

Obituaries

Jo Lynne "Joey" Vann



Jo Lynne "Joey" Vann, 67, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 6, 2017, at her home.

Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 8, 2017, at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 10, 1949, to Pauline Wright Holmes and Lester O. Holmes in Spur, Texas. She had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She owned Circle J Drive-In with her sisters for a number of

years, and later worked at Big Spring State Hospi-

tal in Food Service until retiring.

She is survived by two daughters, Leslie Davenport and husband Steve, and Angie Patterson, all of Big Spring; eight sisters, Mary Driver, Paula Underwood, Kay Dlinger, Tina White, Sheri Holmes, Tracy Johnson, Lori Hodges, and Jackie Wells; and five grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas M. Vann; one sister, Linda Ward; and two brothers, Steve Holmes and Mike Holmes.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- **GREGORY ANTIONE CARTER**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 3 and 28 grams and on possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- **RICARDO CASTILLO**, 38, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for aggravated sexual assault towards a child.

- **BURT WRIGHT COOK III**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of

- **AUSTIN CHANDLER DAN-NENBAUM**, 18, was booked by the HCSO on a motion to revoke warrant for burglary of a habitation.

- **JAVIER ESAU ESCOBAR**, 39, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

- **BLANCA FERNANDEZ-FAZ**, 48, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for assault by psychological contact and failure to appear.

- **STEVEN RAY JOHNSON**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.

- **ROBERTO DELGADO MARTINEZ**, 50, was booked by

the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **REIANTHONY MENA**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.

- **SAMUEL DEVANTA RIVERS**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify by giving false or fictitious information.

- **JULIAN RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 24, was booked y the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.

- **CHRISTOPHER YANEZ**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for unlawful possession of metal or body armor by felon.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported near the intersection of Moss Lake Road and Midway Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Rosemont. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain

Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of South Midway Road.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Thorpe and Wasson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of N. Highway 87 and N. I-20.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near NW 9th and Gregg Street.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near Apache Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near Old gail Hwy and Fm 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Take Note

- “Getting Back to School Ready” will be presented – at Scenic Mountain Medical Center - by Dr. Joseph Chavez for the next Lunch 'n' Learn, July 13 at 11:30 a.m.

The presentation is free to attend and will focus on immunizations and getting kids ready to go back to school.

To RSVP, call 432-268-4699.

- Maranatha Baptist Academy has open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year; the enrollment is underway and lasts through July 13, 2017.

Office hours are 8 to 10:30 a.m. Come in and pre-register for the new year. The Academy uses the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, and is open to age four years through high school.

Please contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon at 432-213-1046 for an appointment.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

- KBST and Back in Motion Chiropractic will hold their annual Community Blood Drive Friday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of Back in Motion, 1113 S. Scurry St. Donors will receive a KBST Pops in the Park T-shirt, an entry in a drawing for four Schlitterbahn tickets, a July 4 Goody Bag, a free cholesterol check, and grilled hot dogs and ice cream; plus, the opportunity to meet your favorite KBST radio personality. Appointments are strongly encouraged. To make an appointment, call Maegan at 267-2225, or 1-877-UBS-HERO and give them the sponsor code "motion"; or enter "motion" at www.blood-hero.com.

- The Big Spring Salvation Army is holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one

but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BURT WRIGHT COOK III**, 38, of Temple, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and wrong/altered/obscured registration insignia.

- **GREGORY ANTIONE CARTER II**, 25, of 208 Robin Street, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 3 and 28 grams and on possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

- **SAMUEL DEVANTA RIVERS**, 23, of Mesquite, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify by giving false or fictitious information.

- **ROBERTO DELGADO MARTINEZ**, 50, of 2300 Williams Road, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **CHRISTOPHER ANDREW YANEZ**, 24, of 1100 East 5th Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **RICARDO MARTINEZ CASTILLO**, 38, of 1503 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 4th and Lancaster.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Apache and Thorpe.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3400 block of East I-20, the 300 block of South Gregg Street, the 1600 block of South Gregg Street, the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane, and the 200 block of West FM 700.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

- 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. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons 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 start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in 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.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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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DALLAS

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soon be turned over to the Dallas County district attorney's office.

A veil of secrecy still conceals much of the case. The department has not released the 911 calls, surveillance video, or body camera or patrol-car footage from the attack. The autopsy reports for the five slain officers and for gunman Micah Johnson also remain sealed.

Johnson was killed by a robot carrying explosives — a first for any law enforcement agency nationwide.

Ballistic reports, transcripts of negotiations with Johnson, documents related to the decision to use the robot and any inventory of items seized from Johnson's home have also been withheld.

PENSION WOES AND OFFICER FLIGHT

Even before the shooting, the department's morale was low because of financial issues involving the Dallas police and fire pension fund.

Actuarial accountants concluded that the fund, which invested in risky real estate ventures, had approved overly generous benefits and overvalued assets. They warned that it could be insolvent in less than 10 years.

After the attack, officers became fearful that benefits would be slashed.

They filed for retirement at record rates and pulled out savings to the tune of about \$500 million — or 20 percent of the fund's monetary assets — in a rare run on the pension system.

That only deepened the financial woes.

Texas lawmakers stepped in recently to mediate a plan to fix the fund over the next few decades, but the plan includes sacrifices that may be hard for some officers to accept. Benefits for future retirees will be cut, the retirement age raised

and the contributions for officers increased significantly.

Union officials worry that the changes that go into effect in September, though necessary, will increase the retirements and the flight of younger officers to neighboring departments.

About 700 of the department's 3,600 officers have retired or left in the last 18 months. Union officials worry that another 200 will leave under the changed benefits system.

That could mean hiring nearly 1,000 officers in less than a year to bring the department back up to previous staffing levels.

SECURITY INCREASES

After the attack, the department made several purchases to better protect officers, including buying more rifles with optics and more bulletproof shields, helmets and "plate carriers," which are sheaths that go over vests that are able to stop higher-caliber assault-rifle rounds.

The department has also looked into increasing training in advanced rifle use, advanced patrol tactics and for dealing with ambushes when officers are in vehicles, said Lt. Matt Williamson of the police training division.

The Texas Legislature recently passed a bill creating a grant program to pay for some purchases.

Meanwhile, the Dallas City Council will ask voters to approve a multi-million-dollar bond package in November that would include some funding to launch a series of security upgrades over the next decade at police headquarters and at the department's substations.

The upgrades were first discussed in 2015, when a gunman named James Boulware opened fire on police headquarters from inside an armored van.

Boulware, who told police he was angry because an officer had taken his son away, was eventually killed by a police sniper after a chase.

Trump, with Putin, predicts 'positive things' for US, Russia

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE** and **KEN THOMAS**
Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — President Donald Trump voiced optimism that there are "very positive things" in store for the United States and Russia as he sat down with President Vladimir Putin for an historic first meeting.

Seated next to Putin on the sidelines of an economic summit in Germany, Trump said it was "an honor" to be with Putin.

As journalists were briefly allowed in to witness part of the meeting, Trump said that he and Putin had already held "very, very good talks."

"We look forward to

a lot of very positive things happening for Russia and the United States," Trump said.

Trump offered no details about what issues he and the Russian leader had discussed, describing them only as "various things." Putin was similarly vague, telling reporters through a translator that they were discussing international problems and bilateral issues.

Still, Putin described the fact that they were meeting as a positive sign in itself.

"Phone conversation is never enough," Putin said.

He said he hoped the meeting would "yield positive results."

With Secretary of State Rex Tillerson at

his side, Trump sat in front of an American flag with his hands clasped together in triangle formation.

Putin, slightly hunched in his chair, rubbed his fingers together as he listened to Trump address reporters. His foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov, sat nearby.

The highly anticipated meeting is the first between Trump and Putin, taking place under the shadow of U.S. outrage about Russian election-meddling and nagging questions about potential Trump campaign collusion.

The White House had said there was no set agenda for the session, although Tillerson said the Syria war would be a key topic.



Courtesy photo

The Elbow Creek Hay and Feed Farmers Market has grown in size over the past three years. Above, patrons browse selections of locally grown goods.

MARKET

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at 5101 West FM 818, or two miles west of the old Elbow Creek Elementary on Saturday mornings.

Raney said the market has plenty of room left for vendors and it is open to anyone who grows their own produce or makes some sort of homemade goods (jellies, muffins, etc.).

"We invite everyone to come out and if anyone wants to be a vendor," said Raney. "You can sell anything you want. It doesn't have to be veggies. We've had people who have brought homemade bread and items like that before."

If anyone is interested in setting up a booth at the farmers market, the cost is \$10 and interested parties can contact the Elbow Creek Hay and Feed store for more information.

The farmers market takes place every Saturday morning from 8 to 11 a.m. and Raney encourages people to come early because the booths have been selling out fast this year. People can also get updates on the market through their Facebook page. The market will continue on every Saturday at the same time until Aug. 26 when it will finish for the season.

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LEE

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Texas exhibits coming, she said.

"When it goes down, we're getting another Humanities Texas exhibit called 'The Dust Bowl'" said Schrecengost. "It's a photographic exhibit; that's about all that Humanities Texas has, at least so far. They have a lot of different exhibits for us to get, and all we have to pay for is the shipping."

