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Upcoming Events

This Week

National Hang Gliding Competition
McMahon - Wrinkle Airpark
Launch is normally between Noon and 1 p.m.

The Big Spring Herald wishes all Forsan and Coahoma students a great new year

Today

Scenic Mountain Moonlight Rave Run
by Permian Basin Events
11:55 p.m.

at the Big Spring State Park HQ visit
www.permianbasinevents.com for more information

August 17

Love our Lake
Help clean up the park
7 to 11 a.m.
Comanche Trail Park

Relay For Life Garage Sale
8 a.m.
SMMG

YMCA Backpack Giveaway
9 a.m. - Noon
YMCA of Big Spring

Don't forget to submit your We Salute! nominations; good deeds, positive impacts to the community, etc. can be emailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

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Let the school bells ring

Forsan and Coahoma students are back at school



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Above, Coahoma High School students Rance Redden, left, Kolt Redden, Kobe Cervantes, Bryden Fontana, and Aubrey Green head to the first day of class. Coahoma ISD began the new academic year on Thursday. Pictured at left: Students and parents at Forsan Elementary wait for the doors to open on Thursday, also Forsan's first day.

Final Moonlight Run set for tonight

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

The final Moonlight Rave Run of the season is here. The final race will take place – on top of Scenic Mountain State Park - tonight, at 11:55 with gates closing at 11:30 p.m.

“Don’t miss out on the last Moonlight Run of 2019. We’ve had a great turnout – June and July – so come out and join us tonight, and enjoy Scenic Mountain in the Moonlight,” Cherise Felty said.

Moonlight Rave Runs are non-competitive family-friendly races that all ages are welcome to attend. According to information provided by Permian Basin Events, there will



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be blacklight areas and participants will receive a workout shirt, while supplies last.

Registration can be done online before the race at permianbasinevents.com and is \$20 per participant. Registration can be done at the race, before the start, but will be \$25 per person.

The first race was June 14, with the second race taking place on July 12.

“Participants can run or walk this event,” Felty said. “Everyone is welcome to come out and join us.”

Annual Love Our Lake, Saturday



HERALD file photo

Last year’s Love Our Lake was a success. This year, the community is invited to come out and clean up the lake area on Saturday morning.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

Warm weather, light wind, and an opportunity to beautify Comanche Trail Park and the lake.

Several locations around town have already been cleaned through Toasty Tuesday trash offs, and the trend will continue Saturday with the annual Love Our Lake clean up at Comanche Trail Lake.

The community is invited to meet at the Dora Roberts Community Center at

7:30 a.m. to help clean the lake area.

“Our lake tends to get lots of litter gathered, from fishing wire, to trash bags, and other items left behind from those enjoying the lake,” Peggy Skiles, Keep Big Spring Beautiful president, said.

The Love Our Lake clean up is normally part of the clean up and preparation efforts for the Comanche Warrior Triathlon, but this year, the triathlon will be postponed until 2020.

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A weekend of activities around town

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
Staff Writer

Need a break from all this back-to-school stuff? There are several happenings in Downtown Big Spring this weekend. We hope to see you at one of the following:

- Friday, Aug. 16
 - Levi’s Backyard, 124 S. Main. Gustavo Rodrigues’ Band will be performing beginning at 8 p.m.
 - Desert Flower Art Bar, 123 S. Main. Get your laugh on with Flo Hernandez’ Stand Up Comedy beginning at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 17
 - Mezcal, 125 E. 3rd St. Black Dog Friday will be performing from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 - The Train Car, 100 S. Main St. Touch of Soul will be performing from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.
 - Levi’s Backyard, 124 S. Main. 80’s block party with Loco Motives playing the rock you remember. Special guest Fatal Flawz. Show begins at 8 p.m.

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Obituaries

Sherrell Kaye Holland Edwards



Sherrell Kaye Holland Edwards, age 64, passed from her earthly life to be present with her Lord on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019.

Kaye was born Feb. 17, 1955, to Harold "Dean" Holland and Johnnie "Edna" McCartney Holland in Big Spring, Texas.

She lived her first 18 years in Big Spring, graduated from Big Spring High, then attended Howard County Junior College before obtaining her Bachelor of Arts in English with honors from Texas Tech University in 1977.

Kaye went on to teach children with disabilities and returned to college to further her education. In 1985, Kaye graduated from Texas Tech Law School with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1984. Kaye worked for the city of San Angelo as a First Assistant Attorney from 1987 until retiring in 2006 and also served as Municipal Prosecutor in 1987. Kaye was in private practice and served as Municipal Judge for the city of Eden from 2013 - 2015.

Kaye also served as City Attorney of Big Spring from 2015 - 2017 before retiring to spend more time with her only son, John Taylor Edwards. Kaye loved to read & crochet.

Kaye was married to John W. Edwards in 1991, until his death in 2009. They were married on Feb. 23 1991, in San Angelo, Texas.

They were together for 19 years and had one child, John Taylor Edwards. Kaye was a loving wife and devoted mother. She is survived by her son, John Taylor Edwards of San Angelo; her mother Edna Holland of Big Spring; her sister Judy Robertson and husband Donald "Ducky" Robertson, Midland; her brother Loy Holland, Wasilla, Alaska; sister Linda Hale and husband Kevin, Collinsville.

Kaye also had four nephews: Jeremy Robertson, Midland; Brian Holland, Sweetwater; Landon Hale, Pilot Point; and Cody Hale, Lewisville. She also had three great nephews and two great nieces. Kaye also had several special friends in San Angelo, too numerous to name.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo, TX.

Services will be held at Johnson's Funeral Home on Friday, Aug. 16 at 10 AM.

Paid Obituary

Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MEGAN HOPE TREADWAY**, 26, of 609 Holbert St., was arrested on a warrant for theft of property/shoplifting (\$100 to \$750).

- **ROCKY ZARRAGA**, 38, of 1614 Cardinal St., was arrested on warrants for disregarding stop sign, failure to control speed, failure to yield right of way on private drive, alley, or building, and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **ROLLIE WAYNE JOY**, 57, of 1105 Ridge Road, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **ROBERT PAUL NEWTON**, 41, of 2109 S. Johnson St., was arrested on charges of evading

arrest/detention previously convicted state jail felony, and public intoxication.

- **DANIEL ALFARO JR.**, 29, of 910 S. Nolan St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **ROCKY SANCHEZ**, 32, of 1501 E. 11th Place, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **LUIS ANGEL GARAY**, 22, of 2507 Avenue V, Snyder, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated (BAC over 0.15).

- **KENNETH BRANDO CONTRERAS**, 32, of 4667 N.E. CR 0220, Corsicana, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving with suspended or invalid license with previous conviction.

- **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**,

22, of 1104 Austin, was arrested on two outstanding warrants from other agencies.

- **CHASITY ELAINE RODRIGUEZ**, 25, of 511 S. Noland, was arrested on seven outstanding warrants from other agencies.

- **DUSTIN WAYNE MATUS**, 33, of 616 Trilica Rd., West, Texas, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Hwy, 100 block of E. FM 700, and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 3700 block of Dixon St., 500 block of E. FM 700, and at N.E. 10th and Main St.

- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 95 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DANIEL ALFARO JR.**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.

- **KENNETH BRANDO CONTRERAS**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.

- **LUIS ANGEL GARAY**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated (BAC over 0.15).

- **ROLLIE WAYNE JOY**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for a parole violation.

- **KIMBERLY JO KENNEMUR**, 45, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for issuance of bad checks, bondsman off bond-possession of a controlled subject penalty group 1 (less than one gram), two counts of forgery of a financial instrument, and two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for credit or debit card abuse, no drivers license, and bondsman off bond-manufacture of delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

- **DUSTIN MATUS**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

- **ROBERT PAUL NEWTON**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of service (less

than \$100).

- **CHASITY ELAINE RODRIGUEZ**, 25, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for no drivers license, parent contributing to non-attendance of a minor, four counts of bail jumping and failure to appear, and one warrant for failure to appear.

- **ROCKY SANCHEZ**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke-theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).

- **MEGAN HOPE TREADWAY**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

- **ROCKY ZARRAGA**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for disregarding stop sign, failure to control speed, failure to yield right of way, and contempt of court disobedience of court order.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Choctaw. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was re-

ported in the 3300 block of Rickenbaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at miler marker 175 on I-20. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Oil Mill Rd. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3800 block of Calvin St. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of E. 3rd St. No transport was required.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

WEDNESDAY

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

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

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.

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

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003

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Weather



Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1a.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 76. South wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 77. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 78.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 77.

Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 76.

Wednesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 98.

