

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **IVAN CORDOVA**, 31, of 12952 Brandeis in El Paso was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ALONZO FREDERICK**

WINES JR., 34, of 2505 Langley Drive was arrested on warrants for possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., possession of a dangerous drug, failure to control speed, and failure to appear.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported

ed in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of South Gregg Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KELLY R. WINGO ANDERSON**, 48, was booked by BSPD on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired drivers's license, expired regis-

tration, three counts failure to appear, and a probation violation of possession of controlled substance between one to four grams.

- **SARAH D. HEFFINGTON**, 34, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substances between 3 and 23 grams.
- **IVAN CORDOVA**, 32, was

booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ALONZO FREDRICK WINES**, 34, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less then two ounces, possession of a dangerous drug, violate promise to appear, and a warrant of failure to control speed.

Take Note

- The Big Spring ISD's Parent Involvement Committee will hold its first meeting of the 2017-2018 school year on Monday, September 25th in the Big Spring High School Library from 5:30-6:30 PM. The public is welcomed to attend. If you would like a seat on the committee, please contact George Bancroft at 432-264-3600. Go Steers!

- American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry. Saturday, Sept. 16th. Delivery 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Serving 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Plates \$10 each. 3203 West Highway 80, 432-263-2084. Everyone is welcome. Also carry out!

- 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. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- 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.

- 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

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

- 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.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a vari-

ety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- 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 of 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.

- 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 432-263-9669.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote 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.org.

- 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.

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 be held 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.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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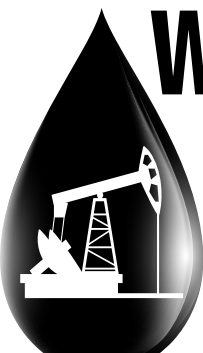
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this year.

Six hours later, the Metropolitan Police force said there had been no arrests, but hundreds of detectives, aided by intelligence agents, were looking at surveillance camera footage in the subway, carrying out forensic work and speaking to witnesses.

The site of the blast is in a leafy, affluent part of the city, not near any of London's top tourist sites. British media reported that the bomb included a timer. It's not clear whether the device was intended to explode when it did.

Police were alerted when commuters reported a noise and a flash aboard the District Line train. Commuter Lauren Hubbard was on the train when she heard a loud bang.

"I looked around and this wall of fire was just coming towards us. You just run," said Hubbard, who fled the above-ground station with her boyfriend.

Others described "absolute chaos" as hundreds of people rushed to get away from the danger.

"I ended up squashed on the staircase. People were falling over, people fainting, crying, there were little kids clinging onto the back of me," said Ryan Barnett, 25.

Mark Rowley, head of counterterrorism for the Metropolitan Police, said "this was a detonation of an improvised explosive device."

He said 18 people had been injured, most with "flash burns." Health officials later said four others hurt in the bombing went to hospital themselves.

Rowley said Britain's domestic intelligence service, MI5, was assisting with the investigation, led by the police counter-terrorism unit.

He gave no information about potential suspects, saying "It's very much a live investigation."

U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted that it was another attack "by a loser terrorist," adding that "these are sick and demented people who were in the sights of Scotland Yard."

The London police force declined to comment on Trump's suggestion that it knew about the attacker.

Photos taken inside the train show a white plastic bucket inside a foil-lined shopping bag. Flames and what appear to be wires emerge from the top.

"There was, out of the corner of my eye, a massive flash of flames that went up the side of the train," witness Chris Wildish told Sky News. He said it was followed by "an acrid chemical smell."

He said many of those on board were schoolchildren, who were knocked around as the crowd surged away from the fireball.

Commuter Richard Aylmer-Hall said he saw several people injured, apparently trampled as they fled.

"I saw crying women, there was lots of shouting and screaming, there was a bit of a crush on the stairs going down to the streets," Aylmer-Hall, said.

During rush hour, the subway train could hold more than 800 people. Aerial footage later showed commuters from other subway trains being evacuated along the elevated track.

Transport for London said subway services were suspended along the line.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said the city "utterly condemns the hideous individuals who attempt to use terror to harm us and destroy our way of life."

London has been targeted by attackers several times this year, with deadly vehicle attacks near Parliament, on London Bridge and near a mosque in Finsbury Park in north London. Beyond the capital, a May 22 suicide bomb attack at Manchester Arena killed 22 people.

The London Underground has been targeted several times in the past, notably in July 2005, when suicide bombers blew themselves up on three subway trains and a bus, killing 52 people and themselves. Four more bombers tried a similar attack two weeks later, but their devices failed to fully explode.

Last year Damon Smith, a student with an interest in weapons and Islamic extremism, left a knapsack filled with explosives and ball bearings on a London subway train. It failed to explode.

In its recent Inspire magazine, al-Qaida urged supporters to target trains.

British authorities say they have foiled 19 plots since the middle of 2013, six of them since a van and knife attack on Westminster Bridge and Parliament in March, which killed five people.

Separately, French counterterrorism authorities were investigating an attempted knife attack on a soldier patrolling a large Paris subway interchange.

The Paris prosecutor's office says counterterrorism investigators have opened a probe into Friday morning's incident at the Chatelet station in central Paris, based on preliminary examination of the attacker's background.

The knife-wielding assailant tried to attack a soldier with a special military force assigned to protect prominent sites following deadly Islamic extremist attacks. He was quickly arrested and no one was hurt.

BSISD

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numbers are down to 61 percent, that's very disturbing, because that's direct funding to our students. So, yes, that's something I'm very concerned about," he said.

"But I really think Drew (Mouton) will take care of that. I mean, they'll jump on that pretty hard because that's current. That's not old, like he said. So I think he'll collect a lot on that. They're going to be contacting every one of those individuals, and try to get them on scheduled payments in order to get back into the black instead of the red. If they're making payments they're good. But it's the ones that are not making any type of payment, those are the ones that are delinquent."

In other business, the school board accepted a \$1,000 donation from Blue Energy Services for Big Spring's cheerleaders.

"I just think that is outstanding that we have community members that just want to get involved with our programs. Our cheerleaders are very important to us, they lead our spirit and keep everybody enthused and excited about the activities that are going on in our high school," said Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey. "Very excited and very grateful for the generous donation, because we're strapped, budget-wise, and donations like that go a long way. We're certainly appreciative of everything that we get, and we're grateful. Thank you, Blue Energy, for the generosity and benevolence to our kids. We will definitely use it in a wise way and be great stewards with what you have given us."

Kennedy also expressed appreciation for the gift.

"Awesome! Hey, that's great. The cheerleaders have to pay for their own uniforms and stuff, so that will help them do a lot of things," he said. "So we appreciate Blue Energy for doing that."

The board also approved a resolution encouraging its employees to vote.

"Voting is a civic responsibility, and I want the district to do our part in mobilizing people to take that responsibility on," said BSISD Superintendent Chris Wigington. "By passing this resolution, we're encouraging our teachers to vote, our students to vote, and it gives the district an opportunity to educate our students and use our teachers as role models. It is basically going to give us some leeway in using some district transportation to get our teachers and students to the polls. By no means would we ever encourage them to vote one way or another, it's just the process of voting. That's what I'm asking for, is for you to pass this resolution so that we can do this."

In other business, the board heard reports from Wigington on employments, resignations, and retirements; enrollment; and an upcoming Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards convention.

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Smith's car, killing him.

Bruntrager said Stockley fired only after Smith refused commands to put up his hands and reached along the seat toward an area where a gun was found. But prosecutors said Stockley planted the gun. Testing found Stockley's DNA on the gun, but not Smith's.

D I F F E R E N T PASTS

Stockley, now 36, graduated from a Catholic high school in nearby Belleville, Illinois, then went to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After graduation, he served in Iraq, where he was injured and awarded the Army Bronze Star. Stockley joined the St. Louis Police Department in 2007. He resigned in 2013, about two years after the shooting, and moved to Houston.

Smith had a 1-year-old daughter when he died. His family has not disclosed much about him. Court records show he had a criminal record that included convictions for unlawful possession of a firearm and drug distribution. At the time of the shooting, he was on probation for a theft charge related to a 2010 crime in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson. In 2013, the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners reached a \$900,000 settlement with Smith's family, ending a wrongful-death lawsuit filed on behalf of Smith's daughter.

The circuit attorney's office initially decided not to charge Stockley, but police internal affairs brought new evidence in March 2016.

Then-Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce announced in May 2016 that Stockley was charged with first-degree murder.

highways.

Republican Gov. Eric Greitens, meanwhile, put the National Guard on standby in case of unrest. He and the mayor urged protesters to be peaceful, a sentiment echoed by Smith's fiancée, Christina Wilson.

Here's a look at the case:

THE SHOOTING

Stockley and his partner saw what appeared to be a drug transaction in the parking lot of a fast-food restaurant on Dec. 20, 2011. As the officers sought to corner Smith, he drove away. Stockley's defense attorney, Neil Bruntrager, said the officers were nearly run over. Stockley fired at the fleeing car, then a car chase began.

