Gung-ho, 23 Product of dates, 24 Extended warranty period: Abbr., 25 Do the ___, 27 Color above clouds, 29 Pedestrian, 31 Name on "Alphabet" books, 32 A euro predecessor, 34 One on a rack, 35 Ones who shall not be named, 36 Do the ___, 39 Analogy phrase, 42 Miner concern, 43 Certain Southwesterner, 47 Heart of a PC, 48 Pile up, 50 Yoga posture, 51 Do the ___, 53 Seat softener, 55 AOL alternative, 56 Golf great's nickname, 57 Exemplar of patience, 58 One of the 2016 Ghostbusters, 59 Common letter closer, 60 Do the ___, 63 Forget to do, 64 Word on December decorations, 65 Basketry willow, 66 Disallow, 67 Brewery hardware, 68 Doesn't soak through, 9 Text with a "!", 10 Pipe up, 11 Jokey, 12 Casting director's type, 13 Cohan tribute musical, 18 NHL city northwest of BUF, 22 Part of some canopies, 24 Hairy Monsters, Inc. character, 25 Move from freezer to counter, 26 38 Down movers, 28 Make over, 30 Exclamation of exultation, 33 Unseen attraction, 35 Fight stoppers, 37 Server's server, 38 Way through a place, 39 Sleepy Hollow character, 40 "Puh-leeeeeeze!", 41 Hits the hay, 44 South Africa neighbor, 45 Stored, as grain, 46 Park protectors, 48 Elicit a "Wow!" from, 49 Ersatz coffee tables, 52 Simple song, 54 What sit-ups work, 57 PC photo file format, 58 Learned, 60 Soybean product, 61 Simpsons beer server, 62 ___ story (empathy inducer)



Answer to previous puzzle: HARE, MUCK, AGAIN, AGES, AVON, NAIVE, RAFT, RENO, TVSET, STEERING, WHEEL, HEREON, ASA, LESS, MEET, TISSUE, SPAS, RODEO, ENE, HIS, UNICORN, AND, LIVING, RIOTS, OTIS, MOONING, ESAU, STUB, HAT, INTACT, WESTERN, SADDLE, THERE, GAIT, ODOR, AERIE, IDLE, NOUN, TWEAK, SEER, ENDS

DONCIC

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"I think we're getting better and better every day," Doncic said. "He's going to get better. I'm going to get better. And with us two, the team is going to get way better."

Andre Drummond led the Pistons with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Derrick Rose scored 19 points and Markieff Morris added 16 for Detroit, which got 12 from Tony Snell and 10 apiece from Christian Wood and Blake Griffin.

"Back to the drawing board," Casey said. "Dallas is a great team. Rick's done a heck of a job with that team. But we missed a lot of shots that we normally make. And then defensively, I thought we missed a lot of rotations."

It was the 29th game in Mexico since 1992, the most of any country other than the U.S. or Canada in that span and came on a night where the NBA announced that Capitanes — a Mexico City-based team in that country's top pro league — will be joining the G League starting next season.

"Playing out here was incredible," Drummond said. "The atmosphere was outstanding."

Doncic addressed the Mexico City crowd pregame — to their delight — in flawless Spanish, before turning the microphone over to Griffin. "Hola, Mexico," was the extent of Griffin's Spanish offering, as he grinned and a very amused Doncic looked on standing a few feet away.

The night didn't get much easier for Griffin from there: He shot just 3 for 16, and 1 for 10 from 3-point range.

Doncic, meanwhile, went on to post his second 40-point triple-double of the season. He's the first player in NBA history to have multiple 40-point triple-doubles before turning 21; he doesn't celebrate that birthday until Feb. 28.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: It was the third time Dallas played a regular-season game outside of the U.S. or Canada — the Mavs played Houston in 1997-98 and Phoenix in 2016-17, both in Mexico City. ... NBA Commissioner Adam Silver misspoke before the game at a news conference, introducing deputy commissioner Mark Tatum as "Mark Cuban" — the Mavs' owner.

Pistons: Before Thursday, Detroit's only other regular-season game outside of the U.S. or Canada was Jan. 17, 2013 — a loss to New York in London. ... This was only Detroit's second chance at a three-game winning streak so far this season. The Pistons had won two straight before losing to Milwaukee on Dec. 4, and had won two straight again before Thursday.

AVOCADO WOES

Drummond was a game-time decision because the Pistons said he had an allergic reaction to an avocado. He had swelling around his eyes Wednesday, but played as planned.

SECOND GAME

San Antonio plays Phoenix in Mexico City on Saturday. It'll count as a home game for the Suns. This is the first time that the NBA has brought four teams to the Mexico games.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Host Miami on Saturday.

Pistons: Visit Houston on Saturday.

Rams have 'mo' for rematch, but Cowboys control playoff fate

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jared Goff and the Los Angeles Rams have the momentum Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys crave going into a rematch of a divisional playoff game from last season.

Despite their second three-game losing streak of the season, the Cowboys have something the Rams want even more but will need help getting even if the defending NFC champions keep winning: control of their playoff chances.

LA (8-5) visits Dallas on Sunday as the first team out of the conference playoff race with three games remaining, while the Cowboys (6-7) somehow are still tied atop the NFC East with Philadelphia after seven losses in 10 games.

"Momentum is something serious if we can get it on our side," Prescott said. "This has been a streaky team and yes, you got to get that first one to get the second one. That's just the mindset. Let's focus on today. Let's focus on the now."

Both teams started 3-0 coming off LA's Super Bowl run that included a 30-22 divisional win over the Cowboys. Both teams then lost three straight.

Since sharing a 6-5 record, the teams have gone opposite ways. The Rams have won a pair, including last week's impressive 28-12 victory over Seattle. Dallas lost to Buffalo on Thanksgiving and Chicago a week later in a pair of forgettable showings.

As it stands, the Rams are paying for an uneven start as San Francisco and Seattle kept rolling in the NFC West.

"We do know the urgency is there and the value of each game at this point," Goff said. "You do treat every game the same with the same approach, but we do know we are coming down the stretch here and need to make some things happen."

ON THE LINE

The Rams defense respects the Cowboys' veteran offensive line, but Aaron Donald is still in line to add to LA's impressive total of 43 sacks this season. After getting 11 sacks in the past two weeks, the Rams' pass rush is in prime form to have success against the veteran Dallas line.

"They've got a group that's been playing together for about six years," Donald said. "They're a good offensive line that plays good together, communicates together. But there's a lot of good players in this league."

PRESCOTT'S APPENDAGES

Prescott injured the pinkie finger on his throwing (right) hand and sprained his left hand against the Bears. The 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year has practiced with taped fingers this week. "Just a couple of bruises," Prescott said. "Probably wear the same tape in the game, but that's it. Nothing serious."

GURLEY AWAKENS

Todd Gurley's relatively restful season appears to be over, and that could be bad news for the Dallas defense. After coach Sean McVay used Gurley sparingly with little consistency over the first three months of the season, the \$60 million running back's touches and effectiveness are up sharply in the past three games.

He had 79 yards rushing and 34 yards receiving against Seattle, culminating in an impressive stiff-arm TD run for the Rams' clinching score. Although McVay insists it wasn't his intention, Gurley is rested and ready for Los

Angeles' playoff push.

AS FOR ELLIOTT

Ezekiel Elliott is all but assured to fall short of the rushing title and his career-long streak of outings without reaching 100 yards is up to five.

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