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

Community Report: Back to School - First day photos



Far left: Photo submitted by Sandra Martinez, Braelyn gearing up for her first day as a second grader; Middle: Photo submitted by Morgan Lefever, Trustin and Triton are ready to get their 7th grade and 4th grade year started; Right: Photo submitted by Stefan An Martinez, Coahoma Academy students get ready for the first day of school.



Photo submitted by Kerri Rossenbaum

Kaylie is ready for a new year as a 7th grader. Forsan students and Coahoma students were welcomed back yesterday. Big Spring begins Monday.

Take Note

- Coahoma High School All-School Reunion will take place Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria, located at 400 Ramsey Ave. There will be breakfast, coffee, and door prizes. Guest speaker will be Putt Choate.

- Bus Rider Registration is now taking place. If you would like to ride the bus in BSISD, you must register. You can go to the bus

barn located at 3600 E. 11th Place, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., each day through Friday. They will also be open Saturday August 10 and August 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle

with old friends and make new friends.

Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

LAKE

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“Even though the Triathlon isn’t taking place this year, we want to get out and clean up the lake. Sadly, the trash doesn’t take a break and a clean up will still help the area,” Skiles said.

Representatives from KBSB will be in front of the DRCC at 7:30 a.m. handing out gloves, trash bags, water and snacks for those wanting to help the clean up efforts. All are encouraged to come out and help.

“We are looking for a few who might want to bring out their kayaks and help clean trash from the lake,” Skiles said. “There are a few pieces that require us getting out in the water. Any and all help is always appreciated.”

To find out more about clean up efforts or to get involved, KBSB meets monthly in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Toasty Tuesday’s take place each week from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Follow the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Facebook page for locations and upcoming events.

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Big Spring Municipal Auditorium

September 20-22:
Howard County Fair at Howard County Fairgrounds
More information to come!

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Something to think about...

The great Christian missionary, E. Stanley Jones, once met with Mahatma Gandhi and asked him, "Mr. Gandhi, though you quote the words of Christ often, why is that you appear to so adamantly reject becoming his follower?"

Ghandi replied, "Oh, I don't reject your Christ. I love your Christ. It's just that so many of you Christians are so unlike your Christ."

Ghandi's rejection of Christianity grew out of an incident that happened when he was practicing law in South Africa. He had studied the Bible and was deeply drawn to the teachings of Jesus. He wanted to learn more and was seriously considering the faith. Ghandi decided to attend a church service. As he walked up the steps of a large church, a white South African elder stepped in front of him. "Where do you think you're going, kaffir?" That was South African slang, basically like using the "N" word. Ghandi replied, "I'd like to worship here." The man said, "There's no room for kaffirs in this church. Get out of here or I'll have you thrown down the steps."

Reflections: Miracle of Life

My daughter was born the year I turned forty. With two sons already 13 and eight, we were not expecting another child. In fact, the doctors told us having more children was impossible, but, the impossible happened. The doctor's first question was, "Do you want to terminate this pregnancy?"

We were stunned. Such a consideration never entered our minds. Nine months later, my wife gave birth to a beautiful little girl who has blessed our lives immeasurably. I often thought of the doctor's question when I rocked her to sleep and felt the weight of her slumbering body against my shoulder.

Our daughter is now grown. Ten years ago, I walked her down the aisle. I then performed their wedding ceremony and danced with her at the reception, one of the highlights of my life. Three years later, they came home and excitedly told us they were expecting a baby,

From that moment on, Ghandi said he would never again consider becoming a Christian if it meant being part of the church.

Our experiences may have not been that dramatic, but we've probably all experienced a sense of exclusion at some point in our life. We've all been told in one way or another, "You don't belong." The problem is that it doesn't line up with God's resounding message to the world through Christ Jesus. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17 NIV) In Christ all are welcome!

Through his vision and encounter with Cornelius household in Acts 10, Peter declared, "I now know that God shows no partiality." We all stand on level ground at the foot of the cross. That fundamental truth changes the way we view others. Paul says it so well in his second letter to the church in Corinth, and I love the way The Message paraphrases this passage:

Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their

own.

Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you. (2 Corinthians 5:14-20 The Message)

If that church viewed Gandhi the way that God does and responded to him with love and acceptance, all of India could have been influenced with the Gospel. We are Christ's representatives on earth. May God open our eyes to see others as He does so we may represent Him well!



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our fourth grandchild. When they gave us the news of her pregnancy, her baby was no bigger than a small marble. We listened to the baby's heartbeat and watched her dancing in the womb. She now dances around the room with her little sister and brother.

Before retirement, my wife worked with pregnant and parenting teens in the public schools. She constantly sought to help them have a healthy pregnancy, healthy birth, learn how to become a good parent, and stay in school in order to have a future. With children and grandchildren of our own and my wife's occupation, you would think that the process of pregnancy and birth would have become commonplace, but it hasn't. In fact, it is quite the opposite. The more I witness the miracle of life by which children are birthed into the world, the more I stand in awe.

When my daughter was eight, we took her to see the original Lion King movie. Last week we took her daughter, our granddaughter, who is now eight, to see the new Lion King. The advance in digital animation is astounding, but the story about the miracle of life is the same.

David expressed it best in Psalm 139: "For

you formed my inward parts; you wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are your works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them." To the prophet Jeremiah, God said, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5).

Every birth, every child and every person is a miracle of God. We are all more than mere flesh and blood, brain, bone and sinew. We are made in His likeness, with the awesome freedom to choose good and evil, to bless others or to curse them. We have infinite possibilities and an immortal soul that will one day depart this mortal body. We are eternal beings living in a miraculous universe that astounds our senses.

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

School Days! School Days!

The first day of school; the wonder to a child's heart as they participate in something brand new to them; the scary feeling of not knowing anyone; leaving the security of the old to venture forth into the new and untried waters of education all go to contribute to the future of a security for the child.

In my earliest recollection of school, I remember sitting in a first grade classroom waiting for my daddy to pick me up, as we were leaving that city for a new one across the state. I was practicing printing an assignment of lower case a's, and I had just completed a perfect row and started on the next row. I was excited about leaving and started in haste to get through with the next row. The mess I made was bad enough that the teacher told me I had to make a perfect row before I could leave. Well, I started over and made another perfect

row. She approved it, and I got to leave, never to see her again.

The next thing I remember was walking into the new classroom, in a new city, with brand new people I had never seen before. The teacher was nice and introduced me to Cecil. He was a sweet first-grader who became a school friend all the way through high school graduation. I will never forget that fist real friend on that first day of my school career.

In my earliest recollection of church, and you knew I would connect it somehow to school, my older sister took us to the Methodist church because there was no Baptist church in our new town. As a six-year-old, I would sit on the front row and try to understand why we had to sit for an hour and listen to a man tell us about Jesus. I didn't understand that until I was 24.

In college I met a young man who was dedicated to Christ's ministry of establishing Christian coffee houses in California. At the age of 24, I was social chairman and was

supposed to get up the program for our women's ministry at church. I asked this man to come and tell us about his ministry. The only question I heard that night was "Have you come to the place in your spiritual life, where you know for a hundred per cent certainty that if you died you would go to Heaven?"

That question haunted me until that night I knelt before God in my apartment and surrendered my life to Him. He saved me from myself in His precious Son Jesus, and again I found myself embarking upon a new kind of education spiritually. It's been the most exciting life I could ever live, and I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, when I enter Heaven's gates, the education I will receive then will be beyond my imagination. Can you imagine Jesus as the teacher in this amazing new Heaven and Earth? I can hardly wait!



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College Baptist Church

For most of the population of our fair city, school has begun again. What an opportunity for churches in the area to minister to the needs of our community. We invite you to come join us as we celebrate the God of ministry. This Sunday, Jamie Scott and our praise team will lead us in presenting our hymns of praise to our heavenly Father. Our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, will help us as we delve into God's word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

This church is located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. Join us on Sundays for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, followed by worship at 10:45 in the auditorium. RA's (grades first through fifth boys mission club) and GA's (grades first through fifth girls missions club) meet Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. church-wide snack supper and Bible study for everyone is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, craft time, King's Kids, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all meet at 7 p.m.

Come and celebrate the joy with us in exciting worship as we praise the mighty God we serve. Please call 432-267-7429 for more information about this great church.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg St. at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The 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. This Sunday there will be only one worship service, at 11 a.m. to celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of Garrett Hall, which has been renovated.

On Sunday, Aug. 18, Pastor Derrell Patterson continues a sermon series on I Kings, "First Kings, Then Prophets". The message, "God Provides" is from I Kings 17. God provided for His prophet, Elijah, and God provides for us. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

The Philathea Sunday School Class is studying John Wesley and the Methodist Movement from June to August. Their classroom is across from the church office and the study is Sunday mornings from 10-11 a.m.

