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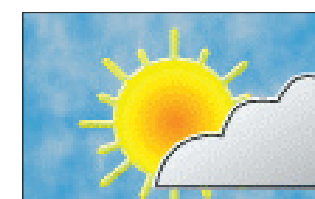


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## EASTER HUNT EGG-CITING FOR YOUTH

Students at Elbow Elementary School enjoy an early Easter egg hunt in cooler weather Thursday. Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students gathered eggs and enjoyed juice, Popsicles and cookies afterward.

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# Odessa forensic center closes, leaving Howard County in lurch

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The last-minute closing of the Permian Basin Forensic Center — which had been providing autopsies for Howard County since Texas Tech University shut down its forensic services department — has local officials scrambling to procure necessary services.

According to Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman, her office was notified Tuesday the Odessa-based center would be closing its doors the

following day for a number of different reasons.

"They only gave us one day of notice," Wiseman said. "According to Carl Rogers, the manager of the facility, there were a number of different reasons for the closing, the first being a lack of forensic pathologists in the area. He told me that between five nearby universities, there were no applicants for those classes.

"Also, I was told the Permian center had a verbal agreement with Midland they would use their services, but since they opened Midland hasn't sent them a single body. When they conducted their feasibility study, they

had counted on Midland sending them approximately 70 autopsies a year, so that really hurt their business."

Permian Basin Forensic Center opened its office in March 2010.

According to Ector County Judge Susan Redford, her county was approached by the center's owner about possibly taking over operation of the facility.

Redford said Ector County officials are currently drafting a proposal to go before their county commissioners regarding the financial feasibility of the move, but due to economic restraints, the situation doesn't look hopeful.

"Looking at the tight bud-

get that we currently have, as well as the rather bleak forecast for next year's budget, to assume a half-million-dollar-a-year operating budget is going to be difficult for us," Redford said.

Wiseman said closure of the Permian Basin Forensic Center will have a negative effect on the Howard County budget, with costs for autopsies expected to climb.

"We've made an arrangement with Dr. Thomas R. Parsons, M.D., in Lubbock to take care of our autopsies," she said. "He used to do autopsies under Texas Tech when we were using them.

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## Weekend happenings

- First Church of the Nazarene community wide Easter egg hunt, at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park at 10 a.m. Saturday. After the hunt, hot dogs and refreshments will be provided.

- GEO is sponsoring Saturday's Glitter-N-Chrome Easter Fun Run, a fund-raiser at the Hog Heaven Party Barn to benefit Special Olympics. Activities begin with a poker run at 11 a.m., a car, pickup and motorcycle show at noon and live bands at 3 p.m.

- Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home community wide Easter egg hunt, to be held on the grounds at 3 p.m. Saturday. Easter activities will run from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will include four bouncers, a washer tournament, live music, food, refreshments and more.

HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

**Scenic Mountain Medical Center** debuted its new digital mammography and bone density machine this week. An open house provided visitors a close look of the new machine a ribbon cutting and lots of food.



## Texans plan to rebuild devastated homes

ANGELA K. BROWN  
LINDA STEWART BALL  
Associated Press

POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE — Their homes have been reduced to a gray heap of ashes, and acres of trees turned into blackened sticks. Yet many who live in a lakeside community ravaged by a massive Texas wildfire — whether in

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# Obituaries

## James A. Stallings



James A. Stallings, 84, died April 17, 2011, in his home in Springfield, Mo., surrounded by his family. He was born in Big Spring on Aug. 22, 1926.

James is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joyce J. Stallings; children, Jim Stallings and Sharon Wilburn; five grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters, Jeanne S. Garrett of Amarillo, Jo S. Graham of Springfield, Mo., and Nina S. Buanno of Oakland, Calif; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 21, 2011, at Greenlawn Funeral Home South. He was laid to rest in Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, Mo.

Online condolences can be made at [www.greenlawnfuneralhome.com](http://www.greenlawnfuneralhome.com). Services were entrusted to Greenlawn South Funeral Home.

## Skipper Driver



Skipper Driver, 67, of Garden City died April 20, 2011, at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at First Baptist Church in Big Spring. Burial will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, April 25, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Skipper was born Nov. 23, 1943, in Big Spring to E.P. and Maurine (Talley) Driver. He graduated from Big Spring High School and continued his education at Texas Tech University.

He married Wanda Boatler, his wife of 45 years, in June of 1966. Skipper enjoyed the early years of his career as basketball coach in Grady and college rodeo coach at Howard County Junior College.

Skipper was an active member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring. He was also an active member of the Howard County Fair Board and was a loyal supporter of the 4-H Club and junior livestock shows.

He was preceded in death by both parents. Skipper is survived by his wife, Wanda; son and daughter-in-law, Dane and Jennifer; and his only granddaughter, Jordan, all of Garden City.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720; the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring 79720; or the Justin Cowboy Crisis, c/o Cindy Schonholtz, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80919.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- CHRIS ALAN NIX, 27, of 428 Hillside Dr., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- DANIEL BRADLEY GRISSOM, 21, of Clyde, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- LORIE ANN AVINA, 39, of 1901 S. Runnels, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- VICENTA JULIA SALAZAR, 41, of 212 E. Robinson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft - shoplifting.
- SANDY MICHELLE BERMEA, 20, of 212 E. Robinson, was arrested Thursday on five warrants from another agency and a charge of theft - shoplifting.
- JOSE NICANOR GARFIAS III, 34, of 1204 S. Lancaster, was arrested Friday on charges of criminal mischief and public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1600 block of Mesquite.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- BURGLARY IN PROGRESS was reported in the 600 block of S. Lancaster.

# Take Note

Monday's jury call for 118th District Court has been canceled, court officials said.

A fund has been established at T&P Federal Credit Union for the Gary Nelson family, who lost their home to a fire Wednesday. Funds raised will go toward rebuilding the home. Anyone who would like to help can do so by contacting the credit union at 101 Main or by calling 263-1631.

Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

May 5 is the National Day of Prayer. Locally, a non-denominational prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. that day in the Howard College Cactus Room. Everyone is invited.

The Coahoma High School (CHS) Alumni Committee has announced the next all-school reunion is planned for July 23 at the Coahoma school building. Coahoma alumni are asked to e-mail Harold Aberegg at [aberegg66@gmail.com](mailto:aberegg66@gmail.com) with updated mailing addresses and/or e-mail addresses, or call Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588. It would be helpful if you included the year of your graduation from CHS, as we hope to work with 10-year increments of alumni. We would appreciate help getting the date out to all CHS graduates and current and former CHS faculty members. Reunion planning is scheduled the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen and is open to all CHS alumni.

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

| Sat 4/23  | Sun 4/24                                | Mon 4/25  | Tue 4/26   | Wed 4/27  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| 92/65<br>Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. Hot. High 92F. | 89/61<br>Windy, isolated thunderstorms. | 90/57<br>Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s. | 93/55<br>Sunny and wind. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s. | 88/55<br>Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s. |
| Sunrise: 7:08 AM<br>Sunset: 8:21 PM                               | Sunrise: 7:07 AM<br>Sunset: 8:22 PM     | Sunrise: 7:06 AM<br>Sunset: 8:22 PM   | Sunrise: 7:05 AM<br>Sunset: 8:23 PM                                    | Sunrise: 7:04 AM<br>Sunset: 8:24 PM   |

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

| City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City            | Hi | Lo | Cond.     |
|----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Abilene        | 87 | 65 | t-storm   | Kingsville      | 91 | 74 | pt sunny  |
| Amarillo       | 72 | 44 | pt sunny  | Livingston      | 90 | 68 | pt sunny  |
| Austin         | 89 | 70 | windy     | Longview        | 89 | 69 | windy     |
| Beaumont       | 86 | 72 | pt sunny  | Lubbock         | 79 | 52 | mst sunny |
| Brownsville    | 90 | 76 | pt sunny  | Lufkin          | 91 | 68 | pt sunny  |
| Brownwood      | 93 | 68 | pt sunny  | Midland         | 94 | 66 | pt sunny  |
| Corpus Christi | 86 | 75 | windy     | Raymondville    | 93 | 74 | pt sunny  |
| Corsicana      | 89 | 69 | windy     | Rosenberg       | 89 | 72 | windy     |
| Dallas         | 90 | 71 | windy     | San Antonio     | 92 | 74 | windy     |
| Del Rio        | 96 | 73 | pt sunny  | San Marcos      | 90 | 71 | windy     |
| El Paso        | 89 | 64 | pt sunny  | Sulphur Springs | 84 | 70 | windy     |
| Fort Stockton  | 96 | 63 | mst sunny | Sweetwater      | 88 | 63 | t-storm   |
| Gainesville    | 83 | 65 | t-storm   | Tyler           | 90 | 70 | windy     |
| Greenville     | 86 | 68 | windy     | Weatherford     | 86 | 67 | pt sunny  |
| Houston        | 88 | 72 | windy     | Wichita Falls   | 78 | 61 | t-storm   |

### National Cities

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.    | City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.    |
|-------------|----|----|----------|----------------|----|----|----------|
| Atlanta     | 83 | 61 | pt sunny | Minneapolis    | 54 | 37 | rain     |
| Boston      | 52 | 50 | rain     | New York       | 62 | 58 | rain     |
| Chicago     | 60 | 41 | pt sunny | Phoenix        | 83 | 60 | pt sunny |
| Dallas      | 90 | 71 | windy    | San Francisco  | 57 | 52 | cloudy   |
| Denver      | 51 | 38 | rain     | Seattle        | 65 | 45 | sunny    |
| Houston     | 88 | 72 | windy    | St. Louis      | 68 | 53 | t-storm  |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 54 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 74 | 61 | t-storm  |
| Miami       | 87 | 73 | sunny    |                |    |    |          |

# Support Groups

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



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## A Renter's Guide

Dear Heloise: I have a few hints for people who are looking for a home to rent. There are so many out there, and it's hard to know which one is the best fit.