Born in Illinois in 1903, Russell Werner Lee gave up a lucrative career as a chemist to pursue art. He became interested in the medium of photography, and obtained a job in 1936 with the Farm Security Administration's photographic documentation project during the Franklin Roosevelt administration.

Under the leadership of Roy Stryker, Lee and his colleagues produced a fantastic documentary collection of images. In 1939 and 1940, Lee contributed images of San Augustine, Texas, and Pie Town, N.M., to the collection; during 1942, Lee and other pho-

tographers joined forces to document the eviction of Japanese Americans from the west coast and their life in detention facilities.

When the FSA lost funding in 1943, Lee went on to work for other government agencies such as the Air Transport Command and the US Department of the Interior. In 1947, he moved to Austin, Texas, where he continued to work as a photographer, becoming the first instructor of photography at the University of Texas in 1965.

Lee died in 1986 in Austin.

The Heritage Museum of Big Spring, 510 Scurry St., is open Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact the museum at 432-267-8255.

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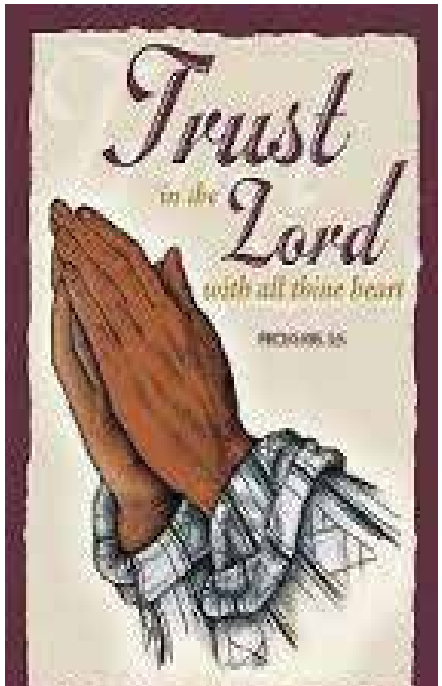


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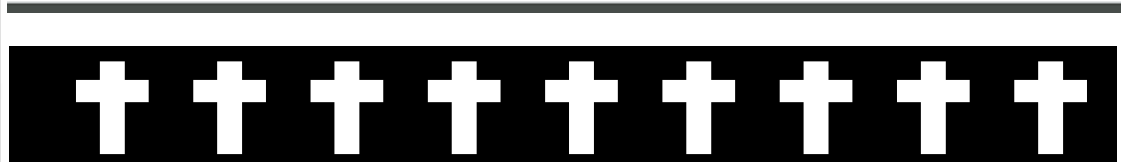
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The Lord says, "I will rescue those who
love me. I will protect those who trust in my
name. When they call on me, I will answer;
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Did you ever wonder?

David's life and his death

Nearing the end of David's life he had not named his successor, and there was much intrigue as powerful people jockeyed for position. While David lingered in a very weak condition, Adonijah, David's fourth-oldest living son, made an attempt to usurp the throne.

The Lord had indicated to David that his royal line was to run through Solomon. When David was told that Adonijah was amassing a following, he prepared to have Solomon crowned king of Israel.

He called for Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah, who was a trusted officer of David's army. He gave them a charge to anoint Solomon king over Israel.

They placed Solomon on King David's personal mule. This showed that he alone had the king's favor. David's elite soldiers escorted Solomon to the Gihon Spring from which Jerusalem drew its water.

There they anointed Solomon King of Israel. As they marched back through Jerusalem, there was a big parade proclaiming Solomon as king. Then he went into the palace and was seated on David's throne.

Riding David's mule, being anointed with oil and proclaimed king by Nathan the prophet, publicly proclaiming him king before the people and sitting on David's throne were essential to show the people that this was David's will.

David counseled his son Solomon, "Be strong, show yourself a man, and observe what the Lord your God requires. Walk in His ways and keep His decrees and commands, His laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.



EUNICE
FILLER

"Do this so that the Lord may keep his promise to me; 'If your descendants watch how they live, and walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel'" (1 Kings 2:2).

Soon afterward, David died; he was 70 years old. During his life, David had been a lowly shepherd and a valiant warrior. He was king of Israel for 40 years. Seven of these years were in Hebron as King of Judah. Thirty-three years were in Jerusalem as King of all Israel.

David wrote 75 of the Psalms. In some that he wrote while he was pursued by Saul, he confesses his weariness and desperation. But always they show his love for God and his dependence upon God for direction and strength. We can look to these for consolation during times of stress and seeming defeat.

Some of the Psalms that David wrote are songs of lilting praise that he probably sang while he played his harp. In all his Psalms, David's deep love for God is evident.

It was in David's heart to build a Temple for the Lord God Almighty. Because of constant wars, David had not been able to dedicate time and manpower to building the Temple.

However, David had drawn up the plans for the Temple, and amassed much of the building material needed for the Temple. He had imported timbers from Lebanon and had gathered huge cut-stones from the stone quarries.

David was a man who pleased God and God blessed him. He was "a man after God's own heart."

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea" and "Filler Up" is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.

What do you fear?

People are afraid of all sorts of things. Doing an internet search for common phobias will reveal things which frighten many people: insects, snakes, heights, tight spaces, the dark, crowds, etc. Some fears make sense while others seem irrational to many. Some fears may be present in most people to a slight degree, while in a small percentage of people, these become magnified to the point where the person is frozen in terror and unable to do anything.

I remember a family vacation when we went to a cavern. Once we were down deep enough where light from the surface could not reach, the guide turned off the lights. My wife and I made sure that we had a hold on our children so they would not get too scared. When those lights went out, it was DARK! Even knowing that it was going to happen and also knowing it would be for a short time, it was a little unsettling. Our kids were uneasy as well, but it was okay as long as they were touching mom and dad.

Fears can be conquered more easily when we are with someone we trust. In Matthew 10:26-33, Jesus discusses fear. He tells his disciples that fear must be kept in a proper perspective. He had previously told them that they would be hated by some simply because they followed Jesus and proclaimed his teachings. Even with that being the case, disciples of Jesus should not fear other people. We also should not fear the truth. God's word is the light that reveals things which are hidden and things that people are trying to keep secret.

Many people don't want to hear God's word because they at least know that it will demand change from them that they don't want to make. People are happy within a culture that preaches the lessons of tolerance and pluralism. As long as your god will accept and love them just the way they are, then they will not get mad at you. But the moment you mention God's truth from the Bible, then you will arouse their anger.

In Matthew 10:28, "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both body and soul in hell" (ESV). As Christians, we have a divine command to preach and teach in order to make more disciples. People will not always like that. They may get angry and even threaten us if we don't stop. Will we allow our fear of them to silence us?

People can hurt us. They may even kill us. However, they cannot condemn us. Only God can and will condemn. Sometimes we may be more concerned about physical comforts than whether or not we will spend eternity with God in heaven or be cast into the devil's hell! We must not be afraid to speak the things that Jesus spoke. If we don't do that when we are around others, then he says that he will deny us before the Father (Matthew 10:32-33).

Don't be afraid to share the good news of the gospel with everyone you know and even those you don't know. Don't worry about what they may think or say or even do. Rather, trust in God because he will do what he said he will do!

Hebrews 10:31, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Greg Surles is the preacher at Birdwell Lane church of Christ.

Church News

Birdwell Lane church of Christ

Birdwell Lane church of Christ is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

This Sunday, Bible class at 9 a.m. will continue the exploration of "How to Study the Bible." At 10 a.m., morning worship will address the topic "Proper Worship"; and at 5 p.m., evening worship will focus on 2 Timothy 1:14.

On Wednesday, Bible study and devotional begin at 7 p.m.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Big Spring. They are always pleased to welcome visitors; if you'd like to come early they hold a fellowship hour each Sunday which begins at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school then begins at 9:45 in the Parlor, followed by worship starts at 10:50 a.m.

Pastor Sandy Sandlin's sermon this week called, "Getting Your Axe Together," which is taken from 2 Kings 6:17. Assisting Pastor Sandlin in worship will be Dan Miracle, who will serve as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's Table will be Mary Beth Johnson and Joel Miller.

Helping to enhance worship with their music will be Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault. A few pieces they are preparing are "Praise Him! Praise Him!" "To God Be The Glory," and "Just As I Am," to name a few.

If you would like more information regarding services or any goings on at First Christian Church call 432-517-4821.

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday, the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and

Tom Koger, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir will not rehearse during July.

The Covenant Sunday School Class, under the leadership of John Ferguson, begins the second unit in the summer quarter entitled "Calling of the Prophets." The five Sundays in July focus on Moses and the Burning Bush from Exodus 3, Isaiah in the Temple from Isaiah 6; Jeremiah's Call and Commission from Jeremiah 1; Ezekiel's Call from Ezekiel 1-3, and Amos's Call from Amos 7.

The Discovery Class will recycle some of its earlier studies. During July, this group will examine the study by John Ortberg called "When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box." With his trademark humor and gift for storytelling, Ortberg shows what it takes to really win at the game of life. This study will help and encourage participants to live with an eternal perspective, keeping focused on the true prize — the One who unlocks the gate to the kingdom of God. Ortberg is a pastor at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in Menlo, Calif.