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study returns to Garrett Hall on August 21 since the renovation is complete. The meal is served at 11:50 for \$5, followed by a Bible lesson. The study of John Wesley and the Methodist Movement is also presented for Wednesday Noon Bible Study.

Real Life Wednesdays includes Celebrate Recovery, choir rehearsal, and youth meetings, which all meet at 6 p.m. The Praise Team rehearsal is at 7 p.m. The children's choir, women's Bible study, and regular children's activities will resume later in August.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday in Youth Hall for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday.

Other events on the church calendar include:

- Community prayer and worship, August 17, Big Spring Junior High Cafetorium, 1 p.m.; prayer for students, teachers, administrators, staff, and our community.

- "Church Grand Re-Opening" for the newly renovated Garrett Hall; soft opening for the congregation, August 18; includes 9:30 a.m. coffee time; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. one worship service; 12 p.m. all church meal in Garrett Hall; 12:30 p.m. Ministry Fair in Garrett Hall.

- Youth Group resumes, Wednesday, August 21, 6 p.m., Partee Building.

- "Community Grand Re-Opening" for the newly renovated Garrett Hall; Sunday September 8, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com, or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located at 1001 S. Goliad, north of the high school, and would love to have you visit.

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m., and evening we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ.

Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8

The people of First Baptist Church extend a heartfelt welcome and invitation to join them in exalting and honoring The Living Word, Jesus Christ, Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a

mix of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the summer sermon series "Choose Love" based on 1 Corinthians 13, and listeners will reflect on the superiority of God's divine love-which is giving and selfless (agape love).

FBC now offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at fbcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS').

At 9 a.m., The Gathering Place, FBC coffee shop, is open, and you're invited to have some coffee and a sweet treat while enjoying a time of fellowship. Greeters are happy to direct you to The Gathering Place which is located in the former library space.

At 9:30, Sunday school groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. This Sunday, Aug. 18, is promotion day for children and youth; come early for a donut on your way to your class.

At 5 p.m., gather for a time of corporate prayer in the church parlor, located across the hall from the chapel. Evening worship service begins at 5:30 p.m. and offers the wonderful opportunity to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week. Pastor Mark continues the message series "Prayer: Seeking God With All Your Heart", and worshippers will continue this impactful journey to a more intimate communion with God. Don't miss the blessing. Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m. and include adult Bible study and prayer time, Real LYF for children, youth group, and adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor Youth room at 6 and join the fun.

All area teens are encouraged to come to the Youth room Wednesday August 21 at 6 p.m. for the Fall Kickoff event. Enter through the east kitchen doors and take the stairs to the second floor Youth Department. This will be an awesome time of games, food, and other activities. Bring some friends and come make some new ones.

Tuesday, August 20, Mother's Day Out kicks off the Fall Semester with an Open House at 6 p.m.; the south doors are closest to the Children's Department. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to find out about available openings for your little ones.

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website, fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Currently, they are joining with the First Baptist Church family in the main sanctuary with interpreters provided. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W, FM 700.

For information about additional activities or to learn more about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 18, 2019

"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 aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

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

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is taking a break. Please join us as we bring our own meal each week at 5:30 p.m. and just enjoy each others' company. Please come and join us again soon.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Spring Creek Fellowship

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us.

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy worship. This ministry is for children ages kindergarten through fourth grade. We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning.

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. to help anyone who needs food. We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left. Volun-

teers are needed to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering with the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

"PUP", which stands for "Picking Up Pieces", is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there. For address or more info, please contact the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Funeral Meal Team
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Van Ministry
- "People Helping People" Ministry
- "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry

The Signal Mountain Quilters Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This group is open to all in the community who are interested. The proceeds from the quilt they are making this year will be donated to The Life Center.

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the Mall.

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible". If you are interested, please contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry operates through donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our Home Page.

Weekly Happenings:

- Sunday
9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.
10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.-Worship Service
11 a.m.-12 p.m.-Children's Church
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Tuesday
6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4
7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday-
Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday
7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples
- Saturday
7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office, or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org.

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

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

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, August 18- Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

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

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th 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 or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Crestview Baptist Church

We at Crestview Baptist Church want to extend a warm invitation for you and your family to come and join us for worship, discipleship, evangelism, and fellowship. At Crestview, we are all about the

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gospel of Jesus Christ and serving Him as we learn His word together.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching through the book of 1 Timothy. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Books of Acts, verse by verse.

Please come join with us at Crestview if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd., in Big Spring.

NazFamily Church

• Acts - The Spirit Unleashed
We are fascinated with "escape artists.". They somehow are able to get out of a seemingly impossible situation just at the nick of time. Harry Houdini, that great escape artist, once told his wife that if he ever died in one of his escape attempts, he would do everything in his power to come to her if there was any way to break out of death.

People thought, "If anyone can come back, it would be the great Harry Houdini." But, in spite of his escape artistry, Houdini never escaped the bonds of death. Only one person in history has ever truly broken free from death, and we all need the escape that only He can provide.

Be here this Sunday as we continue our study of Acts and discover The Great Escape.

• Community Worship & Prayer
NazFamily will be gathering with our larger faith community on August 17th at 1 p.m. in the Junior High Auditorium for a time of worship and prayer together. We will be praying for our administrators, teachers, students, and community before school starts the following week. You won't want to miss it.

• Now Enrolling, Nazarene Christian Academy is enrolling students for the 2019-2020 academic year. Our students experience a fun, safe, and loving environment where they can grow emotionally, socially, spiritually, and academically.
Contact us at 432-263-0203 for more information.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries

The word says, "Love overcomes a multitude of sins." As we have reopened the church focusing on people with addictions and their families, there are many parents that need help with some of their family and don't know what to do.

The Bible tells us that nothing is too hard for our

Lord to do. Also, Jesus says, "Cry out to me and I will show you great and mighty things."

Who wouldn't want that?
We are located at 1209 Wright St. The county jail is in the backyard of our church. We have ministered there ever since the jail was opened.

Many have been saved at the jail. Our services are at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning at 1209 Wright St. For a closer walk with the Lord, come and worship with us.

First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study meets at 5 p.m. in the library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m.

In September, Presbyterian Women begin a new Bible study, Love Carved in Stone - A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments, by Eugenia Gamble, who points out that nowhere in the Hebrew text does the word for "commandment" appear. The Bible calls utterances simply "words." Gamble says, "One way to consider the Ten Words is as a love letter from God to that community stuck in the wilderness."

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers last Sunday were Claudie and Rip Patterson, Vicki and Mark McLean.

The "Lunch Bunch" will meet at Red Mesa Grill, 2401 S. Gregg St., this Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

The lectionary passages for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, or 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, are Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Choral Introit will be "O Jesus, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising."

The choir will present "How Firm a Foundation" as the offertory. Gabe Martinez is the organist and pianist.

REMINDER:
Worship services are being held in the Chapel for the month of August.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211.

You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

First Christian Church

All that God deemed essential knowledge for His children is found in His Word, the Bible. Beyond

that, all truth is God's. God has, however, revealed His truth to all humans in the things created (Romans 1:20) called general revelation, and in His written Word called special revelation (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

There is a difference between "earthly wisdom" and the "wisdom that comes from above" (James 3:14-18).

To tap into God's wisdom, we must, first of all, desire it and ask God for it. "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you" (James 1:5). The next verse specifies that we must "ask in faith, nothing wavering" (verse 6).

We acknowledge that true wisdom comes from God and that Jesus Christ is the embodiment of that wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30). To trust in Christ and yield to His Holy Spirit is to walk in wisdom: as Christians, "we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16).

To have knowledge is to have understanding or information about something.

To have wisdom is to have the ability to apply knowledge to everyday life. It is in the reading and understanding of God's Word that we obtain knowledge, and meditating upon that knowledge brings wisdom. The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119, which is all about gaining understanding and wisdom from God's Word. Just a few verses are "Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long." (verse 97).

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" (verse 105). "I will meditate in your precepts, and have respect to your ways. I will delight myself in your statutes: I will not forget your word" (verses 15-16). The word meditate is used five times in Psalm 119 and in various forms another fifteen times in the book of Psalms. Meditation is required to fully consider how to apply God's Word in everyday life.

Those who have God's wisdom will show it in how they live: "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom" (James 3:13).

In summary, to tap into God's wisdom, we must diligently study God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15), meditate on the Word, pray for wisdom, seek it with all our hearts, and walk in the Spirit. God desires to give His wisdom to His children. The ultimate question: Are we willing to be led by that wisdom?