- Some landlords take care of the lawn for you, and some don't. If you don't have a lawn mower or other yard equipment, you will want to take this into account.

- Furnished or unfurnished? Your landlord may not have the capability to take away and store a washer, dryer or refrigerator that is already in the house. If you have one, this may be a problem.

- Have pets? It might be best to find a house that doesn't have carpeting. Dogs can put some wear and tear on certain types of carpet, and you may end up having to pay for it to be replaced.

- Is an alarm system important to you for security? Be sure to factor this into your decision.

- How much can you afford? Be sure to consider whether utilities are included.

— Erin in Indiana

Good advice all around! — Heloise

## Repurposing old tie rack

Dear Heloise: I repurposed a wooden necktie rack. It has 22 wooden pegs and a small hook at each end of

the rack. The rack is attached to the wall in our dressing room. My casual, everyday-style necklaces hang neatly and safely out of the way but are easy to get to. The "fancy" jewelry still goes in the jewelry case. I wear my necklaces more when I don't have to hunt for them. — Mary, via e-mail

## Quilter's storage

Dear Heloise: As a new quilter, I felt like I was spending a small fortune to get started: new sewing machine (mine was 30 years old), fabric, notions, patterns, classes, etc. The best tip I got came from the first class I attended. Rather than spending money on a nice plastic box to contain completed blocks before piecing, I purchased a new, unused pizza box from our local pizzeria for 25 cents! — Debbie, via e-mail

## Travel hint

Dear Heloise: Our family takes a

vacation at least once a year, and here is one of my favorite, easy-to-do travel hints. I take along plenty of anti-germ gel. I use it when we get into our motel/hotel room for door handles, toilet flusher, light switches, etc., to eliminate any germs that may have survived.

I also pack several plastic grocery bags for bathing suits, towels or shoes that may not be completely dry when we are ready to leave. At the next stop, I do a load of laundry to prevent moldy clothes. — Samantha S., via email

## Quick bib

Dear Heloise: In taking care of an elderly lady who needed a bib, I cut a hole just large enough to fit over her head in the middle of an old towel. B.G. in San Antonio

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Students at Elbow Elementary School make a dash for Easter eggs Thursday morning.

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# COUNTY

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However, there will definitely be an increase in costs. Transporting the bodies is a big part of that."

Having gone through a similar scramble to procure autopsies services when Texas Tech discontinued its forensic science services to surrounding counties, Wiseman said Howard County is no stranger to these troubles.

"I suppose it's back to the drawing board at this point," Wiseman said.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Jo Ann Reed Trevino, 60, died Tuesday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Robert Paul Gomez, 26, died Sunday. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

# FIRE

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a million-dollar mansion, a quaint lake house or a simple fishing cabin — say they hope to rebuild and get back to watching the wildlife and whiling away the hours with loved ones.

"Possum Kingdom is a state of mind," said Carolyn Bennis, whose dream house was destroyed in the fire that has charred nearly 150 square miles in three North Texas counties. "It's not necessarily a place. It's just your heart and you just get addicted to it."

Firefighters have contained about a fourth of the blaze, and U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Janice Gakin said law enforcement officers will escort residents into parts of the area to view the devastation firsthand Friday.

The fire that erupted a week ago near the lake about 70 miles west of Fort Worth has destroyed about 160 of the community's 3,000 homes — mostly belonging people who lived there on weekends or during the summer.

"It will be years before this is back to what it used to be," said Palo Pinto County Sheriff Ira Mercer, standing near a blackened field where

the smell of smoke was thick and wind gusts blew ashes in the air.

The blaze is one of several burning in the drought-stricken state, including two massive wildfires in West Texas. Since Jan. 1, wildfires have scorched more than 1.4 million acres in the state and led to the deaths of two firefighters.

Bennis' three-bedroom lake house was atop a cliff overlooking Hell's Gate Cove at Possum Kingdom Lake, formed some 70 years ago by damming the Brazos River. Just last month she and her husband sold their larger home in Cleburne and moved their belongings and family heirlooms into the lake house, dividing their time between Possum Kingdom and a small condominium in downtown Fort Worth.

She and her husband would watch deer nibble outside the kitchen window, or sit on the deck sipping coffee or wine as migrating pelicans and ducks flew overhead and children splashed in the crystal clear water below. They had a big Easter weekend planned, and her 4-year-old grandson cried when he found out about the fire because he feared he wouldn't be able to hunt eggs. Next year, she told him.

Bennis and her husband will rebuild.

"Possum Kingdom is just a big deal for us," she said. "It's not just our house. It's where our heart is."

One home in the area was destroyed except for three scorched walls left standing — and its garage untouched by the flames. A stone fireplace was the only thing that survived next door. On another cliff across the cove, a fireplace towered over the heap that remained of the burned-out home, while an upscale house next door was not damaged. Some docks and boats in the lake below showed no signs of the fire.

In some places, the blaze blackened fields down to the soil and charred trees, burning away even their branches. In others, trees and shrubs were untouched and a few wildflowers grew on the roadside.

The fire also destroyed John McPherson's 1960s fishing cabin near Hell's Gate Cove — which he'd finally bought in December after leasing for about four years, he said. McPherson, who lives in Abilene, said it had the same great views as

nearby mansions "without the million dollar price tag." Because he had no insurance, all he has left is eight-tenths of an acre, a dock and the scorched and warped metal roof he put on just last summer.

The mid-week cooler temperatures and high humidity that helped North Texas firefighters were expected to remain through the weekend. But forecasters said the hot, windy conditions dreaded by fire officials were expected to return Monday.

Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed the three-day period spanning Easter weekend as Days of Prayer for Rain in the state.

Meanwhile, two massive West Texas fires were 75 percent contained — a 160,000-acre blaze in Coke County

near San Angelo and a 200,000-acre fire burning for two weeks in Jeff Davis County.

Bridget Litten, a spokeswoman with the federal firefighting management team called in to help with those blazes, said a storm system that brought relief with cooler temperatures also caused problems when lightning started a few small fires. But crews were prepared, she said.

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We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful, Janice Bishop, KBSB president and students from Howard College for joining together to clean up the streets of Big Spring. April 9 the two groups picked up trash along FM 700.

- Ann Townsend for donating her time as a CASA volunteer and being honored with the Dedicated and Deserving Award.

- Big Spring High School students who qualified for state UIL competition: Charles Anderson, 3rd place Computer Applications; Mindy Ralston, 1st place Headline Writing; Jessica Rubio, 1st Place Persuasive Speaking; 1st Place Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Shermila Kher, 2nd Place Lincoln-Douglas Debate; and Chelsey Parker, 3rd Place Informative Speaking.

- Brad Burt for being honored as Best Mentor at the CASA volunteer appreciation banquet.

- All the Howard College students who were recognized at the awards convocation. Including outstanding students Chase Durham and Katy Shaw; American Legion Citizenship Award male recipient Colton Kreider; Workforce Education Outstanding Student, William Lane Rothell; Outstanding Educator of the Year award, Adrian Calvio; American Legion Citizenship female recipients Bailey Leeton; and Melanie Rmos and American Legion Recognition recipient Na Chen.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Optimism surrounds us, Lord, when we trust in You.

Amen

# What a birthday to forget about

*Editor's Note: This is the fourth part of the ongoing series "Should We Celebrate Our Quincentennial?" and the 23rd part of another series, "America's Hidden Hispanic Heritage." To read previous columns, go to <http://www.MiguelPerez.com>.*

We missed another birthday, and most of us didn't even notice!

Whose birthday, you ask?

Our own!

On April 2, all Americans should have celebrated the 498th anniversary of the discovery of the land that came to be known as the United States of America.

I know. History books tell us that April 2, 1513, was the day Juan Ponce de León first sighted and named Florida.

But unfortunately, we simply assume that it was only the peninsula we now know as the state of Florida.

In fact, Ponce de León and his Spanish conquistadors discovered our country!

Yet instead of the national celebration this date deserves, instead of a federal holiday, what we get is a birthday that many of us tend to forget and the rest of us don't even recognize.

