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Former tax office clerk sentenced

Theft by public servant conviction nets Olivas six years in prison

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A former employee in the Howard County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office received a six-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to theft by a public servant charges.

Vanessa C. Olivas received the prison sentence Wednesday morning in



Wilkerson

118th Judicial District Court. The charge carried a potential sentence of up to 20 years.

Olivas was arrested in March following a Texas Rangers investigation in reference to infor-

mation received from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Olivas was accused of changing sales tax receipts for motor vehicle sales and pocketing the extra cash. In other instances, she would void sales tax receipts, change them to "tax exempt," and pocket the money.

All told, she was suspected

of stealing between \$40,000 and \$42,000.

"What we are attempting to do (with this sentence) is send the message that if you work for the government and you steal money, you're going to prison," District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said.

This is not the end of Olivas' legal troubles — she faces a

forgery indictment from Midland County and Wilkerson said he anticipates additional forgery charges to be filed against Olivas here in Howard County.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Only one contested race on GOP ballot

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

There will be only one contested race when Howard County Republicans decide their party nominees in the March 1 primary election.

Incumbent Oscar Garcia will face two challengers — Jesse Bravo and Chad Averette — for the Precinct 1 County Commissioner Republican nomination, which will be the only locally contested contest on the primary ballot, county election officials said today.

Other announced Republican candidates in area races are:

- District Attorney — Incumbent Hardy L. Wilkerson.
- County Attorney — Incumbent Joshua Hamby.
- County Sheriff — Incumbent Stan Parker.
- County Tax Assessor/Collector — Tiffany Sayles Fernandez (incumbent Diane Carter will not seek

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Photo courtesy Walt Disney Co.

Local Star Wars fans rejoice as saga returns

By **AMANDA ELSTON**

Managing Editor

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens," has officially awakened in Big Spring.

Crowds were lining up hours early — three hours early, in fact — to catch their first glimpse of the latest install-

ment of the Star Wars saga and to see new characters in action, such as Rey, Kylo Ren, and Finn, in addition to old favorites, Han, Luke, and Leia.

"We bought our tickets over a month ago," said Big Spring moviegoer Esmael Munoz as he waited almost first in line at the Big Spring Cinemark. "I'm really looking forward to seeing

the relationship of Rey and Kylo Ren to the other characters."

Munoz saw the original Star Wars film, "A New Hope," in theaters only a few days before he turned 5 years old. He has been a fan ever since.

"I saw the first one with my entire

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Symphony stages 'Nutcracker' Saturday

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

"The Nutcracker Ballet," a local holiday favorite performed by the Big Spring Symphony and featuring the Midland Festival Ballet, returns Saturday for a one-time performance this season.

"This is the first time we've been able to perform the ballet in the (Big Spring Municipal) auditorium since the renovations," said symphony conductor and artist director Dr. Keith Graumann. "We are very pleased to be returning to our usual performance home for this event."

For the past year, the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium has been closed while major renovations to lightening, rigging, draperies, and the stage area were conducted to make the area more accessible for modern day productions. The Nutcracker will be the first major production to be held in the auditorium since the reopening earlier this month.

More than 100 people are expected to help

bring the Nutcracker Ballet to life when the curtain rises at 7:30 p.m.

"The Nutcracker Ballet is Tchaikovsky's most well known work and contains some of his most brilliant writing," Dr. Graumann said. "From quiet, lyric sections to boister-

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Obituaries

Bill Alexander

January 22, 1925 – December 16, 2015

Billy (Bill) Charles Alexander, age 90, went to be with Jesus on Dec. 16, 2015. A funeral service celebrating his life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m. at Grace Gardens Funeral Home, 8220 Woodway Drive, Waco, Texas. Interment will follow at Waco Memorial Park. Visitation with family will be Friday, Dec. 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Grace Gardens.

Bill was born in Grand Saline, Texas to Charlie Monroe and Laura Mae Alexander. He attended school in Grand Saline, Texas and was an active boy scout in Troop 379. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December of 1941, Bill enlisted in the United States Navy and attended boot camp at San Diego, Calif. He enrolled in Aviation Radio School and Aviation Gunnery School and upon completion was assigned to Bombing Squadron VB-138 at Whidbey Island, Wash. His squadron was transferred to Pearl Harbor and eventually deployed for combat to the South Pacific in 1943. The squadron flew to Espirito Santo Island, the Fiji Islands, Wallis Island, New Caledonia and Guadalcanal after these territories were secured from the Japanese. The squadron was then sent to the Solomon Islands. His squadron flew 56 bombing missions during the following six months.

His next assignment was to Squadron VPB-124 and was sent to Hutchinson, Kan., to train in four engine bombers called "Liberators." Bill was sent back to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and assigned to VPB-119 in the Philippines. He flew 54 combat missions to the Chinese coast and to French-Indo China.

Sam Wells



Sam Wells, 95, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015, at his residence. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, with his son, Rev. Bruce Wells, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Sam was born Feb. 11, 1920 in Milen, Ga. to Julian and Jo Ward (Weeks) Wells. While in the United States Air Force, he met Mary Ann Findley. They married Dec. 24, 1943, in Big Spring and she preceded him in death Nov. 14, 1989. He then married

When World War II was over, his crew landed the first American aircraft on Japanese soil.

Bill was honorably discharged from the United States Navy on Jan. 21, 1946. He had earned the Combat Air Crew Wings with 3 stars, Asiatic Pacific Medal, Air Medal with 3 stars, Philippine Liberation Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Bill then began working for the Texas and Pacific Railway in October of 1946 as a telegrapher. He later became a communications maintainer for the Union Pacific Railroad in Big Spring, Texas and retired from the railroad after 42 years of service.

Because flying was his first love, he started pilot training and received his private, commercial and instructor pilot licenses. He also had a love for Amateur Radio and received his general, advanced and extra class licenses with a call sign W5TOC.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Monroe and Laura Mae Alexander, his sisters, Ruby Teal, Georgia Pegg, and Maudie Alexander and two brothers, Clifton and Clyde Alexander.

Bill is survived by his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Mary Lou Alexander, whom he married on Aug. 29, 1947. He is also survived by his daughter, Teresa and husband, Ed Contreras of Waco, Texas, and his beloved granddaughters Lisa and Laura Contreras of Austin, Texas, nieces Becky Hudgins of Colorado City, Texas, Judy Rankin of Midlothian, Texas, Deb Gibson and husband, Don, of Granbury, Texas, and nephew Jim Brown and wife, Liz, of Bulverde, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Jim Brown, Sean Clarke, John Contreras, Ronald Cunningham, Don Gibson and Rowan Meyer.

Paid obituary

Emma Lee Spivey June 25, 1990, and she preceded him in death Feb. 25, 2008.

Sam was a pilot and aircraft mechanic during World War II. He became an aircraft inspector for the Civil Service and was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. He enjoyed fishing and traveling and was a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Airport Baptist Church.

Sam is survived by his son, Rev. Bruce Wells and wife, Patsy of Central, S.C.; his daughter, Joetta Beck and husband, Bill of Big Spring; two stepsons, Tim Spivey and Roy Lee Spivey, both of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Judy Garner and husband, Richard of Abilene; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

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

Alvin Glenn Johnke



Alvin Glenn Johnke, 73, of Big Spring, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015 in Georgetown, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015, at the funeral home.

Alvin was born April 23, 1942, in Howard County, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring.

He graduated Big Spring High School, Class of 1962. He married Joy Dell Miller in 2006 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death May 30, 2013.

Alvin was a Service Technician at Sears Roebuck Co. for 37 years. Upon retirement, he owned and operated a small business for a number of years, specializing in appliance repair as well as HVAC. He enjoyed fishing and gardening, and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Adam Johnke of Austin and Allan Johnke of Sandy Springs, Ga.; one grandchild; one brother, Wayne Johnke of Big Spring; one sister, Charlene Henson of Baton Rouge, La.; and a cousin.

In addition to his wife, Alvin was preceded in death by his daughter, Amanda Johnke; his parents, Alfred and Betty Ida (Speaker) Johnke; and two sisters, Georgia Harmonson and Verlene Atkinson.

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

Sandy Sharp



Sandy Sharp, 73, of Waco, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015, after a sudden illness. A Family Gathering for Remembrance occurred Dec. 16, 2015, at Grace Gardens Funeral Home in Waco, Texas, following her last wishes. She will live on forever with her beloved Dallas Cowboys.

She was born Sandra Anita Traylor Aug. 30, 1942, to Louise Burgess and Ernest Traylor. They

both preceded her in death. She retired from the VA Hospital in Big Spring in 2010.

She is survived by her daughter, Marsha Sturdivant, and her son, Allen York, of Waco, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her son, John E. York, in 1995.

She will be sorely missed.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Patsy Odom

Patsy Odom, 84, of Stanton died Dec. 18, 2015 in a Big Spring nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Sat 12/19	Sun 12/20	Mon 12/21	Tue 12/22	Wed 12/23
 61/44 Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 61F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	 68/35 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	 66/37 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	 68/43 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 72/41 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 5:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM

the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• **JULIE RUSSELL FLYNN**, 46, was booked by the BSPD on two warrants for motion to revoke / possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams; charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, possession of a dangerous drug, possession of drug paraphernalia and fail to identify as a fugitive – giving false/fictitious information.