We invite you to be a part of our church family as we worship our Lord each Sunday at 10:50 a.m.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. For more information, call 432-517-4821 or visit fcbigspring.com. Dr. Sandy Z. Sandlin is the pastor

Christ Is The Context

"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." John 1:45

In context, what is the meaning of our sin, our humanity? In context, what is the meaning of the Law?

Context is order, and order is a place for everything and everything in its place.

Context is the information that surrounds that information. Without context, that information will be misinterpreted. There are many Bible passages that we cannot understand due to the fact of little or no context; we don't take the time to read and study the context of those passages. Context helps us understand that which otherwise we could never comprehend.

Christ is the context, the whole context of the Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation.

If Christ is not the context, then the purpose of the Law and the prophets is to urge us to do good that we might obtain God's favor, thus eliminating the need or power of the gospel. But this is not the purpose of the Law. Its purpose was to bring us to Christ.

If we keep the Law to be saved or to obtain forgiveness of our sins or to be sanctified or blessed, then, not only do we take our sin out of context, but the Law as well. If we place our sin at the altar of the deeds of the Law, then our sin is out of context.

In order to understand the context of our sin and the Law, we must first understand the context of forgiveness of sin and salvation. Christ came to earth to show us that He is the true context of forgiveness and salvation.

Have you confessed Christ as your Savior?



TOM SLOAN

City Wide Youth Field Day brings community together for faith and fun

Dena Stokes undefined

Kids and adults of all ages came together to compete in more than 20 team events — including kickball, tug-of-war and even a hot-dog eating contest — during the first City Wide Youth Field Day at Kit McConnico Park on Sunday.

Everything that went into the event was donated, including food trucks, a local DJ and drinks from Lufkin Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

St. Cyprian's youth minister Jordan Dietz first came up with the idea for the event, and the youth ministry staff from First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, Harmony Hill Baptist Church, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church and Southside Baptist Church all came together to organize it.

Dietz said he "wanted to do an event where every church came together" and that he "wanted everyone in the community to feel welcome to come together to one thing and join as one body of Christ."

The staff members planned a day of fun, with a time of worship led by the team from FUMC to bring everyone together at the end of the night.

Above all else, Dietz said the goal of the event was to "show everybody that we can be friends, even though we're at different churches. We can be friends, we can talk about our faith with each other, and we can do things together."

Attendees could show up to the park as already-formed teams or as individuals to participate in Ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, corn hole, a water balloon toss, a hula-hoop challenge and an obstacle course, just to name a few of the events.

Fourteen-year-old Miranda Cherry said she was most excited for tug-of-war, while 12-year-old Blake Cherry said he was excited to win the hot-dog eating contest.

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What's happening with my adult kids?

Ruben Cantu undefined

CLAY CENTER, Kansas – “Pastor Miller, thanks for coming over on short notice. My wife and I appreciate it. We are at a loss and don't know what to do with our son, Tom. We just can't handle it anymore. He's an adult and has been out on his own for a while. For years we've dealt with his unpredictable behavior and have tried everything. He wasn't raised this way. Pastor, what else can we do? Where did we go wrong?”

Maybe you are a parent with teenagers or adult children that are living destructive lives. Can you identify with this dad and mom?

Long ago there was a great king who had a wayward adult son who brought waves of grief to his heart. The life of King David's son, Absalom, was filled with selfishness, arrogance and cruelty. The story that symbolizes his lawless life is when, in a patient, premeditated and vengeful fashion, he murdered his brother. In cold blood he took his life, then turned and fled his father's Kingdom. The tragic event was the beginning of David's downhill relationship with Absalom. Things never improved, but eventually ended with even more tragedy when Absalom was murdered in cold blood as well. In response to learning of his wayward son's early and needless death, David grieved as any parent can understand, crying out, “O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!” (2 Samuel 19:4)

David was considered “a man after God's own heart” yet, had a son who lived a lawless life. If it can happen to him, it can happen to any parent. Let me share six prayers you can consider praying over your difficult relationship with your adult son or daughter.

1) Pray and ask God to show you any parts of your life that may have influenced your child's behavior toward the harmful choices they are making. No doubt, at some point, David realized that his adulterous affair with Bathsheba was a negative influence on Absalom's life.

2) Pray and ask God for forgiveness for the things you may have allowed in your life that was harmful to your child. Then by faith, release any feelings of guilt to Him and receive His joy and peace.

3) Pray and ask God to help you accept that no matter what happened in the past, between you and your child, they are ultimately an adult and are solely responsible before God for their behavior.

4) Pray and ask God to help you release your child into His hands, stepping away from constantly rescuing him or her and trying to make up for the failures in the past.

5) Pray and ask God to help you forgive your child for the pain he or she has caused, and to show sincere love and undeserved kindness, just as God has shown you.

6) Pray and ask God to transform your life that you might be the parent or grandparent that you never were in your earlier years. Ask God to restore what was lost and change your family tree.

There is hope for any family in crisis and it begins with Jesus. The greatest enemy of the family is sin. Jesus suffered, died and rose again to defeat sin. When you turn to Christ, His Spirit will come to dwell within you and give you the power, day by day, to live victoriously and overcome hell's vicious onslaughts against your family.

Victory for your wayward son or daughter begins with Christ in you, then Christ in them. Jesus is greater than drugs, alcohol, mental illness, criminal behavior or any other form of recklessness.

May the words spoken to a dad and his family centuries ago, by the Lord Jesus Himself, be spoken to you in the days ahead, “Today salvation has come to this house” (Luke 19:9).

A prayer for you - “Lord God, I pray for peace in homes where children have headed down a path of destruction. Give hope to parents who feel at a loss and do not know where to go and what to do. Show yourself as a rock of refuge and a shelter in a time of trouble. In Jesus' name. Amen.”

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Adults reminisce at Big People Bible School

By CARA DAESCHNER cara_daeschner@thefacts.com
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LAKE JACKSON — While reminiscing about their childhood experience with Vacation Bible School, Diane Tweedle and Betty Massey wondered why kids had all the fun and no such thing existed for adults.

When Massey was younger, she always attended summer Bible classes. Every single year, the presence of Kool-Aid, graham crackers, vanilla wafers and a craft never failed to be present at Bible school.

Wanting to give adults this childhood experience but with an appeal to older generations, Massey and Tweedle began Big People's Bible School, or BPBS.

Now in its second year, the Bible school runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Monday in August at Christ Lutheran Church, 86 Plantation Drive. The event is free to attend, and the church invites everybody to join for the remaining two weeks.

“Anyone of any faith is welcome,” Massey said.

BPBS begins the day with an opening song, Scripture and prayer, and then moves to a different room for an hour of Bible study.

Each week BPBS discusses a different theme. This week, the theme was resurrection, and next week focuses on transformation. The final week will examine growth.

During Bible study this week, the group compared the differences and similarities in the accounts of the Resurrection in the four Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — and went into an in-depth conversation about a person's word.

Seeing people get excited about the

word of God made Jean Warren, a member of the church and part of the social ministry committee where the idea for BPBS originated, happy.

“I really like to see the look on their faces, just having fun and ... talking about their faith,” Warren said. “To see that (BPBS) means something to people is a good thing.”

After Bible study, the group began craft time. This week, attendees worked with rope to create hanging pots for plants. Next week, a guest artist will lead the group in rock painting.

Following the crafting session, attendees ate packed lunches they brought and played games such as spoons, trivia and guess that song.

The number of people who attend BPBS each week varies, giving attendees an opportunity to meet new people who attend different churches in the area.

Jan Pearson is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Angleton and attended BPBS last year after being invited by a friend.

“We meet new friends ... and these guys put a great deal of work and effort and a lot of thoughtfulness into what they're doing,” Pearson said.

Mary Morgan has been a member of Christ Lutheran since 1975 and thinks the event gives people an opportunity to work together to better understand their faith journey.

To end the day, the group concluded with a closing devotion, song and prayer.

“(BPBS) reminds me that, yes, I was once a kid, and I did once go to Bible school,” Warren said. “I learned good things, and most of the things I know about the Bible right now, I learned in Bible school.”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Forsan Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM CST, Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in the Board Room, Forsan JH/HS, 411 W 6th St

Forsan, Texas The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 0.97 / \$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.35858 / \$100	(proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters		

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	5.9 % increase	or	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	19.8 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.5 % increase	or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 736,117,305	\$ 853,502,306
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,432,436	\$ 1,712,219
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 608,327,544	\$ 661,654,980
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,708,136	\$ 2,010,342

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 16,330,000

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.35858*	\$ 1.39858	\$ 11,820	\$ 2,192
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.11136	\$ 0.35360*	\$ 1.46496	\$ 10,029	\$ 792
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.35858*	\$ 1.32858	\$ 11,989	\$ 992

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 116,506	\$ 121,806
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 68,205	\$ 72,445
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.39858	\$ 1.32858
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 953.90	\$ 962.49
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 8.59

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.32858. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.32858.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,083,502
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,392,345

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

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LEADING OFF: Harper's homers, Indians go deep, Cueto warms

Associated Press

A look at what's happening around the majors today:

BRUCE BLASTS

Quiet for much of the season, Bryce Harper is making a lot of noise lately for the Phillies.