Sure, there are some good events in Florida. On April 2-3, at the Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park in St. Augustine, the living history group La Compañía de Juan Ponce de León, a group created to portray "The Company of Juan Ponce de León," presented a re-enactment of a 16th-century Spanish encampment, and there were lectures by distinguished scholars and special activities for the children.

Bravo! But unfortunately, these events are so small and so local that the rest of us are not even aware of them.

And two years from now, when we reach our quincentennial in 2013, will we be ready to celebrate our 500th birthday?



MIGUEL PEREZ

Shouldn't we be planning a big series of national events to commemorate our own American roots?

Could we be holding back because those roots are Hispanic? Could it be part of that centuries-old campaign to minimize the accomplishments of the Spanish conquistadors and their descendants — known as The Black Legend?

From the moment Ponce de León and his men first sighted the North American mainland on April 2, 1513, and first stepped ashore on April 3, European scholars and mapmakers used the word "Florida" to describe the territory now known as the continental United States. Yet nowadays, we limit their discovery only to the Florida Peninsula.

Why? Could it be that The Black Legend is still alive in the 21st century? Still hiding our Hispanic heritage in this country?

Of course, these are rhetorical questions.

Otherwise we would be getting ready for a huge quincentennial celebration, wouldn't we?

Instead, what we see is much more emphasis and preparation for the 450th anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine — which doesn't even come until two years later.

Some background: The city of St. Augustine was founded by Spanish conquistadors led by Pedro Menéndez de Avilés 52 years after Ponce de León discovered the mainland. In 2015, St. Augustine celebrates the 450th anniversary of its establishment as the nation's first city. But in 2013, we celebrate the 500th anniversary of Ponce de León's discovery.

Yet there are bigger and better celebrations planned for 2015 than for 2013. How is that possible?

As wonderful as it may be that St. Augustine will be celebrating its 450th birthday and reminding this country that our first city has Spanish roots, how is the birth of our first town more important than the discovery of our nation?

And by the way, more than a

celebration of our Spanish heritage, the 2015 events already are planned to focus on the cultural diversity of the city throughout history. You can't blame the city for wanting to recognize its historical diversity and the many ethnic groups that have lived there, but giving more attention to 2015 than 2013 allows The Black Legend to creep back into our lives and continue to minimize the contributions Hispanics have made to this great nation.

Amazingly, when you search online for any kind of reference to a 500th anniversary celebration in 2013, you usually find limited information (perhaps a paragraph) within an article mostly about St. Augustine's great plans for 2015. They tell you the city is planning four years of festivities starting in 2012, including 2013 events in recognition of Ponce de León's great accomplishments, but they make no effort to hide the fact that they are putting the cart before the horse and placing their emphasis on 2015.

This has been mostly the work of the First America Foundation, a nonprofit organization created by the city and geared primarily toward promoting tourism for St. Augustine. But even U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar put the cart before the horse last week, when he named the members of a new federal "St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission" to oversee celebrations that, by the way (almost as an afterthought), also include Ponce de León and the discovery of our nation.

It's upside-down!

They are missing the big picture. This should be a huge national celebration, of which St. Augustine could be the center stage — but in 2013, for crying out loud, when they could ask all Americans to celebrate our Discovery Day. And our Spanish roots.

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# Fun and games yet to come; The Republican dwarfs

I must admit that it took me at least a minute to figure out the Drudge\_Report headline: "Paw In."

Had there been some gruesome animal attack somewhere, alligators eating little girls' arms in Florida, a train accident in Eastern Europe or something else I could worry about as my children travel to places that are literally beyond my world?

I looked at the picture quickly, and I didn't have a clue. Matt Drudge being tasteful about a grisly animal attack by picturing the zookeeper instead of the animal? Not likely.

It was, of course, Tim Pawlenty, putting some part of himself (presumably greater than a paw) in the 2012 presidential race.

I've heard many Republicans sing his praises as governor of Minnesota, and I have no reason to doubt his competence. But to misquote Mario Cuomo, the issue in this race is not competence but ideology — at least on the Republican side.

The candidate who would truly electrify 2012 is Sarah Palin. Like her or hate her, she is way beyond a politician. Snow White to the dwarves, as the Democratic field was referred to in 2007 before Barack Obama (never a dwarf) got in the race.

Here's my guess based on absolutely no inside information. She won't run. She may flirt with it

for a while, keeping the press guessing and the cameras flashing, but there's not much talk of her meeting with top fundraisers and trying to lock them up or at least keep them neutral. Palin is making money and drawing crowds of admirers (and also getting paid for that) doing exactly what she wants to do. If she runs, she loses at least two out of three of those things and gains a hostile press corps and all the other candidates shooting at her, to boot. And, being realistic, do you really think she could beat Obama?

Which leaves Mitt Romney as the GOP frontrunner, if for no reason other than that no one can remember who the other potential candidates are.

Right now, Romney looks to be the strongest general election candidate of the group because of his experience with economic issues and his more moderate (Massachusetts) views on social issues. He's not a divisive general election candidate, which makes him a less than ideal candidate in the Republican nomination battle.

The Democrats did it first. The Republicans didn't even know they were doing it until the Christian Coalition had already taken control of the party-nominating apparatus — going to caucuses, voting in primaries, taking the power to pick delegates away from central committees, even as Democrats were attempting to give more power to the insiders. After you lose for a while, pragmatism reasserts itself over ideology.

The nomination process mea-

sures different strengths. Even today, with everyone seeing the same news, winning state caucuses and even primaries is a personal exercise. It's more like running for governor every week than it is like running for president. I am proud of the governor I worked for in 1988, and I think he would have been a much better president than he was a presidential candidate. The same may be true of Pawlenty. But getting elected in a national election, which is completely different from the primary process, is a prerequisite to being any kind of president.

Lee Atwater, the late and legendary Republican political operative, used to say there was a little boat with all the people Americans could imagine being president, whether they agreed with them or not. Getting into that boat is a necessary step to winning.

Obama is obviously already in that boat, as was Hillary Clinton. The Republican who is closest to the boat is almost surely Romney, but his nomination is anything but certain.

Fun and games to come, and definitely not the Disney sort.

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# Easter Sunday Services

# Attend The Church Of Your Choice

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Sunday School  
9:50 am  
Morning Service  
10:50 am

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Forsan, TX



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10 am  
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11 am  
Evening Service  
6 pm



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Church 432-263-4883  
prayjim@live.com

Pastor: Jim Mills  
432-264-1565

## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 23rd  
10 a.m - 12 p.m.  
Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m.  
Comanche Trail Park,  
Old Settlers Pavilion

For children 2-10 years of age  
Games! Inflatable Bounce House!  
Face Painting! Prize eggs!  
Hot Dogs & Drinks!

## EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE, Sunday, 10 a.m.

First Church of the Nazarene

1400 Lancaster  
Big Spring, TX 79720



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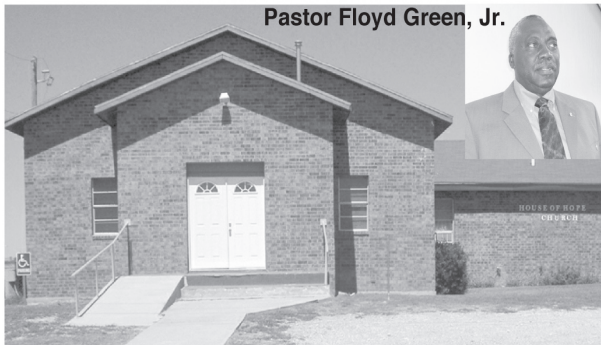
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1108 E. 6th  
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Pastor Floyd Green, Jr.



### SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

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April 24 - Easter Sunrise - 8:00 am  
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### EASTER SERVICES:

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**Holy Thursday Mass/Adoration** - April 21, 2011 - 7:00 pm Foot washing and with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with lighting of the candles and adoration after mass until 12 midnight in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Hall.  
**Good Friday Service** - April 22, 2011 - 3:00 pm Station of the Cross, 6:00 pm Procession of the Cross in the neighborhood. 7:00 pm - **Celebration of the Lord's Passion.**  
**Easter Vigil Mass** - April 23, 2011 - 8:00 pm (No 5 pm Mass).  
**Easter Sunday Masses** - April 24, 2011 - 8:30 am, Bilingual Service and 11:00- am  
**Divine Mercy Weekend** - April 30, May 11, 2011 3:00 pm Sunday afternoon-Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Call 432-714-4930  
for more information

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4th & Scurry  
Big Spring, Texas

### Easter Sunday April 24

"Brand New Day - Brand New Life"

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Sunday School - 9:30 am  
Celebration Worship - 10:50 am

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## St. Mary The Virgin Episcopal Church

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Monday, April 18th  
Tuesday, April 19th  
Wednesday, April 20th  
Evening Prayer in the Chapel at 6 pm  
Maundy Thursday, April 21  
Service at 6 pm  
Good Friday, April 22  
Service at 6 pm  
Easter Sunday, April 24th  
Breakfast 9am-10am;  
Holy Eucharist service 10:30 am  
Easter Egg Hunt 11:45 am

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## Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

### Easter Service Hours

9 am  
10 am  
5 pm

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## The Salvation Army

811 W. 5th  
Big Spring, TX 79720

### Easter Services:

9:00 AM: Sunrise Devotion followed by Breakfast  
11:00 AM: Easter Services

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## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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# EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

ONE SERVICE ONLY  
10:45 AM

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Corner of 4th & Lancaster

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# Church news

## First Baptist Church, Big Spring

First Baptist Church will be praising the risen Savior Sunday at our 10:50 a.m. worship service.