• **ANTHONY GAMEZ**, 39, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to comply – sex offender registration/motion to revoke probation; and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – intentionally giving false/fictitious information.

• **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

• **ELIDA CHRISTINA GUTIERREZ**, 20, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **JOANNA HERNANDEZ**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions.

• **FRANCISCO VALDEZ LICON**, 29, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for credit or debit card abuse.

• **PEARLA NAYELI MENA**, 17, was booked by the DPS on charges of no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility and warrants for no driver's license, fail to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear.

• **JUAN ANTONIO MONTEZ**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JOEL MORENO**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ERLINDA EVETTE RIOS**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief and theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1500.

• **DIANA LETICIA RODRIGUEZ**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• **AMBER NICOLE WILLIAMS**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation – theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JULIE RUSSELL FLYNN**, 46, of 901 S. Runnels St. was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of a dangerous drug, fail to identify – fugitive giving false/fictitious information, possession of drug paraphernalia and a warrant from another agency.

• **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 33, of 1523 E. 17th St. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

• **ANTHONY LEE GAMEZ**, 39, of 1002 N. Main Street 48 was arrested on warrants for failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false/fictitious information and a warrant from another agency.

• **JOANNA HERNANDEZ**, 31, of 603 George St. was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalide.

• **DIANA LETICIA**

RODRIGUEZ, 33, of 3232 Cornell Ave. was arrested on a warrant for theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500, shoplifting.

• **AMBER NICOLE WILLIAMS**, 24, of 3420 Kenwood, Fort Worth, Texas, on a warrant from another agency.

• **ROBERT WAYNE CARROLL**, 60, of 600 W. I-20 119 was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson St. and the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Dr.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 3rd St. and Owens.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of Hillside Dr. and the 1800 block of S.

Gregg St.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MICHAEL ALCANTAR**, 30, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance/cocaine.

• **ROBERT WAYNE CARROLL**, 60, was booked by



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Star Wars fans line up outside Cinemark 4 to catch the first showing of “The Force Awakens” Thursday afternoon.

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family, my brother, my sister, and my parents,” Munoz said. “I’ve seen them all in theaters ever since. I was a huge fan growing up.”

Munoz is among the first of fans to see the movie. While the official release date of “The Force Awakens” is today, movie theaters such as Cinemark opted to have earlier Thursday showings as early as 7 p.m. That particular showing quickly sold out.

While fans who see the movie early have a better chance of avoiding spoilers, Munoz and fellow Star Wars fan Tony Stuckert said that Disney was doing a good job of keeping the movie’s plot as secret as possible.

For fans who missed opening night, the Big Spring Cinemark is showing the film a whopping 27 times this weekend.

“Mark Hamil said for no one to post any spoilers at least for the first week,” said Stuckert. “Disney is even wiping out comments and websites that are posting spoilers.”

For fans who missed opening night, the Big Spring Cinemark is showing the film a whopping 27 times this weekend.

May the Force — and ticket purchasing — be with you.

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Take note

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

• Howard College will be hosting several “update meetings” throughout Howard County for interested citizens to gather more facts and information about Howard College as they prepare for the tax rate rollback election to be held in January 2016. Those dates are: Tuesday, Jan. 5, 12:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, (sign language interpretation provided); and Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Hall Center for the Arts Auditorium, Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Home Hospice is in need of volun-

teers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• 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

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• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• Howard County Community Health Center, 1300 South Gregg St., has certified application counselors who will help you apply and enroll in the Healthcare Marketplace during open enrollment. Please call 432-517-4557 to make an appointment to enroll in health coverage or renew/change last year’s coverage. The certified application counselor will help you decide what coverage options best fit

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• The largest fundraiser for the Hangar 25 Air Museum, the Silver Wings Ball will be held at the Hotel Settles, Jan. 23, 2016. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from any board member. To find out more information or to become a sponsor for the event, contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

• 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. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

SYMPHONY

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ous, exhilarating parts, most of the music is so appealing that it could be performed without the dancers. In fact, Tchaikovsky himself drew about 20 minutes of music from the ballet and published the Nutcracker Suite which is performed unstaged today even more often than the ballet.”

Members of the Midland Festival Ballet, local students from the Dance Gallery, as well as professional dancers from Houston and Atlanta will join with the professional musicians of the Big Spring Symphony to bring off this major production.

“We are very fortunate to have the Midland Festival Ballet, un-

der the artistic direction of Susan Clark, join us for this performance,” Dr. Graumann said. “Ms. Clark is a superb director and each dance scene is well conceived and integrated with the music.”

“I am really excited that we have Big Spring children included in the performance this year,” Dr. Graumann continued. “Stevie McKinnon, owner of the Dance Gallery, has rehearsed 12 local children both here and in Midland. She and the parents should be highly commended for their efforts in providing such a unique artistic opportunity for the children. It will be an experience for them that they will never forget.”

The score of the Nutcracker Ballet by Russian composure Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky has become one of his most famous pieces and the ballet is been performed all over world, mostly during the Christmas season.

“The Nutcracker Ballet is, to me, an adult fantasy,” Dr. Graumann said. “While there are parts that are enjoyed by children due to the holiday setting, the entire ballet will be enjoyed by adults. The music and dancing will be absolutely captivating.”

However, Graumann advises parents not bring children under

the age of about five because they “are not expected to enjoy the performance and will find it too lengthy for their attention.”

Tickets are \$20 and \$15 for seniors. Students through college age will be admitted free. Students younger than 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are for sale at Blum’s Jewelers, HEB, Heritage Museum, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, and the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau office.

“This is a special holiday offering and the second performance of our concert season,” Dr. Graumann said. “We’re proud to be bringing such a high caliber performance to our audience.”

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Bradley Ugstad, 62, died Tuesday. Memorial service will be at 3:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Carpet-bombing: wall-to-wall folly

After the Paris and San Bernardino attacks, Americans are simultaneously eager to smash the Islamic State and wary of another major ground war in the Middle East. Some presidential candidates have found the perfect way to satisfy both impulses: turning large swaths of Iraq and Syria into a smoking heap of debris and body parts.

Donald Trump has said, “I would bomb the s--- out of them.” Ted Cruz has vowed, “We will utterly destroy them. We will carpet-bomb them into oblivion.”

They haven’t gotten to the point reached by John McCain in 2007, when he sang a few bars of what he called “that old Beach Boys song ‘Bomb Iran.’” But Cruz shares McCain’s capacity for amusement. “I don’t know if sand can glow in the dark, but we’re going to find out,” he promised an audience in Iowa.

Neither candidate is likely to pay a political price for embracing wanton destruction. Massive, merciless aerial bombardment sounds good to voters because it’s simple, low-risk and spectacular on TV.

Nothing could be better than annihilating vicious enemies at minimal risk. A recent Washington Post-ABC News poll found 73 percent of Americans favor expanded airstrikes on the Islamic State, also known as ISIS.

But it’s a solution that won’t solve. The first flaw is that even the most ferocious use of air power can’t “completely destroy ISIS” as Cruz imagines. The second is that it stands to multiply our enemies and magnify the dangers we face. And that’s leaving out the matter that Trump and Cruz ignore, which is the death and injury inflicted on innocents.

Conventional bombing of German and Japanese cities failed



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to end World War II. During the Vietnam War, the U.S. dropped millions of tons of bombs, killing upward of 100,000 civilians, but the enemy survived and prevailed. In his 1996 book, “Bombing to Win,” University of Chicago defense scholar Robert Pape said the clear lesson of history is that “strategic bombing doesn’t work.”

The goal in past wars has been to force a government to capitulate by inflicting unbearable pain on its people or causing them to revolt. That’s a non sequitur in this case because there is no government to be coerced or toppled.

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During that period, the U.S. military has delivered more than 20,000 missiles and bombs on the enemy — which is a lot, considering that ISIS is estimated to have as few as 20,000 fighters.

Cruz says we carried out far more airstrikes against Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War. But then, we were fighting an established state with a 1 million-man army and a vast multitude of military assets. This war is more akin to going after the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001.

Newsweek reported then that the Bush administration had abandoned plans for an air campaign in Afghanistan because it couldn’t find enough worthwhile

targets — not because George W. Bush was too timid. As he put it, “I’m not going to fire a \$2 million missile at a \$10 empty tent and hit a camel in the butt.”

In Tuesday’s debate, Cruz was asked whether he would carpet-bomb Raqqa, the Syrian city of 220,000 people that is the de facto capital of the Islamic State. He replied, “You would carpet-bomb where ISIS is, not a city but the location of the troops.”

It was a non-answer. Does Cruz mean the enemy may lodge itself with impunity in urban neighborhoods? Or does he mean he would obliterate civilian areas if fighters are present there?

