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Festival of Lights Open through Dec. 25 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. nightly

Red Kettle Challenge has begun. Those wanting to volunteer can sign up at RegisterToRing.com

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

Christmas Tree Forest Heritage Museum has concluded. Share your favorites from the Tree Forest.

Jan. 25

Silver Wings Ball Tickets now available

<u>Feb. 1</u> Big Spring's Got Talent Applications being accepted.

Feb. 7

Chamber Extravaganza Howard Co. Fairgrounds Nominations for 5 under 55 being accepted.



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Veterans honored with metal artwork Special gift for local veterans presented Thursday



HERALD photos/Anna Gutierrez

Lamun Lusk Sanchez State Veteran's home residents have new artwork to look at, in the dining area. Veteran Gerald King created new metal artwork specifically for the veterans at Lamun Lusk. The unveiling took place Thursday.

By ANNA GUTIERREZ

Staff Writer

Lamon-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home received a special gift, just in time for the Christmas party. Fellow veteran and local artist, Gerald King, created these metal works of art.

"I'm a veteran myself," says Gerald King, artist and resident of Coahoma. "I've created other artwork for other people, and Kim, from Lamon Lusk, has bought other things from me before. She informed me the veterans home would like some artwork to adorn the walls of the veterans' home, so I jumped right on it."

The artwork consisted of an American flag, a Texas flag,

the insignias of the five branches of service, along with one for those who were prisoners of war (POW) or missing in action (MIA). The artwork was unveiled during a Christmas party for the veterans.

"I want everyone to remember that veterans are housed here, and sometimes they're forgotten. Many have family who cannot attend these types of events, nor can they visit, so we want all the veterans to know that they are loved, cared for and very much appreciated."

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

A vision for Big Spring's entertaiment scene

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Matt Martinez, a local mental health worker and Big Spring native is following his dreams, after launching MJM Promotions – an entertainment promotional company - in 2017. While Martinez has been dealing with promotional events in bigger markets, he is looking to focus more on the West Texas area, including his hometown of Big Spring.

"My vision is to have Big Spring become a music community of artists, promoters, businesses and venues working together in building a local infrastructure to bring growth an attract development, but most importantly the community to support and be involved with their own music scene," Martinez said.

Over the past year, Martinez has seen as others in the community took notice too – the entertainment coming to Big Spring and the surrounding area go up a notch. Bigger names and more frequency in musical acts rose in 2019, and Martinez said he is looking at making sure that trend continues for the years

"Look at the downtown area, it just ook a few venues with great live music to change the business landscape and pave a way for new investors a lot of development has taken place and live music and local support should be accredited for that," Martinez said.

After working with several different communities, Martinez took a short hiatus and came back in May of 2019, with a new project and focus. The company launched a promotional apparel

line that donated proceeds to victim servies and mental health organizations. With the launch of the new project came a new partnership with Lead Singer of Filter - an alternative rock band - Richard Patrick. MJM Promotions recently hosted their first show in Lubbock, featuring Texas alternative

rock icons, Cherubs. "I really want to see an increase in inolvement from the community to support different genres of live music," he said. "I am looking forward to bringing more shows and some great bands to our local community."

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@bigspringherald. com or call 432-263-7331.

Cookies, cookies and more cookies

Heritage Museum hosts cookie making/decorating contest Saturday



HERALD photos/Anna Gutierrez

The Heritage Museum hosted a cookie decorating contest on Saturday. There were more than 15 entries by adults and children. Local judges joined together to cast their votes and declare a winner. Pictured above are two of the entries in the kid's division and a photo (above right) of some of the entries in the contest.







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Matthew Alan Kuhlmann



Matthew Alan Kuhlmann, loving husband, son, and brother, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 57 in Big Spring, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Sue Kuhlmann; stepdaughter, Grace; his mother, Judy Cobb; brothers Clint Kuhlmann and Sam Cobb; and sisters-in-law, Kim Kuhlmann and Dana Cobb. He is also survived by many loving friends, cousins, and nieces and nephews across Texas, Oklahoma, and

LOCAL

Matt's funeral service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, at 3 in the afternoon at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 906 S. Gregg St., in Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Paid Obituary

Jo Ann Dunnam Africh



Jo Ann Dunnam Africh, 54, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, in Odessa. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Memorial service will begin at 4 p.m. with Lloyd Wells, pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship, officiating.

Jo Ann was born Nov. 2, 1965, in St. Reggio Bernard Parrish, Loui-

siana. Jo Ann is survived by her husband, Maurice Africh, Jr. of Big Spring; three sons, Maurice Africh, III (Rachel) of Dallas, Matthew Africh,

and Mikhail (Mickey) Africh, both of Big Spring; four sisters, Penny Loar of St. Bernard Parrish, LA, April Blanchard of New Orleans, LA, Lorraine Bordelon of Moreauville, LA, and Barbara Strange of Chalmette, LA; three brothers, Thomas Dunnam of St. Bernard Parrish, LA, Raymond Dunnam of Mississippi, and Bronson Dunnam of St. Bernard Parrish, LA; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to her parents, Alice Marreo Dunnam and Oscar "Blackie" Dunnam, she was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Africh.

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

Police blotter

two outstanding warrants from

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• ZACHARY CALEB PIERCE, 33, of 5822 Ranch 33 Rd., was arrested on charges of theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000), failure to maintain financial responsibility, and expired registration.