Harper hollered as he ran around the bases after hitting a game-ending grand slam that rallied Philadelphia over the Cubs 7-5 Thursday night for a three-game sweep. Harper has seven homers and 15 RBIs in the last 12 games, keeping the Phils in the thick of the NL wild-card chase.

Harper is batting .253 with 25 home runs and 87 RBIs. His slam was his biggest hit since signing a \$330 million, 13-year contract to join the Phillies in spring training.

"Before I went to the plate, I touched my heart and I was thinking to myself: Why am I not jittery? Why am I not excited? But that's just how I am," Harper said. "I go up there and each at-bat is the same. I don't think about bases loaded. I try to get a pitch I can drive and hopefully good things happen. I love those moments. I love those opportunities. I think it helped me a lot from a young age going through those 90 emotions and having those opportunities at 8, 9, 10 years old in big-time games going to different states and cities playing for a lot of teams."

The Phillies next take on San Diego at Citizens Bank Park.

TEEING OFF

Jose Ramirez, Carlos Santana and the Indians

began their week-plus in New York by routing the Yankees 19-5. Cleveland clubbed seven home runs, matching the most ever allowed in a game by the Yankees.

Rookie right-hander Aaron Civale (1-1, 1.00 ERA) makes his fourth major league start, taking on Yankees righty Masahiro Tanaka (8-6, 4.64).



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

After a four-game series in the Bronx wraps up this week, the Indians get a day off before playing three in Queens against the Mets.

Also from the playoff-contending Indians: Right-hander Carlos Carrasco, diagnosed in June with a treatable form of leukemia, plans to throw batting practice at Class A Lake County.

HEATING UP

The Giants could accelerate their timeline for pitcher Johnny Cueto to help with their pur-

suit of an NL wild card. The two-time All-Star had Tommy John surgery last August.

Cueto gave up one run in 2 2/3 innings Thursday for Class A San Jose on a limited pitch count. He struck out seven in four scoreless innings in his first two rehab appearances in the rookie Arizona League.

The original plan was to have the 33-year-old righty make at least two more rehab starts after that, but that could change.

"We'll see where we are at. I'm not saying we're going to do anything. I'm just saying that we will re-evaluate," San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy said before the game.

CHECK HIM

The Dodgers will see how outfielder Kristopher Negrón is feeling, a day after he scraped his nose and forehead when he did a face plant in a vain attempt to catch Henry Brinson's double in Miami. Concussion tests and X-rays were negative.

STINGY

Rangers left-hander Mike Minor has pitched 16 consecutive scoreless innings, including back-to-back 1-0 wins. The All-Star threw eight innings Sunday at Milwaukee, becoming the first pitcher to win consecutive games with one run support since Tampa Bay's Steve Trachsel in 2000, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Minor (11-6, 2.90 ERA) is home to face Minnesota and Jake Odorizzi (13-5, 3.44), who has made 13 starts this season when he allowed no more than one earned run.

Twins slug 3 HRs in 13-6 win at Texas, keep AL Central lead

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Eddie Rosario and the Minnesota Twins keep hitting home runs, and maintaining the slimmest possible lead in the AL Central.

Rosario matched his career high with his 27th homer, and like Miguel Sanó went deep for the second game in a row, as the Twins beat the Texas Rangers 13-6 on Thursday night to stay a half-game ahead of Cleveland.

"I feel good. I feel stronger than last year, healthier," Rosario said through a translator. "Last year when I was putting up good numbers as well, I went down. I'm taking care of me and taking care of my body, my health, so that doesn't happen this year."

Asked how many homers he thinks he can hit this season, Rosario responded, "As much as I can."

Probably the same for all of the Twins, whose 236 homers are already a club record. That is 31 short of the MLB record

set by the New York Yankees last year, with 41 games left in the regular season.

Rookie second baseman Luis Arraez also homered, his two-run shot in the second putting the Twins (73-48) ahead to stay against Pedro Payano (1-2). They led 11-0 halfway through the game.

"The guys are swinging the bats well. We started pretty good first couple of innings and just carried it out," manager Rocco Baldelli said. "There were good swings throughout the game, all the way up and down the lineup."

After C.J. Cron reached on a one-out error on the second, Arraez homered to right for a 2-0 lead in a five-run inning. Jake Cavo had an RBI double before a throwing error by shortstop Elvis Andrus allowed two runs to score.

Marwin Gonzalez had a pair of RBI singles among his four hits. It was 11-0 after Sanó hit his 22nd homer with two outs in the fifth.

The Rangers, at the end, still had only one hit off Michael Pineda (8-5) in his return from the injured list after missing two weeks because of a right triceps strain.

"I'm so excited to get back to pitching," Pineda said. "I have good location and they got a lot of swing and miss. When you see that, that's why I used a lot of fastballs."

Pineda struck out six with one walk while allowing three runs and six hits over five innings in his first start

since Aug. 1.

Drew Smeltzer threw the first four innings for his first career save, and was optioned to Triple-A Rochester after the game.

Payano was optioned to Triple-A Nashville after he allowed eight runs (five earned) in 3 1/3 innings.

Willie Calhoun led off the Rangers fifth with his 11th homer, and Andrus had an RBI single to make it 11-3.

Rosario then homered to start the Minnesota's sixth.

After the Rangers got another lead-off homer in the sixth on Hunter Pence's 18th, they had four more hits — two for extra bases — in the inning and got only one more run.

Calhoun was out trying to score on a double by Rougned Odor, who

was then thrown out when he took off home on a groundball to third. The inning ended when Jose Trevino rounded third base and couldn't get back in time after a RBI double by Delino DeShields.

"There was obviously a few mistakes

on the bases. It's part of the game. We run the bases very aggressively," manager Chris Woodward said. "A few baserunning mistakes cost us a little bit, but in the end it doesn't cost us the game."

SHORT HOPS

The Rangers (60-61) have lost seven of nine games. ... Eight players scored runs for Minnesota, whose 13 runs were its most since 15 against the Rangers on July 5.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Twins: DH Nelson Cruz (left wrist) is expected to hit on the field at some point this weekend. Cruz was put on the 10-day injured list last Friday, a day after he was injured on a swing. "There's no reason to really rush anything," manager Rocco Baldelli said. "Says he's feeling good and he's ready to go." Cruz is hitting .294 with 32 homers and 76 RBIs in 87 games. ... C Willians Astrudillo (strained left oblique) started a rehab assignment with Double-A Pensacola.

UP NEXT

Rangers lefty Mike Minor (11-6, 2.90 ERA) has pitched 16 consecutive scoreless innings, and has won his last three starts since the trade deadline passed with him still in the Texas rotation. Minor is coming off consecutive 1-0 wins on the road. Twins right-hander Jake Odorizzi (13-5, 3.44) threw 5 2/3 scoreless innings in his last start, and has allowed one or no earned runs in 13 starts.

A's hold off Houston 7-6 in a home run derby with 10 homers

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Bob Melvin walked in after the game and had a little fun, "Coors Field tonight, huh?" Oakland's manager joked.

It sure felt like it the way balls were flying out.

Matt Chapman hit two home runs for the second straight day, connecting for the tiebreaking shot in the eighth inning to lead the Athletics past the Houston Astros in a 7-6 home run derby of sorts Thursday night.

The teams combined for a Coliseum record 10 home runs, five by each team. Four players hit two home runs: Chapman and teammate Matt Olson along with Houston's Michael Brantley and Carlos Correa. Since 1908, it marked the fifth time in major league history four players hit at least two home runs, with Minnesota and Baltimore also doing so on April 20 this year.

"That was pretty cool. I've never seen the ball carry like that here. It was like we were playing on a normal park," Chapman said. "That was a rarity. I've never seen this park play like that. Usually it's pretty cold here and the ball doesn't travel, but that was nice."

The 10 homers topped the previous record of eight combined for the rundown venue also home to the NFL's Oakland Raiders. The A's and Astros were the last to total eight together, on Aug. 19, 2018.

With the game tied at 6, Chapman led off the eighth with a homer off Chris Devenski (2-2). Chapman recorded his fourth career two-homer game a day after hitting two against Giants. Liam Hendriks kept the Astros from clearing the fences in the ninth for his 14th save.