Vicki McLean is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Tom Koger is Lector for the month. Communion servers are Ellen Austin, Buddy Cochrane, Danny Kennemur, Susan Wilson, and John Yater. Ushers for July are John Brode, Cecilia Hallford, Susan Wilson, and John Yater.

Worship services will be held in the Chapel at Seventh and Runnels until further notice, due to work on the air conditioning system in the Sanctuary.

The lectionary passages for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost are Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalms 45:10-17 (or Song of Solomon 2:8-13); Romans 7:15-25; and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30. The guest preacher, who will also of-

ficiate at Communion, is Jim Longstreet, retired, former minister at First Presbyterian Church of Odessa. The Chancel Choir is taking its annual hiatus for the month of July.

This church is host to two scout troops. The Venture Crew Scouts, who are open to both boys and girls ages 14-18, meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Girl Scout Troop meets Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6 in the Fellowship Hall.

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 can listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting the website www.fpcbs.org. On the website is a link to audio versions of several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church encourage you to gather with them in worship of The Living Hope, Jesus Christ, Sunday at 10:50 am or 2 p.m. Select the time that is best for you, and join BHDC to praise God and learn from His Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"You God, are awesome in Your sanctuary; The God of Israel gives power and strength to His people." Praise be to God!" (Psalms

68:35).

Sunday at 10:50, join the people of FBC for morning worship service as they come together and lift high the name above all names, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in songs of adoration of The Savior which will include "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," "Your Name," and "At The Cross (Love Ran Red)." Choral praise will be "Written in Red." Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Follow God," and Sunday's message is titled "What to Wear." Drawn from Colossians 3:12-14, believers will be urged to wrap themselves with compassion, kindness, and mercy, and to don love as an "outer garment" which completes and keeps together all else. During the service, there will be a Mission Team(s) Commissioning for those traveling to Manchester-by-the-Sea and Denver. If unable to attend, you can join the service through the live stream on the website at fbcbig-spring.org. If you have mobility issues, use the west circle drive and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle.

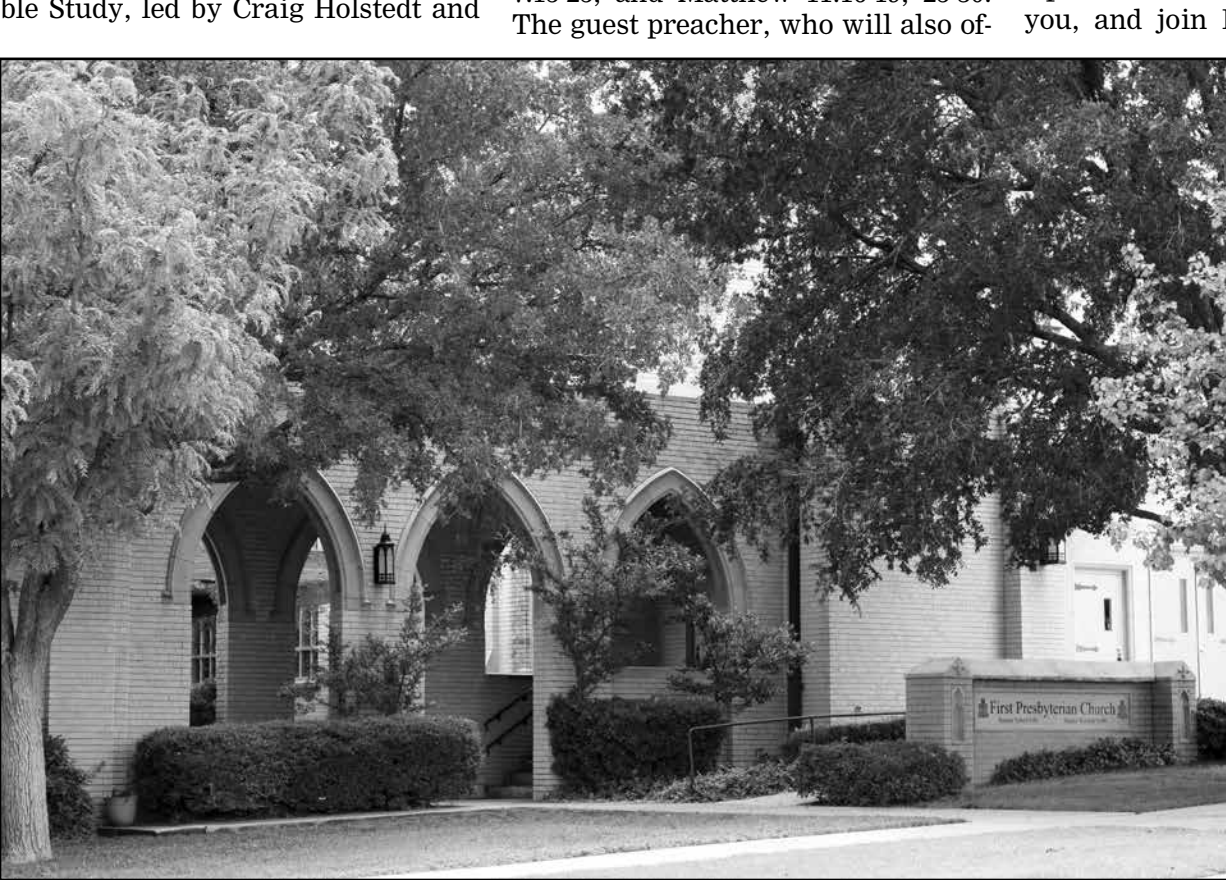
At 9:30 a.m. each week, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building, with children gathering on the first floor in the Good News Garage. Teens, college students, and adults meet in second-floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find a class; come early to enjoy a time of fellowship.

At 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, the all-ages Sunday evening summer study continues. A light meal will be served, followed by a time of worship and discussion of "I Am A Church Member" by Thom Rainer. The study is designed so that you can join the study at any point, even if

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GREG
SURLES



Reflections: Spiritual nearsightedness

Myopia. I learned the word when I was 10 years old. The optometrist checked my eyes and told my parents that I was nearsighted. I didn't know I was nearsighted. I thought everyone saw everything the way I saw it. Trees were green blobs, the landscape blurred into blotches of pink, green, brown, and blue, much like a Monet painting. My first pair of glasses changed my world. I discovered leaves on trees.



BILL
TINSLEY

I could see people's faces inside their cars. I could read the blackboard from the back of the room.

I had wondered how other kids could catch and hit a baseball. I never saw the ball until it was on top of me. I could see some vague arm motion in the distance and then, wham! The ball was in my face. As a teenager I became the cleanup hitter on the All Stars, and could catch a fly ball over my shoulder. I heard the coach say, "I always knew if he could see it he could catch it."

Myopia is not only physical. It is spiritual. We are all born spiritually nearsighted. Like my childhood years, we think we see things clearly,

but we don't. We are unaware of what we don't see. The only person who ever had perfect vision was Jesus. That is why He said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

When the prophet Elisha and his servant were surrounded by the enemy at Dothan, the servant was gripped with fear. But Elisha told him, "Do not fear. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." When God opened the servant's eyes, he saw that "...the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" (2 Kings 6). When we are gripped with fear and de-

spair we need God to open our eyes so we can see clearly. "If God be for us," Paul said, "who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

Jesus once met a blind man in the village of Bethsaida. Jesus laid His hands upon him and asked him, "Do you see anything?" The man responded, "I see people; they look like trees walking around. Once more," the Bible says, "Jesus put His hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened ... and he saw everything clearly" (Mark 8:22-25). Many of us are like that blind man. We may be religious. We may attend church. But we need a "second touch" from God so that

we can see clearly.

We are born with spiritual nearsightedness so that we only see things close up, our own self interests. As a result we are often filled with fear, doubt, anger, resentment, and despair. When we turn from our sins and place our faith in Christ, He is able to touch us so that we see clearly and walk in the light. Only Christ can cure the spiritual myopia that afflicts us from birth and enable us to see the world as God sees it.

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

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you haven't been able to attend prior sessions. Nursery will be available for younger children.

All area men and women are invited to participate in FBC's summer Bible study groups. Women meet Monday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the church dining room. The study is "Finding I Am" by Lisa TerKeurst. There will be a snack supper, and childcare will be provided. Contact Courtney at 432-634-0462, or Lindsey at 432-308-3357 with any questions. Men meet at 6 p.m. in room 210. The study is "Wild at Heart" by John Eldridge. Call 263-8227 for additional information.

Thursday, July 13, the Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open at 9 a.m. It is located one block behind(south) of H-E-B on Lancaster.

Wednesday July 12, the regular schedule of activities resumes at 6 p.m. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details, or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700.

First Church of the Nazarene

Summer's not over yet. The Cedar Road campus of NazFamily will start having "Zone," a VBS, every other week starting July 14, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There will be lots of messy activities for the kids to enjoy. Kids entering 1st through 5th grade are welcome.