The latter has risks beyond being a likely war crime. Pape, who heads the Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism, told me that after the 2004 U.S. seizure of Fallujah, which caused hundreds of thousands of civilians to flee the city, al-Qaida in Iraq reaped so many new recruits that it quadrupled in size.

Such experiences caused Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to wonder, “Are we creating more terrorists than we’re killing?” Civilian casualties from American drone strikes — which are far more precise than what Trump and Cruz propose — have been numerous enough to alienate most Pakistanis and inspire some to commit terrorism.

President Richard Nixon, who greatly expanded aerial bombing in Vietnam, publicly boasted that his strategy was effective. He was lying. In 1973, he wrote a memo to his national security adviser that summarized his honest assessment of the net result: “zilch.”

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On terrorism, Cruz has no idea

When a good piece of time passed without a serious terrorist attack, politicians went soft. Many hawks on the right switched gears, turning on “big government” as the predominant evil and its national security programs as an assault on the privacy of innocent Americans.

detected. And even then, it had to first obtain a court order.

During the debate, tweeters thrilled to the brawl between Cruz and the other Cuban-American candidate, Marco Rubio. But there was real substance in their battle. Rubio, who supported the NSA program, came off as the man for all seasons. Cruz dissolved into frantic evasion.

What was Cruz’s reason for supporting a bill to stop the NSA program? “It ended the federal government’s bulk collection of phone metadata of millions of law-abiding citizens,” he explained.

Well, yeah.

Every day, security officials at American airports inspect the baggage of over a million law-abiding citizens to find the one possibly carrying a bomb. The jihadi terrorists who have preyed on this country appeared to be law-abiding, even model, citizens. By what magical, mystical powers of clairvoyance does Cruz think we can spot the “bad guys,” as he puts them?

The candidates routinely bashed President Obama as weak on terrorism. In truth, he

fought like a tiger to retain the NSA’s ability to conduct bulk surveillance. In doing so, he often butted heads with fellow Democrats jumping on the same phony privacy-rights bandwagon as did Cruz.

(Would someone please explain why an NSA computer’s going through raw metadata — a computer that doesn’t even register our names — is somehow violating our privacy? Furthermore, what is so private about information that the phone company has?)

Republican backers of the NSA program, such as Rubio and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, also had to buck their own party. As it turned out, the program was killed by a Republican-run Senate and a Republican-led House, with considerable help from Democrats.

The collection of the metadata has already ended, and soon all the information will reside with the phone companies. To get at it, the NSA will have to obtain a warrant and take it to a phone company, of which there are thousands.

The goal of protecting both security and privacy is a worthy one, but it requires two things: One is the maturity to accept the often-difficult trade-offs. The other is an understanding of what the data collection being considered actually involves.

It’s unclear how we can have security without a federal bulk surveillance program. Terrorists don’t walk around wearing neon “bad guy” signs.

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1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."
Psalms 91: 14-16

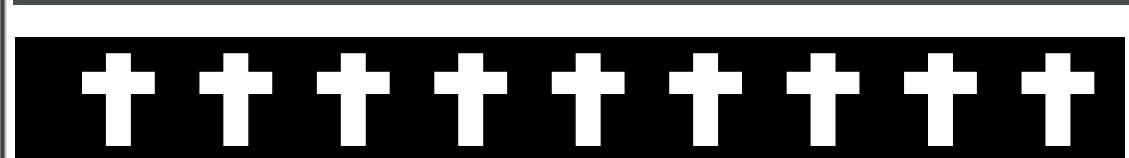
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They were led by God! A pillar of cloud led them by day, and a pillar of fire led them by night.

For three days the pillar led them East, toward the Sea of Reeds. Then He turned, leading them to retrace their steps and camp before Baal Zephon, the only idol left standing after the plagues.

God told Moses, “Pharaoh will think that the people cannot cross the sea ahead of them and are imprisoned in the land of Egypt. I shall strengthen his heart and he will pursue My people. I will be glorified through Pharaoh and his entire army, and Egypt will know that I am Hashem.”

Remember, Hashem is God’s name



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when He is showing Mercy when mercy is not really due.

We can rationalize several reasons for this. Maybe God was giving Pharaoh enough time to overcome his shock and grief. Maybe Pharaoh still thought the Hebrews were going to be gone only three days as Moses originally demanded. Maybe God was allowing Pharaoh to build false hope that this one Egyptian idol was stronger than God.

When this was told to Pharaoh, for he had sent spies among the mixed-multitude, he must have awakened from his stupor. He realized that in addition to the loss of all the firstborn, he had lost a multitude of slaves! He must act quickly and get them back!

He took all the chariots and soldiers of Egypt to chase after the Children of Israel.

Have you noticed that after Jacob blessed each of his sons and they became heads of their tribes, the

entire people began to be called the Children of Israel? Earlier they were called Hebrews because Abraham led them away from idol worship; they had ‘crossed over.’ They are called the Children of Israel now because Jacob was given the name Israel when he wrestled the angel.

Pharaoh and his army came upon them while they were encamped by the sea. The people feared and wished they had remained slaves in Egypt instead of dying in the desert.

God said to Moses, “Stand fast and see the salvation of Hashem. Hashem shall make war for you and you shall never see them again!”

The pillar arose and moved between the Children of Israel and Pharaoh’s army. The pillar of fire illuminated the camp of Israel, while the Egyptians experienced that 7th night of darkness of the Plague of Darkness.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and Hashem moved back

the water. Hashem made a corridor through the seabed with walls of water on each side of the path.

When Egypt pursued them into the seabed, God caused the walls of water to collapse behind the Children of Israel. In Egypt’s rush to get through the seabed, the wheels of their chariots hit large rocks and broke the wheels. They could not even turn and hurry back to Egypt. The sea rushed in on Pharaoh’s army, drowning men and horses.

The next morning the bodies of the dead Egyptians washed up on shore. God showed the Children of Israel that He had, indeed, fought their battle for them.

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Church News

Birdwell Lane church of Christ

At the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane

You are invited to study God’s word and worship with us.

Sunday:

Bible Study – 9 a.m.

Worship – 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible study and devotional – 7 p.m.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will have our children’s Christmas program titled, “The Plane Truth about Christmas” during morning worship. A short message from Matthew 2 will follow titled, “Did You Find Christmas?”

Our studies on Sunday evenings continues this week with the next segment of our “Heaven: Now and Then” series. This study will focus on what Heaven may be like as we enter it now, and what it will be like when Jesus returns. This Sunday evening our topic of discussion will be, “The Tribulation, Part XXIII: Creation Renewed.”

There will be a candlelight service on Thursday at 6 p.m. We will also observe Lord’s Supper during that service. Bring your families and enjoy the true meaning of Christmas.

We will have no activities or adult Bible study Wednesday. Regular youth and children’s activities will resume on Wednesday afternoons after the Christmas break. Youth and children’s meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., and age-appropriate classes will begin at 6 p.m. We will be offering CHAOS for youth, GA’s for girls, RA’s for boys, and Heroes in Training for kids age 3-5.

We will gather for Sunday Brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 9:50 a.m. this Sunday morning. Our guest speaker for the Sunday Brunch will be Brian Colbath from Circle Six Baptist Camp.

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

First Baptist Church – Big Spring

“My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to You, Lord,” are the words of Psalm 71:23. Gather with us as we raise our voices in praise and adoration of our Mighty Savior, Jesus Christ, Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the message series “The Songs of Christmas” in which we have been exploring some classic songs celebrating the birth of our Lord. Drawn from Matthew 2:9-11 and Matthew 28:8-9, this week’s sermon will focus on the stirring music titled “O Holy Night”. If you are unable to attend, you may worship with us through the live stream on our web page at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday school groups meet throughout the building, and offer a great way to spend time with friends while studying the Bible. Greeters

are available to help you find your class and direct you to coffee.

Sunday evening at 5 p.m., come enjoy a time of Christmas caroling as we go to designated places to spread some seasonal fun with songs. All are welcome to participate.

There will be no Wednesday evening meal or activities Dec. 23, and church offices will be closed December 24 and 25th.

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. Thursday; we will partake of the Lord’s Supper during this special time of rejoicing and reflection. Sunday Dec. 27, we will have morning worship service at 10:50 a.m., but no Sunday school or evening service.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. You are always welcome at FBC, and we will do our best to welcome you and make you feel at home. Merry Christmas.

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The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Come explore the true meaning of the Christmas season through praise and worship of Jesus Christ, and the study of the Bible. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including scheduled activities and Wednesday evening happenings, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com. Merry Christmas!

First Presbyterian Church – Big Spring

The lectionary for Sunday is Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. For the offertory anthem the Chancel choir will present “A Babe Is Born” by Jill Gallivan. The Christmas Joy offering, which goes to support the assistance program of the Board of Pensions and PC(USA) racial-ethnic leadership development, will be received during worship.

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

Susan McDaniel is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers for December are Don and Christine Boling, Louise Hitch, and John Yater. Buddy Cochran is Lector for December. Lynn and Helen Glass will light the fourth Advent candle on Sunday.