Police dashcam video captured Stockley saying, "going to kill this (expletive), don't you know it," in the midst of the chase. As Smith's car slowed, Stockley told his partner to slam the police SUV into it, and his partner did so.

Stockley then got out of the SUV and fired five shots into

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28-30:
Howard County Fair:
Howard County Fair Grounds
www.hcfair.org

September 30:
Clay Walker Concert:
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Ward's Western Wear and Stubwire.com

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Give us patience and wisdom when we are struggling. Amen.

A book about the Balloon Lady

About fifteen years ago I had a call from a woman who was writing an article for a major magazine about Mrs. Constance Wolf of Bluebell, Pennsylvania. In 1961, Mrs. Wolf set a number of world balloon records when she stayed aloft for some forty hours on a flight that originated in Big Spring. She said her mission was to take the record of women's free balloon flight away from the Russians. I was news director of a radio station in Big Spring then and accompanied her ground crew on that adventure and reported on the progress of the flight to the nation.

What got people involved in following this 56 year old grandmother was the fact that we in the ground crew never saw her balloon after it left Big Spring, even though we were reporting on sightings we picked up from airports, news media and law enforcement agencies in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma. We were watching the clock



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

and late in the flight I reported, “if Mrs. Wolf is still in the air, she has broken the Russian record.” The uncertainty of whether Mrs. Wolf was still up there became a major story and attracted listeners and readers across the USA. It was the biggest story I've ever covered. She landed safely in a field near Boley, Oklahoma and broke the Russian record by four hours. Mrs. Wolf and I corresponded by mail until her death.

A few weeks ago I received a call from that same woman who had contacted me years ago.

She is Jeanne Marie Laskas, who has written books that appear on the New York Times bestseller list. She wrote the book CONCUSSION about football injuries, which was made into a major movie starring Will Smith. She has won numerous writing and journalism awards for her work that has appeared in Esquire, The New Yorker, the Smithsonian, GQ, the Washington Post Magazine and others. She heads up the writing program at the University of Pittsburgh. She is writing a book about Mrs. Wolf. She previously wrote a book titled THE BALLOON LADY AND OTHER PEOPLE I KNOW.

She sent two researchers down

to interview me and to look at the material I have about Mrs. Wolf and her flight. One of them recorded my every word from hello to goodbye. Since the book will have an accompanying audio feature, the girl with the mike and recorder had me read some of the reports that I had sent to the station during the flight. They had me take them to the former Hamilton Flying Field, the place where the balloon launch occurred and to the site of the motel where Mrs. Wolf stayed.

I didn't know it at the time, but Mrs. Wolf was extremely prominent in Philadelphia society. She and her husband, an attorney who was a general in the armed services, had lavish parties on their estate. Occasionally they would require guests to arrive in their airplanes. Mrs. Wolf's balloon was used in the movie AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS.

Among other honors, she was the first woman to fly a balloon over the Alps. The researchers said I was the only person they had interviewed who actually knew Mrs. Wolf. They brought with them copies of letters I had written to the woman balloonist over the years. I still have some of her letters to me.



The more important things

Did you hear the latest about Donald Trump? Can you believe he did that? What about Nancy Pelosi? Or better yet, what about Hillary Clinton's new book? She blames everyone but herself for her loss. Did you hear what Steve Bannon said to Charlie Rose, or Mitch McConnell's response? Truth is, who cares this week?

For month after seemingly endless month, the citizens of this nation have been at each other's throats. Then it all came to a halt as Harvey and Irma came to visit. Hollywood liberals rushed to score cheap political points, the Washington Post ran pieces decrying Texas getting federal assistance while having the audacity to keep its state taxes low. Liberals decried the police in Florida stopping looters because now, even private property rights are part of white supremacy. The political groups that believe boys can become girls attacked conservatives for being “anti-science.” And the left laughed at Rush Limbaugh complying with a mandatory evacuation after consuming a lot of online oxygen distorting and misrepresenting everything he said about the hurricanes.

But the regular people of the United States, not yet poisoned by politics, set it all aside. Gay, straight, black, white — it did not matter. Neighbor helped

neighbor. Stranger helped stranger. People drove from out of state into the storms to help others in need. The Cajun Navy drove their boats to Texas and saved countless lives. The Salvation Army was out rebuilding lives in Florida before the Federal Emergency Management Agency showed up.

As for FEMA, it has a long-standing policy of helping everyone and every organization rebuild if they lose their homes and buildings in disaster. But FEMA will not help churches, and is being sued by several churches in Texas. Nonetheless, those and other churches and Christian relief groups are still helping FEMA and local and state agencies rebuild lives. Despite all the secular hate directed at Christian organizations these days, the Christian groups have been the first ones in and the last ones out.

Samaritan's Purse, the Southern Baptists' North American Mission Board, the Seventh Day Adventists' ADRA, Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army and more have sent volunteers and money. They are serving up warm meals, hammering nails, paying other people's bills and praying. They understand a home is not permanent, but a soul is — both their own and those of the people they are trying to help. Meanwhile, Fortune 500 corporations and others keep touting the American Red Cross, but local officials in both Texas and Florida are piling on criticisms. It seems the Red Cross is excellent at running advertisements that pull on heart strings, but not very good at doing its

core functions.

Americans seem to love to squabble about politics, and more and more Americans really are treating politics as blood sport. The white supremacists are marching in the street, and antifa protesters are attacking police officers and anyone they suspect of being a white supremacist, even if the person is black, Hispanic or Asian. Despite the loud voices of hate, most Americans are engaged in the soft voices of prayer and compassion. They are helping each other.

Few of the tender acts of American helping American will find their way onto the cover of magazine or the front page of a newspaper or the lead story in the nightly news, but they happen nonetheless. The smiles on the faces of the survivors and victims rewards the volunteer who is not seeking fame or fortune. These volunteers just want to help. The politics of the day, the yelling, the angst and the aggravation can all be put on hold.

Sixteen years ago, Americans of all walks of life came together to mourn after the World Trade Center fell. The whole country united around a president that more than half the voters had actually rejected. Sixteen years later, with another president who lost the popular vote, we may not be rallying around a man, but Americans have not lost the capacity to rally to and for each other. United we stand.

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Texas could seek \$50B in federal housing aid after Harvey

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott says Texas expects to seek more than \$50 billion in federal housing funding after Hurricane Harvey. Abbott said at a news conference Thursday that those displaced by the storm can seek help via community development grants covering long-term housing needs as well as temporary costs while waiting for their homes to be repaired. The governor said he's been told by the White House and members of Congress that as many as three more federal aid packages for Harvey victims may be approved before the end of the year. Congress already passed \$15.3 billion for initial Harvey recovery. Abbott said nearly 4,000 Texas homes and other facilities still don't have power after Harvey, which killed more than 70 people. Fifty-two schools statewide suffered "catastrophic damage" and can't reopen.

Mexican cartel members tied to meth plot in Dallas area

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors say eight suspects linked to a Mexican drug cartel were charged with offenses stemming from a large methamphetamine trafficking plot allegedly operating in the Dallas and DeSoto areas. Prosecutors announced the charges Wednesday, saying the suspects are charged with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance and at least one count of possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Pet hub formed at Houston arena to reunite pets, owners

HOUSTON (AP) — Several groups opened a hub with some 400 dogs and 100 cats at a Houston arena to help reunite people with pets lost in Hurricane Harvey's chaos. The Pet Reunion Pavilion at NRG Arena opened Monday. The animals will stay for 30 days before going up for adoption. Best Friends Animal Society's Melissa Miller Inman tells the Houston Chronicle the focus is reuniting pets and owners. Kyri Andell and her 7-year-old daughter, Reniah Knight, searched the pavilion Wednesday after earlier locating one of their three missing dogs at the SPCA. The family lost track the dogs after being rescued from their flooded Vidor home and going to shelter that wouldn't take pets. They had no luck at the pavilion but later located another of the dogs elsewhere. One remains missing.

The Dallas Morning News, Corpus Christi Caller-Times honored

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Morning News and the Corpus Christi Caller-Times have been honored by the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas for their open government reporting. The newspapers on Thursday each won the Nancy Monson Spirit of FOI Award during the foundation's state conference in Austin. The Dallas Morning News, in the Class AA large market category, was recognized for reports exposing problems with the Texas child welfare system. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times, in Class A, was honored for stories about the death of Naomi Villarreal, who was a victim of domestic violence. The Nancy Monson Spirit of FOI Award is named for the foundation's former executive director. The competition is open to newspaper, broadcast and online journalism.