This Sunday, Pastor Cal will continue the series on Philippians, "Letters from Prison." If you are unable to make the service be sure and tune in on the NazFamily App, or on Facebook for the Live Feed.

Nazfamily also offers two different types of services. Visit either the 118

Cedar Road campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria for a contemporary setting, or the 1400 Lancaster campus, which is more traditional, for Sunday service beginning at 10 a.m.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m., the Cedar Road Campus has a meal, Bible study, and children's and youth activities. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Lancaster campus has prayer and children's and youth activities.

Other small groups meet throughout the week, if you are interested pick up the small group bulletin. For more information contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week's message comes from Matthew 23:23-26, and is called "Both And."

Movie night is this Saturday at sunset in the west parking lot. If the weather is bad, the movie will be shown inside.

The annual church block party will take place on July 29 beginning at 6 p.m. There will be food, games, bounce houses, and activities for all ages.

Children's activities on Wednesdays have concluded for the summer, and will resume when school starts in August. The Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6 continues throughout the year.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring Creek thanks all who supported the youth group fundraiser at the Mr. W. Fireworks Store. They are headed to camp in Colorado.

The Women's Ministry Bible Study is called "Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You" by Stasi Eldredge. Classes start at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. For more info contact Adrianna Kocak or Janna Thompson.

Spring Creek's Connection Group for ladies on Sunday mornings will explore "Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely" by Lisa

TerKeurst, beginning July 16.

Look for the Blessing Box just outside the front doors of the church building. Everyone is welcome to take what they need, and donations are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in participating in the "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry ministry, would like to make a donation or need more information, contact Kay Elder.

SCF Kid Connection will meet each month during the summer for a fun time together. More info to come about out July event. Kid Connection will start back up on a weekly basis when school starts.

Carla Mosely is requesting help with funds for a kidney transplant she needs soon. Carla has set up "GoFundMe" accounts and Spring Creek asks you to consider donating to her cause.

The Men's Ministry is working through a study called "Spiritual Warfare" by David Jeremiah on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving local widows with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

Spring Creek Fellowship's children connection group is in great need of two pre-k through kindergarten teachers, and another teacher for first and second grade. Dana Tompkins is the teacher for this class, but she could sure use some help. Contact Donna Wennik for more information.

Spring Creek has set a goal of 90 percent participation in church ministries and will be focusing on two ministries each Sunday morning to get the word out about what is available. Stop by the Connections Table in the garden area to get more information. Join the "90% Club" by getting involved.

The Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on Spring Creek's smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

Parents who want to keep up and share in their children's Sunday Bible Lessons may go to the website at www.springcreekfellowship.org for the information. Just click on "Kid Connect" for past and current lessons.

The Worship Team is fundraising for eight wireless/in-ear monitors.

If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint Bratcher.

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song, as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Men's Bible study meets on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The title of the study is "Ephesians."

With the Spring Creek app you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, and follow prayer. Search the app store on your smart phone for "Spring Creek Fellowship" and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office to keep you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service

9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.-"Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-Noon-Worship Service

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

8:30 p.m.-"Becoming Myself: Embracing God's Dream of You" by Stasi Eldredge

Tuesday-

Noon- Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.-"Spiritual Warfare" Men's Bible Study

Friday-

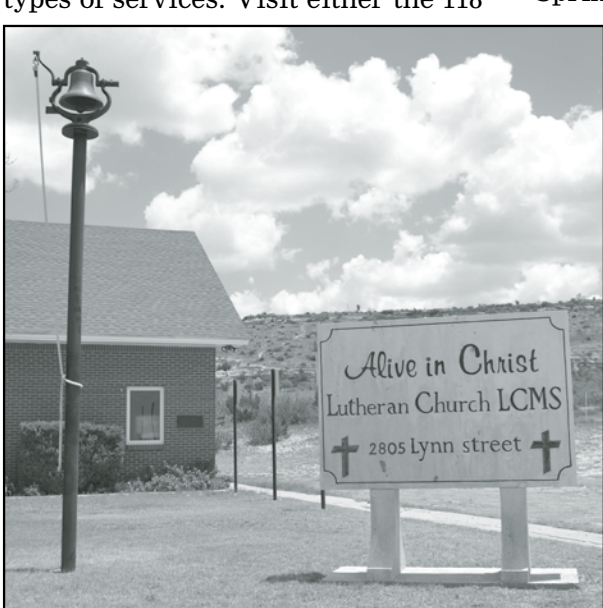
7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday-

7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

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

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Martin, Donaldson lead Blue Jays past McCullers, Astros 7-4



Toronto Blue Jays' Russell Martin hits a solo home run against the Houston Astros during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Thursday, July 6, 2017.

By PAUL ATTFIELD
Associated Press

TORONTO — With his team coming off a morale-boosting series victory at Yankee Stadium the day before, Russell Martin wasn't about to allow the Toronto Blue Jays to let up.

The veteran catcher homered and matched a

season high with three hits as the Blue Jays beat the Houston Astros 7-4 on Thursday night.

"It's a tough team and any time you get to win the first game of a series, it feels good," Martin said. "We've been playing pretty good ball lately so I think the key is just doing that."

Francisco Liriano

(5-4) pitched six solid innings and Roberto Osuna converted his 21st consecutive save opportunity as the Blue Jays won their third straight and moved into a tie with Baltimore for fourth place in the AL East. Houston, which has the best record in the majors at 58-28, had won four in a row and

eight of 10.

Osuna tied Billy Koch for the fourth-longest save streak in franchise history, two behind Tom Henke's run of 23 in a row set between August 1986 and June 1987.

"He has such great feel and he keeps

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Mavs, Nowitzki reach 2-year, \$10M deal to set up 20th season



In this March 7, 2017, file photo, Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, of Germany, celebrates a three-point basket early in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers in Dallas.

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki has a deal with the Dallas Mavericks that sets him up to join Kobe Bryant as the only players to spend 20 seasons with one NBA franchise.

Nowitzki signed a two-year, \$10 million contract Thursday that carries a team option in the second season. A person with knowledge of the deal contract provided specifics on condition of anonymity because the team didn't release the terms.

The agreement is similar to the one the Mavs

and Nowitzki reached last year, although for significantly less money. Last year's contract was for two years and \$50 million, and the club declined its option before free agency opened this year.

The 39-year-old Nowitzki is no longer the primary option for the Mavericks, so a \$5 million deal is more in line with his role on a roster that has become significantly younger since the start of last season. The \$25 million salary from a year ago was as much about Dallas paying Nowitzki for his

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Rangers' Andrus set for return after birth of first child

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Elvis Andrus is a father for the first time.

The club announced that Andrus' wife, Cori, gave birth to their son, Elvis Emilio, early Thursday.

Andrus was placed on the paternity list Wednesday, ending a run on the active roster that started when he was a 20-year-old rookie shortstop at the beginning of the 2009 season. The 28-year-old Andrus has played in 1,303 career games.

The Rangers also said they are sending right-hander Nick Martinez to Triple-A Round Rock, with a corresponding roster move planned before Friday's opener of a three-game series against the Los Angeles Angels.



Rangers' Elvis Andrus celebrates hitting a double as base umpire Bruce Dreckman watches in a game on July 3, 2017.

AP photo

Spurs sign veteran forward Rudy Gay

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have signed veteran forward Rudy Gay.

Gay averaged 18.7 points last season in Sacramento but was limited to 30 games before rupturing his left Achilles tendon in January and having surgery a few days later.



Terms of the deal announced Thursday were not disclosed.

The 6-foot-8 Gay has averaged 18.4 points in 753 career games. The

No. 8 pick in the 2006 draft out of the University of Connecticut joins LeBron James and Russell Westbrook as the only players with at least 13,000 points, 4,000 rebounds and 1,000 steals since 2006. He also has won a pair of world championships with the U.S.

Stars re-sign winger Brett Ritchie for 2 years, \$3.5 million

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have re-signed forward Brett Ritchie to a \$3.5 million, two-year contract.

Ritchie had 16 goals and eight assists in 78 games last season, with a team-best rating of plus-11. The 24-year-old right winger has appeared in 117 games over three seasons with



the Stars and played in two games during the 2016 playoffs.

A second-round draft pick by Dallas in 2011, Ritchie also has experience with Canadian junior national teams.

General manager Jim Nill says Ritchie "has just scratched the surface in regards to his ability." Ritchie tied for the Dallas lead with 15 even-strength goals.

Bell overcomes spin to win NASCAR Truck race at Kentucky



AP photo

Christopher Bell celebrates after winning the NASCAR Trucks auto race, early Friday, July 7, 2017, at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Ky.

SPARTA, Ky. (AP) — Once Christopher Bell got out of his own way, getting past competitors was pretty easy.

Bell overcame an early spin to take the lead by the midpoint and held off Brandon Jones to win the rain-delayed Camping World Series NASCAR Truck race early Friday at Kentucky Speedway.

All-day showers pushed back the start by more than three hours before Bell endured several issues, including the spin while being squeezed in a three-wide run and being involved in a multi-truck incident caused by Ben Rhodes' spin on Lap 41. He also endured a lug nut issue on an early pit stop.