Todd and Jennifer Patterson will light the Christ candle on Thursday. Ushers for the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service of Carols and Candles are Lynn Glass, Tom Koger, Danny Kennemur, and Paschal Odom.

The Children continue the Advent study called

“Christmas Messengers,” which presents the idea that angels were sent as messengers from God to tell the good news of Jesus’ birth and that we can be such messengers and Kay Kennemur will teach the video component of this series.

John Ferguson leads the adult Covenant Class in a new unit entitled “Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings.”

The adult Discovery Class has begun a new 6-session DVD study by Adam Hamilton entitled “The Call,” a study on the life and ministry of Paul, a man second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith.

Saturday, from 2-4 p.m. there will be a book signing for the newest book by Marj Carpenter at the Heritage Museum. This is a compilation of some of her “Ridin’ Fence” columns that appeared in the Big Spring Herald. Carpenter previously worked in publications for the Presbyterian Church USA and served a term as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA.

This Wednesday everyone is invited to join the children and youth to go caroling. We will meet at the church in the north foyer by the Fellowship Hall at 4:30 p.m. to run through the songs and carols with Susan Dawes and Linda Miracle. After running through songs, we will go to Park Place and be ready to sing at 5:30 p.m.. The Chancel choir will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. as usual.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what’s happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. Like us on Facebook.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church invites you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for our 2015 Christmas Message.

Monday at 6 p.m. our Far above Rubies Women’s Ministry will be gathering in the CCC Misfits Lounge for this year’s ornament exchange. Bring a finger food and an ornament.

Wednesdays, Dec. 23 and 30, we will not have Wednesday night Bible study due to the Christmas holiday.

Sunday, Jan. 3 at 10:30 a.m. join CCC for our New Year’s service.

Monday, Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. the Soul Sisters woman’s small group will be getting together the first and third Mondays of the month at 1709 Yale Ave (Kathryn Lane’s home). All ages are welcome.

Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m for worship.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th Street. For office hours or other question about the ministry contact the administrative office at 432-264-0015. You can also find us at facebook.com/cccbigspring or visit www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Christian Church

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Advent. Our minister, Dan Miracle will use Luke 1: 39:45 as a guide for his sermon. This is when Mary is pregnant and has traveled over one hundred miles to see her kinswoman Elizabeth, who is also pregnant. The two pregnant women meet, and at that moment Elizabeth’s unborn baby responds by suddenly moving and kicking in her womb. She takes this sudden movement, at this particular meeting, as a sign. In a moment of penetrating spiritual clarity, Elizabeth recognizes she is being visited by the mother of the expected Messiah. She pronounces a blessing on the younger woman.

Remember there is no Board Meeting this month. Dan Miracle is serving as our guest minister and he is glad to fulfill any spiritual needs that may occur. Please call our church office at 432-517-4821 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to



Put to the test

1 John 4:1-6, *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard of coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and*



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the spirit of error (ESV).

First of all, John is addressing another Gnostic heresy. Remember back in 2:22 that there were some saying that Jesus was just a man and only became the Christ when he received God's Spirit at his baptism. John called them antichrists because their teachings contradicted what Jesus and the Apostles taught. Another Gnostic heresy claimed that Jesus is the Christ and fully God, but since he is God he was not a man. He only "appeared" as a man. John calls them antichrists as well. Jesus is the eternal Word (John 1:1) Who took on flesh (John 1:14). He created all things (John 1:3) and by His divine power everything continues to exist (Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-3). Of His own free will He submitted to the Father's plan and took the form of a man and accepted the role of the Son (Philippians 2:5-8). To deny that Jesus is God is false, but to deny that Jesus came in the flesh is just as false.

Finally, as followers of Jesus today we need to understand what it is we are to know and do to be His faithful servants. Do we listen to what the world says about God and religion? Do we listen to anyone who claims to be speaking on God's behalf? The Apostle John says that we, each individual disciple, must put things to the test. In order to test something, though, you have to have a standard with which something can be compared. In school we would call that the grading key.

The night before His death Jesus promised the Apostles that the Father would give them another Helper (John 14:16). That Helper would be the Spirit of truth (John 15:26). The Holy Spirit would guide the Apostles into all truth (John 16:13; also notice in verses 13-15 the chain of authority that Jesus reveals – the Father to the Son to the Spirit to the Apostles). The Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) and Peter and the rest of the Apostles preach the

good news and the church was established that day. Those early disciples then devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42).

The Apostle Paul would write that the Scriptures are inspired, literally God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Peter writes that he and the other Apostles were giving their eyewitness accounts as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit to do so (2 Peter 1:16-21). Jesus, as He prayed to the Father before His death, said that His followers would be set apart, or sanctified, by the truth of God's word (John 17:17). The Bible is the grading key! God's word is the only standard that we use to put things to the test.

What do I believe and why do I believe it? What do I need to do in order to receive God's grace and have a relationship with Him? Put it to the test. What does God's word say?

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

CHURCH NEWS

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Friday, you may leave a message if you wish. We are happy to assist if we can. Our Sunday services begin at 11:50 a.m. each Sunday, coffee and fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. We are located at 911 Goliad.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

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Sunday Service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 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.

Bobby Roevers will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Christmas Schedule is:

Children's Service – Sunday at 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Thursday at 7 p.m.

Christmas Morning – Friday at 10 a.m. with communion

New Year's Eve – Dec. 31, 2015 at 7 p.m. with communion

Our Wednesday night bible study is on hold until January of 2016. A meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and classes will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please join us.

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 a.m. and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. To connect with us call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Spring Creek Fellowship

You are invited to join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Thursday at 6 p.m. We will be delivering cookies to those that have to work on Christmas Eve imme-

diately after the service. Please bring cookies packaged by the dozen in zipper seal bags if you have a favorite goodie recipe you want to share.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday- 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. – Sunday school/connection groups

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

10:45 a.m. - Noon – Worship Service

Tuesday-

Noon – 2 p.m. - Prayer team

Noon - Narcotics anonymous

6 p.m. - Pain management group

Friday-

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. -

Narcotics anonymous

Saturday-

7:30 a.m. - Weekly

men's prayer breakfast and fellowship

10 a.m. - "Sowing Seeds

of Hope" crafting fellowship

Sunday

4 p.m. - "Grief Share"

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events,

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Reflections: The Christmas journey

Christmas is a family event. Brothers, sisters, parents and children go to great expense and see each other. They drive hundreds of miles, fly across the continent or around the world to celebrate the holidays together. Paper stars colored by little hands that grew into manhood and womanhood adorn the Christmas trees. Decorations, unboxed from Christmases past, remind us of those we loved who are no longer here. Brightly wrapped packages wait beneath the tree, symbols of our desire to bless one another and look to the future.

That first Christmas was a fam-



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ily event. When we rehearse the Christmas story, we conjure up images of Joseph trudging along the Jordan valley leading a donkey on which Mary was balanced. He must have glanced at her often, concerned for his young wife, full-term in her pregnancy. A look of admiration and love played upon his face, mixed with worry.

Faith, above all, propelled them in their journey. But the circumstances were difficult and not of their choosing. They were on the road, at this most inconvenient and vulnerable time, because Caesar required it. They were making the arduous journey to Bethlehem so Joseph could enroll for the Roman tax. Even young couples about to deliver a baby were not excused from the census.

They did not know the future. They believed God was in it, but had no way of knowing where they

would sleep, or how they would make their way after the child was born. Like all fathers, Joseph was concerned about how he would care for his wife and child. Mary's thoughts were about the baby that squirmed within her.

Joseph's fears would have been multiplied if he had known, while trudging along the stony path, that there would be no place for them to stay, that the child would be born in a common stable, a trough for the animals would have to serve for a crib. But his faith in God sustained him. His hope for the future lifted his face.

Christmas is like that for us today. We are all on a journey. Some are more difficult and precarious than others. Our minds are filled with hopes, dreams, anxiety, worry and faith. Some have been laid off and are searching for a job. Some are starting their careers, uncertain

about what the future might hold. Some have suffered tragedy, pain and loss. Some are battling illness. Some are celebrating a new birth.

When God sent His Son, He blessed our human experience. He entered into our journey. When He sent Jesus, he identified with our weaknesses, our fears, our hopes, our dreams and our faith. He blessed us as families: mothers and fathers loving one another, finding our way, caring for children in challenging circumstances and believing that, somehow, God is in it all. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He will accomplish His purposes on the earth.

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

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please contact the church office or visit our website.

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Thank you to everyone that came through the Drive Through Nativity last week. Join us on Sunday morning as we continue to celebrate the Advent Season. If you missed last week's service or are interested in seeing what it's all about got to our webpage at nazfamily.org.

Be sure and go to our website to see all the small

groups going on that you can get involved in.

Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes start at 9 a.m. throughout the campus.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children's church at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday nights we have weekly prayer starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

Our mission is to win the lost and disciple people through the vision of loving God, loving others and loving community.

You can listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of our service.

Contact the church office at 432-267-7015 if you have any questions or visit us in the glass class following Sunday service to sit and visit.