New Mexico university sending team to Texas to provide help

LAS VEGAS, N.M. (AP) — A state university in New Mexico is sending a 40-member team of faculty, students and staff to Texas to help in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The team is led by Beth Massaro, a social work professor who says "there's been a tremendous response" from within the university. Massaro says the team will travel Sept. 27 to the coastal community of Rockport, Texas, to volunteer at donation centers, help with cleanup efforts and other provide other aid. Massaro visited Rockport after the storm and she says damage was staggering with many homes and businesses destroyed and numerous snapped-off utility poles and downed trees. She says the team will camp on the property of a Highlands professor. New Mexico Highlands is headquartered in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Man who killed Texas police officer had 'RIP COPS' tattoo

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An autopsy shows a man who killed one San Antonio police officer and wounded another had opiates in his body and a tattoo of a tombstone on his wrist reading "RIP COPS." The San Antonio Express-News reports the Bexar County medical examiner's office released 34-year-old Andrew Bice's autopsy Wednesday. Opiates found included codeine, morphine and one of heroin's active ingredients. Police say Bice opened fire on the officers in June as they approached to check his identification. Officer Miguel Moreno was fatally shot in the head. Officer Julio Cavazos recovered. The autopsy says Bice died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. He was also shot in the buttocks, likely from return fire.

Harvey charities raise more than \$350M in less than 3 weeks



In Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017, file photo, volunteers move boxes of shoes donated by Mythiquer Pickett for students affected by Hurricane Harvey on at the Delmar Field House in Houston. More than 50 local and national charities have raised more than \$350 million in the nearly three weeks since Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas Gulf Coast. The disparate groups are now trying to decide on priorities while some storm victims wait for help.

By NOMAAN MERCHANT
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — More than 50 local and national charities have raised more than \$350 million in the nearly three weeks since Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas Gulf Coast, and the disparate groups are trying to decide on priorities while some storm victims still await help. Distrust of large charities such as the American Red Cross has driven many donors to smaller, local organizations. For instance, Houston Texans football star J.J. Watt has raised more than \$30 million for his foundation, an effort he started by posting appeals on social media. One donor to Watt's effort, Helen Vasquez, stood outside the Texans' stadium and said she had seen a Facebook post listing the salaries of executives at top national charities. She gave Watt \$20 instead. "It's all going to the people itself and not to the corporations, not the higher-ups in the corporations," Vasquez said. But most of the money raised for Harvey has gone to the Red

Cross, which has raised a least \$211 million. The rest went to other organizations, including 40 groups listed by Charity Navigator, as well as dozens of other groups and individual families raising money on do-it-yourself sites such as GoFundMe. More than \$50 million has poured into the local fund set up by Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, the county's chief administrative official. Turner and Emmett openly urge donors to give to the local fund and not the Red Cross, saying doing so will ensure the best use of the money. Emmett has blamed the Red Cross for problems that arose with setting up and running the emergency shelters used by tens of thousands of people who were flooded out of their homes. The Greater Houston Community Foundation, which the men have asked to administer the fund, is creating a 12-member board and a grant committee to set priorities and distribute donations starting in the next several weeks.

The foundation is working with the United Way and dozens of other charities, but so far not with the Red Cross or with Watt, who did not respond to questions sent through a spokesman for the Texans. David Brady, CEO of the Red Cross of the Texas Gulf Coast, said his group would be "happy to be a part of all conversations" and that the Red Cross would review how it could improve its shelter operations in the future. "We can't take the criticisms personally," he said. The foundation's CEO, Stephen Maislin, said it will pay the costs of running the Harvey relief fund on its own, including the credit card fees banks charge for donations. The charities are still weighing the best ways to use the money and setting up systems to monitor where the money goes. Veterans of other major disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy, say coordination between groups is critical to make the most out of every dollar.

PUBLIC NOTICE Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, November 7, 2017

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Texas legislature to expand the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran or their spouse may qualify for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the veteran's residence homestead. Currently, the Texas legislature may provide that a partially disabled veteran or their spouse is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead only if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization at no cost to the veteran. The amendment would allow the Texas legislature to provide that the exemption also may be taken when the residence homestead was donated, sold, or transferred to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead. The amendment also harmonizes certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."**

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 60)

SJR 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to require that certain conditions be met for the refinancing of a home equity loan to be secured by a voluntary lien on a homestead. The amendment also would: redefine what is excluded in the calculation of the cap on fees associated with a home equity

loan, lower the cap from 3% to 2% of the original principal amount of the extension of credit, and specify that such fees are in addition to any bona fide discount points used to buy down the interest rate. The amendment would further specify the list of authorized lenders to make home equity loans, change the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, allow agricultural property owners to acquire home equity loans, and update technical terminology in the Texas Constitution. The amendment would be effective on January 1, 2018, and applicable only to a home equity loan made or refinanced on or after that date.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."**

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 34)

SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prevent certain office holders from serving indefinitely beyond the expiration of their term. Office holders who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and receive no salary would only be able to serve until the last day of the first regular session of the Texas legislature that begins after their term expires.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."**

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 6)

SJR 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to require any court that is hearing a challenge to the constitutionality of a state

statute to notify the attorney general of that challenge, if the party raising the challenge notifies the court that the party is challenging the constitutionality of such statute. Additionally, the amendment would allow the Texas legislature to set a period of not more than 45 days following the notification to the attorney general that the court must wait before rendering a judgment that a state statute is unconstitutional.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."**

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 100)

HJR 100 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a more detailed definition of "professional sports team" for purposes of their charitable foundations, which the Texas legislature may permit to hold charitable raffles. The amendment also deletes a requirement that an eligible professional sports team charitable foundation permitted by the Texas legislature to hold charitable raffles had to be in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."**

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature by general law to provide that a surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the surviving spouse's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. It would also allow the Texas legislature to provide that the surviving spouse, who qualifies and receives the exemption and then qualifies a

different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the different homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption of the first homestead for which the exemption was received in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that first homestead. Like the initial exemption, this benefit will only remain available if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 37)

HJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to make an exception to the law regarding the award of certain prizes. Currently, the Texas Constitution requires the Texas legislature to pass laws prohibiting lotteries, raffles, and other programs where the award of gifts is based on luck or chance. The proposed amendment would make an exception to this general rule to allow the Texas legislature to authorize credit unions and other financial institutions to institute programs which, in order to encourage savings, would award prizes based on luck or chance to the credit union's or financial institution's customers.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."**

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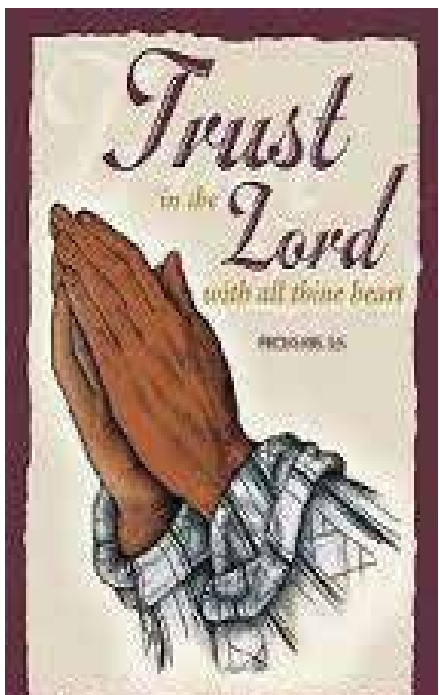