Bell's No. 4 Toyota, owned by NASCAR Cup regular Kyle Busch, was soon back in front 40 laps later and spent much of the 225-mile race holding off a slew of pursuers for his

third victory this season and fifth of his career.

"I knew if the right circumstances came up we could do it," Bell said, "and (crew chief) Rudy (Fugle) did a great job on top of the pit box just getting me track position after I made a mistake there and spun out. Just really glad to be here."

Bell, who started second, led a race-high 54 laps on the 1.5-mile oval and held off Jones' Chevrolet by 0.187 seconds. Justin Haley was third in a Chevy, with Austin Cindric fourth in a Ford and Noah Gragson fifth in a Toyota.

Busch was sixth, while series points leader Johnny Sauter finished ninth after starting first on owner points when rain washed out qualifying.

Sauter leads Bell by 28 points with rookie Chase Briscoe 74 back after finishing 11th.

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Street, to conduct a public
hearing regarding the request-
ed annexation of the follow-
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tract of land out of a 60-acre
tract out of the SE/4 of Sec-
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RR. Co. Survey, Howard
County, Texas. (Generally
located south of Echols Drive
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Street).

Tract 2: Being the N/2 of Lot
1, Block 4, Foster Addition,
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County, Texas, located at
302 Easterling.

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Tammy Griffith
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#9431 July 7, 2017

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Section: 9 Block: 34 Abstract:
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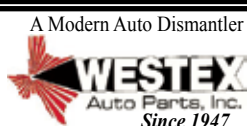
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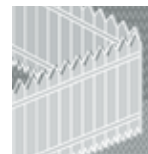
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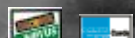
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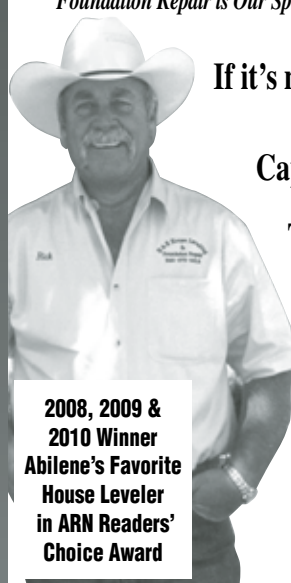
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To: Evelyn R. Robertson, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 A.M. on Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 10th day of July 2017, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 23rd day of May, 2017, cause number 51928 in the entitled cause styled

Moss Creek Resources, LLC vs Evelyn Robertson

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Real property - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 25th day of May, 2017

COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Swollen Moon

As the moon swells toward tomorrow's full status, heroes and muses abound. There's a reason you're attracted to someone's work or way of operating in the world. Copy it. Don't worry; you won't lose yourself or become someone else. Counterintuitively, you will create a unique and strongly original identity through imitation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today will be all right. In the English-language sense of it, this phrase covers a wide variety of meanings (many of which will apply): "just ok"; "spectacular"; "here's a counter offer"; "agreed"; and "yes."

TAURUS (April

Tomorrow's Horoscope

20-May 20). You can't see time, although, if you wait long enough, there will be quite a lot of physical evidence that it was here. To experience time more vividly, positively and fully, plant a seed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's someone you want to know better, but you're not sure how you should approach. Better to repel someone by being who you are than attract them by being who you're not.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A loved one will figure into your work scenario and may be the key that unlocks the next professional level. Even so, ultimately it's your work and your being that will make the situation great for all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Whom should I know? Many don't ask such questions, out of shyness or a lack of foresight. But you realize that in order to move and shake things, you need to get to know the current movers and shakers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've already come far in life with emotional development and maturity beyond your years. With all you'll gain over the next three weeks, you'll rise to yet another level of wisdom.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're creative. You don't need to have the best things in order to make the best of things. Also, many who already have the best can't see it. You'll help them see it. So, you'll make them a little jealous, too. It can't be helped.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll become so immersed in these adventures that you'll find there is no longer room for the anxiety and fear you once felt. You'll channel your energy into exciting new endeavors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You enjoy getting quality attention, and you know how to hold and play with that, too. You also cherish your private time. Today you'll prefer to recharge in

solitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's no time to waste in anger. Forgive quickly; forget easily. There is so much fun and play to be had! Tonight sees you laughing until your cheeks hurt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just because they ask doesn't mean you have to answer. Why do they want to know? It's not like you're applying for a security clearance or running for office today. You're allowed to be as mysterious as you want to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Liking yourself may not be enough today. You've plenty of reasons to be madly, deeply in love. Anyway, what would you do differently in that case? How would you advocate for yourself?

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Too Much Time on Social Media

Dear Annie: I love technology. I embrace it and think that it adds value to my life and pushes the human race forward. However, I am not totally sure that my consumption of "social" media and constant use of my phone is a good thing. I didn't think of myself as overly addicted to my phone until recently. I saw a piece on "60 Minutes" about how some consumer software companies actively try to get users addicted to their applications via psychological cues, such as notifications and likes. I then read a piece in Fast Company about a freelancer who did a one-month digital detox and saw his productivity skyrocket. Finally, that same week, I read a research piece from Harvard Business Review that essentially said that the more time we spend on Facebook the more it bums us out. I realized that social media may have been making me feel bad about myself. I was staring at doctored photos of the highlights of my "friends" days. I don't want to put unnecessary rules and limitations on myself, but I also don't want to live my life staring at a screen and feeling jealous constantly. How should I handle this? Ditch the iPhone for the flip phone? Delete Instagram from all mobile devices? Write a manifesto about how technology is slowly zapping our creativity? Or just give in and play another round of "Candy Crush"? -- Digital Dependence

Dear Digital Dependence: More evidence surfaces each day of the negative impact our devices are having on us. When technology diminishes our relationships with loved ones and distracts us from the things that truly matter, it's no longer a tool; it's a toxin. Fortunately, there are a few tricks you can try for cutting down on your internet use without moving to Walden and throwing your smartphone in the pond. One is to frequently change the way apps are laid out on your phone's screen. This prevents you from going on autopilot and compulsively opening apps without even being conscious of it (a scary but common phenomenon). Another method is to keep your phone out of sight and out of mind for large chunks of time. Similarly, try turning off all notifications so you're not constantly being lured into checking your accounts. If you need to be on your computer for work but don't want to get distracted, try a program that blocks social media sites for a set amount of time, such as SelfControl. And if you're reading this on your phone, put it down and go for a walk.

Dear Annie: I

have read with interest many letters to you from mothers-in-law about relationship issues with their daughters-in-law. Most complain about the gals their sons married for numerous reasons. Just about every letter I have read contains a laundry list of all the faults these women have, and I'd like to share some needed wisdom with the MILs. Take a good hard look at yourself, Mom, before you decide to make your displeasure known and alienate this woman whom your son chose as a partner. Ladies, if you want your son in your life -- along with any potential grandkids -- wake up. Get down off that high horse. Your boy is a man now; he has made his choice of a mate, and like it or not, you need to make peace with that. Your son found something in this girl he needs. If you can get over yourself, you just may have found a woman who can keep you close to your baby boy. -- Daughter-in-Law Who Is Now a Mother-in-Law

Dear DILWINAM-IL: Words of wisdom. In-laws, take note.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:
West North East South
1 ♠ 1 NT Pass ?
What would you bid with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ 74 ♥ QJ6 ♦ KQ9852 ♣ J6
2. ♠ 6 ♥ KJ9532 ♦ Q74 ♣ K65
3. ♠ 1083 ♥ J5 ♦ QJ4 ♣ KJ872
4. ♠ 94 ♥ Q763 ♦ J96532 ♣ 8

1. Three notrump. Partner's notrump overall indicates about the same values as an opening notrump bid: 15 to 18 points, notrump distribution and at least one spade stopper.
Had partner opened as dealer with one notrump, you presumably would have raised to three on the basis of your diamond suit. You should take the same action here, even though it was West who opened the bidding.
2. Four hearts. Again you respond as though partner had opened with one notrump. Opposite that bid, this is a game-going hand, and you might just as well bid game now as later. Alternatively, you could bid three hearts, planning to continue to four

hearts if partner rebids three notrump, but there is nothing to be gained by taking the slower course.
3. Two notrump. You can't tell whether this is a game-going hand, so you should leave the decision to partner, who knows whether he has a minimum or a maximum for his one-notrump bid. If he is on the lower end of the range, he'll probably pass, while if he is on the upper end, he'll go on to three notrump.
4. Two diamonds. This response instructs partner to pass, which is certainly what you want him to do. The two-diamond bid tells partner that you have a very weak hand and that you believe the combined hands will offer a better chance of making two diamonds than one notrump.
Unfortunately, in some circles this signoff response might fall on deaf ears when the player who bid one notrump keeps right on bidding because he doesn't realize that his partner has a terrible hand. If that is what your partner is apt to do, you should perhaps pass one notrump and let partner suffer there in order to forestall a potentially greater disaster.