Tuesdays and Thursdays our Mother's Day Out program provides a place for children, birth through four years of age, to learn about God and provide a time when the mother's can be out.

Wednesday evenings begin with a fellowship meal followed by recreation for the children, as well as RAs, GAs, Step Up and Mission Friends. All mission activities are for children 4 years of age through sixth grade. During this time, our adult and youth have Bible study. The adults meet in the chapel, and the youth have their time together (FLOOD Student Worship) in the youth wing.

Our church conducts services at Marcy Nursing Home on Tuesdays, Parkplace Retirement Living facility on Wednesdays and Parkview Nursing Home on Thursdays. All services begin at 10 a.m.

Sunday school, which offers Bible study for all ages, begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship at 10:50.

AWANA, a program that encourages Bible memorization for children four years of age through sixth grade, begins at 5:30 p.m. The evening worship and youth Bible study are at 6 p.m.

Upcoming summer events include Vacation Bible School, mission camps for the children, and camp for our youth.

## First Methodist Church

First Methodist continues Holy Week activities with this evening's Tenebrae service, which focuses attention on the last hours of Jesus' life. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. the service features the chancel choir and bell choir presenting traditional and non-traditional Holy Week music infused with elements of intense drama. The presentation will also include reading the stations of the cross scriptures and a 12-piece wind ensemble.

Easter morning services will be led by our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese at 8:30 and 10:50.

A fresh flower cross will be decorated for each of the morning services. Flowers for the late service should be here by 10 a.m. Plan to bring flowers from your garden for this beautiful and personal expression of new life.

Both of the Easter services will include the Crown of Thorns praise team along with the chancel and bell choirs singing an eclectic variety of celebration music for the resurrection of Christ. A 12-piece wind ensemble will also be featured. This group features current students and alumni from the College of Music at North Texas University, music department of Hardin-Simmons University and the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston; all are brothers in the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America.

Sunday evening's snack supper, fun night, youth activities and Bible studies are cancelled for Easter weekend. The church offices will be closed until Monday.

We are back to our regular schedule in Garrett Hall at noon Wednesdays. This week's meal is scheduled to be catered by Peachy's.

Children's Day Out has been busy decorating ties. The ties are on display for sale in the foyer of the sanctuary. The donation jar is nearby. CDO is in need of substitute teachers, as well as teachers for the summer session. Contact Brenna Hoff or Becky Woodall if you are interested in applying.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

Easter morning worship is at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry. The worship service will be followed by an Easter brunch in the parish hall.

Wednesday noon Bible study resumes Wednesday with a wrap-up of Psalm 23. Beginning May 4 we will study "The Prodigal God." As always, lunch is complimentary.

Wednesday nights are movie nights at St. Paul.

We gather at 5:30 p.m. for popcorn, fellowship and discussion. The movie begins at 6 p.m. followed with a brief discussion of the designated topic. Recent movies include: Ben-Hur (A Tale of the Christ), Apollo 13, Stagecoach, Dave, Zulu, To Kill A Mockingbird, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, The Empire Strikes Back and Heaven Can Wait.

We continue to collect supplies for the Candalaria Medical Mission. The mission is in need of cough syrups (adult and children's), aspirin and Tylenol (adult and children's), band-aids, rice, beans and powdered milk among many other needs. A complete list can be found at the Church.

## Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane the second Thursday every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is May 12.

Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for potluck fellowship. For more information see our website [www.signal-emmaus.org](http://www.signal-emmaus.org)

## First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The weekly Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the Big Spring First Presbyterian Church library.

We will have our traditional pre-Easter breakfast at 9 Saturday morning. Those wishing to help prepare should come an hour earlier. An Easter Vigil service will begin at 7, Saturday evening. The Easter Sunrise service will be at our church between 7 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. and worship for Easter will be 11 a.m.

The lectionary for Easter Sunday/the Resurrection of the Lord is Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

Easter celebration worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The choir has prepared special music just for the occasion.

The "Holy Grounds Café" opens at 10 a.m. Sundays for the whole family to enjoy coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship before worship.

"Boz and Friends" and "Kid-Connect" will not meet Sunday so that families may celebrate Easter together in worship. Classes will resume next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery care will be available. Volunteers are always needed for children's programs. If you are interested in lending a helping hand contact Stan at 432-714-4584.

"Pink" prayer night is the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. to lift up needs and concerns in prayer.

Fellowship is Wednesday evenings with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's activities, youth worship and adult Bible study start at 6:15 p.m. The choir rehearses at 7 p.m. and the praise team rehearses at 7:45 p.m.

Adult "Connections Groups" currently meet at various times and locations during the week. Youth "Connection Groups" meet twice a week, Sunday and Wednesday evenings for junior high and senior high students. The youth will be attending "Kingdom Come" youth camp in June. Applications are available. Contact the church office for more information.

Openings are still available to attend the Alpha Men's Conference on May 12-14 at Gateway Church in Southlake. The cost is \$95 registration plus meals and lodging per person. Contact the church office for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship currently meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Our phone number is 432-714-4584. Visit our website is <http://springcreekfellowship.org>.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

We are having an Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. in the parish hall. Holy Eucharist will be observed at 10:30 a.m. in the church and there will be Easter fun for the children and youth in the garden afterwards.

Sunday school will not meet. The Inquirers' class is meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. If you would like more information about the class call the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris.

The Daily Grind with God coffee hour meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

## College Baptist Church

This past Sunday the youth of College Baptist led the morning worship services. They had spent the weekend in a group, going into different homes of youth leaders and volunteers. The activities, food served, music and mentoring was all geared to these young people. They came out of this weekend, renewed in faith and ready to reach out to others. This weekend is called, Disciple Now.

Our pastor's son, Johnathan McMeans, a young man studying to be a minister, preached the sermon Sunday morning. He reminded the church of the importance of keeping a close relationship between the youth and adults of the church.

Easter is Sunday and our adult choir, under the direction of Jamie Scott, will be bringing the musical, "The King is Coming" during the morning service and Pastor Ken McMeans will bring an Easter message. This will be a celebration of our risen Lord and you are invited to attend.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is [www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx](http://www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx).

Church services are on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school following around 10:15 a.m.

Tonight's service for Good Friday is at 7:30 p.m. will be a combination of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The focuses for the services during Holy Week include the following: combination of Maundy Thursday "The Miraculous in Holy Communion" from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and Good Friday "The Miracle of Good Friday" from 1 Peter 3:18, and Easter Sunday "The Miracle of Easter" from Matthew 28:1-10.

Saturday the Easter festival will be from 10 a.m. to noon. We will again have the Easter cookie decorating, face-painting, crafts, Easter egg/ cake walk, egg hunt and other activities. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Also from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., there will be a prayer vigil held at the church. Come to the church for at least 30 minutes and pray with us for much needed rain, for our military, policemen, hospital staff, firefighters and EMT's, etc.

Easter morning Sunrise service will be at 8 a.m. with the traditional service at 10 a.m. Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching. The sermon Sunday will be titled "The Miracle of the Resurrection."

Bobby Roever will be reading for the Sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. The readings are Acts 10:34-43 and Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 16, Colossians 3:1-4 and Matthew 28:1-10.

Sunday after the Sunrise service, there will be a pancake breakfast sponsored by the LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship). Come enjoy the delicious pancakes and other breakfast items.

The Easter lilies on the altar Sunday are given to God's glory and in memory of several loved ones. Please see the insert in the bulletin for a list of names who made this beautiful display of God's handiwork possible.

The beautiful Easter lilies that grace our church this week are given to God's Glory and in memory from several members.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Mateo Rodriguez. Our elders are Phillip Reid and Richard von Hassell.

Sundays, the adults and youth are studying from the "Growing in Christ" series. The lessons scheduled for Easter Sunday is "The Resurrection of Jesus" from Matthew 28:1-10. The lessons for May 1 are from Acts 6-7: "God's Servant Stephen".

Wednesday our Mid Week School will study "Jesus is Crucified" from Luke 23:26-49 and "Jesus is Risen" from Mark 16:1-11.

May 4 will be our last Mid Week school and Wednesday evening meal. We will again begin Mid Week School in September.

Thank you to the Board of Assimilation for scheduling last Sunday's pot luck. Everyone enjoyed favorite dishes and loved the opportunity for Christian fellowship. Remember, there will be a pot luck scheduled each month.

## North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church gathers for worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading both services.

Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. The adult class discussion will be led by Bill Lovelace on Christ is Risen, taken from Matthew 28: 1-17.