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Psalm 91: 14-16

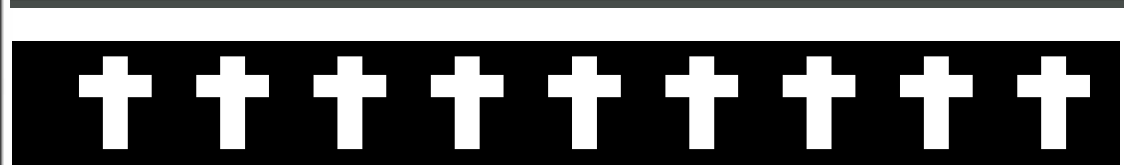


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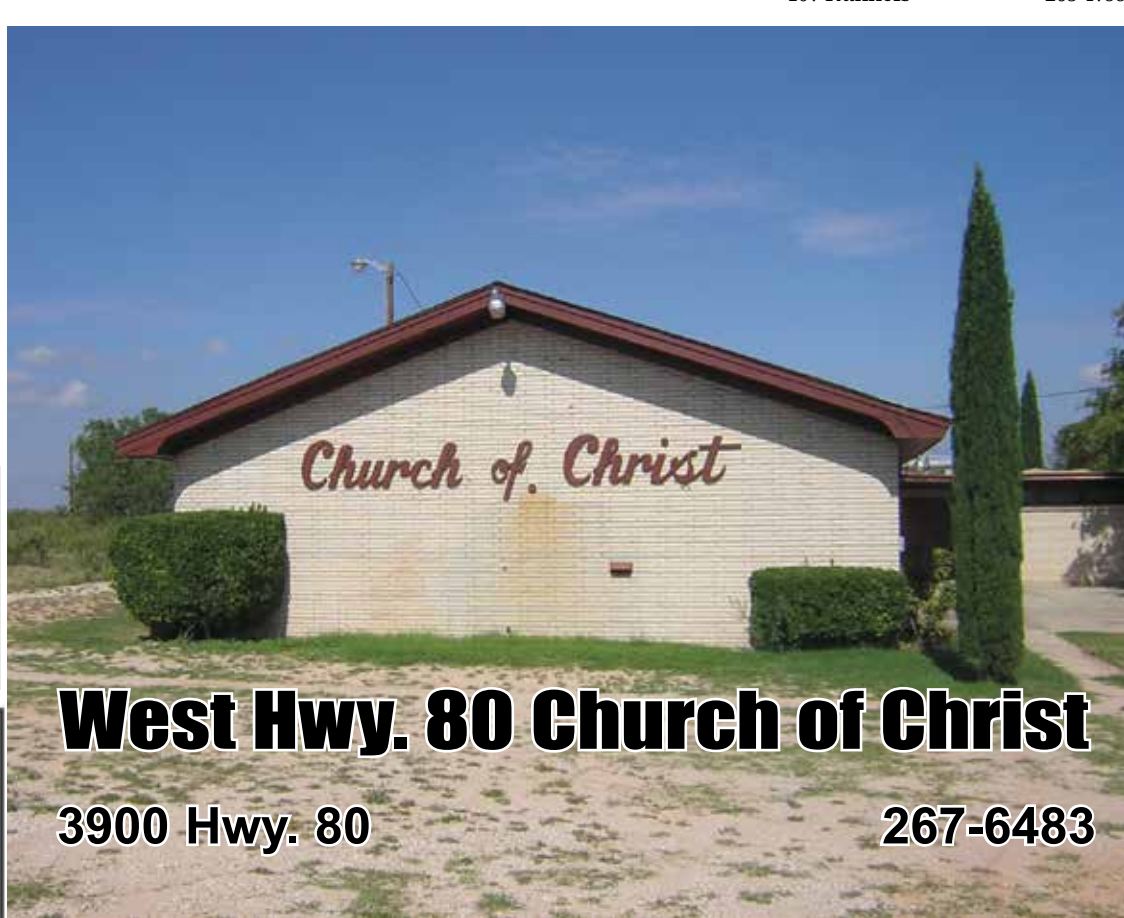
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who had escaped from the battle.

As the Lord had spoken, the prophet asked one of his fellow prophets to strike him with a sword. The man refused. God's chosen prophet replied, "Because you have not obeyed the Lord, when you leave here a lion will kill you."

And this came to pass as the prophet predicted! The next man the prophet asked struck him with a sword!

God's prophet stood by the side of the road waiting for Ahab. So that Ahab would not recognize him, he had a ban-

dage down low covering part of his eyes.

As the king passed by, the prophet called out, "When I was in the thick of the battle I was charged, 'Guard this man. If he is missing, it will be your life for his life, or you must pay a talent of silver (seventy-five pounds).'

"While your servant was busy, the man escaped."

"That is your sentence," Ahab ordered. "You have pronounced it yourself." (I Kings 20:40)

The prophet immediately pulled off the bandage so that Ahab recognized him. The prophet said to the king, "This is what the Lord says: 'You set free a man I had determined should die. Therefore it is your life for his life, your people for his people.'" (I Kings 20:41-42)

Later Ahab desired a vineyard that belonged to Naboth. It was near Ahab's palace and he wanted it for his vegetable garden. But Naboth refused to sell.

Jezebel hired false witnesses to accuse Naboth and he was stoned. Ahab took possession of the vineyard!

This time God sent Elijah to prophesy against Ahab. "Have you not murdered a man for his property? In the place where dogs licked up Naboth's blood, they will also lick up your blood!"

Elijah also prophesied that Ahab's family line would die out. "Dogs will eat those of Ahab's descendants who die in the city, and the birds of the air will feed on those who die in the country." Thus, people will not care about Ahab and his family. They

will not take the initiative to bury Ahab's family.

I Kings 21:25-26 says: "There was never a man like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord. Urged on by his wife, Jezebel, he behaved in the vilest manner by going after idols, like the Amorites that the Lord drove out before Israel."

At last Ahab repented of his arrogance and defiance. He went around in sackcloth and fasted.

Because Ahab repented and confessed his sin, God relented. His judgment against Ahab would not take place during Ahab's lifetime. But the judgment still stood; it would happen during the life of his son. We serve an awesome God! As evil as Ahab had been, when he truly repented, God was merciful!

Church News

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Our usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service, featuring the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m. which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

Pastor Derrell Patterson continues the sermon series on Exodus. This Sunday morning the church will be blessed as church member, Steve Lane, shares from his heart.

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5.

The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. We are preparing for the Christmas musical called "Our Savior", to be presented for the community on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2nd and 3rd. Singers from Big Spring and the surrounding area are invited to join the choir for "Our Savior" rehearsals from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 27th. You may contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868.

Evening Adult Bible Study, Real Life, continues on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m.. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Besides children and youth programs, an adult Bible study is also offered. The adult Bible study is led by Pastor Derrell, and is entitled "Sunday Sermon 2.0." Digging deeper into the scripture and sermon from the previous Sunday will include questions and group discussion.

A "Fifth Quarter" Youth Gathering will be held after the football game on Friday, Sept. 22 in the Partee Building next to the church.

We are taking registrations for one more week for a new class of "Financial Peace University" which continues on Monday evenings, at 6:30 pm. The class is led by Dan Kiley.

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

Cornerstone Covenant Church

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

Sunday, September 17th- Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. And 11 a.m. worship service for our series entitled Divide and Conquer: Exposing the Tactics of the Devil. Over the next two weeks we will be identifying and exposing ten tactics that the devil uses against individual believers, families and churches. Come on out and not only learn the tactics but what you as a believer can do to oppose him. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to both share God's amazing word with you, and get to know you better.

Starfish Program - Starfish tutoring for 3rd graders has started. They are meeting Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. in our Academic Resource Center. The first phase of our STARFISH program is to assist 3rd grade children by offering character building principles; academic tutoring; and remedial and reinforcement assistance. We are also needing volunteers. If you are interested in being a part and are willing and available to serve in this powerful ministry to our community we would love to hear from you.

Tuesday, Sept. 19th-50 & over small group will be gathering at 7 p.m. for potluck & game night at the Flower's Residence 2405 E. 25th St. For more info please contact Faye Flowers at 432-213-3883.

We are so excited to announce our Church's 10th Anniversary is coming up this October! To honor this momentous occasion, we have planned a special Anniversary Weekend. We will have our Anniversary Banquet Saturday, Oct. 21st at 6 p.m. in the East Room at Howard College Coliseum.

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 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432.264.0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost -September 17, 2017 "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives". 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 aliveinchrist-tx@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. It is not too late to join us for our Mid-Week meal and classes. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the Bible Study is from 6:30-7:30 pm. The adult class will be led by Pastor Lamb and is called "A Man Named Martin". The youth will have a class led by Dolline Budke. Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week. Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday

Reflections: Generations

History is like an expedition, like Lewis and Clark searching for the Northwest Passage. Each generation helps chart the journey with its twists and turns, and each picks up where the other left off.



BILL TINSLEY

Thomas Jefferson was 33 when he drafted the Declaration of Independence with the help of John Adams and Benjamin Franklin. Fifty years later he and John Adams died on the anniversary of the Fourth. Their death marked the end of the generation we know as the "founding fathers."

I remember as a child when the last veteran of the Civil War died. Albert Woolson was a drummer boy in Company C of the First Minnesota. He died in 1956. At present we are witnessing the departure of what Tom Brokaw called the "greatest generation," those who lived through World War II. Five years before I was born my mother was on a picnic

with my father when President Roosevelt interrupted their 1940s music to report the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She died six years ago. My uncle commanded a tank in the battle of Nuremberg in April 1945. He died four years ago.

Some of us can recall where we were when John F. Kennedy was shot on the streets of Dallas, when Martin Luther King Jr. was killed, and Robert Kennedy was gunned down in Los Angeles. Vietnam and Watergate evoke vivid memories. But the young only know these events as history. Those who are seniors in high school were infants on 9/11/2001. They have grown up in a post 9/11 world learning about the Twin Towers attack through stories, video and books. One generation passes while another joins the journey.

Every generation is connected to the generations that went before. But, like an expedition, every generation must find its own way, and each generation must find its own faith. A few years ago I reflected on what I wanted to accomplish with my remaining years. One

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morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse will bring the message, which will honor and glorify God for His unending love, mercy, and grace. Currently Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call on Him while He is near." Isaiah 55:6

You're invited to praise the LORD with the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of foundational hymns of the faith and contemporary praise and worship songs. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Now What," which focuses on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection to His followers two thousand years ago, and what it means to believers today. Titled "Time to Pray", Sunday's message is drawn from Luke 18:1-8 in which Jesus exhorts His people to pray continually with impassioned intensity through a parable which demonstrates that even an unjust, godless magistrate can be moved to right action by the unceasing cry of one before him. Through this lesson, believers are assured of God's perfect regard of their earnest prayers, and

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But we are in the Bible Belt

What message would Jesus be proclaiming if he were here on earth? Would he be like most on TV who claim to be speaking on his behalf, preaching a false gospel of materialism? Would he try to organize some kind of “Hands Across America” type event and just preach love, love, and more love?