• RUDY ORTEGA III, 20, of 1519 Wood St., was arrested on

The Howard County Sheriff's

Department reported the follow-

Note – Officials with the How-

ard County Jail reported having

84 inmates at the time of this re-

• DAVID ARGUELLO JR., 38,

was arrested by HCSO on charg-

es of criminal mischief (\$100 to

\$750), and evading arrest or de-

Big Spring Fire Department/

EMS reported the following ac-

MEDICAL CALL was report-

ed in the 2500 block of Dow. No

ed in the 1600 block of Lancaster.

MEDICAL CALL was report-

• 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 appreci-

ated. Come see a little bit of Big

Spring's history at the historic

• 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 join-

ing the VFW are encouraged to

attend a meeting to find out more

• A fund has been set up in or-

der to assist Brent Fowlkes with

medical expenses. Brent is the

husband of Ashley Martin Fowl-

kes, CEO of Big Spring Educa-

tion Employees Federal Credit

If you would like more infor-

mation or would like to make a

donation, please stop by the cred-

it union located at 1110 Benton,

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Potton House.

information.

Union.

transport was required.

No transport was required.

ing activity:

DAVID ARGUELLO JR.,

other agencies.

38, of 3409 CR 25, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), and evading arrest or detention.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd., 200 block of W. FM 700, and the 3700 block of Wasson Rd.

• THEFT was reported in the 3200 block of Fenn Ave., and the 2600 block of S. Gregg St.

· ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

 ACCIDENT MINOR was reported at 4th and Settles.

Sheriff

• MISTY JO LASATER, 35, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for two counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

• RUDY ORTEGA III, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for burglary of a building, and a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

 ZACHARY CALEB PIERCE, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000), and warrants for expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibil-

STEPHANIE R. WIL-**LIAMS**, 31, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 3 (less than 28 grams), possession of a dangerous drug, and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

Fire/EMS

ed in the 700 block of S. Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

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

• MEDICAL CALL was report-

ed in the 600 block of Ridgelea. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of E. 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

Take Note

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.

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Support Groups

 Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased 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 meet-

ing, 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**

a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to

Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11

MONDAY Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Set-

tles, 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 Set-

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WEDNESDAY

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

more information. Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

THURSDAY

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



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Today: Sunny, with a high near 58. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 29. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 67. Southwest wind around 5 mph. **Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy,

with a low around 34.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy,

with a low around 41.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 68.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

Wednesday Night: Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 40.

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

Take Note

• 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.

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to pro-

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

 Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, deliver-

ing newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available

with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Demo-

MYERS & SMITH

FUNERAL HOME

& CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Ramirez, 62, died

Friday. Funeral Mass

was at 10 AM this

morning at Holy

Church. Burial fol-

lowed at Mount Olive

Memorial Park with

Jo Ann Dunnam

Africh, 54, died

Wednesday,

December 11, 2019.

receive friends from

3:00 PM until 4:00 PM

Saturday, December

21, 2019 at Myers &

Memorial service

will begin at 4:00 PM.

Naval Honors.

The family

Smith

"Jesse"

Catholic

will

Chapel.

Jesus

Trinity

cratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs.

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

City of Big Spring offices announce holiday closing schedule

Special to the Herald

In observance of the Christmas holidays, all City offices, including the Landfill, will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25 - Christmas

Customers are advised that sanitation collection will remain on schedule thanks to our dedicated Sanitation Truck Drivers who will be working on Christmas Eve! All City offices will resume normal business hours on Thursday, Dec. 26.

All essential services (Police, Fire, and EMS) will operate normally during the holiday. The Emergency Utility Department will also continue normal operations during the holiday and can be reached at 264-2392.





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December 24-25: City of Big Spring **Offices CLOSED**

December 25: **Christmas Brunch** at the Hotel Settles I I am-2pm **RSVP** at 432-267-7500





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"Glory to god in the highest and in earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14



It has been 2,000 years since a group of shepherds in a field outside of the village of Bethlehem heard the chorus of Angels. It is a beautiful evening, and shep-RALPH herds stand gazing at $\mathbf{A}_{NDERSON}$ the glories of heaven.

Suddenly, a light shines all around them, and they look up at a glowing white-robed creature. Terrified, these men are rooted in their tracks. Then, with a vibrant voice, the angel, for such it was, speaks, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior,

Then as suddenly as they came, they are gone. For several minutes, however, to the shepherds it is thought the light still shone and voices still sang; their eyes are dazzled and the voices still rigging in their ears.

who is Christ the lord...Luke 2:10-

Gradually, however, they return to normal. Then, as one man, they look at each other and say, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us." Luke 2:15.

With little more than a backward look, they leave their huddled flock and make their way down the stony slope on their way to the

Thus begins one of the most familiar of all stories. I would like to emphasize one part of the scene just witnessed.

In the Old Testament, the coming of Christ had been spoken of in this fashion. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end." Isaiah 9:6.

How appropriate then are the words of the heavenly choir: On earth peace among men.

Of all the announcements ever made from God to man, I suppose one has stirred the imagination like this one. For instance, one very beautiful seasonal song begins like this:

If I had my way this [season] Of all the great wishes in a Wonderful world,

I'd only wish for three.

And if I could have three wishes, And if my first wish came true, There'd be peace on earth, good will among men,

and love in all that we do.

Can we even imagine q world like that? What a wonderful world it would be! And then I would wish it could go on forever. For people like you and me.

From our home to you, and our hearts to yours, my wife and I say, "May god grant you all blessings in Christ, a safe and Merry Christmas and a happy and fantastic New Year. Thank you for allowing my family and me the honor of serving Christ by serving you. Thank you Big Spring, Texas for being near and dear. Thank you Birdwell Lane Church of Christ for allowing me the honor being you minister and counselor."