Tomorrow: Haste makes waste.
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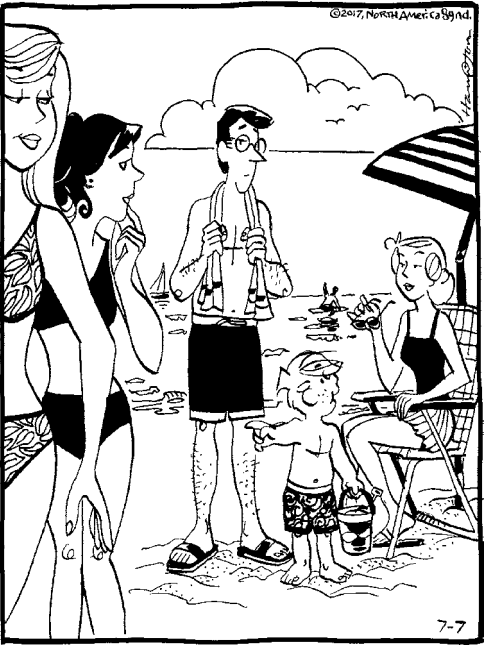
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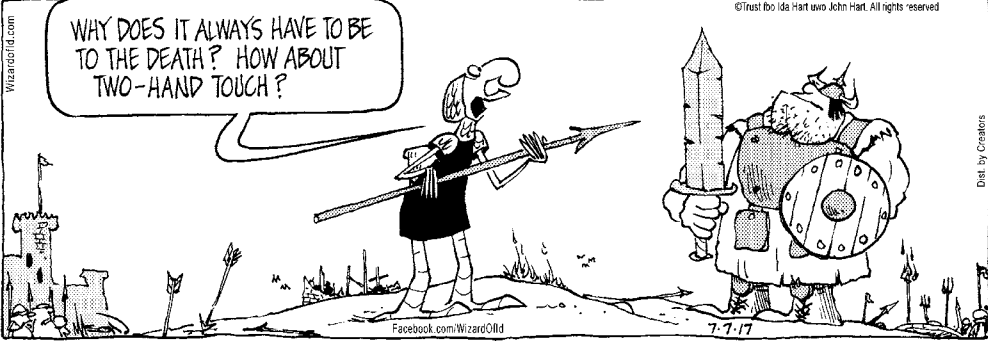


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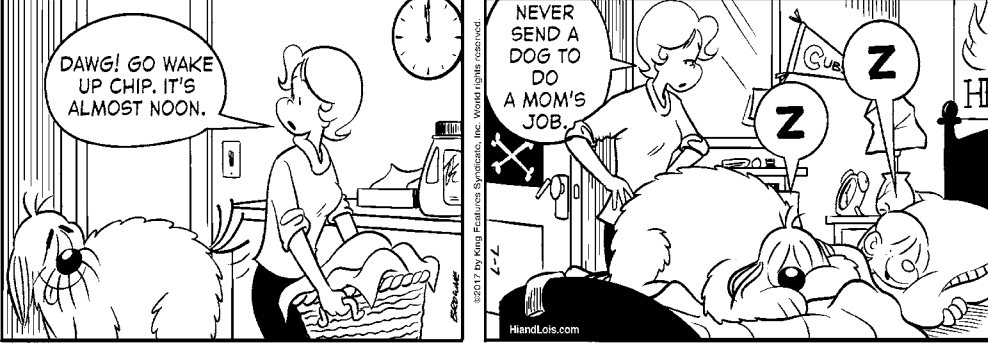
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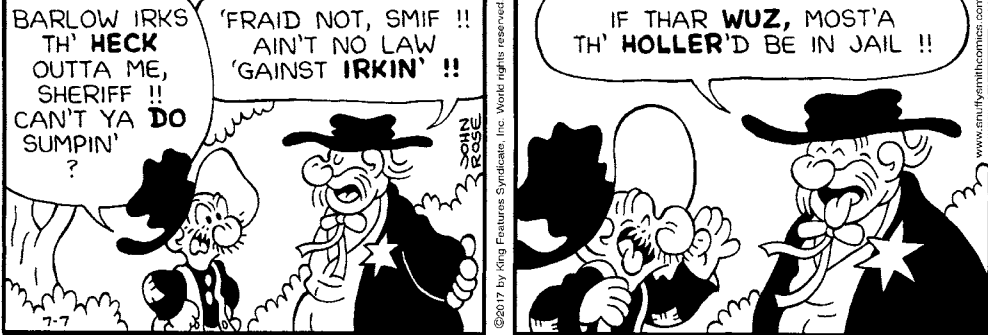
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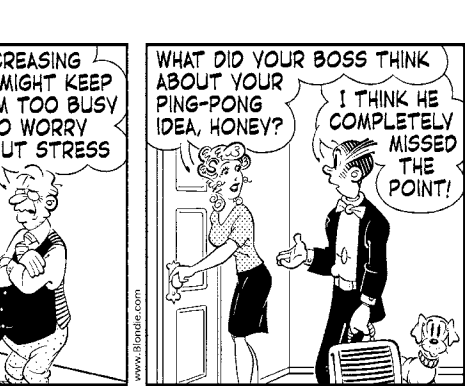
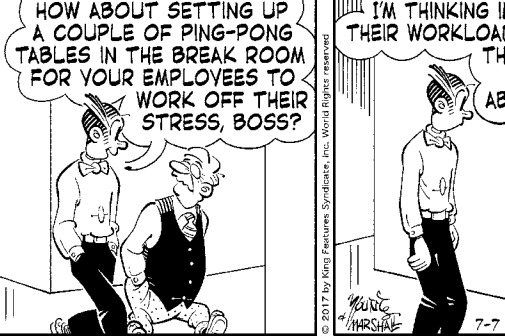


"Ever since the day you broke your arm fallin' off your skateboard, I haven't been able to find mine."

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 7, the 188th day of 2017. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C. for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln: Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne), David Herold, George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the federal government.

On this date:

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey (mahn-tuh-RAY') after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1919, the first Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6, 1919.)

In 1937, the Second Sino-Japanese War erupted into full-scale conflict as Imperial Japanese forces attacked the Marco Polo Bridge in Beijing.

In 1946, Italian-born Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was

canonized as the first American saint by Pope Pius XII. Jimmy Carter, 21, married Rosalynn (ROH'-zuh-lihn) Smith, 18, in Plains, Georgia.

In 1948, six female U.S. Navy reservists became the first women to be sworn in to the regular Navy.

In 1954, Elvis Presley made his radio debut as Memphis, Tennessee, station WHBQ played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right."

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

In 1976, President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. The United States Military Academy at West Point included female cadets for the first time as 119 women joined the Class of 1980.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1987, Lt. Col. Oliver North began his long-awaited public testimony at the Iran-Contra hearing, telling Congress that he had "never carried out a single act, not one," without authorization.

In 1990, the first "Three

Tenors" concert took place as opera stars Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras performed amid the brick ruins of Rome's Baths of Caracalla on the eve of the World Cup championship.

Ten years ago: A truck bomb devastated the public market in Armili, Iraq, killing at least 115 people. A 24-hour music marathon spanning seven continents reached the Western Hemisphere with rappers, rockers and country stars taking the stage at Live Earth concerts to fight climate change. Venus Williams claimed her fourth Wimbledon title with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Marion Bartoli.

Thought for Today: "Only a mediocre person is always at his best." — W. Somerset Maugham, English author and dramatist (1874-1965).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- Work hard to clean
- Petty quibbles
- Evening in Naples
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- How Ron Luciano described his big-league job, part 1
- Mexican eateries
- Softens
- Veggie in V8
- Tent anchor
- Be inattentive
- Part 2 of description
- Trunk splitter
- Frequent gas-station adjunct
- Brink
- Minor misstatement
- Eroded
- Cultural funding org.
- His DC memorial opened in '97
- Maximally protracted
- Sticks for blasts
- Part 3 of description
- Part 4 of description
- Internet ID
- Berry in some yogurts
- Disney's fifth feature film
- Carrier with a three-leaf logo
- End of description

- "Ta-da!"
- Disney's middle name
- Miniaturizing suffix
- Says 60 Across
- Something hazarded
- Go out for goods

- Chat ender
- Grammy category
- Clinches
- Wizd of Oz apple thrower
- Great balls of fire
- Poor work, symbolically
- Initial drive
- Goal pair
- Looney Tunes regular
- What "O" might mean
- Bicolor beast
- Fire starters of a sort
- Grow dim
- Size from a barista
- Major to-do
- Poetic direction
- Far from light

- Coral chain
- Put asunder
- Many of the Crown Jewels
- Shrinks away
- What hectares measure
- Sophistication
- Desired result
- Signify for the future
- Uncredited, for short
- Make sound
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With shades of Pantani, Italy's Aru shakes up Tour de France

By **ANDREW DAMPE**

AP Sports Writer
TROYES, France — Dancing on his pedals and accelerating up the mountain past Chris Froome and all of the other Tour de France favorites, Fabio Aru's audacious attack brought back memories of Lance Armstrong's one-time challenger, the late Marco Pantani.

It was the work of a "pure climber," as Giuseppe Martinelli, Aru's team director who guided Pantani to the 1998 Tour title, put it.

"The way Fabio attacks reminds me of Pantani," Martinelli said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Yesterday's attack was just like one of Pantani's moves."