The purpose of the lesson is "to realize that we can worship God with bold confidence despite the doubts we continue to have" with the key verse being Matthew 28:9.

In the morning worship service May 1 we will be having a speaker from The Gideons International.

Wednesday night Bible study has resumed, meeting each first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. This week we will be studying the Book of First Pe-

## Spring Tabernacle

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- Praise & Worship
- Resurrection Story, Special Music & Scripture
- Communion

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Randy Cotton  
Pastor

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on your dial Wednesday Service.....7:00p.m.

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# Never dangle a participle...

Oops! It happened again. Another dangling participle made it into print, producing laughable results. While most people don't care where these verbs ending in "ing" or "ed" are hung in a sentence, English teachers everywhere rant and rave about such egregious errors. They even clip such blunders out of newspapers and magazines to show their students what can happen when participles are misplaced.

In all fairness to the reporter who dangled the participle to which I refer, the article was an emotional piece about an elderly rancher who had lost his childhood home in a recent West-Texas

wildfire. The story included many quotes and phrases from the old cowboy, including a line about how his father used to sit on the back porch with the family dog, playing the fiddle.

While I am certainly not an expert on canine behavior, I have never seen a dog that could play the fiddle. I shared the line in question with my English-teacher husband and we both laughed at the thought of a family sitting around

on the back porch while the dog played the fiddle. We wondered if he sang along while he played.

We live in a society where the rules of grammar are taken lightly by some and totally disregarded by others. However, disrespect for proper grammar is only a symptom of a much larger problem. When we ignore rules and laws in any area of life, we selfishly show disrespect for authority and for other people. Rebellion is a small seed that takes root quickly and spreads rapidly, choking out the positive influences in our lives.

In the spiritual realm, the scripture encourages keeping God's laws: "How blessed are those whose way is blameless,

Who walk in the law of the Lord. How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart" (Psalm 119:1-2 NASB).

Perhaps dangling a participle isn't the most horrific mistake any of us will ever make, but we should all be concerned about our speech and our behavior. We are promised a blessing when we walk in God's law and seek Him with all our hearts. Like the Psalmist, our goal should be to stand blameless in God's sight.

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BONNIE WHEAT

# Reflections

I was twenty-nine years old when my father died. Only hours before his death, I spoke with him. Our eyes met one another, the same eye contact I had with him from my birth. I held his hand as he drew his last breath, and he was gone. His body lay lifeless and unresponsive.



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The morticians took his body from the hospital room where our family had waited through the night. My mother, brothers and I visited the funeral home and chose a casket. Shortly afterward other family and friends joined us to view his body lying still and quiet, dressed in his familiar suit, his hair combed. I stood by the casket and stared at his face. It was obvious another hand had combed his hair and another hand had tied his tie. He seemed to be sleeping. I almost imagined him drawing breath. Almost imagined him opening his eyes that sparkled once again with life, his lips parting in the familiar grin, the dimples reappearing in his cheeks. But he didn't move. We buried his body in the cemetery thirty-five years ago surrounded by friends who came to comfort us, many of whom are now buried beside him.

I asked myself the question Job asked centuries ago, the question every man and woman must ultimately ask when they stand where I stood on that day, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

Job's struggle with the question was not about theology or philosophy. His struggle

was like mine. It was personal. It is the struggle we all must face sooner or later when those whom we love die. "At least there is hope for a tree," Job said, "If it is cut down it will sprout again. ... Its' roots may grow old in the ground and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant. But a man dies and is laid low; he breathes his last and is no more."

The world will ponder Job's question this weekend when we gather in Christian churches around the world. If Jesus was raised from the dead, the answer to life's most important question is clear. Luke wrote, "After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." John wrote, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life."

After having pondered the question we all must ponder, Job foresaw the event we celebrate this week. He wrote, "I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"

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## CHURCH

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ter and the leader will be Jacquie Mauch.

The United Methodist Women have resumed their meetings the second and fourth Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

We are still having our workdays at the church and welcome anyone that has an hour or two to spare.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information call 267-2203, if no answer leave a message.

### Gateway Baptist Church

Sunday morning's message and worship is at 7, followed by breakfast. Burritos, coffee and juice will be served. Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Worship service starts at 11 a.m. closing with observance of the Lord's Supper. Evening worship service begins at 6 p.m. After the message we will be celebrating with water baptism, followed by food and fellowship. Wednesday services are at 6:30 p.m. with music, devotion and prayer time with fellowship afterward.

Revival will be starting May 1 through May 7, with morning and evening services.

Start your day by stopping by our chuckwagon at 6 a.m. on the way to work for a brief message, some gospel singing, a breakfast burrito and coffee. Evening services will be at 7 p.m. with Evangelist Bro. David Garrett.

If you are in need of food or clothing our Clothes Closet and U-eat, We Feed ministries are open each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Our address is 2305 Gatesville St. and our phone number is 432-263-4883.

432-517-4821 or view our website at [www.fcbscbigspring.org](http://www.fcbscbigspring.org)

### First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sundays start with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Church services start at 10:50 a.m. We celebrate communion every week.

The Lord's Table is the center of our worship each time we worship.

Easter, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth McIntosh will be sharing his message entitled, "What You Know Best" from the book of "Matthew 28:1-10."

Saturday, First Christian Church will have an Easter egg hunt from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Following will be a hot dog cook-out.

ISAIAH 58 Food Pantry is at 107 Runnels Street. It is open Mondays from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and again at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for food and clothing assistance. We are always in need of volunteers. If you have time to volunteer call 263-4758 Monday or Tuesday.

There will be a stewardship committee meeting Wednesday at noon at the church. If you need any other information call chairperson Bob Scott.

Wednesday Night at 6 p.m. choir practice is back at First Christian Church with Ruth Jackson and Sally Wilson. The youth group will meet at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Christian Church.

Thursday Bible study is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For information on this Bible study call Mary Beth Johnson.

For questions or further information call the church office at

### First Church of the Nazarene

Saturday join us for an Easter egg hunt at the Old Settler's Pavilion in the park. We are going to start at 10 a.m. with the hunt and enjoy hot dogs and drinks afterward.

May 15 we will be having Biker Sunday. Services start at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Don't forget Angel Food orders placed April 16 will be ready to be picked up Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church. Angel Food Ministry allows anyone regardless of income to purchase groceries (including meats) at costs that do not include retail mark up. Orders are received at the church the third Saturday of the month. Orders are ready to be picked up the following Saturday.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this ministry, if you are interested or have questions contact Scott Jimenez at [atangelfood@nazfamily.org](mailto:atangelfood@nazfamily.org) or go to [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster.

For more information contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

You can visit us on the web at [www.nazfamily.org](http://www.nazfamily.org) where you can view a live service.

We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

# Event Under the Tent scheduled for May 1-5

Please don't forget to mark on your calendar for the Event Under the Tent, May 1-5.

The tent will be located on South U.S. Highway 87, adjacent to Buffalo Country Fina.

The meetings will be 7 nightly.

Dr. Roland Lopez from San Antonio will be the evangelist and the Crystal River Band from Lubbock will provide the music, May 1-4. The Strength Team will give a demonstration May 4, and will perform their entire program on May 5. If transportation is needed call 432-935-9171.

Monday through Wednesday services are free. Thursday, a \$2 donation is suggested.

Dr. Roland Lopez is a church planting specialist for the San Antonio Baptist Association in San Antonio,

He has lead evangelism/discipleship conferences in more than 25 Hispanic Fellowships in Texas.

Dr. Lopez also serves as a church consultant and also serves in coaching



Dr. Roland Lopez

pastors and ministers. Coaching is a relationship in which a coach helps an individual reach his or her God-given potential.

He has taught conferences on Sharing Your Faith, Reaching the 3rd & 4th Generation English-Speaking Hispanic, and How

to Give an Effective Invitation.

Dr. Lopez has preached in local churches and state evangelism conferences in 27 states and held evangelism crusades in six foreign countries. He is one of the most sought-after bilingual evangelists in our nation. (Spanish / English).



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## ► News briefs

### Japan plans to build as many as 100,000 temporary homes for survivors of tsunami, quake

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's government proposed a special \$50 billion (4 trillion yen) budget to help finance reconstruction efforts and plans to build 100,000 temporary homes for survivors of last month's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

The twin disasters destroyed roads, ports, farms and homes and crippled a nuclear power plant that forced tens of thousands of more people to evacuate their homes for at least several months. The government said the damage could cost \$309 billion, making it the world's most expensive natural disaster.

The government approved an extra \$50 billion (4 trillion yen) to help finance the rebuilding, in what is expected to be only the first installment of reconstruction funding. About \$15 billion (1.2 trillion yen) will go to fixing roads and ports and more than \$8.5 billion (700 billion yen) will go to build temporary homes and clearing rubble.

More than 27,000 people are dead or missing after the earthquake and tsunami hit northern Japan on March 11. About 135,000 survivors are living in 2,500 shelters set up in schools and community centers.