Sure would like to see ya Sun-

The Power of the Gospel "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto

IT is the power of God unto salvation. But what is IT? IT is the gospel of

Christ. IT is so powerful that no other condiment or ingredient is necessary. IT is so powerful that no works or human merits must be added to it. IT is so powerful that no sinner's sin is too sinful for its power.

The purpose of condemnation is guilt, and guilt is the diminishing of confidence. And when our confidence is diminished, we are more easily manipulated. So, when the Word of God says that "there is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus", God delivers us from guilt, gives us confidence and frees us from the manipulation tactics of our oppressors. Deliverance - this is the power of the Gospel.

Many say that God delivers us so that we can better keep the Law. They say that when Christ gives us grace, it is to empower us so that we might better keep the Law. But if God has delivered us so that we might have more power to keep the Law, He has not truly delivered us. True deliverance is when God, in Christ Jesus, imputes the

righteousness of the Law to us without the deeds of the Law. Be-

ing brought to deliverance with the purpose of keeping the Law is not the gospel of Christ because Christ is the end of the Law and He has delivered us Christ does not deliver us from the chains of sin only to bind us with the

shackles of the Law. He does not set us free from one unbearable burden only to place another one on us.

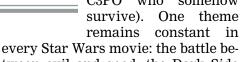
When Christ sets us free, He sets us free indeed.

Reflections: Another Star Wars Christmas

Star Wars is back for Christmas. This week. December 20, the final episode, The Rise of Skywalker, hits the theaters. McDonalds Happy Meals are stuffed with Star Wars holograms of Yoda, R2D2, C3PO, Darth Vader and 12 other well-known Star War characters. Light sabers and remote control droids are

> vying for space under the Christmas tree. My oldest son was

three when the first Star Wars movie premiered in 1977. He is now 46. Across the years new characters have emerged. Droids B_{ILL} have come and gone Tinsley (except for R2D2 and C3PO who somehow



tween evil and good, the Dark Side and the Force. The Force for good always triumphs. Good overcomes evil and hope remains.

It is the timeless theme of human history. The Dark Side represents tyranny, lust for power, absolute control, hate and revenge without regard for the individual. The Force represents freedom, respect for persons, the value of life and love, sacrifice for the good of others and hope for the future. Perhaps this is one of the reasons Star Wars has "stuck around."

Star Wars is fiction, but the battle between good and evil is real. We see it all around us. In August of this year, 22 people were gunned down in a Walmart in El Paso. 26 were killed at First Baptist Sutherland Springs, Texas, in 2017. We all remember 9/11, Sandy Hook, Columbine, Charleston, S.C. Graft, greed, corruption, drugs, murder, abuse. The news continu-

ally reports the darkness that seeks to overwhelm us. We are left confused and hopeless unless we have "The Story" to help

Merry Christmas!



"The Story" is the Christmas story. It is the defining story of good and evil, the reason Jesus was born. Jesus was sent as light to overcome the darkness. "In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (John

Hundreds of years before He was born, Isaiah wrote, "I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation might reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus said, "This is the verdict, light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

Jesus was born into an evil and unjust world. King Herod sought to wipe out any threat to his throne by slaughtering the children of Bethlehem. Jesus was only spared by the wisdom of Joseph, who fled with Jesus and Mary to the distant deserts of Egypt after he was warned in a dream.

Unlike Star Wars, Jesus' triumph does not come by rallying others to rebellion and war. His triumph comes by overcoming evil with good, by refusing to curse those who cursed him, by enduring the Cross and forgiving his tormentors. His triumph came through the resurrection and the transformation of human hearts through faith in Him. Unlike Star Wars, the Jesus story is not fiction. It is documented in history and authenticated in 2,000 years of personal experience. He will prevail. He will overcome. And He will come again!

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Something to think about... "Take your time." In our frenetic, fast-paced world, we don't often

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friend once shared. He was at a large shopping mall on the week leading up to Christmas and was amazed at all the last minute shoppers running from store to store. At one point, he noticed a mother fiercely pressing through the crowd. Suddenly she became aware that the pudgy little hand of her three-year-old son was no longer clutched in

In a panic she retraced her steps and found him standing Richard with his little nose pressed flatly against a store window. He was gazing at a nativity scene. Hearing his mother's near hysterical call, he turned and shouted with innocent glee, "Look mommy! It's Jesus, baby Jesus in the hay." With obvious indifference to his joy and wonder, she impatiently jerked him away saying, "We don't have time for

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that!" I'm afraid that mother's reaction reflects how many in our culture approach the real story of Christmas.

"We don't have time for that." That is why we continue to offer the Live Drive Through Nativity at the NazFamily Church. It was such a blessing to witness around 1,800 people slow down and take some time to hear the amazing story of God's love this weekend. We had the opportunity to pray with hundreds, and at least one received Jesus as her Lord and Savior right in our parking lot after experiencing God's presence through it all. Praise the Lord! A huge thank you to Pat and Candy Chesworth for leading this event and all the volunteers who made it

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. \sim John 1:14 He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by

hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute. ~ St. Augustine This is the radical message of Christmas! God so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. And He is called Emmanuel – God with us! God has come near! I pray that you will take your time this

Christmas to marvel at the miracle in the manger.



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The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation.



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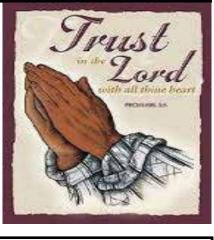
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Church News

Spring Creek Fellowship

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 open. Please donate often.