Food 2 Kids helps local kids eat on the weekends

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.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Jan 4-5.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

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December 24th
Christmas Eve Services • 7:00 p.m.

December 25th
Christmas Day Services • 10:00 a.m.

December 31st
New Year's Eve Services • 7:00 p.m.

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Harden, Jones lead Rockets past Lakers again, 107-87

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant and Dwight Howard shared a brief pregame hug and a few in-game laughs during the Houston Rockets' comfortable win over the Lakers.

Even though Howard refused to stay on Bryant's team 2 1/2 years ago, the center still felt some sentimentality for the superstar in his farewell season.

James Harden scored 25 points, and Howard added 16 points and 15 rebounds in the Rockets' second victory over Los Angeles in six days, 107-87 on Thursday night.

Bryant scored 22 points and dunked for the first time in his farewell season, elevating over Clint

Capela for a one-handed jam. Howard admired it along with everybody in the building.

"I already know what the headlines are going to say: Kobe turned back the hands of time," Howard said. "I didn't think he had enough legs to do it, but it's pretty cool. We got to see the old guy still has the legs a little bit."

Howard and Bryant parted under acrimonious circumstances in 2013, with Howard leaving millions on the table by refusing to return to the Lakers as a free agent. Howard's move also essentially guaranteed Bryant would finish his career without a sixth ring with the Lak-

ers.

But Bryant's third-quarter jam was the latest evidence of rejuvenation for the 20-year veteran over the last two weeks. He went 9 for 16 and grabbed eight rebounds.

"My legs felt lively and they felt springy," Bryant said. "I don't know where it came from, but it was there. I can't really explain it. I feel like I can maintain this, and it's always a give-and-take with Father Time. Sometimes he lets me lead the way, and sometimes he leads the way, so you just kind of roll with it. It's a good idea not to mock Father Time. So I'll just say that as long as he

lets me lead the way, I'm cool with that."

STEADY WIN

Terrence Jones had 16 points to help the Rockets avoid a winless three-game trip. They never trailed in their fifth straight win over the Lakers at Staples Center, Houston's longest road winning streak in the rivalry's history.

"There weren't as many periods that we've had in the past of let-down, loss of intensity, loss of focus," interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff said.

KOBE'S DUNK

The 37-year-old Bryant hadn't dunked in the

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Player Spotlight

Garrett Evans

Sophomore

16 years old

Point Guard

Evans has been

playing basketball

since he was five

years old, and started

playing for school

in 7th grade. Evan's favorite player, Kyrie Irving,

plays on his favorite team, the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Evans describes basketball as his passion. "My

favorite part about playing for Forsan is the love and

growing relationships with my teammates that I will

never forget," Evans said.

Favorite quote: "The ultimate challenge of a man

is not where he stands in moments of comfort

and convenience, but where he stands at times of

challenge and controversy." - Martin Luther King



Scoreboard

NBA

Monday's Games

Indiana 106, Toronto 90
Orlando 105, Brooklyn 82
L.A. Clippers 105, Detroit 103, OT
Chicago 115, Philadelphia 96
Memphis 112, Washington 95

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 89, Boston 77
Denver 112, Minnesota 100
Sacramento 107, Houston 97
L.A. Lakers 113, Milwaukee 95

Wednesday's Games

Indiana 107, Dallas 81
Orlando 113, Charlotte 98
Miami 104, Brooklyn 98
Detroit 119, Boston 116
New York 107, Minnesota 102

Thursday's Games

Chicago 98, Memphis 85
Oklahoma City 106, Portland 90
Atlanta 127, Philadelphia 106
San Antonio 114, Washington 95

Friday's Games

Brooklyn at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Toronto at Miami, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

New Orleans at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Indiana at Memphis, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8 p.m.
NHL
Edmonton 3, Boston 2, OT
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1

Wednesday's Games

Washington 2, Ottawa 1
Boston 3, Pittsburgh 0
Buffalo 3, Anaheim 0
Florida 5, New Jersey 1
Philadelphia 2, Vancouver 0

Thursday's Games

San Jose 5, Toronto 4, OT
Los Angeles 3, Montreal 0
St. Louis 2, Nashville 1
Minnesota 5, N.Y. Rangers 2

Friday's Games

Chicago 4, Edmonton 0
Calgary 3, Dallas 1
Colorado 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Columbus 7, Arizona 5

Saturday's Games

Boston at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 3 p.m.

Monday's Games

Los Angeles at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Montreal at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Chicago at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 10 p.m.
All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 19
Celebration Bowl
Atlanta
NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn
State (9-3), Noon
New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
Arizona (6-6) vs. New
Mexico (7-5), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Heart of Dallas Bowl

Washington (6-6) vs. Southern Mississippi (9-4), 3:20 p.m. (ESPN)
Pinstripe Bowl
Bronx, N.Y.

Duke (7-5) vs. Indiana (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Tulsa (6-6), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Foster Farms Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.

Nebraska (5-7) vs. UCLA (8-4), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 28

Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
Navy (10-2) vs. Pittsburgh (8-4), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit

Central Michigan (7-5) vs. Minnesota (5-7), 5 p.m. (ESPN2)

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth, Texas
Air Force (8-5) vs. California (7-5), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Russell Athletic Bowl
Orlando, Fla.

North Carolina (11-2) vs. Baylor (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Arizona Bowl

Tucson
Nevada (6-6) vs. Colorado State (7-5), 7:30 p.m. (ASN)
Texas Bowl
Houston

Texas Tech (7-5) vs. LSU (8-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Auburn (6-6) vs. Memphis (9-3), Noon (ESPN)
Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.

NC State (7-5) vs. Mississippi St. (8-4), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl

Nashville, Tenn.
Louisville (7-5) vs. Texas A&M (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
San Diego

Wisconsin (9-3) vs. Southern Cal (8-5), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31

Peach Bowl
Atlanta
Houston (12-1) vs. Florida State (10-2), Noon (ESPN)
Orange Bowl (Playoff Semifinal)
Miami Gardens, Fla.

Clemson (13-0) vs. Oklahoma (11-1), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl Classic

(Playoff Semifinal)
Arlington, Texas
Alabama (12-1) vs. Michigan State (12-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Northwestern (10-2) vs. Tennessee (8-4), Noon (ESPN2)

Citrus Bowl

Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Florida (10-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.

Notre Dame (10-2) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Rose Bowl

Pasadena, Calif.
Iowa (12-1) vs. Stanford (11-2), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Sugar Bowl
New Orleans

Oklahoma State (10-2) vs. Mississippi (9-3), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 2

TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Penn St. (7-5) vs. Georgia (9-3), Noon (ESPN)
Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.

Kansas St. (6-6) vs. Arkansas (7-5), 3:20 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl

San Antonio
Oregon (9-3) vs. TCU (10-2), 6:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Cactus Bowl
Phoenix

West Virginia (7-5) vs. Arizona State (6-6), 10:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 11

College Football Championship Game
Glendale, Ariz.
Orange Bowl winner vs. Cotton Bowl winner, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23

East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (NFLN)
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.

National vs. American, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Jan. 30

Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (NFLN)
TRANSNATIONS
BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — SUSPENDED N.Y. Mets RHP Connor Buchmann (Kingsport-Appalachian) 50 games for a violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Designated INF Chris Johnson for assignment. Agreed to terms with OF Rajai Davis on a one-year contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS

Agreed to terms with RHP Brandon Kintzler; C Juan Centeno; LHPs Fernando Abad, Buddy Boshers, Dan Runzler and Aaron Thompson; INFs James Beresford, Buck Britton, Heiker Meneses and Wilfredo Tovar; and OFs Joe Benson, Darin Mastroianni, Reynaldo Rodriguez and Ryan Sweeney on minor league contracts.

NEW YORK YANKEES

Sent INF Brendan Ryan to the Chicago Cubs to complete an earlier trade.

SEATTLE MARINERS

Agreed to terms with RHP Hisashi Iwakuma on a one-year contract and OF Mike Baxter, INF Ed Lucas, LHP Brad Mills and RHPs Casey Coleman and Blake Parker on minor league contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS

Agreed to terms with OF Justin Ruggiano on a one-year contract. Named Howard Johnson manager of High Desert (Cal). Named Homer Bush director of youth baseball programs.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Named Chipper Jones special assistant to baseball operations.