### Army tests new uniform for women, works to develop body armor that better fits female GIs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Imagine U.S. combat troops and aviators wearing body armor that fits so poorly that it's tough to position a weapon to shoot, combat uniforms with knee pads that hit around mid-shin and flight suits that make it nearly impossible to urinate while in flight.

For many female troops, it's just another day on the battlefield as they wear clothing and protective gear designed primarily for men. Each of these is-

sues is now getting some attention from the military.

Seven hundred female Army troops are testing a new combat uniform for women with shorter sleeves and knee pads in the right place for their generally shorter legs. A committee on women's issues has recommended that flight suits be redesigned for both men and women so it's unnecessary to completely disrobe before urinating. And engineers have been looking at ways to design body armor that better fits the contours of a woman's body.

Some military women are reluctant to embrace changes that would set them apart from their male colleagues, but several former and current military women said the changes certainly beat the consequences of the current one-piece flight suits or being unable to engage in battle or defend themselves because of uncooperative gear.

Female troops are about 20 percent more likely than their male counterparts to report musculoskeletal disorders, and poorly fitting body armor could at least in part be a factor. For female aviators, dehydration can be a hazard if they opt not to drink water before flights, and those who wait too long to use the bathroom can experience urinary problems.

### Obama pushing long-term deficit plans while public still looks for short-term economic gains

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Barack Obama came to the West Coast looking to sell a long-term plan for reducing the nation's deficit. But he couldn't escape the reality that many Americans are still waiting for short-term solutions to their economic problems, from persistent unemployment to the crippled housing market.

Voters in California and Nevada did express both an interest and an understanding about the need for deficit reduction. Yet they made clear that the economic recovery that's given Washington lawmakers the space to start discussing longer-term fiscal matters still hasn't fully taken hold in ways that are meaningful to them.

Obama long has said he knows the economic recovery hasn't come to many parts of the country. But as he shifts into re-election mode, his challenge will be to show the public that he's still focused on issues like job creation, even as the conversation in Washington changes to how to bring down the nation's massive debt.

An audience member at Obama's town hall meeting at Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., on Wednesday aptly summarized how the shift in economic emphasis looks to the public.

Obama's response, both at Facebook and in other appearances pitching his deficit-reduction plan, is that unless lawmakers address the nation's long-term fiscal health, further short-term economic gains could be difficult to come by.

### Officials: U.S. missiles kill 25 in NW Pakistan, while militants kill 14 Pakistani troops

ISLAMABAD (AP) — U.S. drones fired a volley of missiles into a militant-held region in Pakistan close to the Afghan border on Friday, killing 25 people, Pakistani intelligence officials said. The strike came a day after Pakistan's army chief denounced such attacks, and could further sour deteriorating relations between Washington and Islamabad.

Ten missiles hit a house in Spinwam village in North Waziristan, a region home to Taliban militants targeting American and NATO troops just across the border in Afghanistan, as well as international al-Qaida terrorists, three intelligence officials said.

America has been regularly firing missiles into the border region for 2½ years now, but does not formally acknowledge the CIA-run program. U.S. officials rarely comment on specific strikes but have said in general terms that they accurately hit militants.

### Nevada Sen. John Ensign cites growing Senate ethics investigation in announcing resignation

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Republican Sen. John Ensign of Nevada is turning in his official resignation letter Friday, a day after announcing he would step down amid a developing ethics probe he feared would result in further "wear and tear" on himself and his family.

The resignation comes nearly two years after the 52-year-old Ensign said he had an extramarital affair with a former staffer, an acknowledgement that has been surrounded by ethics allegations. Ensign insisted that he's done nothing wrong.

Senate Ethics Committee named a special counsel in February to look into the matter, after the Justice Department and the Federal Election Commission investigated and then dropped their cases.

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Dear Annie: Several weeks ago, something happened that keeps bugging me. My husband and I were riding in his car when I noticed a book he had been reading on the front floorboard. I picked it up and asked how he liked it. He said it was interesting and he was almost finished. I thought I might want to read it, too, so I flipped to the spot where he had marked his progress with a large card in an envelope. To my surprise, the envelope had his name written on it in a feminine hand with a fancy flourish. I asked what it was, and he said it was just his bookmark.

I am ashamed to say that an hour later I went back to the car to check it out, but the card and envelope had been removed and a blank piece of paper was in their place.

My husband and I have had marital problems based on his indiscretion with other women. I thought we

had moved beyond that awful time, but now I am afraid he is again showing signs of fooling around. I hesitate to ask him about the card again. How can I regain confidence in our relationship and rid myself of the worry that is bugging me? I hate feeling like a mistrusting green-eyed monster.

-- Barb

Dear Barb: Spouses who have cheated in the past have a responsibility to be honest, transparent and forthcoming in order to regain trust. Your husband owes you an explanation. Otherwise, his behavior seems suspicious and undermines your marriage. Don't let him off the hook. Ask him about the card. If he makes excuses ("I lost it") or turns the tables and accuses you of being jealous or irrational, it's time to see a counselor, with or without him.

Dear Annie: I've known "Patrick" since my last year of high school. He is the fun-

niest guy you'll ever meet, but he has always been a friend to me and nothing more.

My best friend insisted that Patrick liked me as more than a friend, but I didn't believe her until now. Over the past several months, it has finally dawned on me that Patrick has strong feelings for me. All my friends pointed this out. They also said that Patrick had his heart broken before by someone who was painfully honest about not liking him back. He is often depressed because he doesn't have a girlfriend.

I have tried to be a good friend to him, but that's not enough, and now I think it might be making things worse. Patrick texts me and tries to contact me every chance he gets. I don't want to hurt him, but I know it's inevitable. How do I go about this in the kindest way possible? -- Feel Guilty

Dear Guilty: First, recognize that you are not responsible for Patrick's happiness

or his ability to find a girlfriend. Then scale back the friendship. Be less available. Respond only occasionally to his messages, and don't sound too chummy. Never make the first move to contact him. And consider introducing him to other women who might appreciate his personality. He sounds like a good guy who could use a little help with his social life.

Dear Annie: I take exception to "Frustrated in Florida," who was angry with her 87-year-old father because he wouldn't give up drinking altogether, even though she felt it contributed to his medical problems. With both heart and cancer problems, I feel qualified to respond.

At age 87, he doesn't need any aggravation, which only serves to hasten the end. Let us enjoy each day. I'm thankful my children understand and will even present me with a bottle of tequila once in a while. -- 85 and Counting

Annie's Snippet for Earth Day (credit Barry Commoner, 1970): "We declare that the proper use of science is not to conquer nature but to live in it."

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# Forsan's Holdampf state-bound

### Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — Austin, here she comes.

Forsan High School's Sydney Holdampf punched her ticket to the University Interscholastic League's state tennis meet by winning the girls' singles title at the Region I-2A tournament Thursday at the Ratliff Stadium Tennis Complex.

Holdampf, a junior at Forsan, opened second-day play at the tournament by downing Lauren Zacketti of Comfort, 6-1, 6-1, in the semifinal round, then defeated Catherine Stout of Ingram Tom Moore, 6-4, 6-3, to claim the girls' singles title.

This will mark the first trip to the state tournament for Holdampf, who was the top-seeded girl at the regional meet.

Her teammate, Kyle Stevenson, was denied a return trip to the state tournament when he was defeated by Jesse Guerra of Tornillo, 5-7, 6-0, 6-1 in the boys' singles semifinals Thursday. Stevenson, also a junior at FHS, then dropped his third-place match with Stefan Wilson of Ozona by a score of 6-0, 6-4.

Holdampf won't be the only area athlete at the state tennis tournament.

At the Region II-1A tournament in Abilene, Grady's boys' doubles team of Johan Wiebe and Anibal Medina placed first in their division, and they will be joined at the state tournament by teammate John Ramirez, who finished second in boys' singles.

Also qualifying for the state tournament was Garden City's mixed doubles team of Aaron Long and Taylor Hughes, who defeated Shane

Teague and Kelly Cook of Grady, 7-5, 7-6, for the regional championship. Teague and Cook later lost a play-back match to miss out on a trip to the state meet.

### BSHS golf team finishes sixth

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring High School boys'

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Olive Naotala blasts a two-run home run during the second game of the Hawks' doubleheader against El Paso Community College Thursday at Foundation Field.

# Howard sweeps EPCC to keep pace in WJCAC

### Herald Staff Report

The Howard College Hawks' softball team continued to keep pace with their fellow Western Junior College Athletic Conference leaders with a 3-2, 10-1 doubleheader sweep of El Paso Community College Thursday at Foundation Field.

Pitchers Sandra Serna and Selina Mitchell earned wins for the Hawks Thursday.

"We kind of had a slow start (Thursday), but we finally got going," Howard Coach Kelly Raines said. "Every win counts in this conference ... and now we have to win two more today."

The sweep improved See **SOFTBALL**, Page 2B

Howard's WJCAC record to 16-3, good enough for second play in the conference. Howard currently stands one game back of league leader Odessa College, and one game ahead of third-place Midland College.