GREG
SURLES

I'm not trying to oversimplify anything. What I notice, however, is that many people will take the parts of the Bible that they like and make all of their beliefs revolve around them to the exclusion of other parts of the very same

Bible. Have you ever “choked” on something you read in the Bible? You may be wondering what that means. Have you ever read a passage of Scripture and thought that it surely can't be saying what it seems to clearly be saying because, if it was, then a lot of what you believe would have to change or be thrown away? Some people who claim to follow Jesus might even be offended by some of the teachings in the Bible.

Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 11:6 – “And blessed is the one who is not offended by me” (ESV). Many of the Jews would not accept what Jesus was telling them even with all the miracles he had done to prove (testify or be a witness) that what he said was the truth from God. Because of their stubbornness and unbelief, Jesus had another message to share with

them. Matthew 11:20-24, “Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. ‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you’” (ESV).

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confident of His justice and graciousness when He answers. If unable to attend, you may join the worship through the live stream on the website at: fbcbigspring.org. Following the morning service, everyone is invited to the kick-off luncheon for the 'Pray for Me' campaign. The 'Pray for Me' program is designed to link students with adults (of varied generations) in an ongoing prayer partner commitment. Details can be found on prayformecampaign.com.

Sunday evening at 5:30, all area children are welcome to attend Kids Connection. This is a fun time of Bible based activities, contact Children's Minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for additional information.

At 6 p.m., teens will gather at the home of Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini and his wife Rebekah. In addition to a light meal, there will be a time of fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. For transportation and location information, contact Jonathan at 267-8332.

At 5:30 each Sunday evening in September the church will gather in the chapel for a time of wor-

ship and prayer. Beginning Oct. 1, this schedule will change to include multiple opportunities to deepen one's walk with Christ. Upward Basketball registration has begun, and is available online through the church website at: fbcbigspring.org. Mother's Day Out meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about available openings for your little ones.

Operation Christmas Child is right around the corner, and volunteers are needed to wrap shoeboxes with Christmas paper. If you can help, contact Sherry Lindsey at 267-8223.

The Wednesday night schedule begins at 6, and offers something for all age groups. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

Forsan Baptist Church

This week, the series focused on studying the life of King Saul continues with a message from 1 Samuel 9:1-2 and 1 Samuel 10:17-24 called Skin Deep.

There will be a movie night on Sept. 16, at sunset in the west parking lot. The original Wizard of Oz will be showed, an interactive movie watching event complete with props and participation.

Youth and children's activities have resumed for the school year. Students from pre-k to 6th grade are provided a light snack right after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. Van rides are available at 5 p.m. IMPACT youth begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by class at 6 p.m. Van rides are available at 7 p.m. Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m.

If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Church of Nazarene

Its Back to Church Sunday this Sunday the 17th. Grab a friend, neighbor or co-worker and come enjoy pot lucks happening at both Nazfamily locations. We also will be celebrating the 1 year anniversary of our Cedar Road campus launch. Sunday Service starts at 10 a.m.. Nazfamily offers two different types of services. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria for a more contemporary setting or the 1400 Lancaster campus which is more traditional for Sunday Service. 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 our small group bulletin.

A ministry of the NazFamily Church is the Nazarene Christian Academy for K-6 grades at 118 Cedar Road. The Academy is fully accredited. Contact Alyssa Clark by calling the main church number. For more information contact the church office at (432) 267-7015.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St., Big Spring.

Sunday morning fellowship begins at 9:15 a.m. with coffee & donuts.

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 10:50 a.m. This Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, Pastor Sandy Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called “Intimacy With God” which is taken from Luke 10:38-42. Assisting Pastor Sandlin worship will be Dan Miracle who will serve as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's table will be Shirley Lee and Joel Miller. Helping to enhance worship are Choir Director, Tara Trowbridge and Music Director, Lawrence Thibeault. A few selections they are preparing are, “O, How I Love Jesus”, “I Need Thee Every Hour”, and “Just As I Am”. First Christian Church is proud to welcome any newcomers to the congregation. If you would like more information regarding their services or any goings on, please call 432-517-4821.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S Service Rd in the Midway area, with Dr. Michael Seay serving as pastor. Services at Midway Baptist Church begin each week with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m., followed by Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m. A children's church and nursery are provided. On Sunday and Wednesday evenings, worship begins at 6 p.m. Children's and youth programs are available.

Every Monday, a ladies prayer and share group meet at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. They would love to have you join them.

Midway Baptist will host a fall revival Sept. 24-27. Brother Jim Moss will be preaching. There will be a fellowship luncheon following the morning service on Sept. 24th. The evening service will be at 6 p.m. Revival services for the next three nights will

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of those things was to encourage the younger generation to do greater things than I ever imagined. I am pleased to see that happening in many places. More people are coming to Christ every day than at any time in history, especially in South America, Africa, and Asia. I am finding many in their 20s and 30s who are passionate about going to the ends of the earth and living transformed lives for Christ.

When God looks on humanity, he sees generations. Following Noah's flood, God had us in mind when he said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations.” Moses' success depended on how well he encouraged Joshua, the leader of the next generation that would enter the Promised Land. David sang, “Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.”

The world has never been a safe place. Expeditions are dangerous. We face huge obstacles and challenges, but the potential is limitless. As our generations overlap, we have opportunity to build upon the foundations of faith that others have laid and to create a better world for our children, our grandchildren, and those who will follow.

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

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Texans' Watson wins 1st start vs historically bad Bengals



Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson smiles after scoring a touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, in Cincinnati.

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — A black tux and bowtie. Deshaun Watson decided to dress in style for his first NFL start, one that came in prime time on his 22nd birthday.

The clothes and the moment were a perfect fit for the national champ.

Watson scrambled 49 yards for the game's only touchdown Thursday night, leading the injury-depleted Houston Texans to a 13-9 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. He avoided the big mistake, made the game-turning play, and led Houston (1-1) to a clinching field goal in the closing minutes.

"It was insane," defensive end Christian Covington said of the rookie's touchdown run. "That's why he is who he is. The whole sideline went crazy. That was

a game-sealing touchdown right there."

It came in the first half, but given the way the Bengals are playing on offense, it was indeed the decisive play. Cincinnati (0-2) opened the season with a pair of home games, but has yet to score a touchdown in 25 possessions.

The last team that opened with two home games and failed to reach the end zone was the 1939 Eagles, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. No team has scored so few points in a pair of season-opening home games since the 1949 Packers.

"I am shocked," coach Marvin Lewis said. "Yes, I am. We should be better."

Few young quarterbacks have gotten better results than Watson, who was working with an offense missing three

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Cowboys pass rusher Lawrence poised to break out in Year 4



In this Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Sean Lee, left, Maliek Collins (96) and DeMarcus Lawrence (90) celebrate a sack by Lawrence during an NFL football game against the New York Giants in Arlington, Texas. Lawrence had two sacks as the Cowboys held a season-opening opponent to the fewest points in 22 years in a 19-3 win over the New York Giants.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — DeMarcus Lawrence strapped on the faux boxing championship belt that goes to the weekly MVP for the Cowboys, ready for the cameras with a subtle jab at reporters that they only want to talk to him after the Dallas defensive end gets sacks.

If he's right, that explained the crowd around him in the locker room at team headquarters three days after Lawrence had two sacks as the Cowboys held a season-opening opponent to the fewest points in 22 years in a 19-3 win over the New York Giants.

Lawrence is in his fourth season since the Cowboys drafted him in the second round two months after releasing franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware in a cost-cutting move. Injuries and a substance-abuse suspension have slowed his development, but a big year could be coming.

"It was very huge just to let me know that I've still got it," said Lawrence, who had a tone-setting sack of Eli Manning to force a three-and-out on New York's first possession. "It means a lot going into this season, really just getting those sacks and more to come. Once you get one, they just pile on."

They haven't really piled on yet for Lawrence. His career high was eight in 2015, the only one of his three seasons in which he's played all 16 games.

While Lawrence led the team, it was a hollow stat in a first-to-worst 4-12 season ruined by injuries to quarterback Tony Romo.

Lawrence served the four-game suspension at the start of last season, and missed the final three games of the regular season with back problems. The sack total in 2016: one.

The more important number for Lawrence was 10 games played, including a divisional playoff loss to Green Bay after the three-game break. The back issues were bad enough that not playing was a consideration beyond the three games he missed late.

"It was important to me," said Lawrence, who had a tackle for loss and two other pressures in the opener against the Giants. "I missed those four games and I felt like I owed my teammates more than what I had. There wasn't no time to back out and hide under the covers."

It was hard for Lawrence to hide from the day the Cowboys drafted him out of Boise State because he shared a first name with Ware, whose release was fresh on the minds of Cowboys fans.

Ware had eight sacks as a rookie, and followed that with seven straight seasons of double-digit sacks before going to Denver after the release and winning a Super Bowl.

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Bulldog cross country update

Special to The Herald

The Coahoma cross country team will travel to San Angelo Saturday for its next round of competition. The contest is set to begin at 9 a.m. at the San Angelo State Park.