"They hit the most important one at the right time," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "We hit some big ones. It was a little bit of 2019 home run derby with the ball flying out of the ballpark everywhere."

Olson hit a three-run homer and solo shot. Correa homered leading off the fifth and seventh innings for Houston, the second giving him 100 for his career. Brantley hit solo drives in the sixth and eighth innings, tying the game with the second.

Olson notched his sixth career multi-homer game and second this year on an uncharacteristically hot night when each starting pitcher surrendered four home runs. Chapman hit a tiebreaking homer estimated at 453 feet leading off the sixth before Olson's second of the night and No. 25 of the season.

Corban Joseph connected for his first major league homer in the fourth after first-pitch temperature read 82 degrees.

Alex Bregman hit a two-run homer in the top of the fourth to put Houston ahead only for Olson to answer in the bottom half. Joseph hit the first

pitch from Aaron Sanchez for his first home run three batters later.

Fiers started the game with a walk to George Springer then retired the next 10 Astros batters in order before Brantley's two-out single in the fourth for the first Houston hit then Bregman followed with his 29th homer.

Brantley homered to tie the game in the sixth before the slugging Matts did their thing for the A's.

Fiers allowed six hits and five earned runs pitching into the seventh, matching his career high surrendering four homers. He has won nine straight decisions and is unbeaten over 18 starts since pitching his no-hitter against the Reds on May 7. The right-hander has no-decisions in each of his four starts against his former Astros club this season.

"Guys were swinging," he said. "There were no cheap homers."

Sanchez worked 5 1/3 innings in his third start since joining the Astros from Toronto at the trade deadline. He gave up six runs on seven hits.

Even with the loss, Houston (78-44) owns the best 122-game record in franchise history, topping the 1998 club that was 75-47.

Jake Diekman (1-6) recorded the last out of the eighth for his first victory with Oakland.

SWEET REUNION

A's first base coach Al Pedrique was instrumental as an Astros special assistant in 2007 when he helped convince the Houston front office to sign Venezuelan countryman Jose Altuve at age 16.

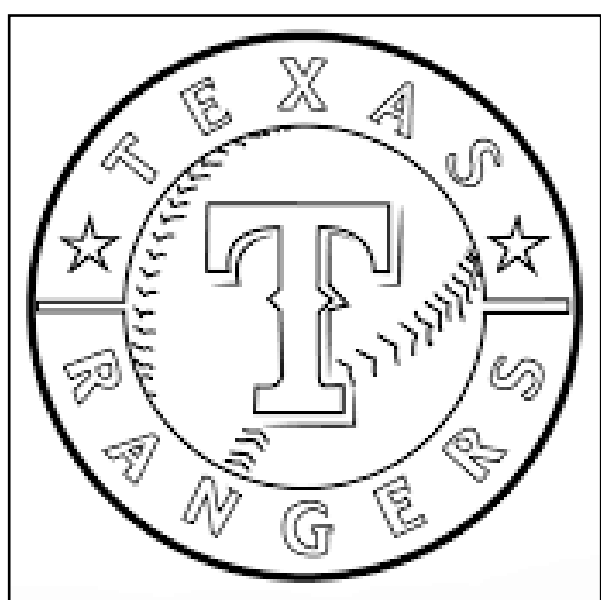
All these years later, they sat in the Astros dugout before the series opener catching up and sharing some laughs and smiles.

Altuve worked out just fine, all right.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Athletics: Mark Canha, who was filling in at CF with Ramon Laureano hurt, hit his left hand on the wall Wednesday at San Francisco and missed Thursday. Melvin hoped he would be back in the lineup Friday night if the soreness had subsided. Chad Pinder started in center. ... LHP Sean Manaea will pitch again Sunday for Triple-A Las Vegas as he nears closer to returning for the first time since having shoulder surgery last September. Manaea, who also experienced some soreness in his right side during a June simulated game, struck out 10 over 5 2/3 innings for the victory with Las Vegas at Omaha on Tuesday. ... RHP Marco Estrada, on the 60-day injured list with a lower back strain, is set to work four innings and about 65 pitches Friday for Las Vegas in his rehab. ... LHP prospect Jesus Luzardo, back after being sidelined by a strained pitching shoulder, allowed six hits and five runs — four earned — in 3 1/3 innings for Las Vegas on Thursday night.

from Cincinnati at the trade deadline.



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About a month ago, he joined Facebook and requested me as a friend. I accepted his friend request. He wrote on my Facebook page that it hurt to have lost a friend without knowing why. We talked on the phone shortly after this. He said I had been a part of his life since we started initially dating in high school. I told him that wasn't quite true: We had gone our separate ways after high school. He married; I married.

His closest friend told me he had been in love with me and regretted our not getting married. He thinks that when we reconnected, my friend was afraid of being hurt again, as he'd been hurt by his ex-wife.

I think that he regrets saying that he felt we'd become too close. He told me when we talked a few weeks back that he shared things with me he'd never shared with anyone else. I don't plan to see him again. He did mention a get-together that is taking place in the city where I live. He asked if I was attending it. I won't go because I don't want to run into him.

A close friend of mine is very devout, as am I. She thinks that it is my Christian duty to be a friend to his relationship

with God. I have bought several devotional books and other religious material in addition to a Bible to give to him.

Am I being a terrible person not to trust him and want to help him? I care about him as a person but I don't trust him and I don't want to be hurt again. -- Confused Friend

Dear Confused Friend: Wanting to protect your heart from someone who's hurt you does not make you a terrible person. It makes you a person. We human beings all have needs, hopes, fears, doubts and love to give. By that token, while it's perfectly OK for you to leave this man out of your

life, I'd ask you to consider if that's truly what you want. It seems that you might be as afraid of loving and losing as he is. All that he said was that he felt you were spending too much time together. That hardly meant that he never wanted to see you again. If any part of you is still romantically interested in him, then I recommend that you give it another go. And this time, really open your heart. Don't run at the first sign of conflict. Try working through it together.

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**Contract
Bridge**

By Steve Becker

Double-dummy problem

NORTH
♦ A 5 2
♥ A J 7 2
♦ A J 6
♣ A J 5

WEST
♦ 9 8 7 6
♥ 8 5 4
♦ K 7
♣ 10 6 3 2

EAST
♠ Q J 3
♥ —
♦ Q 10 9 8 4 3
♣ 9 8 7 4

SOUTH
♦ K 10 4
♥ K Q 10 9 6 3
♦ 5 2
♣ K Q

This is a double-dummy problem. You, South, are in Seven Hearts, and West leads the nine of spades. You are permitted to look at all four hands as you attempt to make the contract. How do you proceed?

You start with 12 tricks and must develop a 13th. Assuming best defense, your only chance to make the grand slam is by a squeeze.

The three elements usually necessary for a successful squeeze are all present: 1. You have all the remaining tricks but one. 2. One opponent — in this case East — has two suits to guard (spades and diamonds). 3. You will have satisfactory communication between your own hand and dummy when the squeeze card is eventually led.

Play a low spade from dummy at trick one and take East's jack with the king. Cash five rounds of trump, discarding a low spade from dummy. East has a choice of how many diamonds and clubs to discard on the five trumps — all leading to the same dead end — but let's assume he discards three diamonds and two clubs, producing this position:

North
♦ A
♦ A J 6
♦ A J 5

West
♦ 8 7
♦ K 7
♣ 10 6 3

East
♦ Q 3
♦ Q 10 9
♣ 9 8

South
♦ 10 4
♥ 9
♦ 5 2
♣ K Q

Cash the king of clubs, then overtake the queen with the ace and lead the jack of clubs. This last play destroys East. If he discards a spade, you discard a diamond and next cash the ace of spades, felling East's queen and establishing your ten.

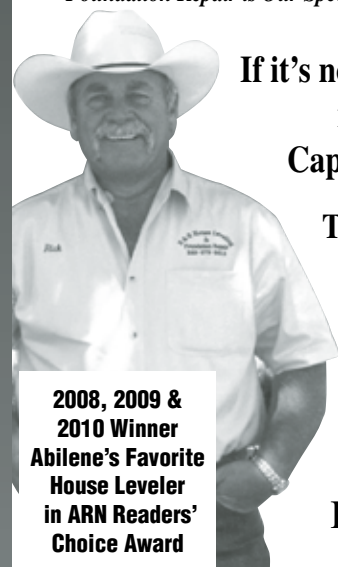
If East instead discards a diamond on the jack of clubs, you also discard a diamond, then play the ace of diamonds and ruff a diamond, making dummy's jack a trick.

There is no escape for East.