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open 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 he 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 Piec-

es", 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

9:15-10:15am-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 plac-

- 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 re-

garding 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 "Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com. Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30

a.m. and our Sunday service begins at 10:30

a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been

to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. Our Wednesday evening Bible study has stopped for the month of December. Please join us for our Advent Services every Wednesday evening at 7. 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. Dana Johnson 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.

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. Merry Christmas!

First Baptist Church

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:11-14

Join the family of First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 a.m. as they gather to worship The Lord our Provider, Jenovan-Jiren, whose love was manifested to all mankind through the earthly entrance of His only Son, Jesus Christ: holiness wrapped in human flesh, 2,000 years ago. Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message from Scripture, and invite listeners to celebrate the miracle of Jesus's birth while humbly considering this divine invitation to be free from the bondage of sin, shame, and guilt through faith in Him.

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. (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. At 4 p.m., everyone's encouraged to meet at

the church and go Christmas caroling. All are welcome to this fun time of fellowship spreading the love of Christ by sharing songs of the season around our community. Christmas Eve worship service is Tuesday

December 24 at 6 p.m. Everyone's welcome at this special time of reverence and adoration of Jesus Christ without whom Christmas would

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not exist. The Lord's Supper will be observed. Wednesday night meals are served from 5-6 pm in the Family Life Center. Reservations are required by Monday noon to assist with planning; call 267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.

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); 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 hear about available openings for your little ones. Church offices will be closed Monday December 23 through Friday December 27. There will be no Wednesday evening activities December 25. To learn more about what's happening at

FBC, go to the website fbcbigspring.org, or call

267-8223. FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ... guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Merry Christmas!

First Presbyterian Church

meets at 5 p.m. in the library, and the Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. The Thursday Lunch Bunch met at the Set-

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study

tles Grill at 11:30 this week but will not meet again until after the holidays. Stated Session meeting on Thursday, Decem-

ber 19, at 6 p.m. in the church library. There will be no Prayer Breakfast on Satur-

days in December. The Discovery Class views a special Adam Hamilton DVD study for Advent called the Journey – Walking the Road to Bethlehem. The study follows the steps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and others giving insight into the participants' personal journey with Christ. A new study on grace by Max Lucado will begin in January.

The Covenant Class, led by John Ferguson, pursues a study entitled Honoring God, examining personal and corporate expressions of worship. Lessons in December are taken from Chronicles and Luke.

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.

Vicki McLean will be in charge of Take Ten on Sunday. The lectionary passages for the Fourth Sunday of Advent are Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19-; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25. The Choral Introit is "People Look East." The Choir will introduce the lighting of the Advent Candle with the hymn "Prepare the Way," and the Children will light the Fourth Advent Candle. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. Gabe Martinez is the organist and choir director.

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve, is the traditional Candlelight Service and Communion in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

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 Wednesdayss 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, December 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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Crestview Baptist Church We at Crestview Baptist Church want to ex-

tend 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.

First Christian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent is this coming Sunday. Revelation and Peace

The scripture is taken from Luke 2:10-14. Look it up; read it; bask in it!

Good News that will cause great joy. We all need that. We all need good news, and we all need joy in our lives. Unfortunately, we live in an age of acid rain in bad news, bad news that bombards us from around the world. Bad news which rains upon us daily; bad news which eats away at hope, that erodes purpose, that wears down meaning in life.

Daily we are aware of a huge amount of bad news. Words of sorrow and grief come easily to our lips: hurricanes, flooding, tornados, earthquakes, and on and on.

So much global bad news piled up on top of our own personal bad news, Is it a wonder we can survive? Without the Advent season, I wonder, could we survive?

The truth about life is that we need Advent.

We need the Advent and Christmas Season. We need to recharge our batteries, to recover hope. We need to sing Advent hymns and Christmas carols. We need to hear and say that God is with us. We need to hold the Christmas spirit in our hearts again. If you are searching for a church home and

church family, First Christian Church is the place to come. Worship service starts at 10:50 a.m. Fellowship social time starts at 9:15 a.m. in the sitting room with coffee and donuts. Chaplain Joel Miller will be bring the mes-

sage this coming Sunday. See you there!

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

• Sunday, December 22- 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 and 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, December 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.Tuesday, January 7- Join us at 7 p.m. as 50
- and Wiser small group will be gathering for a night of games, food and fun. Bring a side dish to share and your "A game" for some friendly competition. We will see you at Steve and Faye's. For more information please contact Faye at 432-213-3883.
- Saturday, January 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, or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

NazFamily Church

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What an amazing moment. A moment like no other. I don't know if we can really wrap our minds around the significance and the sanctity of that smelly stable. In that moment, God became man. The Almighty God, in one instant, became flesh and blood. The one larger than the universe entered a microscopic embryo, developed as a human being and was born into this world, the very world he created with a word. The One who sustains the entire cosmos chose to be dependent on the nourishment of a young girl and the proviyou imagine what it would have been like to phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

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The Wednesday Nnon 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 24: Christmas Eve Carol and Communion Service, 6:00 PM

 December 29: Fifth Sunday Service, 11 a.m. worship service only, followed by lunch

For more information on any activity, please sion of a poor carpenter. God came near. Can visit the website at www.fumcbs.com, or

How long is the sermon? Study ranks Christian churches

By DAVID CRARY

AP National Writer NEW YORK (AP) — How long should a sermon be?