Raines said she wasn't surprised that the top of the conference standings has become so crowded.

"Midland and Odessa always have good teams," she said. "For us to win it, we have to take care of business. You've got to be on your game ... and you can't slip up. But I feel we have a good team, too. This is one of the best teams we've ever had at Howard."

# Blazers beat Mavs, 97-92

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Before Thursday night's playoff game against the Dallas Mavericks, Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy got a text message from Charles Barkley.

The text encouraged Roy to keep his "head up, have fun out there and stay positive."

Roy, who has struggled in the second half of the season after double knee surgery, had lamented about how he was being treated after playing limited minutes in Game 2.

Boosted by his family and dozens of encouraging texts such as Barkley's, Roy came off the bench and scored 16 points to help the Blazers to a 97-92 victory.

The win narrowed Dallas' lead in the first-round series to 2-1.

"I was playing tonight. I was in go mode," Roy said. "I didn't worry about nothing else. I didn't worry about playing time, I didn't worry

about who was playing. When it was my time I was going."

Wesley Matthews had 25 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 20 for the Blazers, who host the Mavericks in Game 4 on Saturday afternoon.

The Mavs and Blazers split their regular-season series, with each team winning at home twice.

Portland has won 11 of its last 12 at the Rose Garden. Overall against Dallas, the Blazers have a 47-18 advantage at home in the regular season, and they are 7-1 in playoff games.

Reserve Jason Terry had 29 points for the Mavericks, including five 3-pointers. Dirk Nowitzki added 25 points and nine rebounds.

The Blazers led by as many as 13 points in the fourth quarter, but Nowitzki hit consecutive jumpers to make it 87-81 midway through the period.

Jose Barea's layup

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## In brief

### CTLGA news

In the April 17 Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association play day, Linda Dewaters won low gross; Lenita Fryar shot low net; and Connie Fowler had the fewest number of putts.

Twenty-six players competed in couples nine-hole play Thursday. Shooting 5-under par to win first place was the team of Marvin and Lenita Fryar, Nicholas Dewaters, Jr. and Linda Dewaters.

Two teams tied for second place with a 4-under-par. One team consisted of Jerry Roach, Annie Ward, and Paul and Dee Jenkins. Jimmy and Deanna Foresythe and Max and Betty Ray Coffee made up the other team.

Three teams tied for third, shooting 3-under-par. One team consisted on Howard and Trish Gabbard. The second team was George and Betty Murphy and Sherrill and Betty Lou Farmer. Forming the other team was Chick and Carol Madry, and Cliff and Sue Balzer.

Betty Lou Farmer shot closest to the pin on hole No. 6 and Jerry Roach was closest to the pin on hole No. 3.

Couples play begins at 5:30pm each Thursday. Couples interested in playing may contact Howard Gabbard at 432-393-5693 for details.

Ladies interested in the ladies golf association may contact Linda Dewaters at 432-263-3391 for details.

### Forsan softball schedule change

FORSAN — The start time for the Forsan Lady Buffaloes' softball game vs. Lubbock Roosevelt today has been changed from 5:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., FHS Coach Shanna Taylor said.

The reason for the time change is that the junior varsity game has been cancelled.

The Lady Buffs, who have clinched a spot in the state playoffs, will open the postseason next week against Crane. The best-of-three series has been

## Sports Calendar

### TODAY

Baseball — New Mexico Junior College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m., Jack Barber Field.

Baseball — Sweetwater at Big Spring, 7 p.m., Steer Park.

Baseball — Lubbock Roosevelt at Forsan, 5 p.m.

Softball — El Paso Community College at Howard College (DH), noon, Foundation Field.

Softball — Big Spring at Pecos (practice game), noon.

Softball — Lubbock Roosevelt at Forsan, 3:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Baseball — New Mexico Junior College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m., Jack Barber Field.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331.

tentatively set for April 29-30 at the MUGS Complex in Midland.

### Hawks to honor military veterans

The Howard College baseball team will host "Military Appreciation Days" at Jack Barber Field Friday and Saturday. The doubleheaders will be played against New Mexico Junior College and the first pitches will be thrown by local veterans.

Games are slated for a 1 p.m. start. Concessions will be available and there is no charge to enter the ballpark. Visit [www.hchawk.com](http://www.hchawk.com) for more information.



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## SOFTBALL

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The Hawks face EPCC in another doubleheader today starting at noon at Foundation Field.

## Bulldogettes end season with win

DENVER CITY — The Coahoma Bulldogettes kept their playoff hopes alive by routing Denver City, 17-1, in District 3-2A softball action Thursday evening.

The Bulldogettes only collected eight hits, but combined that with 11 walks issued by Denver City pitching to gain the run-rule win.

Pitcher Kyla Clanton earned the win for Coahoma, striking out nine and walking only one in the four-inning game.

Offensively, the Bulldogettes were led by Savannah Neff, who was 2-for-4 at the plate with a double and four runs scored, and Emilea Brumley, who had a 3-RBI double in the first inning.

“We hit the ball pretty well, and Kyla did a good job pitching,” Coahoma Coach Tracy Tadlock said. “We pretty much took care of business (Thursday).”

The Bulldogettes (14-20 overall, 7-5 in district play) must now await the results of today’s District 3-2A game between league-leader Colorado City and Post, which is currently a half-game ahead of Coahoma in the fight for the third and final playoff spot from the league.

If Post wins, the Lady Antelopes will win the third playoff spot outright.

However, if C-City wins, Coahoma and Post will square off in an extra game to determine the district’s final playoff representative. The extra game, if needed, will be played at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Cates Field in Snyder.

## Willis takes early lead at The Heritage

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Garrett Willis may have regained his putting touch at The Heritage. He’ll need it with some of the world’s best trying to chase him down.

Willis used a run of six straight birdies to shoot a 7-under 64 and grab a one-shot lead after completion of the first-round at Harbour Town Golf Links on Friday. The tournament featured seven of the world’s top 20 golfers — many within striking distance of the top.

Third-ranked Luke Donald was three shots behind after a 67. The group at 68 included U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell (No. 5 in the world), Matt Kuchar (No. 10) and defending Heritage champ Jim Furyk (No. 13).

Willis, who’s only PGA Tour victory came in his first event at Tucson 10 years ago, is confident he can rise to the challenge.

“I just want to be able to play the golf that I know I’m capable

of playing,” he said.

He’ll need it this week with 24 golfers within four strokes of the lead. Arjun Atwal, Matt Bettencourt, Chad Campbell and Tim Herron were at 65, while Mark Wilson, Camilo Villegas and 2009 Heritage winner Brian Gay were another shot back.

The round was slowed by a rain delay of 2 hours, 16 minutes that forced 18 players to return Friday before starting their second rounds.

Ben Martin made the most of his morning finish with birdies on the 16th and 17th holes for a 67.

Donald could move to No. 1 with a win. The Match Play Championship winner, the highest ranked player in the field, rallied from a sluggish start with three birdies over his final six holes. He’d rather not think about what a victory could mean.

But “a lot of people are telling me about” number one, Donald

said. “So it’s hard to put out of your brain. But that would be awesome.”

It has been a struggle for Willis to keep his pro career going at times since his fast start. He fell to 228th on the PGA Tour money list in 2005 and regained his playing privileges in 2009 with a 12th-place finish on the Nationwide Tour money list.

The putting problems surfaced this season. Willis has made only two cuts in eight tournaments, shooting 78-78 last week for an early exit in the Texas Open. He’s 177th in the tour’s putting rankings.

“We can’t make them all. I’m fully aware of that,” he said. “But for some reason some of these guys do week in and week out.”

Willis was on a full-out search for a winning replacement putter this week. He brought four putters with him, had three more made at Harbour Town and had his father ship in three more.

## BSHS

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golf team’s dream of a trip to the state tournament was quashed Thursday afternoon when they

finished sixth at the Region I-3A meet at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Lubbock.

The Steers finished with a two-day team score of 653. Blake Brorman led the way with a 151, followed by Andrew Fillingim (163), Ryan

Pollard (168), Tate Kennedy (173) and Devin Roberson (172).

Brorman also missed out on a chance to advance to the state tournament in medalist play, as he lost a one-hole playoff against Will Paulsen of Borger for

the final individual position.

Perryton won the team title with a team score of 638, one stroke better than runner-up Andrews. Borger, Abilene Wylie and Levelland rounded out the top five teams.

## MAVS

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closed the gap to 93-87. Aldridge answered with a jumper for the Blazers, but Nowitzki came back after a free throw with a turnaround jumper to make it 95-90 with 42.8 seconds left.

Jason Kidd made a long jumper with 12.9 seconds to go but Dallas ultimately couldn’t catch Portland.

Roy, who touched off a minor controversy over the comments he made after playing just 8 minutes in Game 2, came into the game with 2:17 left in the first quarter to a standing ovation.

He made a 21-foot jumper to give the Blazers a 28-23 lead heading into the second.

The three-time All-Star underwent arthroscopic surgery on both knees in mid-January. Upon his return, Roy struggled to find his place with the Blazers.