"The kids have been working extremely hard on getting their times down," said cross country coach Byron Seal. "The first couple of meets have gone really well. We are excited about the upcoming meets and especially District. I expect us to do really well there."

The Coahoma ISD program heads back into competition after coming off strong performances by sophomore Austyn Montgomery and the junior high school boys team at the Hamlin cross country meet at the Hamlin Country Club Saturday, Sept. 9.

Individual results from the Hamlin meet are as follows:

Varsity Boys: CJ King, 30th, 20:32.86; Christian Klug, 36th, 21:48.67; D'Kota



Harrison, 44th, 23:08.42; and Matt Hernandez, 45th, 24:31.48.

Varsity Girls: Austyn Montgomery, 5th, 13:54.58; and Megan McDonald, 27, 15:45.73

Junior High Boys, 3rd Place team overall

Bryon Kerby, 4th, 9:33.66; Hector Colon-Rivera, 8th, 9:54.12; Grayson Jacobs, 9th, 9:56.28; Tanner Atkins, 17th, 10:47.32; McCartney Fitzhugh, 24th, 12:08.90; and Brandon Ceballos, 33rd, 13:24.69;

Big 12 SPOTLIGHT: Results show what 3 new coaches inherited



In this Sept. 9, 2017, file photo, Baylor coach Matt Rhule walks off the field following the team's 17-10 loss to UTSA in an NCAA college football game, in Waco, Texas.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

The situations inherited by the Big 12's three new head coaches are reflected in the results.

Matt Rhule never expected his job at Baylor to be easy. It's not. Tom Herman took over a Texas program with plenty of ups and downs since winning the league's last national title 12 seasons ago. Young Lincoln Riley suddenly found himself leading 10-time Big 12 champion Oklahoma with a Heisman Trophy-caliber quarterback.

The Sooners (2-0) already have a signature victory and a No. 2 national ranking, the Longhorns (1-1) gave

up 51 points in an opening loss before a shutout victory and the Bears (0-2) have lost twice to teams that never before had beaten a Power Five team.

"I didn't come here because I thought it was going to be a really easy job. I didn't come here saying to myself, 'Boy, this will be fun. This will be easy,'" Rhule said. "I came here saying, this is going to be epic. This is going to be awesome. This is going to be a process."

Rhule, coming off consecutive 10-win seasons and an American Athletic Conference title at Temple, also had a job offer from another Power Five school (Oregon) when he instead

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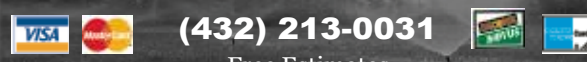
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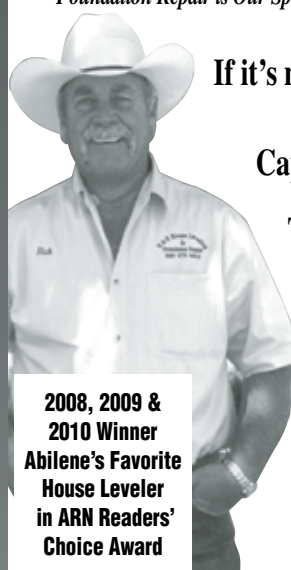
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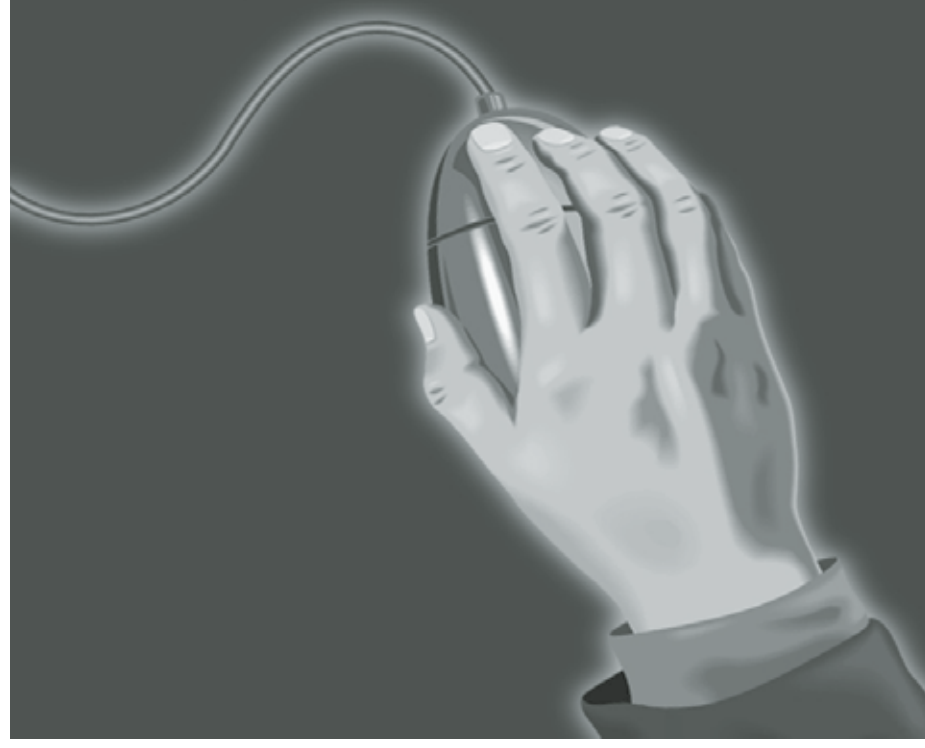
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Tomorrow’s Horoscope



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Mother Moon
Passage

There comes a point at which the main objective of a growing child is to achieve a sense of independence and control -- always a bittersweet passage for parents. Creative nurturing is the theme today as the moon crosses from the realm of the mother to the realm of the child. There’s something in each of us that wants to get big and break free.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). All your prophecies will not be self-fulfilling, thank goodness! However, the more you think something, the more power you give it, and that goes double for today, so focus yourself well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Thought for the evening: It’s

impossible to make anyone feel a certain way, but you can certainly be the wind that blows the sails toward that emotional destination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There will be a change in your team. This is not a change for better or worse; rather, it’s a change that everyone will have to get used to if you’re to continue forward as a group.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don’t have to be an experienced cook to know a recipe for trouble. Two or more incendiary elements are all that’s needed. The real question here: What is your tolerance for trouble?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While it’s true that all good things must come to an end, so must bad things, mediocre things and eventually (but not soon enough) dreadfully boring things. You’re getting better at wrapping things up and keeping faith that there’s better to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A string of good moods will lift you through the week-

end as though your heart really does have wings. Of course, the influence of that certain special person doesn’t hurt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You learn a lot about people because you don’t make assumptions about what’s going on with them. Your listening skills are all you need to deepen a connection and create understanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You look so good dealing with a less-than-ideal situation that it makes you appear much more competent and attractive than someone who doesn’t have anywhere close to the amount of hassles you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relaxed and playful -- that’s the way to be. There’s hardly a single thing today at work or in your personal life that warrants a stressed-out response.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What’s hard for you is easy for another. What’s hard for another is easy for you. So exchange work and

help each other out, why don’t you? Great things will come of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can’t change (SET ITAL) them,(END ITAL) but you can change you -- and oddly that will inspire just the change you were hoping for. So go on and boldly do what you would if (SET ITAL)they(END ITAL) didn’t even exist.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because a person possesses something doesn’t mean he or she feels good about it, appreciates it or is even remotely confident in it. Just remember that superficial appearances are often carefully constructed.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 15). You’ll be awarded, and rightly so: You’ve grown stronger, better at what you do and certain enough of yourself to weather the very wind that would have ruffled your feathers long ago. Because of this, you can let down your defenses and accept new love, challenge and more with a lighter, abler attitude. Capricorn and Scorpio

adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 13, 30, 48 and 19.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You show your true self because you’d rather have one person who’s crazy about you for who you are than a hundred admirers who don’t really know you. **TAURUS:** Meeting interesting people will bring energy to all of your relationships. **GEMINI:** Everyone has baggage. Then again, if you refuse to see it as baggage, it ceases to be that. **CANCER:** Your expectations will be met, but you would love it if someone would exceed them the way you try to do for others. **LEO:** People may not say what they mean, but that’s OK. You read beyond the words. **VIRGO:** Your secret is safer with others than it is with you! Vent or you’re likely to blow your top. **LIBRA:** You’re always looking for the nicest way to say something, and finding it is what will set you apart (and allow you to be more honest, too). **SCORPIO:** The changes you make to your physical

appearance will be noticed and admired. **SAGITTARIUS:** You’re not afraid to be vulnerable, and that, in and of itself, is a very attractive quality. **CAPRICORN:** Change up the rhythm. Your spontaneity is driving someone wild. **AQUARIUS:** Your friendships within an interesting crowd will help you in all kinds of ways now. **PISCES:** Tease, cajole, joke around and be generally rascally. It’s working for you!