The major branches of Christianity in the U.S. have sharply different traditions, with sermons at historically black Protestant churches lasting — on average — nearly four times as long as Roman Cath-That's among the findings of an analysis by the

Pew Research Center — billed as the first of its kind — of 49,719 sermons delivered in April and May that were shared online by 6,431 churches. Pew described its research as "the most exhaustive attempt to date to catalogue and analyze American religious sermons.' According to Pew, the median length of the sermons was 37 minutes. Catholic sermons were the

shortest, at a median of just 14 minutes, compared with 25 minutes for sermons in mainline Protestant congregations and 39 minutes in evangelical Protestant congregations. Historically black Protestant churches had by far the longest sermons, at a median of 54 minutes. Pew said sermons at the black churches lasted lon-

ger than mainline Protestant sermons even though, on average, they had roughly the same number of words. A possible explanation, Pew said, is that the preachers at black churches allow more time during their sermons for musical interludes, responses from worshippers in the pews and dramatic pauses in their oratory. Numerous prominent pastors have pondered the

question of a sermon's length. "I've asked and been asked that question a hun-

dred times," the Rev. Hershael York, a professor of

Christian preaching at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, wrote in 2016. "Today, after 35

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years in ministry, I have | Dragon China a definitive answer: You can preach as long as you hold their attention."

\$1.00 Off Per Adult Buffet The question came up in a 2018 episode of "Ask Pastor John," a Q-and-A forum hosted by the Rev. John Piper, chancellor of Bethlehem College

& Seminary in Minneapolis. He said he generally needs at least 40 minutes, sometimes more than 50, to deeply explore his themes.

"If I look around the nation, there are many hundreds, maybe thousands, of growing churches where pastors preach rich, Christ-exalting, God-centered, Bible-saturated, textually rooted, intellectually challenging, emotionally moving, life-altering sermons for 50 or more minutes, and very few people get frustrated that they are too long," Piper said. Missouri-based researcher/writer Chris Colvin,

who helps pastors with sermon preparation, notes that Jesus' Sermon on the Mount — containing some of the most powerful passages in the Scriptures can be read aloud in less than 15 minutes. In addition to sermon length, the new Pew analy-

sis delved into an examination of words and phrases

most commonly used by preachers from the different Christian traditions.

It found that the word "hallelujah" appeared in sermons from about 22% of the historically black Protestant churches, and those congregations were eight times more likely than others to hear that word. Sermons from evangelical churches were three

times more likely than those from other traditions

to include the phrase "eternal hell." Pew said the sermons it examined came from 2,156 evangelical congregations, 1,367 mainline Protestant congregations, 422 Catholic parishes and 278 historically black Protestant congregations, while other congregations could not be reliably classified. The research did not analyze sermons delivered in synagogues, mosques or other non-Christian con-

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Forsan Buffaloes go 1-1 on first day of Sands Hoopapalooza Tournament





HERALD Photo/Shawn Moran

Pictured above left: Ryan Buske waits to set a screen on an in bounds play during the Buffaloes 38-32 loss to O'Donnell on Thursday evening. Pictured above right: Paul Evans goes up for a rebound during the team's big win over Wellman-Union on Thursday after-

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

ACKERLY — It was an up-and-down first day of competition for the Forsan Buffaloes (7-10) boys varsity team at the Hoopapalooza Tournament held at Sands ISD.

The day started out strong for the Buffs as they handled the Wellman-Union Wildcats (0-6) from wire-to-wire and came out on top with a strong 68-

Forsan was extremely active on defense with each starter recording at least one steal. Also, the team did a great job consistently pressuring the Wildcats into bad passes and barely let their opponent get a shot off. Even with the active hands on defense, the Forsan bench was not thrilled with some of their own offensive possessions.

"We've got to get better shots off," Forsan head coach Cory Richardson said. "We were able to go by some of those guys one-on-one but we've got to run our offense to create more shots and be patient on offense.'

Starting guard Cayden Morgan led the Buffs

against Wellman-Union with 14 points, three assists, and three steals. Morgan knocked down two shots from beyond the arc and played with highenergy on both sides of the ball. In addition to Morgan, Buffs forwards Ryan Buske and Paul Evans both reached double-digits with a 10-point outing and six steals between them.

After leading 15-7 at the end of the first quarter, Richardson sent in a brand-new five players on the court from off of the bench. That group stretched the Buffs lead to 26-14 before the starting five came back in and coasted their way to a 21-point halftime lead.

"We're trying to work on some things that we haven't run a lot," Richardson said. "We're able to run some different defenses and we're trying to mix up our defense on every possession and keep our guys in that routine of listening and being able to adjust. Just mixing it up and trying to keep (the opponent) off balance a little bit and try to keep us

The second half started out a little slowly for the Buffs, as the Wildcats began to score more consis-

tently and posted the same amount of points in the third quarter that they had during the entire first half.

Holding onto a 54-31 lead heading into the fourth quarter, the Buffs once again turned up the heat defensively and held the Wildcats to only eight finalquarter points.

Forsan played a complete game from the opening tip and everyone was able to get involved on the court. Every Buffs player that stepped onto the court in this matchup grabbed at least one rebound and made their presence known on the stat sheet.

"Hopefully we've seen some growth and now we can put a winning streak together instead of a bunch of losing streaks," Richardson said following his team's first game.

Next up, the Buffs would take on the O'Donnell Eagles (10-2). In somewhat of a frustrating game, Forsan was leading the entire game until the last few minutes of regulation when the Eagles took a lead that they would not relinquish.

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Big Spring Lady Steers fall to Odessa Permian 45-43 in OT





Courtesy Photo/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Pictured above left: Lady Steer Tristan Smith shoots the game-tying free throw to send the game into overtime. Pictured above right: Senior Trinity Galloway shoots a fadeaway jumper over a pair of Panther defenders.