CHICAGO CUBS

Designated RHP Yoervis Medina for assignment. Named John Baker baseball operations assistant. Named Jim Brower minor league hitting coordinator; Andy Haines minor league hitting coordinator; Rod Nichols pitching coach, Shane Nelson trainer and Sean Folan assistant trainer of Iowa (PCL); Clark Johnson manager of Tennessee (SL); Buddy Bailey manager, Anderson Tavares pitching coach, Juan Cabreja assistant coach and Toby Williams trainer of Myrtle Beach (Carolina); David Rosario pitching coach, Guillermo Martinez hitting coach, Ricardo Medina assistant coach and Mike McNulty trainer of South Bend (MWL); Jesus

Feliciano manager, Brian Lawrence hitting coach, Ty Wright pitching coach, Gary Van Tol coach and Logan Severson trainer of Eugene (NWL); Jeremy Farrell and Chris Valaika hitting coaches and Lance Rymel rehab coach of the AZL Cubs; Claudio Almonthe manager, Eduardo Villacis pitching coach, Jose Cueto assistant pitching coach, Carlos Ramirez hitting coach, Antonio Valerio and Jovanny Rosario assistant coaches and Amaury Gonzalez strength coach of the DSL Cubs; and Pedro Gonzalez manager, Armando Gabino pitching coach, Franklin Bianco hitting coach, Carlos Rojas assistant coach, Arnoldo Goite trainer and Manny Estrada strength and conditioning coach of the VSL Cubs.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

Named Bob Geren bench coach, Turner Ward hitting coach, George Lombard first base coach, Chris Woodward third base coach, Josh Bard bullpen coach, Tim Hyers assistant hitting coach and Juan Castro quality assurance coach.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

Agreed to terms with RHPs Andrew Bailey and Edward Mujica on minor league contracts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Acquired 1B Jason Rogers from Milwaukee for OF Keon Broxton and RHP Trey Supak. Agreed to terms with INF/OF Sean Rodriguez on a one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

Agreed to terms with RHP Johnny Cueto on a six-year contract.

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed OF Robbie Kuzdale. WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHPs Brandon Shimo and Kevin Becker-Menditto.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released LHP Dan Meyer and RHP Nick Purdy.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Recalled Fs James Ennis and Jarell Martin and G Russ Smith from Iowa (NBADL).

Women's National Basketball Association

CONNECTICUT SUN — Named Curt Miller coach.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed G Eric Herman to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Waived LB Daniel Adongo. Signed CB Tay Glover-Wright from the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Claimed WR Leonard Hankerson off waivers from Atlanta and OT LaAdrian Waddle from Detroit.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Placed CB Damian Swann and RB Marcus Murphy on injured reserve. Signed DB Tony Carter and RB Kendall Hunter. Signed RB Toben Oporum from the practice squad. Signed WR Shane Wynn to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS

Signed DT Barry Chelf. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Waived QB Brad Sorensen, Claimed OL Jeff Linkenbach off waivers from Miami.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Signed DT Justin Hamilton to the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS

Placed LB Derrick Morgan on injured reserve. Claimed WR Damaris Johnson off waivers

from New England.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Fined Ottawa F Zack Smith \$2,000 for diving/embellishment.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS

Assigned Brian O'Neill to Albany (AHL). Activated F Tuomo Ruutu from injured reserve.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

Reassigned G Andrei Vasilevskiy to Syracuse (AHL). Recalled G Krysters Gudleviskis and C Mike Angelidis from Syracuse.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

Reassigned D Aaron Ness to Hershey (AHL). Recalled D Connor Carrick from Hershey.

American Hockey League

ALBANY DEVILS — Released C Greg Wolfe from his professional tryout agreement.

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS

Recalled F Josh Holmstrom from Missouri (ECHL).

LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS

Loaned D Mike Marcou to Reading (ECHL).

ST. JOHN'S ICECAPS

Assigned G Edward Pasquale to Brampton (ECHL). Returned F Luke Pither to Brampton.

SAN DIEGO GULLS

Assigned G Ryan Faragher to Utah (ECHL).

TORONTO MARLIES

Recalled F Brett Fitch from Orlando (ECHL).

ECHL

ALLEN AMERICANS — Released G Nolan Bowker as emergency backup.

ATLANTA GLADIATORS

Released D Nolan Desco-teaux.

BRAMPTON BEAST

Released F Luke Sandler.

ELMIRA JACKALS

Released F Nick Zappia.

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Signed D Randy Cure.

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UTAH GRIZZLIES

Released G Chris Rawlings.

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Loaned G Casey DeSmith to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

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Bids must be received in sealed envelopes marked as "LRA Paving Bid" by 10:00 A.M. on Monday, December 28, 2015 in the office of the County Auditor, Jackie Olson, 300 S Main, Room 202 and will be opened at that time.

Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 5:30 P.M. on December 28, 2015 for their consideration.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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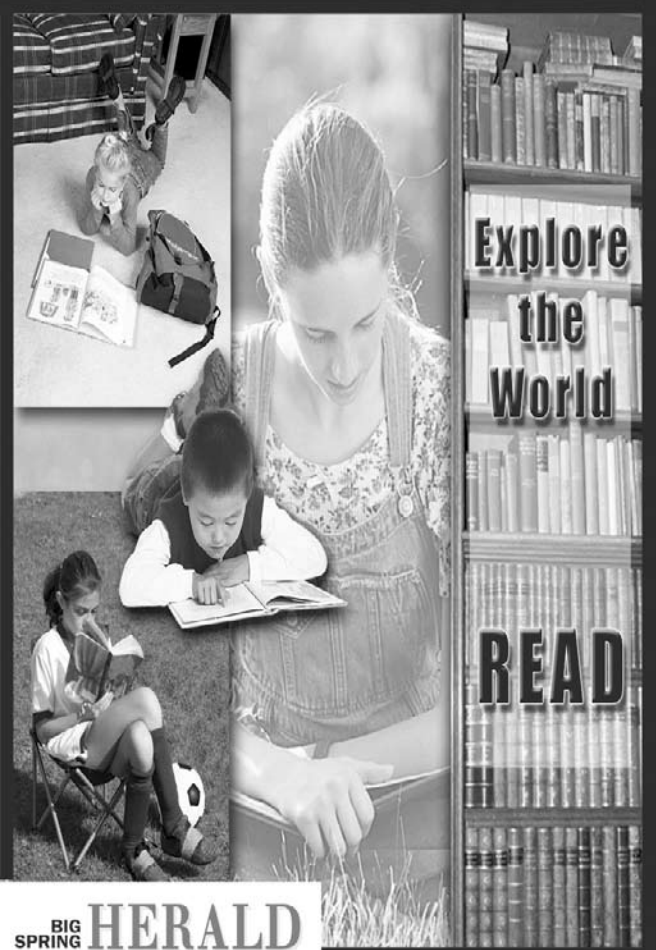
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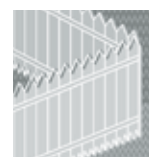
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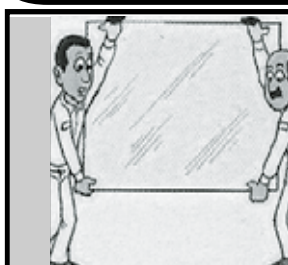
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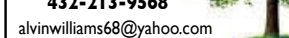
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

what you were supposed to do, you'll cut loose and have some fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your guiding planet Venus would like to remind you that there is no universal formula for beauty, humor, art or love. Therefore, you're encouraged to go beyond what you've been taught is "acceptable."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't assume that a circumstance is fortunate or unfortunate until you've experienced it. Your maturity in this regard will place you among the elite. Whether or not that is fortunate or unfortunate remains to be experienced.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Wondering if you're good enough? You can stop wondering now and never wonder again. You were born good enough. The real question is: Which relationships and endeavors are a fine fit for all your goodness?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your expectations might be derailed

and, because you're well-versed in the art of making the best of things, this will prove to be a delightful twist in the action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). After a week of acting according to plan, you'll be yearning for adventure, and you won't be alone in this. Suggest a bit of spontaneity and you'll have no problem finding a partner in fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you're not wrapped up in what people think of you, you'll be the perfect candidate for drawing attention to a cause, entertaining the crowd or taking a social risk that will wake everyone up.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 18). You'll add relaxing leisure activities to your list, and pursuing these endeavors will lead to many magical connections and experiences in 2016. The idea you act on in March will pay off immediately and, if you continue on, then again in June. Devoted love will get even stronger through the summer. Pisces and

Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 11, 17, 8 and 19.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:
ARIES: It's not a game and there's no one to beat. You're all on the same team. This is the mindset that will attract love.
TAURUS: Those who are not as conscientious as you may not do as you'd prefer, but at least they will make you laugh.
GEMINI: Making a good impression on his or her family is a surefire winning move.
CANCER: You really know how to make a person feel special, and this will give you a permanent place in someone's heart.
LEO: You've compromised enough. Do the date on your terms in your best environment this time.
VIRGO: You'll make the effort to dress better and get the attention of your intended.
LIBRA: You'll be surprised what you start up with casual questions aimed at satisfying your voracious curiosity.
SCORPIO: The company of a fun-loving, easygoing mischief-maker will help you forget your worries.
SAGITTARIUS: Classy, polite and good-humored,

you have the attitude people want to be near.
CAPRICORN: Say little, listen a lot and you'll be a hit. Then the tables will turn, and you'll take the spotlight with eloquence.
AQUARIUS: Praise won't teach you anything new but it will sure feel good to hear the heaping serving of it you get on Saturday.
PISCES: If you're having trouble playing the role you want to play, try dressing the part.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:
Aries and Sagittarius rule the social scene over the next few days as the sun and moon favor their fiery intensity and the rest of the zodiac envies their passionate simpatico. These two do have a tendency to throw temperance and caution to the winter wind, so the ideal scenario will involve a designated driver and perhaps a few earth-sign friends (Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn) who are along for the ride.