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Leo moon rules the weekend, much to the interest of the Virgo sun. These are neighbors on the zodiac wheel who have often gazed at the dark windows of one another’s homes and wondered, “What goes on in there?” Well, this is the time to find out. Leo is not shy about extending an invitation and getting Virgo to stop trying to come up with the proper responses and have a little fun.

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Annie’s Mailbox ®

In the Middle of a
Feud

Dear Annie: Last summer, my granddaughter “Emily” got married. Her mother, “Angie” (my daughter), lives in the same town as Emily and said I could stay with her while I was in town. About a week before the wedding, Angie and Emily had a big falling-out. Emily told me she wasn’t allowing Angie to come to the wedding.

I talked to Emily for a long time and

persuaded her to let her mother and stepfather attend the wedding. On the day of the wedding, we were not seated where the bride’s family was supposed to sit. We had to sit a row back, as a symbolic gesture. Then my granddaughter had the best man come and get me and take me back to the dressing room. She asked me whether I would sit in the family section. We discussed this for a while, and I finally said OK. I was taken back into the chapel and seated in

the front row, in front of my daughter and the rest of the family.

When the service was over, Angie and her husband were not allowed to go to the reception, so I didn’t go, either. When we got back to Angie’s home, she wouldn’t even talk to me. My son-in-law told me it would probably be better if I went and spent the night elsewhere. I tried to explain why I had sat where I did, but Angie wouldn’t even listen to anything I said. She has not spoken to me or answered any letters I have sent her since. I’ve apologized many times, but she refuses to talk.

I love my daughter

very much, but I also love my granddaughter. I was trying to do what I thought was right by them both. My granddaughter talks to me all the time, but my daughter won’t have anything to do with me.

How can this be resolved so that my daughter and I can be on good terms again? I am 79 years old, and my daughter is 60. -- Heartbroken Mother and Grandmother

Dear Heartbroken Mother and Grandmother: You didn’t cause this problem, and you can’t fix it. It can be resolved only when your daughter decides to stop being vindictive. She is using you as an emo-

tional punching bag because of the issues she’s having with her own daughter.

What you’ve done so far -- explaining your side of the story, expressing your love -- is more than enough. Now all you can do is hope she drops the attitude. In the meantime, do keep up your relationship with your granddaughter, but be careful that she’s not using you to upset her mom. Don’t be a pawn in this petty game.

Dear Annie: I have read many stories in your column of people going through divorce or dealing with the fallout. There is an organization called DivorceCare, which

offers help for these people to heal from their pain. I’ve been there. I know it works. People need to give it a chance. You can find classes by going to <https://www.divorce-care.org>. -- Single Again

Dear Single Again: I’m sure some of my readers reeling from the pain of divorce will appreciate this tip. Thank you.

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By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:

East	South	West	North
Pass		Pass	1 ♥
Pass	?		

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

- ♠ KQJ97 ♥ J97 ♦ 5 ♣ K1098
- ♠ K9642 ♥ 7 ♦ AQ65 ♣ Q94
- ♠ 73 ♥ 8632 ♦ AKJ43 ♣ 95
- ♠ A85 ♥ K1073 ♦ 6 ♣ K9762

1. Two spades. A player who passes originally denies the values for an opening bid, but when he has passed a near opening bid, there are several ways he can immediately identify this. One way is by jump-shifting to another suit.

Without a previous pass, the response of one spade would be automatic, since this would be 100 percent forcing. But after you have passed originally, partner can pass a new-suit response. Here, where you have a heart fit plus a strong spade suit, the combined hands should offer a very good chance for game. The jump-shift apprises partner of that possibility and gives him a chance to reconsider if he had been planning to pass a one-spade response.

2. One spade. You have a maximum pass here also, but because of the heart misfit and the weakness of your spades, you should respond only one spade. Partner’s heart bid

has reduced the value of your hand, so game prospects are uncertain despite your 11 high-card points. Although the previous hand contained only 10 high-card points, it was much more promising — because of the established heart fit and the powerful spade suit — than this one.

3. Two hearts. Many players might bid two diamonds, not realizing that partner might pass before the heart fit was disclosed. It is better to announce the heart support at once. This is sure to raise the value of partner’s hand and might induce him to bid again, while a two-diamond response could leave his values unchanged and cause him to pass.

4. Four hearts. Considering the known heart fit and your attractive 5-4-3-1 distribution, this hand now ranks as a full opening bid. You should therefore bid game straightaway.

A raise to only three hearts would be excessively cautious. The double raise by a passed hand is merely invitational, not forcing, and you might find yourself left at the post if you bid only three hearts.

For those who play “splinter” bids, an alternate response would be four diamonds, indicating a hand that is good enough to raise to game in hearts and that contains a singleton or void in diamonds.

Tomorrow: With a little bit of luck.

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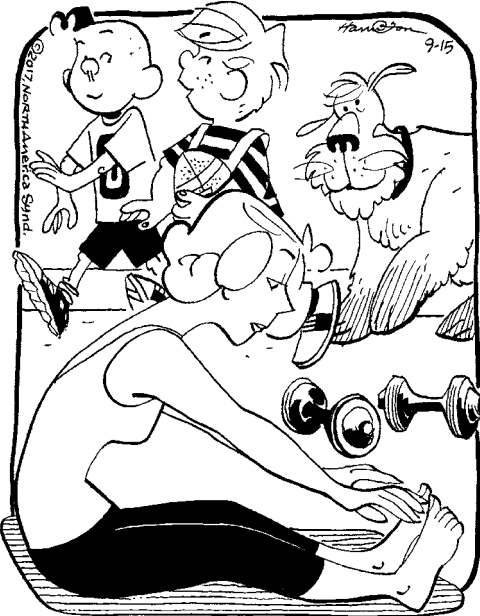
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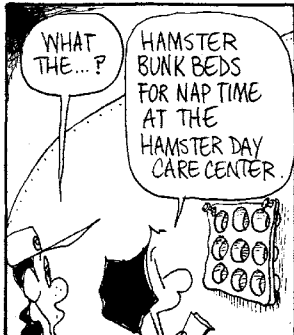
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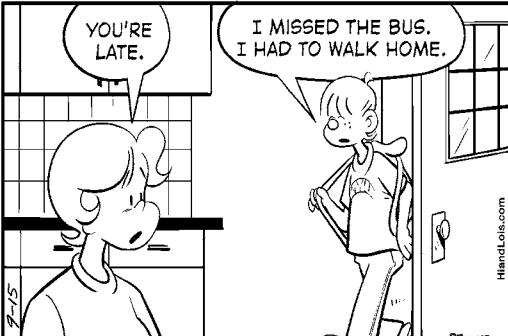
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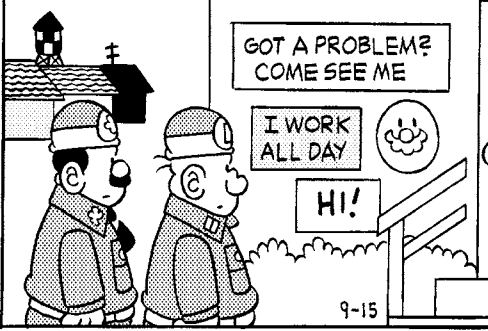
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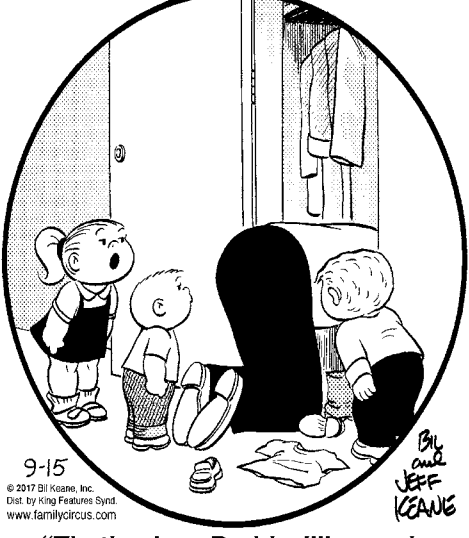


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"That's okay, Daddy. I'll go ask Mommy to find it. She's a better looker than you."