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The last active player from the San Antonio Spurs' glory days, Patty Mills remembers when winning wasn't such a

Mills tells his teammates to stay positive, remain patient and keep fighting. On Thursday night, he showed them how to do it. Mills had 27 points and the Spurs

overcame a career-high 41 points from Spencer Dinwiddie to beat the Brooklyn Nets 118-105. "We've just got to find ways to win,"

Mills said. "A lot of it comes down to energy and effort. We're working out the kinks of being able to execute a lot more than we have. We're just grinding it, grinding it out and finding

ways to win." Mills had 21 points in the second half, shooting 5 for 8 on 3-pointers as the Spurs rallied from a 14-point

deficit to beat the Nets for the 17th just try to be aggressive because he's straight home game.

As tough as the defeat was, Brooklyn suffered a greater loss when David Nwaba suffered a season-ending torn right Achilles tendon. Nwaba left a minute into the fourth quarter after dropping to the court following a scramble for the ball near the top of

"It's tough to focus on the game right now," Nets coach Kenny Atkinson said. "He was playing as well as anybody on our team. Tough blow. That's where our hearts and minds are right

Already without Kevin Durant and

Caris LeVert, Brooklyn played its 17th straight game without injured point guard Kyrie Irving. Dinwiddie tried to cover by shooting 14 of 29 from the field, eclipsing his career high by two points.

"LaMarcus Aldridge was playing the lob a lot," Dinwiddie said. "You

trying to take away (Jarrett Allen) and they're trying to take away shooters. If they went under, I shot a 3. If they went over, I attacked the basket."

The strategy helped the Nets build a 14-point lead in the first half.

The Spurs closed the third quarter on a 12-0 run and notched their first lead at 83-81 on Mills' layup with 3.8 seconds left. San Antonio was 4 for 9 on 3-pointers in the third, including Derrick White's 3 to tie it at 81.

Mills finished 7 for 10 on 3-pointers.

"He's everything," Spurs point guard Dejounte Murray said. "I've never seen him with an attitude in the four years I've been here. Not an attitude, no head down. He's a real pro."

The Nets never trailed in the first

half while the Spurs plodded along. San Antonio committed nine turnovers and shot 40% from the field in

the first half. Brooklyn opened the game on a 12-2

Mills, Spurs top Nets 118-105 on Dinwiddie's career night run, including two emphatic dunks by Allen. The second slam came off an uncontested drive that prompted a timeout by Spurs coach Gregg Popovich 3 minutes into the game.

Allen finished with 19 points and 13

Aldridge added 20 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio.

TIP-INS

Nets: Irving did not travel with the team on its two-game road trip as he battles a right shoulder impingement. Atkinson said there is no update on Irving's injury status. Brooklyn is 11-6 in Irving's absence.

Spurs: Former Nets F DeMarre Carroll did not play for the 16th time due to a coach's decision. Carroll is averaging 2.5 points and 10.9 minutes in 11 games since signing with San Antonio as a free agent.

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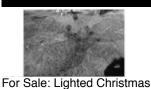
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Winter Solstice Preroll

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe you're tired of the way things are and the situation is causing you pain. Or maybe you're inspired by a glittering example of who you want to be. Either way, you're determined to create something different.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Alas, love is not always, as the classic song suggests, a "many-splendored thing." Although, with the Venus change, you'll get a new perspective on whatever bothers you about it, and things will start to shift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's high value in lighthearted

relationships. When your spirit feels heavy and the weather inside your head goes gray, people who are easy to be around are like a breeze blowing away the clouds.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There will always be a question to answer, a mess to clean up, a broken thing to fix. However, these do not

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NORTH

This is a double-dummy problem. The contract is Seven Spades, and West leads the ten of hearts. You are permitted to look at all four hands in attempting to find the solution. How should you play the hand?

It may appear that you have to lose a diamond eventually, but obviously the diamond loser can be avoided; if it couldn't, this hand would not be presented here as a

As usual, when you have all the remaining tricks but one, the first thought to pop into your head should be the possibility of a squeeze. For the squeeze to be successful, one opponent or the other must have two (or three) suits to guard. Since you must assume the clubs will break favorably, the two suits one of the defenders will have to guard are hearts and diamonds. This presupposes that the hearts

are divided 5-3 or 6-2, so that only one of the defenders can guard that suit. You therefore win the heart lead with the ace, ruff a heart and play four rounds of trump to produce this North

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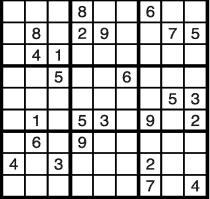
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East

Now you can cash the A-K-Q of clubs, being careful to drop your 10-9-5, and then lead the three of clubs. East, who is down to a pair of K-Q's, cannot withstand the pressure of the fourth club lead.

If he discards a heart, you next ruff the three of hearts, establishing dummy's four; if he discards a diamond, you cash the ace of diamonds before ruffing a heart and score the last trick with the diamond jack. Either way, East is a deceased Tomorrow: How to figure the odds.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

doing nothing at all. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In order to see the world how it is, you must be able to lift the lenses you're looking through and take off the filters and rules you've superimposed. Don't worry; you can put your own reality glasses back on after you're done.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Thinking of others is akin to running a street-cleaning vehicle through the avenues of your mind. It brushes your synapses clean and makes all the rest of your thinking flow better.

always fall under your ju-

risdiction. Involvement is

optional. It's about time

you practiced the art of

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to take part in a scene; you don't want to take it over. This is the message you need to convey subtly, not with talk but with your tone and, of course, your actions. Once they understand you, all will relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a par-

By Holiday Mathis the same value out. adox in wanting, as want Talk as motimuch as you vates you listen, while also

ing, but you can and should question why.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unsure where another person stands, you may be tempted to send mixed messages in an attempt to see what resonates. This takes too long. Risk rejection. Ask a direct question. Dispense with the cloudy and opt for the clear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Symmetry is satisfying not just in aesthetics but in all

things. Put money in; get

Today's symmetrical features may not be immediately detectable. Wait for it.

> AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To moralize things like food or spending opens a whole bag of complicated psychology you don't need right now. No one is "bad" for eating a cookie or "good" for saving a buck. Explore new mindsets and styles of self-talk.

PISCES (Feb. **19-March 20).** Maybe there are no magic bullets or miracle lifehacks, but looking for them and trying new things will be a great deal of fun

anyway, especially when

your expectations are realistic.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Dec. 20). The words you cherished and wanted to believe will finally be proven and shown this year. You will trade places with someone for a while to learn about a business or culture. A fun diversion becomes a serious consideration for a lifestyle choice. You'll change your appearance to reflect a surge of confidence. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 24, 33, 28 and 7.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Love returned in equal

measure is among the greatest joys of life. TAU-RUS: You like playing the games of romance to some extent, but it's time to request a timeout and get real about the rules. **GEMINI: Joking around** will reveal the true character of a person and of a relationship. CANCER: If you think that it's no big deal that the sound of a certain voice gives you butterflies, think

again. It's rarer than a

total solar eclipse. LEO: The hardest thing about dating is taking care of other people's feelings. It's not your responsibility, but it's nice that you try. VIRGO: Liking all of the same things isn't necessary, but sharing a sensibility in music and entertainment certainly bodes well for being on the same intellectual wavelength. LIBRA: You're not asking too much; you're just asking the wrong person. SCORPIO: Don't waste time searching for the right words, as they'll be born of the moment. Or not. Silence is good, too. SAGITTARIUS: You forget who you are around some people. That's OK. Who you are is always changing. CAPRICORN: You should be able to expect the sweetness of supportive words from your loved ones. Your soul thirsts for it. AQUARIUS: Suddenly, all the songs are about one person. PISCES: Love without problems of pride is beautiful, simple and complete. Write Holiday Mathis at

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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 2019. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States.

On this date:

In 1860 South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union as all 169 delegates to a special convention in Charleston voted in favor of separation.

In 1924, Adolf Hitler was released from prison after serving nine months for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch. In 1961, playwright-director Moss Hart, 57, died in Palm Springs, Calif.

In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays.

In 1968, author John Steinbeck died in New York at age In 1978, former White House

chief of staff H.R. Haldeman was released from prison after serving 18 months for his role in the Watergate cover-

In 1987, more than 4,300 people were killed when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro island.

In 1989, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

In 1995, an American Airlines Boeing 757 en route to Cali, Colombia, slammed into a mountain, killing all but four of the 163 people aboard. In Bosnia-Herzegovina, NATO began its peacekeeping mission, taking over from the United Nations.

In 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that homosexual couples were entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded heterosexual couples.

In 2002, Trent Lott resigned as Senate Republican leader two weeks after igniting a political firestorm with racially charged remarks. The na-

tion's ten biggest brokerages agreed to pay \$1.44 billion and fundamentally change the way they did business to settle allegations they'd misled investors by hyping certain companies' stocks.

In 2005, a federal judge ruled "intelligent design" could not be mentioned in biology classes in a Pennsylvania public school district, delivering a stinging attack on the Dover Area School Board.

Ten years ago: Relatives reported the death of Grand Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, 87, the spiritual father of Iran's reform movement. Actress Brittany Murphy, who'd starred in "Clueless" and "8 Mile," died at age 32. Character actor Arnold Stang died in Newton, Massachusetts, at age 91.

Five years ago: A gunman who'd announced online that he was planning to shoot two "pigs" in retaliation for the police chokehold death of Eric Garner ambushed two New York City officers in a patrol car; Ismaaiyl Brinsley shot Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu to death before running to a subway station and killing himself.

One year ago: President Donald Trump announced that Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who had differed with Trump on Syria, Afghanistan and ties to NATO, would retire at the end of February; in a resignation letter, Mattis said Trump deserved a defense chief "whose views are better aligned with yours." (Days later, Trump pushed Mattis out two months earlier than planned.) Trump declared that he would not sign a bill to keep funding the government because it failed to provide billions of dollars for his border wall with Mexico. The Trump administration announced that people seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico would no longer be released into the United States and would instead be forced to wait in Mexico. Drones buzzing over the

runway forced the shutdown of London's Gatwick Airport during one of the busiest times of the year.

Today's Birthdays: Original Mouseketeer Tommy Cole (TV: "The Mickey Mouse Club") is 78. Rhythm and blues singer-musician Walter "Wolfman" Washington is 76. Rock musician-music

producer Bobby Colomby is 75. Rock musician Peter Criss is 74. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue is 73. Psychic/illusionist Uri Geller is 73. Producer Dick Wolf ("Law & Order") is 73. Rock musician Alan Parsons is 71. Actress Jenny Agutter is 67. Actor Michael Badalucco is 65. Actress Blanche Baker is 63. Rock singer Billy Bragg

is 62. Rock singer-musician Mike Watt (The Secondmen, Minutemen, fIREHOSE) is 62. Actor Joel Gretsch is 56. Country singer Kris Tyler is 55. Rock singer Chris Robinson is 53. Actress Nicole deBoer is 49. Movie director Todd Phillips is 49. Singer David Cook ("American Idol") is 37. Actor Jonah Hill is 36. Actor Bob Morley is 35.