Tomorrow: First things first.
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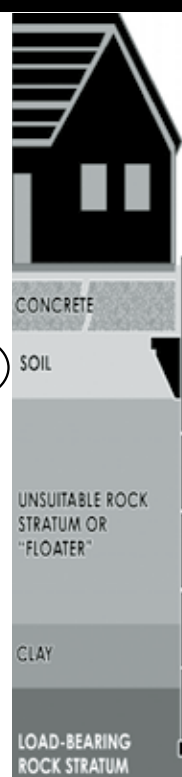
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you take it seriously -- put in the practice time, devote energy to finding the right strategy, get your team together, consult with mentors to keep you on track -- this caper you're planning could change everything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To do or to be -- that is the question. You'd think doing would be harder, but it's so much easier to get comfortable with doing than it is to get comfortable with being. Note that doing is often used to avoid being.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are surface-level changes to make and strategies to apply in efforts to improve this scene. Don't underestimate the power of shallow shifts in the process of deeper healing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes you remember the past and project the future. Other times you project the past and remember the future. It doesn't make perfect sense, but your imperfect senses are better anyway.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can be mightily persuasive when you need to be, but it's a waste of your energy to try and manipulate people's perceptions today. Don't worry about how things look. Focus on how they feel.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



that you don't even know a single person who is doing it. Someone has to go first. Why not you?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even the person who best knows and appreciates the complexities of who you are sometimes gets it wrong. You set it right, though, with a light touch that works perfectly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a grand and graceful momentum happening, and all you have to do is show up, shift your weight and fall forward, surrendering to success.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). All effectiveness will come from dealing in what is. The more you can accept this scene, the better you'll use it. These things siphon your power: escape, distraction and any type of rejection of the circumstance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 16). The control you once felt you needed will prove unnecessary. You'll let go, and something mighty will emerge in you to handle the old problems and elevate you to the new adventure you crave. Relationships will bring beauty, flow and spiritual connection. Someone you've mentored will add to your good fortune. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 8, 4, 27 and 43.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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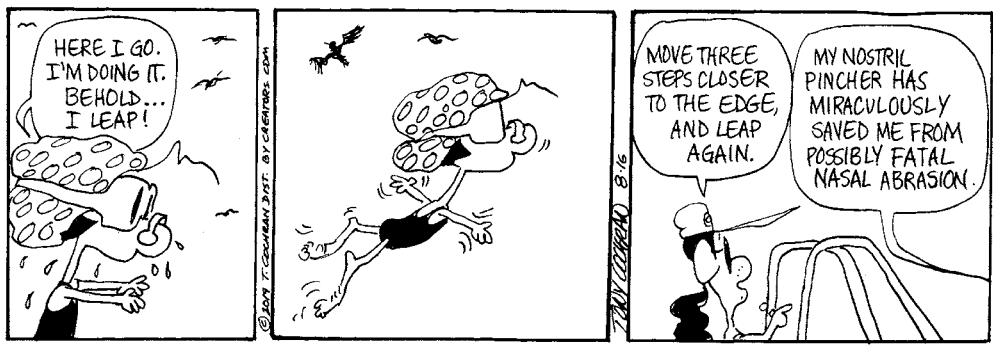
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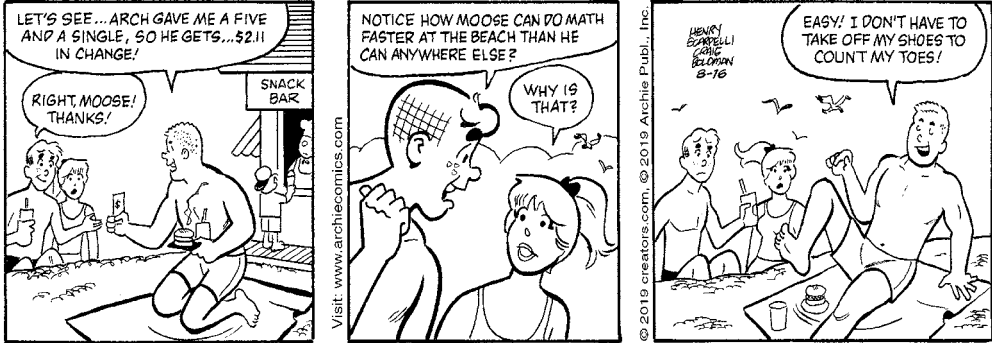
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2019. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 42.

On this date:

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln issued Proclamation 86, which prohibited the states of the Union from engaging in commercial trade with states that were in rebellion — i.e., the Confederacy.

In 1920, Ray Chapman of the Cleveland Indians was struck in the head by a pitch thrown by Carl Mays of the New York Yankees; Chapman died the following morning.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1962, The Beatles fired their original drummer, Pete Best, replacing him with Ringo Starr.

In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit; the sole survivor was 4-year-old Cecelia Cichan (SHEE'-an).

In 1991, Pope John Paul II began the first-ever papal visit to Hungary.

In 1999, the U.S. version of the quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," hosted by Regis Philbin, began a limited two-week run on ABC.

In 2000, delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles formally nominated Al Gore for president.

In 2002, terrorist mastermind Abu Nidal reportedly was found shot to death in Baghdad, Iraq; he was 65.

In 2003, Idi Amin, the former dictator of Uganda, died in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia; he was believed to have been about 80.

Ten years ago: Negotiators averted a strike against the San Francisco Bay Area's

commuter rail hours before a midnight deadline. Y.E. Yang of South Korea became the first Asian-born player to win one of golf's majors with a three-stroke win over Tiger Woods at the PGA Championship in Chaska, Minnesota. Usain Bolt ran to another world record, winning the 100-meter race in 9.58 seconds at the world championships in Berlin.

Five years ago: Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, where police and protesters repeatedly clashed in the week since a black teenager was shot to death by a white police officer. Pope Francis beatified 124 Korean martyrs during an open-air Mass in Seoul.

One year ago: Aretha Franklin, the undisputed "Queen of Soul," died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76. Newspapers across the country pushed back against President Donald Trump's attacks on "fake news" with a coordinated series of editorials in defense of a free press. The Pentagon said the Veterans Day military parade ordered up by President Trump wouldn't happen in 2018 and that officials were now looking at 2019; the announcement came hours after reports that the parade would have an estimated cost of \$92 million, more than three times the price first suggested by the White House.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Blyth is 91. Actor Gary Clarke is 86. Actress Julie Newmar is 86. Actress-singer Kitty Lester is 85. Actor John Standing is 85. College Football Hall of Famer and NFL player Bill Glass is 84. Actress Anita Gillette is 83. Country singer Billy Joe Shaver is 80. Movie director Bruce Beresford is 79. Actor Bob Balaban is 74. Ballerina Suzanne Farrell is 74. Actress Lesley Ann Warren is 73. Rock singer-musician Joey Spampinato is 71. Actor Marshall Manesh is 69.

Actor Reginald VelJohnson is 67. Former TV host Kathie Lee Gifford is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer J.T. Taylor is 66. Movie director James Cameron is 65. Actor Jeff Perry is 64. Rock musician Tim Farriss (INXS) is 62. Actress Laura Innes is 62. Singer Angela Bassett is 61. Actor Timothy Hutton is 59. Actor

Steve Carell (kuh-REHL) is 57. Former tennis player Jimmy Arias is 55. Actor-singer Donovan Leitch is 52. Actor Andy Milder is 51. Actor Seth Peterson is 49. Country singer Emily Robison (The Dixie Chicks) is 47. Actor George Stults is 44. Singer Vanessa Carlton is 39. Actor Cam Gigandet is 37. Actress Agnes Bruckner is 34. Sing-

er-musician Taylor Goldsmith (Dawes) is 34. Actress Cristin Milioti is 34. Actor Shawn Pyfrom is 33. Country singer Ashton Shepherd is 33. Actor Okieriete Onaodowan is 32. Country singer Dan Smyers (Dan & Shay) is 32. NHL goalie Carey Price is 32. Actor Kevin G. Schmidt is 31. Actress Rumer Willis is 31. Actor Parker Young is

31. Rapper Young Thug is 28. Actor Cameron Monaghan is 26. Singer-pianist Greyson Chance is 22.

Thought for Today: "Genius is the ability to act rightly without precedent — the power to do the right thing the first time." — Elbert Hubbard, American writer (1856-1915).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Rare blood type, for short
- 5 Homeland Security org.
- 9 Not unsound
- 14 One by one
- 15 "Sign me up!"
- 16 Make right
- 17 Émile's existence
- 18 __ Féin (party of Ireland)
- 19 Icy arenas
- 20 Thanksgiving date, by law
- 23 Sunflower St.
- 24 Green spots
- 25 Circumlocutory
- 30 Antonym for inert
- 34 Capsizes
- 36 Safe Toys and Gifts Mo.
- 37 Catches on
- 38 Certain lab subject
- 39 Tropical fruit, in Spain
- 40 Sch. founded by Jefferson
- 41 American Idol ancestor
- 45 Camus contemporary
- 47 Well thought of
- 48 Ending like -kin
- 50 Time slot abbr.
- 51 Staple of pirate fiction
- 58 Argues for
- 59 Part with teeth
- 60 Sector
- 61 Taqueria freebie
- 62 Home's water deflector