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Pisces-to-Aries Moon

It's said that a circle has no beginning and no end, and yet if you had made that circle by joining two ends of a line of string, there might be a knot to signify that at one time there was indeed a beginning and an end. This afternoon will bring such a symbolic "knot" as the moon goes from the last to the first sign of the zodiac.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whatever has been keeping you from saying what you think, feeling your feelings and acknowledging your needs will now be lifted. You'll be free, expressive and well-received to boot!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stop making something else more important than your relationship with yourself. There's a juicy opportunity

that will only surface when you're being true to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Each person resides in his or her own unique reality. It's a rare joy when you strike upon acres and acres of common ground with someone fantastic. There is so much to explore there -- what fun!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone wants to get to know you better. Don't worry; you won't have to talk about yourself. Your actions will tell people who you are -- no more explanation than that will be necessary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a mounting tension that, if you let build without release, could be destructive. Let off steam periodically throughout the day. By the way, you could use a few more tools for stress relief in your arsenal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Details, rules, lists ... you care, but not to the point of preoccupation. You're able to compartmentalize your need for order. When you've done



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:
♠ KJ94 ♥ 10972 ♦ K8 ♣ 643

1. Your partner deals and bids One Club. What would you respond?
2. Your partner deals and bids One Heart, which you raise to Two Hearts. Partner then bids Three Diamonds. What would you bid now?
3. Your partner deals and bids One Heart, which you raise to Two Hearts. Partner then bids Three Clubs. What would you bid now?
4. Your partner deals and bids Three Hearts. What action, if any, would you take?
5. Your left-hand opponent deals and bids One Heart. Your partner doubles, and your right-hand opponent bids Four Hearts. What action, if any, would you take?

1. One heart. When holding two or more four-card suits opposite an opening bid, it is generally more efficient and economical to bid the lower-ranking one first, regardless of the relative strength of the suits. The advantage of responding one heart in the present case is that if partner has four-card length in either major suit, you are sure to discover the fit right away (since he will next bid one spade if he lacks heart support). But if you respond one spade, you might never find the heart fit if partner has four of them.
2. Four hearts. Your partner is apparently trying to find out whether you have a minimum or maximum raise by bidding a suit in which he requires assistance, and your doubleton king fits the bill perfectly. Since your values are greatly increased by the three-diamond bid, you should happily accept his invitation to game by jumping to four hearts.
3. Three hearts. Here your hand does not improve in value when partner bids clubs, so the chance of making game is materially decreased. Accordingly, you bid three hearts to tell partner that your initial raise is in the minimum range.
4. Four hearts. You are not raising to game because you expect partner to make 10 tricks, but because you hope to prevent the opponents from bidding five clubs or diamonds, which they seem likely to make in view of your side's lack of defensive strength. This tactic might succeed if the missing high cards are evenly divided.
5. Four spades. Since partner is marked with a singleton or void in hearts, you are likely to make four spades. Even if you can't, four spades might prove to be a profitable sacrifice. There is also the possibility that your four-spade bid might push the opponents into five hearts, which you can then double, expecting to score at least a one-trick set.

Tomorrow: An inexpensive safety play.

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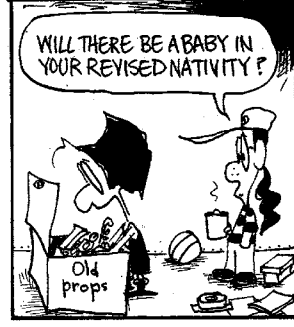
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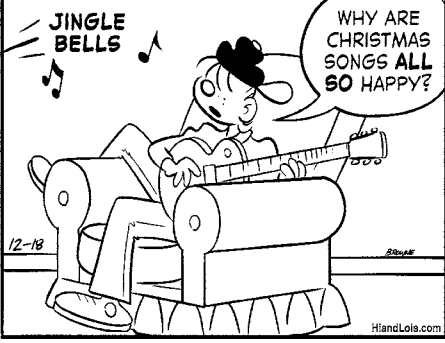
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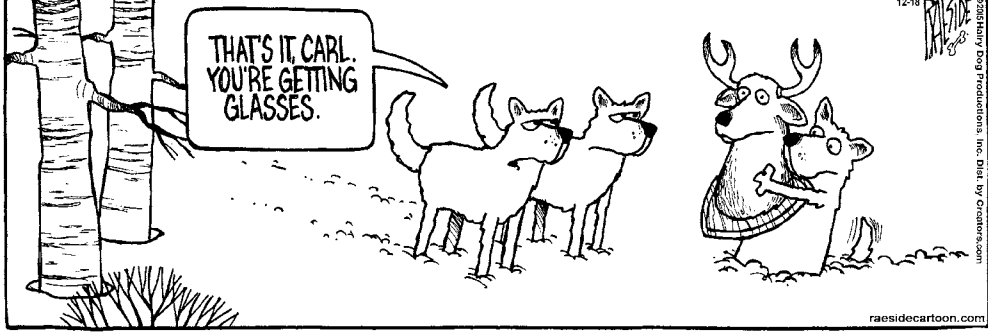
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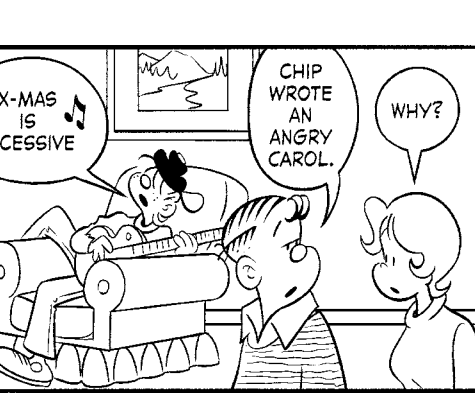
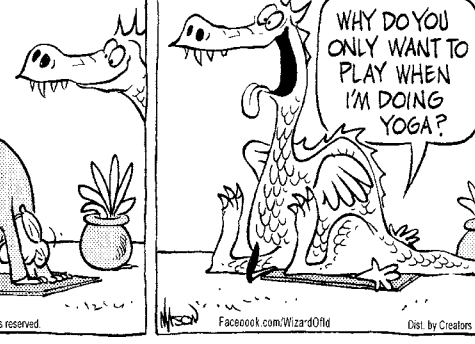
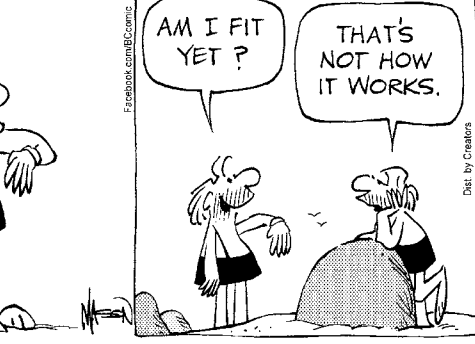
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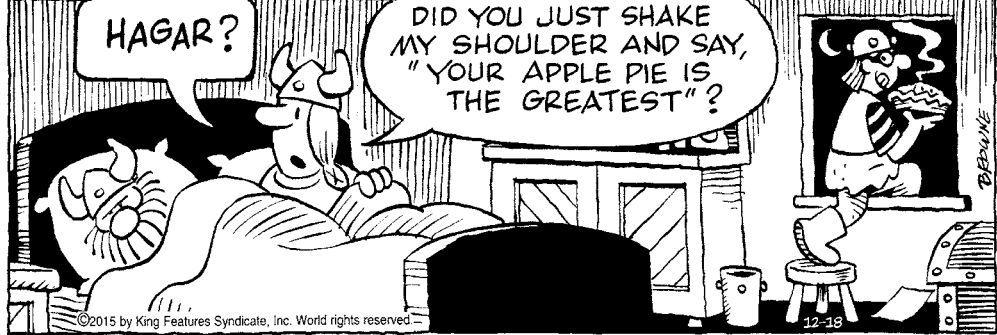
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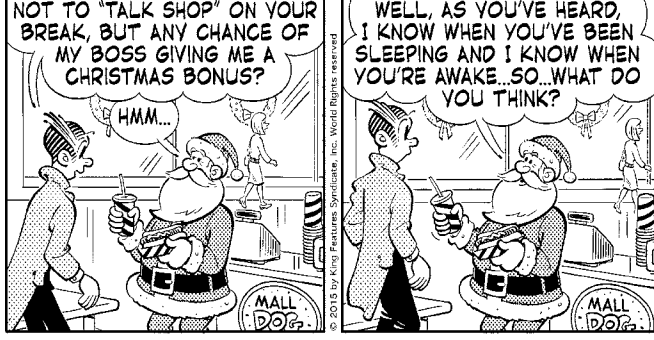
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2015. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 18, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson, whose first wife, Ellen, had died the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt, a widow, at her Washington home.

On this date: In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1863, in a speech to the Prussian Parliament, Prime Minister Otto von Bismarck declared, "Politics is not an exact science."