Besides making the other guys hurt, he also created a gap. And he's got the courage to try," added Martinelli, who has coached Pantani, Stefano Garzelli, Gilberto Simoni, Damiano Cunego, Vincenzo Nibali and Aru to a total of nine Grand Tour victories.

The Stage 5 victory Wednesday at the Planches des Belles Filles ski station in eastern France's Vosges mountains was where Nibali set up his 2014 Tour title, becoming the only rider to break Froome's hegemony over cycling's biggest event amid the British rider's wins in 2013, 2015 and 2016.

While Aru is not as complete as Nibali, he seems



AP photo

Stage winner Fabio Aru of Italy, right, turns back to see how much advance he has on the group of favorites after breaking away in the fifth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 160.5 kilometers (99.7 miles) with start in Vittel and finish in La Planche des Belles Filles, France, Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

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loyalty, which included taking less money to help acquire free agents through the years.

Bryant retired following the 2015-16 season, his 20th with the Los Angeles Lakers. He was the fifth player to spend at least 20 years in the NBA.

Nowitzki doesn't seem to have ruled out playing past the coming season. At the NBA awards show last week, he hinted as much during his acceptance speech for the teammate of the year award.

Regardless of how much longer he plays, Nowitzki's legacy is secure after leading the Mavericks to their only championship in 2011 as the NBA Finals MVP. The 7-foot German is also the only foreign-born player with 30,000 career points, a milestone he reached last season.

But Nowitzki wants to get back into playoff contention before he leaves after the Mavericks missed the postseason for just the second time in 17 seasons.

Nowitzki was second to Harrison Barnes in scoring last season at 14.2 points per game and could drop further with Wesley Matthews going into the third year of his deal as the starting shooting guard.

Dennis Smith, taken ninth overall in the draft, and Yogi Ferrell are two young point guards who will spend time running the pick-and-roll with Nowitzki and 23-year-old center Nerlens Noel, a restricted free agent the Mavericks are expected to keep after trading for him at the deadline last season.

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getting better," Martin said. "It's a tough at-bat for anybody right now."

Marwin Gonzalez and Carlos Beltran homered for the Astros, handed a rare defeat on the road. The AL West leaders fell to 31-10 away from home as All-Star pitcher Lance McCullers Jr. (7-2) lost for the first time since April.

After failing to score despite loading the bases loaded in the first, the Blue Jays trailed 2-1 before batting around in a five-run fifth. Josh Donaldson, the 2015 AL MVP, ended an 0-for-15 slide with a two-run single that put Toronto in front.

Kendrys Morales added an RBI double and Troy Tulowitzki chased McCullers with an RBI single that snapped his 0-for-22 skid with runners in scoring position. Three batters later, Ryan Goins doubled home Tulowitzki.

"We were facing one of the top pitchers in the game. We battled him, we had him on the ropes early, and he got out of it," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "I thought we kind of kept the pressure on and we pitched very well and shut down a great hitting team."

In his first career start at Toronto, McCullers was charged with nine hits and six runs — five earned — in tying a season low by going 4 1/3 innings. He had won a career-best five straight decisions since losing April 26 at Cleveland.

"I wasn't very good. The guys needed a better showing out of me," McCullers said.

One bright spot for the Astros was a first-inning single by All-Star shortstop Carlos Correa, who returned to the lineup after sitting out the previous

to have an extra gear in the mountains.

"Lately, a lot of climbers attack only when they're sure they can reach the finish, with 500 meters or a kilometer to go," Martinelli said. "Aru attacked with 2.5 kilometers remaining on a 5-kilometer climb. On a 10-kilometer climb he could be capable of attacking with 5K to go."

Whatever he's capable of, one thing is for sure: Aru — his name is pronounced with the accent on the first A — has all of a sudden become a serious threat to Froome, the yellow jersey holder.

With more climbing on the route this weekend, especially Sunday's stage to Chambery in the Alps, which includes three beyond-category ascents, Aru will be looking to improve on his third-place position in the standings and erase his 14-second deficit to Froome.

"Chris is strong but I remember battling with him since the 2014 Vuelta," said Aru, who won the Spanish Vuelta in 2015. "I respect him but I've never been afraid to attack him. It will be a battle until the end. When I have strength I'll attack."

At 1.83 meters (6 feet) and 66 kilograms (145 pounds), Aru has just the right power-to-weight ratio to be a threat when the road tilts upward.

Pantani had a similar build but his career was derailed by doping cases and he died of cocaine poisoning in 2004.

So is Aru clean?

"He shows it every day. Cycling is clean now," Martinelli said. "I've got a son who is a pro and I know that 99.9 percent of the riders racing now are clean."

The big question for Aru is whether he has the stamina to keep up with Froome and other contenders like Richie Porte in stages with multiple climbs.

night with a sore left thumb. He extended the longest active hitting streak in the majors to a career-high 14 games.

"We didn't have a great night in a lot of aspects," manager A.J. Hinch said. "They swung the bat very well, they put a big inning up against us and never really let us out of it."

X-TENDING HIS TALENTS
Mark McMorris, the Winter X Games athlete who has won gold medals in a number of snowboarding disciplines, threw out the first pitch.

HIGHLIGHT REEL

After moving four steps to his right and diving to cor-

ral a grounder down the third base line from Gonzalez to open the fourth inning, Donaldson fired a perfect throw from his knees to get the out.

ROAD WOOS

A group of Astros fans took over one of the hotel rooms looking into Rogers Centre, covering the windows with orange cards displaying the word "Woo!" The phrase, made famous by wrestler Ric Flair, has become a rallying cry for Houston during its sensational season.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Hinch said LHP Dallas Keuchel will throw off a mound this weekend in To-

Froome said he let Aru go because he still had two Team Sky members protecting him and knew Aru was far back in the standings.

"In hindsight, I could have done things differently but certainly going forward I'm not going to watch him ride away," Froome said.

Aru had opened the season aiming to win the Giro d'Italia, which started in his home region of Sardinia. But a knee injury forced him to sit out and focus on the Tour instead.

Aru also struggled last year, cracking in the penultimate stage of his Tour debut.

His victory in the Italian championship a week before the Tour was his first win in more than a year.

"I went through some really dark times and only those close to me can appreciate how difficult it was," Aru said.

Aru's national championship win came while wearing the jersey of Astana teammate Michele Scarponi, who died after a collision with a van while training in April. After the Tour, Aru plans to give the jersey to Scarponi's widow.

In the meantime, Aru has traded his green, white and red national champion jersey for the polka-dot king of the mountains shirt.

No matter which jersey Aru has on, he always wears a helmet and sunglass frames featuring a design of the Sardinian flag with its four Moors. He signs all of his tweets with the hashtag of "ilcavalieredei4mori" — the knight of the four Moors.

"He's really proud to be Sardinian," Martinelli said. "When he won the Vuelta he took a Sardinian flag — not an Italian flag — up with him to the podium celebration in Madrid." Aru is the only pro rider from the Mediterranean island of Sardinia. He's now based in Lugano, Switzerland.



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South Carolina inmate captured in Texas after second escape

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — An inmate was recaptured in Texas early Friday after his second escape from a maximum security prison in South Carolina, prison officials said.

The South Carolina Department of Corrections said in a Twitter message that 46-year-old inmate Jimmy Causey was in custody.

Corrections spokeswoman Sommer Sharpe says Causey was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety around 3 a.m. Friday.

Messages left with the Texas Department of Public Safety were not immediately returned Friday morning, but jail records show Causey was being held in the Williamson County, Texas, jail, north of Austin on a fugitive warrant obtained by U.S. Marshals.

The area is about 1,200 miles (1,930 kilometers) west of South Carolina prison where he escaped.

A news conference was planned at 10 a.m. Friday, Sharpe said.

Causey was missing from the Lieber Correctional Institution in Ridgeville on Wednesday afternoon. The prison is about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northwest of Charleston.

Authorities were still trying to determine how Causey made his latest escape from the South Carolina prison. No details have been released on that escape.

He and another inmate had escaped from a prison in Columbia in 2005 in a garbage truck and were captured three days later.

Causey was serving a life prison sentence after he was convicted of holding a Columbia attorney and his family at gunpoint in their home.

Following his first capture, Causey was held in South Carolina's most secure, super-max facility in Columbia, but he was eventually returned to the system's general population.

Woman, 42, pleads guilty in Texas fake registered nurse case

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors say a woman with no medical training faces up to five years in federal prison after she faked being a registered nurse at five medical facilities in Texas.

Leticia Gallarzo (gah-YAHR'zoh) pleaded guilty Thursday in Victoria to five counts of making false statements related to health care. Investigators say the 42-year-old former Goliad (GOH'lee-ad) resident remains in custody pending sentencing.

Prosecutors say Gallarzo was hired as a registered nurse at two hospitals and three nursing homes in five Texas cities over seven months. Officials say Gallarzo would leave and immediately seek work at a medical facility in another city when her bosses discovered the deception.

A U.S. Attorney's Office spokeswoman says Gallarzo worked at hospitals in Victoria, Palacios (puh-LA'-shuhs) and Yoakum and at nursing homes in Goliad and Yorktown.

Man shot by police at Dallas airport sentenced to probation

DALLAS (AP) — A man shot at a Dallas airport after threatening police with rocks has been sentenced to 10 years' probation.