DOWN

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- 4 Small pickles
- 5 Trawler's gear
- 6 Send out
- 7 Ho Chi __ City
- 8 Abolish
- 9 High fashion label
- 10 Surrounded by
- 11 Dunham of TV
- 12 Very dark
- 13 Driller's designation
- 21 Pinafore crew
- 22 Bona fide
- 25 "We're here!"
- 26 New, in Nogales
- 27 Gloomy, to Keats
- 28 Largest Caribbean island
- 29 Timeworn
- 31 34 Across, for instance
- 32 Scene of a crime
- 33 Modern greeting
- 35 Low digits
- 39 Partridge cousin
- 41 Anagram of "Sinatra"
- 42 Measure (out)
- 43 Spoken
- 44 McEntire of music
- 46 Saint __ of Calcutta
- 49 Outer limits
- 51 Arm: Fr.
- 52 Jamaican tangelo
- 53 Warp-resistant wood
- 54 Sitarist Shankar
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- 56 Carson City neighbor
- 57 "No problem!"
- 58 Charter member of 2 Down

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Green in C-USA: North Texas and Marshall league favorites

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

DENTON, Texas — North Texas was oh-so-close in Conference USA last year to fulfilling the preseason prediction of repeating as a division champion. The Mean Green could have also ended up at the opposite end of the standings after five of their league games were decided by a field goal or less.

"There's so much parity in our league," UNT coach Seth Littrell said. "We were 3-2 in those games. We could have just as easily been 5-0. We could have very easily been 0-5."

Going into Littrell's fourth season, and with two-time C-USA offensive player of the year quarterback Mason Fine one of nine starters back on the league's highest-scoring offense, the Mean Green are again favored in the West Division.

"I think the biggest thing we've learned throughout those games is maybe being able to overcome adversity a little bit better than we did this past year," said Littrell, whose team has had consecutive nine-win seasons. "Maybe just being a little bit more mentally tough this upcoming season will help us."

UNT's three C-USA losses were by a combined 13 points, including 29-21 to division foe and overall league champion UAB. In the Mean Green's other two league losses, they had a field goal attempt blocked in the final minute of a 29-27 home loss to Louisiana Tech, and blew a 28-0 lead in the first half of a 34-31 loss at Old Dominion.

The Mean Green were among six C-USA teams that went to bowl games, though Fine was injured early in the New Mexico Bowl. They ended up using three other quarterbacks in a 52-13 loss to Utah

State, but the league still went 4-2 in bowl games, the best postseason winning percentage by any conference last season.

"The last couple of years, it's been a tough league," Southern Miss coach Jay Hopson said. "There's a lot of parity, there's a lot of winning. ... Top to bottom, a lot of teams are winning football games, so each week is a battle."

THE FAVORITES

East Division: Marshall goes into coach Doc Holliday's 10th season as the favorite in the East Division. The Thundering Herd won four of their final five games last season, including a seventh consecutive bowl victory. They return quarterback Isaiah Green after a standout freshman season, along with their top two running backs. FIU, going into its third season under Butch Davis, has back quarterback James Morgan (26 TD passes) after a program-best nine wins last year. Florida Atlantic will be looking to rebound, having stumbled to 5-7 after a 10-game winning streak wrapped up Lane Kiffin's first season in 2017.

West Division: North Texas got 20 of 26 votes as the West favorite in the preseason media poll. Southern Miss, which returns 10 offensive starters, got four votes. Defending champion UAB has to replace seven offensive starters and six on defense.

SOME OTHER TOP PLAYERS

FIU senior linebacker Sage Lewis, the preseason C-USA defensive player of the year, set a school record with a league-leading 132 tackles last season.

UAB junior running back Spencer Brown has had consecutive 1,200-yard seasons. He ran for 1,227 yards (87.6 per game) with 16 TDs last year.

Charlotte's 5-foot-9 senior running back Benny

LeMay rushed for 1,243 yards and 11 TDs in 12 games last season.

Rico Bussey Jr. led North Texas with 68 catches for 1,017 yards and a league-high 12 TDs in his 12 games last season as a junior.

Louisiana Tech junior cornerback Amik Robertson has 15 tackles for losses and nine interceptions in his first two seasons.

STEP-UP GAMES

Six C-USA teams will play multiple games against Power Five opponents, led by Middle Tennessee State's three games against teams from one of the major conferences (at Michigan, home vs. Duke, at Iowa). Marshall is the only C-USA team not playing a Power Five opponent.

There will be 20 games with C-USA vs. Power Five teams, including three season openers Aug. 31 — FAU at Ohio State, Louisiana Tech at Texas and the MTSU-Michigan matchup.

Rice plays two such games, neither as a road team: against Texas at the home of the NFL's Houston Texans on Sept. 14, then at home against Baylor the following week. Southern Miss plays two SEC teams on the road, Mississippi State and Alabama.

NFL EXPOSURE

There will be Conference USA games on the NFL Network for 10 Saturday afternoons this season, the first of a four-year deal that was the network's first agreement with a college league. All the C-USA games broadcast by the NFL Network will start at 3:30 p.m. Eastern on Saturdays, and 11 of the league's 14 teams will be featured in those games. The first will be Louisiana Tech hosting Grambling on Sept. 7, and the last will be Southern Miss at FAU on Nov. 30.

USA Football pilots program to attract more young players

By **LARRY LAGE**

AP Sports Writer

USA Football is piloting the game's first long-term development program in the hopes of growing the game and catching up to other sports around the world.

The sport's governing body launched its Football Development Model on Thursday, announcing six youth leagues will team up with USA Football in the hopes of attracting more young players and improving skills.

The leagues will experiment with new ways to coach fundamentals in practice, aiming to hone skills while cutting down on full-speed contact that ends with players hitting the ground. The FDM also will encourage leagues to experiment with different ways to play the game, including flag football, padded flag football and modified games with smaller fields and fewer than 11 players on each team.

"We're looking at football in a fresh, new way," USA Football CEO Scott Hallenbeck said in an interview with

The Associated Press. "These leagues around the country are willing to take on this challenge with us to change the narrative and culture of the game, which is easy to say and hard to do.

"Hopefully, the Football Development Model will reimagine the sport to help parents gain confidence and trust and to address some of the challenges in the sport."

Likely due to the fear of concussions, participation in youth tackle football has declined sharply this decade.

There were more than one million children ages 6 to 12 playing tackle football each year from 2011 to 2013 and participated dipped to 839,282 in 2018 according to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association. Participation in flag football for the same age group, according to the SFIA, has increased from fewer than 700,000 in 2014 to nearly one million in 2018.

"My son started playing tackle football at 7 and I still wonder if that was the best thing to do," Hallenbeck said. "When you look at it from a skill-development lens, why can't flag foot-

ball be like T-ball is for baseball? In flag, you can teach how to pass, catch, backpedal and get into a breakdown position defensively. You can learn how to play football without contact."

The program was crafted in part by a council of people with expertise in football, medical and child development along with long-term athlete development.

"The FDM is a progressive approach for the development and safety of our players as they are learning the game," said Dartmouth coach Buddy Teevens, a member of the council. "This is 21st-century football that embraces the value of the team experience, fundamental skill instruction and contact reduction in an effort to teach the sport in a smarter and safer fashion."

The Niagara Erie Youth Sports Association in New York, the Miami Xtreme Youth Football League, Texas' Frisco Football League, the Washington-Greene Youth Football League in Pennsylvania, the Iowa Development League in Des Moines and Utah's Ute Football Conference will pilot USA

Football's new program.

"The FDM is an athlete's roadmap — at any age — to enjoy the fun of football by participating in sport activities that are developmentally appropriate physically, mentally and socially," said NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline, chairman of the FDM council. "Part of the model's forward thinking is that you learn to become an athlete before you learn to become a player. When sports programs adopt the FDM, athletes will perform better, play longer and gain a lifelong path to athleticism, health and wellness through football."

USA Football, a USOC member, studied development programs such as one USA Hockey has had for many years and others operating overseas.

"We're just catching up," Hallenbeck said. "We feel very strongly that this is what the sport has been screaming for something like this and I wish I thought of it 10 years ago because it's a smart way to take another look at our great game."

YMCA Youth Flag Football



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