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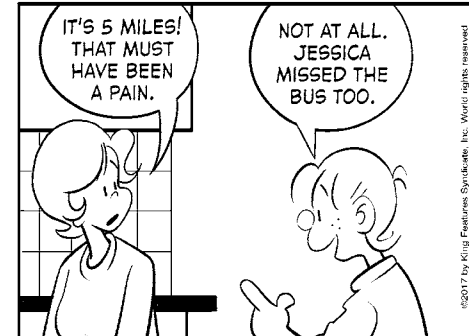
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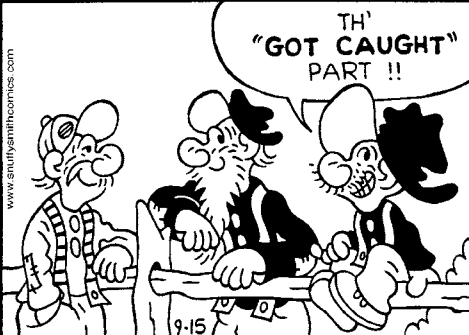
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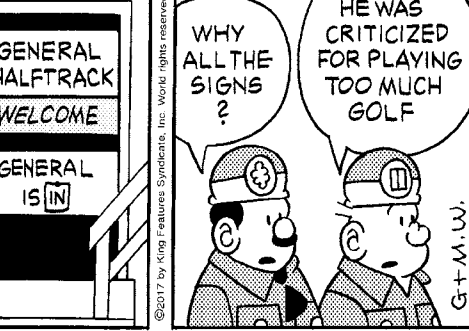
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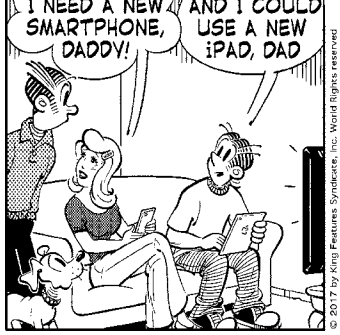
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2017. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On September 15, 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses upon the Luftwaffe.

On this date: In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge two weeks after he was found not guilty of treason.

In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as President of the United States and as U.S. chief justice — was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1917, the first issue of Forbes magazine was published.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1942, during World War II, the aircraft carrier USS Wasp was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; the U.S. Navy ended up sinking the badly damaged vessel.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces

landed at Incheon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul (sohl).

In 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

In 1972, a federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven men in connection with the Watergate break-in.

In 1981, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to approve the Supreme Court nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1997, two of the nation's most popular diet drugs — dextfenfluramine and fenfluramine — were pulled off the market because of new evidence they could seriously damage patients' hearts.

In 2000, the 2000 Summer Olympics opened in Sydney, Australia, with a seemingly endless parade of athletes and coaches and a spectacular display; Aborigine runner Cathy Freeman ignited an Olympic ring of fire.

Ten years ago: In his Saturday radio address, President George W. Bush said while "formidable challenges" remained in Iraq, the United States would start shifting more troops into support roles in addition to troop withdraw-

als announced earlier. Several thousand protesters marched from the White House to the Capitol to demand an end to the Iraq war. Sarah Thomas became the first female official to work a game in the Football Bowl Subdivision, formerly I-A, serving as the line judge in the Jacksonville State-Memphis game (which Memphis won, 35-14). Actress-comedian Brett Somers died in Westport, Connecticut, at age 83.

Five years ago: Four days after the deadly attack on a U.S. diplomatic outpost in Benghazi, Libya, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula called for more attacks on U.S. embassies. The State Department ordered non-essential government personnel and family members to leave its embassies in Sudan and Tunisia and warned U.S. citizens against traveling to the two countries.

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chose to go to a Bears program dealing with the aftermath of a sexual assault scandal.

When he got to Waco last December, Baylor had only one committed recruit and had lost most of its previous signing class after coach Art Briles was fired in May 2016.

Still, not even Rhule really anticipated Baylor losing its first two games — 48-45 to a Liberty team just starting the transition from FCS to the upper-level FBS, and 17-10 to UTSA .

"I think they feel a lot of pressure to win," Rhule said. "I think that's a mixture of not having won enough and then also some of the off-field things. I just think you see a group that's a little bit tight out there. So, we're trying to get them to, 'Let it go, man, let it rip.'"

The Bears, whose only win in their last nine games came in the Cactus Bowl, play at Duke on Saturday. They then start Big 12 play at home against Oklahoma before going to No. 18 Kansas State and No. 9 Oklahoma State.

Baylor has already used an

FBS-high 18 first-time starters, including five of the 15 true freshman who have played.

Oklahoma also had some new starters after its two top running backs and leading receiver went to the NFL. But the Sooners still have a championship tradition and quarterback Baker Mayfield, a top-four finisher in the Heisman voting each of the past two seasons.

"We felt confident about the group we took over," Riley said. "The success that coach (Bob Stoops) had here over the last several years, really the success that's happened here for a long, long time. ... It's just a very, very stable place."

The two-time defending Big 12 champions have a 12-game winning streak after their 33-16 victory at then-No. 2 Ohio State. That win, just days after Riley's 34th birthday, avenged a three-touchdown home loss to the Buckeyes last September.

Riley became a first-time head coach in June after Stoops unexpectedly resigned after 18 seasons with the Sooners that included the 2000 national championship and those 10 conference titles. Riley was his offensive

coordinator the past two seasons. Stoops, an Ohio native, was at the Horseshoe on his 57th birthday to share in the Sooners' big victory with his successor.

"Very, very special," Riley said "That will be part of it that I remember the most."

The Longhorns were a pre-season Top 25 team despite three consecutive losing seasons for the first time since the 1930s. They then lost 51-41 to Maryland in their opener at home.

But with a freshman quarterback making his first college start because of Shane Buechele's banged-up shoulder, Texas beat San Jose State 56-0 in Week 2.

"They could have been very distracted by all of the noise following that performance in game one, and rather than wallow in self-pity or listen to all the naysayers, we kind of took a bunker mentality," Herman said.

Texas now goes to fourth-ranked Southern California for the first matchup of those teams since their classic Rose Bowl at the end of the 2005 season. The Vince Young-led Longhorns pulled off a 41-38 upset victory for the national title.

"We are nowhere near a fin-



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In this Sept. 9, 2017, file photo, Texas head coach Tom Herman talks with players on the sideline during an NCAA college football game against San Jose State, in Austin, Texas.

ished product," Herman said. "We won that (San Jose State) game because we played so hard and we've got really good players. So I think that's a start. When you have got good players that play hard, you've got a chance."

TEXANS

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tight ends to concussions, plus a receiver and a guard. He ran five times for a team-high 67 yards and completed 15 of 24 passes for 125 yards with no interceptions and three sacks.

Watson won a national championship at Clemson with his dual-threat ability. The first-round pick used every bit of it in a conservative plan aimed at making the most of what the Texans had left on offense.

"I don't really get nervous when I step on the field," Watson said. "Football is football. This is what I've been dreaming of my whole life."

Some takeaways from the Texans' win:

WATSON'S PLAUDITS: Watson is the first rookie quarterback to win his first start on the road in a prime-time game since the Eagles' Joe Webb in 2010, according to Elias. He's the first quarterback in the last two seasons to lead his team in both passing and rushing and get a win.

"That's one of the things you've seen throughout his career at Clemson, and what we've seen in the preseason here," coach Bill O'Brien said. "He just has that ability and that knack."

WATT BACK IN FORM: J.J. Watt raised more than \$30 million for those affected when Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. He was emotional in the Texans' home opener Sunday and managed only one tackle and one quarterback hit. He was back in form Thursday with six tackles, one pass

deflection and one hit on Dalton. He also leveled center Russell Bodine on the game's final play after he got a lateral.

"Zig-zag, zig-zag, zig-zag, tired, tired, tired," Watt said, describing the multi-lateral play. "Thank you for throwing it to the guy closest to me — body slam."

MORE TEXANS INJURIES

Houston starting cornerbacks Johnathan Joseph (right shoulder) and Kevin Johnson (left knee) were hurt in the second half and didn't return, adding to the Texans' mounting injury woes. Linebacker Brian Cushing is serving a 10-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances.

DALTON'S STRUGGLES: Andy Dalton threw four interceptions , lost a fumble and finished with a passer rating of 28.4 in a 20-0 loss to the Ravens on Sunday, the first time the Bengals were blanked in a home opener. He was under heavy pressure again Thursday while going 20 of 35 for 224 yards with three sacks and a passer rating of 76.4. He has struggled against the Texans, his hometown team — he grew up in suburban Katy. Dalton is 1-6 career against Houston, including a pair of first-round playoff losses. He's thrown three touchdowns and seven interceptions.

CHANGES NEEDED: Receiver A.J. Green insisted that the Bengals need to do a better job getting the ball to their playmakers in the crucial moments. Asked if changes are ahead, Lewis said, "We're not going to talk about that right now."

DALLAS

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The 35-year-old Ware retired in the offseason after coming close to resigning with the Cowboys, instead settling for a club record that included a career-high 20 in 2008. Yes, that was his fourth season.

"As a pass rusher, it's like a developmental thing," Ware said. "You have to figure out how to study the game, what you do best and then breaking down the offensive linemen and developing your craft. From the beginning, it's always about effort and how consistent you can be."

Ware didn't miss a

game his first eight seasons with the Cowboys, whereas Lawrence didn't make it through his first training camp. He missed the first half of the season after breaking his foot going up against four-time Pro Bowl left tackle Tyron Smith.

"People talk bad about him because he's been injured and he wasn't able to play like himself," said Tyrone Crawford, fellow defensive lineman and Boise State alum. "Now that he's fresh and feeling good and he is rushing, people think he's evolved as a pass rusher or something. It's not that."

And that's probably the point Lawrence was trying to make.

"I'm just going to be

real, like, nobody wanted to talk to me until I get sacks, so, that's why I really don't care about talking now," Lawrence said. "For what? I just come to do my job. That's it."

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