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1912, fossil collector Charles Dawson reported to the Geological Society of London his discovery of supposed early human remains at a gravel pit in Piltdown. (More than four decades later, Piltdown Man was exposed as a hoax.)

In 1940, Adolf Hitler ordered secret preparations for Nazi Germany to invade the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)

In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the government's wartime evacuation of people of Japanese descent from the West Coast while at the same time unanimously agreeing that "concededly loyal" Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained.

In 1958, the world's first communications satellite, SCORE (Signal Communication by Orbiting Relay Equipment), nicknamed "Chatterbox," was launched by the United States aboard an Atlas rocket.

In 1969, Britain's House of Lords joined the House of Commons in making permanent a 1965 ban on the death penalty for murder.

In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.

In 1992, Kim Young-sam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.

Ten years ago: In a televised speech, President George W. Bush declared that Iraq's parliamentary elections signaled the birth of democracy in the

Middle East. Vice President Dick Cheney made a surprise visit to Iraq, where he faced tough questions from battle-weary troops. Susanne Osthoff, a German aid worker kidnapped in Iraq, was freed after three weeks in captivity. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a mild stroke.

Five years ago: The U.S. Senate approved repeal of the military's 17-year "don't ask, don't tell" ban on openly gay troops in a 65-31 vote. (President Barack Obama later signed it into law.) Skier Lindsey Vonn was named the 2010 Female Athlete of the Year as chosen by members of The Associated Press.

Thought for Today: "Whoever wants to be a judge of human nature should study people's excuses." Christian Friedrich Hebbel, German poet and dramatist (1813-1863)

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS	57 Novelist	7 Gender abbr.	34 Scarcely any
1 iPad screens	Quindlen	8 Demolish	35 Stretchy fabric
5 Biscuit filler, at times	58 Betray	9 Remove, as a badge	37 Conceded putt
8 Full of difficulties	59 Kit Carson	10 "Country" measure	38 Fjord, for instance
13 Book before Nehemiah	House town	11 E-Learning advocates	43 It's northwest of Pensacola
14 White cheese	60 Shakespearean sprite	12 All the same	45 Value system
15 Pull together	61 Whitewater rental	14 Pix	46 "Same here"
16 Trattoria staple	62 Personal ad abbr.	20 Hot-air balloon material	47 Colorful talker
17 Whitewater rental	63 Grayish	21 Casino exit line	48 Big name in pro tennis
18 Sloppy impact sound		25 Heron cousin	49 Zippiness
19 Quirky behavior		26 Played up	50 Twisting and turning
22 Frat letter		27 Mars brand	51 Country singer
23 Jedi Council VIP		28 Well-reasoned	Evans
24 A blast		29 Angry Birds	52 Beloved celebrity
25 "As Time Goes By" requester		30 Depthless, for short	53 Water polo goals
26 Unkempt hair		31 Verdi	54 Viticultural valley
27 About 5 mL		32 Termini	55 Govt. health agency
30 Workout regimen			
33 Alberta natural resource			
35 Title locale of the 1957 Best Picture Oscar winner			
36 Regaling			
39 Specific chances			
40 "Check!"			
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42 Some case workers			
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47 Tone down			
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Ramo helps Flames beat Stars 3-1 for 7th straight win

DALLAS (AP) — Karri Ramo said he merely is getting in the way of the puck. Ramo finished with 35 saves to help the Calgary Flames beat the Dallas Stars 3-1 Thursday night for their seventh straight win.

“Right now, (the puck is) hitting (me), so hopefully it keeps this way,” Ramo said. Sean Monahan, Dougie Hamilton and Mason Raymond scored for Calgary.

Ramo had 17 saves in the third period and outplayed Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen to win his fifth in a row. Ramo has allowed 11 goals in those five games.

Flames coach Bob Hartley gave Ramo more credit.

“Especially in that third period, Karri came up with big saves. We saw Jamie Benn and (Tyler) Seguin and (Jason) Spezza and company making a big push, and we were under siege and he came up with some big clutch saves.

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Benn leads the league with 20 goals.

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“He was pretty good,” Benn said. “I think he saw a lot of the shots that we put at him, and any goalie in this league will stop those.”

Johnny Oduya scored for Dallas and Lehtonen had 24 saves while snapping a career-best eight-game winning streak. The Stars, 6-2-2 in their last 10 games, still lead the NHL with 48 points.

One of the other losses in that stretch was at Calgary on Dec. 1, when the Flames overcame a 3-0 deficit to win 4-3 in overtime. That victory started Calgary’s current winning streak.

“I felt that we played a more complete game than our win at home against the Stars,” Hartley said. “Some-

times you play a full 60 minutes, sometimes you play 40 (and) you have enough to win.”

Ramo explained his team’s improvement after an 8-14-2 start.

“We’re playing way better as a five-man unit,” he said. “Our D and forwards have been playing way better together, and we are cutting our turnovers. We are not giving them anything.

“Tonight, I saw the pucks and the pucks either went wide or were blocked. We killed the penalties.”

Oduya put Dallas on the

scoreboard first with a short-handed goal with 7:16 left in the first period.

Monahan and Hamilton scored later in the first to put Calgary ahead. Raymond capped the scoring with 2 1/2 minutes remaining in the second.

Both teams were 0 for 3 on the power play. Over the last 14 games, Calgary has been successful on only 2 of 47 (4 percent) and Dallas has been held to 5 for 45 (11 percent).

“We’re not making quick enough decisions,” Stars coach Lindy Ruff said of the power play, “and almost every decision we do make is the wrong one right now.”

Calgary didn’t have a shot on goal in the first 6:56, which included a power play.

Just 9 seconds into the Flames’ second power play, Oduya skated in from the left and put in the rebound off Ramo’s pads of a shot by Vernon Fiddler.

Calgary came back with goals from high in the fa-

ceoff circles by Monahan with 4:31 left and Hamilton with 28 seconds to go in the period.

Raymond made it 3-1 late in the second as he skated from right to left inside the blue line and sent a wrist shot past a screen and Lehtonen.

NOTES: Oduya scored Dallas’ first goal in each of the last two games. His 11 points in 32 games this season (four goals, seven assists) surpassed his 10 points in 76 games in 2014-15. ... Fiddler’s 21 points (seven goals, 14 assists) in 38 games against Calgary are his most vs. any team. ... Flames RW Josh Jooris played for the first time in seven games because Michael Frolik (upper-body injury) was out. ... Spezza played in his 800th game. ... Flames D Kris Russell had an assist to give him five points (one goal, four assists) in the last three games.

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2016 Lady Hawk Buddies Basketball Program

On January 16, 2016 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Howard College Lady Hawks head coach Earl Diddle, associate head coach Tara Lisle, and the Lady Hawks will be running a basketball clinic for boys and girls in kindergarten through 8th grade. Registration runs from 8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. followed immediately by the clinic until 11:30 a.m. After the clinic there will be a pizza party until 12:00 p.m. The \$20.00 entry fee includes a Hawk basketball, free admission for all family members to Hawk home games, entry to the clinic with lectures on goals and basketball fundamentals, a pizza party with the Lady Hawks, and admission to Buddies night. Buddies night will be Thursday, February 11th against Frank Phillips College. During halftime, the Buddies will be recognized in front of the crowd and following the game, the Lady Hawks will sign autographs and take pictures court side.

For more info, call Tara Lisle at 264-5155 or Earl Diddle at 264-5043.

ROCKETS

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Lakers’ first 25 games, and Staples Center roared when he drove the lane and threw down on Capela in the third quarter. Bryant had dunked just eight times in 63 games over the past three seasons since his 2012-13 campaign ended early due to a torn Achilles tendon.

“Honestly, I don’t know where that came from,” Bryant said. “It’s like the Casey Jr. train: ‘I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.’ First dribble, second dribble, I’m thinking, ‘My legs feel pretty good.’ And then I jumped and I was like, ‘Oh, I’m still going

up.’ And then I said, ‘I might as well give it a try.’”

He got the crowd standing again with an under-the-hoop layup later in the quarter. Bryant scored 10 points in the third.

LOSING CONTINUES

The Lakers followed up their fourth victory of the season — beating Milwaukee by 18 points, their largest margin of victory in two seasons — with their 14th loss in 16 games. Julius Randle added 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers, who at least avoided another blowout loss to the Rockets after losing by 29 last week.

TIP-INS

Rockets: Howard got his usual chorus of boos whenever he touched

the ball at Staples Center. Even Clippers fans boo Howard for his decision to leave L.A. ... Trevor Ariza got Bryant to sign a pair of Bryant’s shoes from their championship season together with the Lakers in 2009. “We’re starting to see him get back to his old self,” Ariza said.

Lakers: Randle hit the first 3-pointer of

his NBA career in the second quarter, beating the shot clock. ... Rookie D’Angelo Russell got so excited about Bryant’s dunk that he got a technical foul for leaving the bench area while running along the far baseline. The No. 2 overall pick finished a quiet game with two points on 1-for-9 shooting and seven assists in

26 minutes.

UP NEXT

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