Shawn Diamond pleaded guilty last month to felony aggravated assault of a public servant. Diamond reached a plea agreement and was released from county jail the following day.

Court documents show police shot the 30-year-old several times while trying to stop a dispute between Diamond and his ex-girlfriend. Diamond was throwing rocks at her car and hitting it with a traffic cone. The June 10, 2016, disturbance at the Dallas Love Field terminal caused a lockdown of the airport and hours of delays.

Under the plea deal, Diamond is forbidden to contact his ex-girlfriend during his probation and must participate in an anger management program.

Houston-area "Tourniquet Killer" gets October execution date

HOUSTON (AP) — A condemned murderer known as the "Tourniquet Killer" because his four victims were tortured and strangled with handmade tourniquets has received an execution date.

State District Judge Maria Jackson has set 55-year-old Anthony Shore for lethal injection Oct. 18.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg described Shore Thursday as a "true serial killer" who terrorized young Hispanic females in the Houston area for 17 years.

The slayings were unsolved until DNA evidence linked him to the sexual assault of two juvenile relatives. He subsequently confessed to the killings and was convicted in 2004 of the slaying of 21-year-old Maria del Carmen Estrada. Her body was found in the drive-thru lane of a Dairy Queen in 1992.

His other victims included two teenagers, one of them in 1986, and a 9-year-old.

Dog attacking 7-year-old in Texas caught on video

MANOR, Texas (AP) — A 7-year-old boy was bitten by a dog in his Central Texas neighborhood in an attack caught on home security video.

Manor (MAY'-nor) police tell KXAN television station the dog's owner will be getting city ordinance citations for having an unregistered dog, an unprovoked attack, no proof of rabies vaccination and having an animal at large. That amounts to \$400 in fines. Brison Aldridge had bites on his thighs and back after being bitten Monday. He was taken to a hospital and released. His mother says it was "terrifying" to hear from a neighbor's child that her son was being attacked. Shauna Aldridge says, "I just took off running to go see and the neighbors had already stepped in and helped."

Buffett's Berkshire to buy Texas power transmitter Oncor

NEW YORK (AP) — Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway is buying the Texas power transmitter Oncor for \$9 billion, one of his biggest acquisitions.

Last year, Berkshire completed its biggest acquisition in its history, a \$32.36 billion deal for aviation parts maker Precision Castparts.

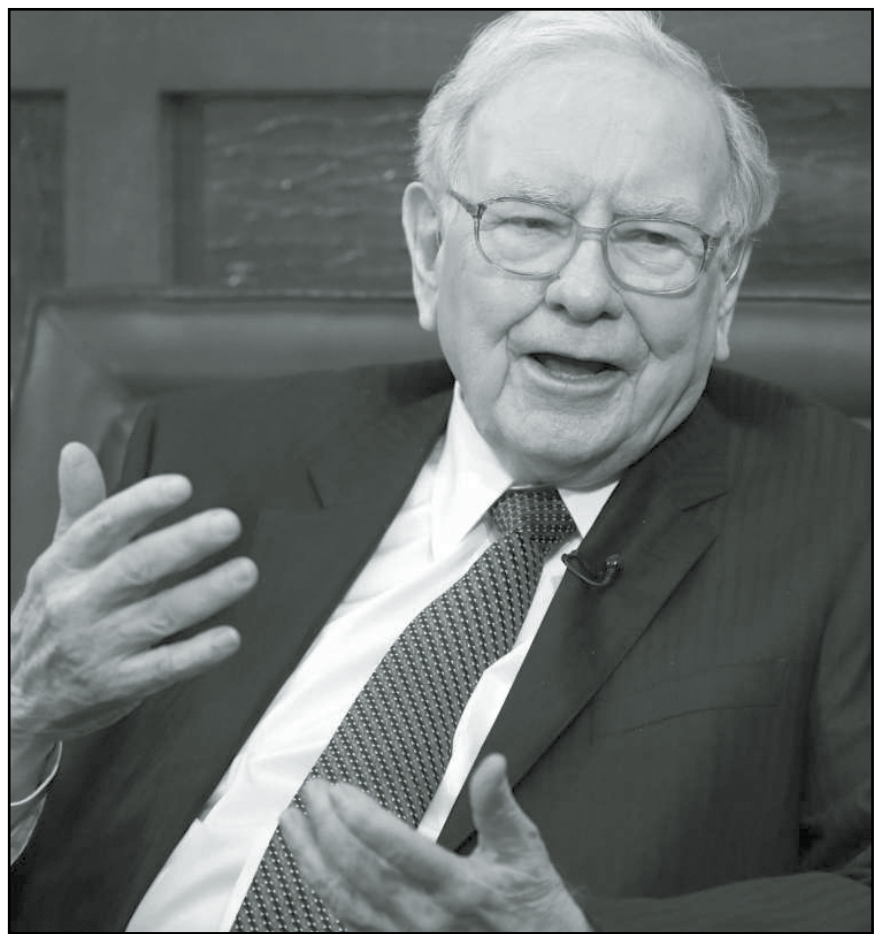
Oncor serves about 10 million people and is the biggest regulated utility in Texas. Its parent company, Energy Future Holdings Corp., entered bankruptcy in 2014 facing more than \$40 billion in debt after energy prices plunged.

Berkshire Hathaway will acquire a reorganized Energy Future, ultimately leading to the buyout of Oncor, based in Dallas.

It's the third time that that an acquisition attempt has been made for Oncor. In April Texas regulators rejected a proposed \$18 billion sale of Oncor to NextEra Energy Inc. That price tag included debt, which may also double the enterprise value of the deal that Buffett is attempting to cobble together.

The regulators failed to accept that the NextEra transaction was in the public interest — a requirement for the deal. A buyout attempt last year backed by the Ray Hunt family of Dallas also faltered.

Berkshire Hathaway already has a significant presence in



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In this Monday, May 4, 2015, file photo, Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett speaks during an interview with Liz Claman on the Fox Business Network in Omaha, Neb.

Texas, which includes headquarters for BNSF Railway Co., Acme Brick Co., Justin Brands Inc., McLane Co., Berkshire Hathaway Automotive, Star Furniture Co., TTI Inc., Charter Brokerage,

LiquidPower Specialty Products Inc. and Allie Beth Allman & Associates. The deal, which requires state, federal and bankruptcy court approval, is targeted to close in the fourth quarter.

Cruz faces hecklers, calls Senate health plan 'precarious'

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz held a lengthy but civil debate with a small group of hecklers defending former President Barack Obama's health care law in his home state's capital Thursday night — even as he expressed doubts about whether the Republican plan to repeal and replace it will pass the Senate.

The former presidential hopeful was in a hotel conference room in the liberal bastion of Austin for a town hall organized by Concerned Veterans for America, a group funded by the conservative billionaire Koch brothers. Access was strictly controlled and the first 20 minutes featured only sympathetic questions.

Then, however, a small group of attendees shouted "liberal is not a bad word" and denounced the Senate's proposed health overhaul urging Cruz, "Don't

vote for it."

Cruz at first ignored them but eventually replied, "Let's talk about Obamacare." When Austin retiree Gary Marsh stood up and said, "Can I please request that you refer to it as the Affordable Care Act?" Cruz shot back: "You can request it. But I'm gonna decline."

Marsh, 67, defended the Obama administration's health care law for several minutes. Cruz listened, but followed with a lengthy answer explaining why he thinks it should be fully repealed.

Police stood near Marsh and other hecklers, though no one was removed from the event. "It was civil, I thought," Marsh said afterward.

With the Senate on recess, Cruz has spent the week making sometimes tense appearances back home. He was repeatedly interrupted by protesters during a July 4 stop in McAllen, on Texas' border with Mexico and protesters gathered outside another

Concerned Veterans for America town hall with Cruz on Wednesday night in suburban Dallas.

Still, Cruz has largely avoided the kind of intense exchanges with constituents that have for months plagued other Republicans holding town halls while Congress is out of session.

Speaking on San Antonio's KTSA Radio earlier Thursday, Cruz called the possible failure in the Senate of a health care overhaul "catastrophic" saying, "I think we'll look like laughingstocks if we can't get our act together." But he also cautioned: "We don't have agreement."

"It is precarious," Cruz said. "The majority is so narrow, I don't know if we get it done or not."

Cruz joined top Senate conservatives in quickly rejecting the original version of the Senate's health care bill. Other Republicans have since followed suit. Instead, Cruz is pushing a conservative alternative

aiming to cut costs by giving states greater flexibility to create separate higher-risk pools — an approach that critics say could collapse the health insurance market.

Seeking compromise is a dramatic departure for Cruz, who long relished being a conservative insurgent capable of infuriating Senate establishment leaders from both parties. It was only four years ago that Cruz helped spark a conservative revolt that ended with a partial government shutdown.

Cruz has shrugged off suggestions that his new role doesn't come naturally. He told the radio station Thursday that, since the beginning of the year, "I've been focused on uniting Republicans" by bringing "everyone to the table" and ensuring that conservative and moderate senators can reach a deal and feel satisfied with a revamped Senate proposal."

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