Singer JoJo is 29. Actor Colin Woodell is 28.

Thought for Today: "All the mistakes I ever made were when I wanted to say 'No' and said 'Yes." - Moss Hart, American playwright and director (born 1904, died this date in 1961).

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35 Irish forebear

38 Like couches

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40 Summer-camp

42 "Front-of-house"

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Newsday Crossword

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PARTING WORDS by Gary M. Larson Edited by Stanley Newman

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- 10 Tragic
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After scoring only three points in the final quarter and losing by six, Richardson was upset with his team and the aggressiveness that they ended the game with.

"We stopped being aggressive, got on our heels, and could not score," Richardson said.

In an all-out defensive battle, it was difficult for either team to get their offense going. After a seven-point opening quarter from Morgan, the guard would only record one made free throw from there

and finish the game with eight points.

The Buffs were 6-for-15 shooting in the first half and were clinging to a 17-12 lead at the break. O'Donnell starting center Isaiah Fernandez had no trouble finding the bottom of the basket for his team, collecting over 20 of his team's 39 total points.

"Our defense was great early," Richardson said. "We weren't focused on any one person. We were playing team defense and I think we did a pretty good job but then had to start gambling on both sides.'

Following O'Donnell's come-from-behind 38-32 victory over the Buffs, the team will be right back in action on Friday afternoon in Sands. Richardson

knows what his team needs to do to avoid another letdown of a game like the one they played on Thursday evening.

"We've got to watch film and learn from our mistakes," Richardson said. "We'll see what we're doing and try not to repeat those mistakes.

UP NEXT: Forsan will play Friday afternoon at 4:30 P.M. at Sands ISD against the Wink Wildcats

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Cowboys QB Prescott plans to play through shoulder injury

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott is simply reliving his college days with a shoulder injury that is limiting him in practice for the first time in four seasons as quarterback of the Dallas Cowbovs.

As for whether the 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year will miss his first game as a pro when the Cowboys try to wrap up a playoff spot at Philadel-

That's a no.

"I'll be good to go Sunday," Prescott said Thursday, a day after coach Jason Garrett revealed that Prescott wouldn't be throwing in practice to start the week after getting his right shoulder crunched at the end of a run early in Dallas' 44-21 win over the Los Angeles Rams last week.

Prescott has shown up on the injury report before with minor, nagging issues, but never been forced to yield practice reps to his backup. Cooper Rush did those honors the first two workouts this week.

In Prescott's mind, something about all this is nagging, too. "It's just annoying," Prescott said of the pain he

was experiencing. "It's nagging. Definitely dealt with a lot more pain. So it's just nagging." And familiar, going back to his days as a Missis-

sippi State standout, before he was the forgotten fourth-round pick who rose to sudden NFL stardom as a rookie when Tony Romo got hurt in 2016. "I've been fortunate I guess in the NFL not deal-

ing with it," said Prescott, who is second in the NFL in yards passing while leading the NFL's No. 1 of-

"But in college, this was a once-every-other-week thing, especially running as much as I did. It's not anything that I haven't had before. I know how to handle it and we're taking the right approach."

News of the shoulder issue overshadowed Fox television analyst Troy Aikman's revelation last Sunday that Prescott told him before the Rams game that there was a hairline fracture in his right index finger.

Garrett volunteered the finger injury after it happened against Chicago two weeks ago, but didn't offer specifics. The coach still didn't want to dis-

cuss details after hearing what was said by Aikman, a former Dallas quarterback.

Neither did Prescott, who has started every game in his career and counting, playoffs included.

"Not that I know of," Prescott said when asked if he had a hairline fracture. "I've overcome it at this point."

But did he have one?

"I wasn't sure if there was one," said Prescott, who also has been deal-

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ing with a sprained left wrist. "Obviously the finger hurts a little bit. It's another just one of those annoying deals that you just deal with."

Annoying, nagging, whatever, there hasn't been much question among Prescott's teammates over whether he would play.

off the field," right guard Zack Martin said.

went through plenty of weeks with Romo limited or not practicing, particularly late in the career of the club's all-time passing leader.

never missed any practice time. But there's been no change in Prescott's presence.

us, 'I'm going to be fine. Here's what I'm thinking," Witten said. "That communication, in the meetings, there's a team we're familiar with, but you get in these type of games, those details mat-

"You get banged up a little bit during the week, those are the things you have to do and you have to overemphasize those things when you physically aren't doing them. That's exactly the way you draw it up, the way he's going about it."

Prescott, who said he hoped to start throwing by Saturday at the latest, was coy about how the injury would be handled, about whether the finger was broken — even about how the equipment staff was planning to protect the shoulder.

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Tight end Jason Witten, back for a 16th season after spending a year in retirement as a broadcaster,

This is different simply because Prescott had

"He's been reminding

me clean. I know that I'll be smart in the licks that "But as far as extra stuff, it's tricky when you're putting it on your throwing shoulder. I'll be fine."

"Yeah, we got a great offensive line, got great re-

ceivers, running backs," Prescott said with a smile.

"I know my teammates will take pride in keeping

NOTES: LT Tyron Smith has been dealing with a swollen eye that Garrett said was "in the stye family." Garrett has declined to be more specific. Smith is expected to play. He was limited in practice Thursday after sitting out Wednesday's workout. ... LB Joe Thomas (knee) hasn't practiced this week, and his availability against the Eagles is in question. ... LB Sean Lee (pectoral, thigh injuries) returned to practice Thursday and should play.

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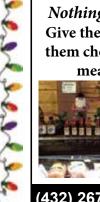






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