And after sitting for much of Game 2, Roy voiced his frustration to The Oregonian newspaper.

“I’d be lying if I said I wasn’t a little hurt or disappointed,” Roy told the paper. “I just

always thought I would be treated a little better. That was a little disappointing for me.”

Before Thursday’s game, Roy apologized for the comments, saying he was caught up in the emotion of the loss.

“I wasn’t nervous,” Roy said afterward. “The fans were really supportive. They were cheering for me before I went in the game. That’s really big for me. We’ve been through a lot together and to know that they still have my back was great for me tonight.”

Coach Nate McMillan wasn’t surprised.

“This is a guy we know is capable of producing, and tonight he did that,” McMillan said.

Terry’s 3-pointer to open the second quarter gave the Mavericks a 31-28 lead, and Nowitzki capped an 11-4 run with

a 10-foot jumper that made it 37-32.

But Portland, elevated by the home crowd, came back to tie it at 41 on Andre Miller’s layup. The Blazers went ahead 44-43 on Roy’s 3-pointer.

Portland held the lead until Nowitzki’s 3-pointer tied it at 52, but Matthews’ layup gave the Blazers a 54-52 advantage at halftime.

Matthews had 22 points in the first half. Terry, who coach Rick Carlisle sent in off the bench early, led the Mavs with 17.

“Our problems began at the beginning of the game when we got off to a very poor start and their aggressiveness put us on our heels,” Carlisle said.

Terry’s 3-pointer gave the Mavs a 57-54 lead, but both teams wrestled back-and-forth throughout the third quarter.

Portland went ahead 85-74 in the fourth after consecutive 3-pointers from Batum and Gerald Wallace.

“We hang our hat on defense,” Terry said. “We gave up 95 points to this team, which we hadn’t done in the first two games. That’s the reason why we lost.”

Dallas is 2-1 overall when it has opened a 2-0 lead in 15 previous best-of-7 series. The exception was the 2006 NBA finals, when the Miami Heat defeated the Mavericks in six games. The Heat were just the third team to claim a championship after trailing 0-2.

The last time Dallas and Portland met in the playoffs was 2003. The Mavs claimed the first three games before the Blazers won the next three. The Mavericks took the deciding game in Dallas.

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# Why MLB took control of the Dodgers

NEW YORK (AP) — As the read each report coming from Los Angeles, baseball Commissioner Bud Selig grew more and more concerned.

Dodgers owner Frank McCourt and his wife, Jamie — the team's former chief executive officer — were trading bitter accusations during a three-week divorce trial that centered on which of them owned the franchise of Jackie Robinson, Sandy Koufax and Tommy Lasorda.

Then Frank McCourt fired Dennis Mannion, the team president. Having already burdened the team and its real estate with more than \$450 million of debt, McCourt wanted to take out additional loans and was having trouble securing them. He retained a

high-powered law firm and wanted to negotiate a new front-loaded television deal that would give the club more cash he might withdraw for himself.

Then on opening day, a San Francisco Giants fan was severely beaten outside Dodger Stadium, highlighting a security problem fans have complained about for years.

The fan remains in a medically induced coma. And there were worries the Dodgers would not make their first player payroll on April 15.

Finally, Selig had enough. He took the extraordinary step Wednesday of saying Major League Baseball was taking over operations of one of America's

most famous teams, the one that integrated the national pastime, broke Brooklyn's heart and paved the way for coast-to-coast expansion. The takeover is possibly a prelude to Selig forcing a sale of the franchise.

"It wasn't one thing," a high-ranking baseball executive said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity because only Selig was authorized to speak on the situation. "It was a series of things that just kept building."

Once a model, the Dodgers now are just a mess.

The team began play as the Brooklyn Bridegrooms in 1890 (several of the players had gotten married in the lead-up to the initial season). The club later became known as the "Trolley Dodgers" — shortened to "Dodgers" and "Superbas" — and was affectionately labeled "Dem Bums" as it failed to win the World Series year after year until its first title in 1955.

After the 1957 season, Walter O'Malley moved the Dodgers to Los Angeles, persuading the Giants to go west with him to San Francisco, and his team became a prototype franchise with a sparkling modern ballpark that regularly led baseball in attendance.

But the Dodgers haven't won a World Series since 1988, when they were still owned by the O'Malley family. The Fox division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. bought the team in 1998, then sold it to McCourt in 2004.

Speaking Thursday, a day after his announcement, Selig wouldn't go into details about why he decided to take over the team. He is expected to appoint his new head of the Dodgers early next week, the baseball executive said.

Selig did draw a distinction between the problems of the Dodgers and those of the New York Mets, a team that is not only struggling for cash but is mired

in the Bernard Madoff investor fraud scandal. While Mets owners Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz are seeking to sell a minority stake in the team, McCourt was becoming more and more leveraged.

"There are a lot of differences between the Mets' and Dodgers' situations," Selig told the Associated Press Sports Editors. "Comparing the Mets to the Dodgers, not only is it not true, it's just not accurate."

Baseball officials were worried that money coming into the Dodgers from a new deal with Fox would be redirected to McCourt personally and would not be used for team operations.

Steve Soboroff, hired Tuesday as the Dodgers' vice chairman, said baseball's concerned were unjustified and Selig's decision was "irresponsible."

McCourt's planned deal "should be the model for other baseball teams. But Frank is being picked out,"

Soboroff said. "He said, 'We meet these requirements.' Other teams, like in New York, don't. He's being picked out and selected."

Now, Soboroff said, any team expenditure over \$5,000 must be approved by MLB.

Former Dodgers manager Joe Torre said he talked with Selig about the move, and that he hopes it produces a healthy franchise.

League takeovers of troubled teams have occurred in other sports. The NBA purchased the New Orleans Hornets from George Shinn in December. The NHL bought the Phoenix Coyotes in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in November 2009.

In addition, the NHL and lenders to Dallas Stars owner Tom Hicks installed former baseball team executive Tony Tavares as the team president in January.

But baseball has never had a situation quite like this.



By Steve Becker

## Test Your Defensive Play

You are West, and the bidding has gone:

South West North East  
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass  
6♥

North  
♠K 4 2  
♥A J 6 3  
♦Q 7  
♣K 10 5 2

West  
♠Q J 10 7  
♥8 7 4  
♦J 9 5 2  
♣9 8

You lead the queen of spades, won by South with the ace. Declarer cashes the ace of diamonds, plays a low trump to dummy's jack — to which East follows with the nine — and then trumps the queen of diamonds. Declarer next cashes the K-Q of trumps, East discarding two diamonds, and then plays the king and another spade, East and South following suit to both spades. You win the spade with the ten. What would you lead now?

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A simple count of the three suits declarer has played thus far tells you that he started with precisely three spades, five hearts and one diamond. His other four cards must therefore be clubs. Although you can't be sure

precisely which clubs South has, you can assume from the bidding that he must have the ace.

Having gotten this far, you place South with the A-Q-x-x, A-J-x-x or A-x-x-x of clubs. In the first and third cases, it doesn't matter whether you lead a club or give declarer a ruff-and-discard by returning a spade or a diamond. Declarer makes the slam in the first instance and doesn't in the third, regardless of what you do.

This leaves you with the remaining possibility — that declarer might have A-J-x-x, in which case his hand originally looked like:

♠A 9 3  
♥K Q 10 5 2  
♦A  
♣A J 7 4

It is only after you take the time to visualize declarer's possible club holdings that you find the correct play. After winning the spade with the ten, you continue with the jack of spades (or a diamond).

This allows South to ruff in one hand and discard a club from the other, but he must then guess which way to take the two-way club finesse after he ruffs. He might guess right and he might guess wrong, but that is much better than handing him the contract by returning a club after winning the spade.

Tomorrow: The three key elements.

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## Selig: Baseball to expand playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — With both sides expressing support for adding two playoff teams in 2012, negotiators for baseball players and owners are considering having the new wild-card round be best-of-3 or winner-take-all.

Because longer series would push playoffs deeper into cold weather, the sides are not considering have the new first round be best-of-5 or best-of-7.

"I would say we're moving to expanding the playoffs, but there's a myriad of details to work out," Commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday at his annual meeting with the Associated Press Sports Editors.

"Ten is a fair number."

Since 1995, eight of the 30 baseball teams make the playoffs.

In the NFL, 12 of 32 teams make the playoffs.

In the new format, the two wild cards in each league would meet, and the winners would advance to the following round against division winners.

"The more we've talked about it, I think we're moving inexorably to

that," Selig said.

Discussions have taken place as part of collective bargaining for a labor deal to replace the one that expires in December. Players want to make sure the new format doesn't cause lengthy travel with little recovery time.

"We've had a healthy exchange on a number of alternatives," union head Michael Weiner said, "but the sides recognize there has to be a balance of competitive considerations, economic considerations and player safety considerations."

Selig also said he will not consider changing Barry Bonds' records following the slugger's conviction on obstruction of justice last week.

"In life there's always got to be pragmatism," Selig said. "I think that anybody who understands the sport understands exactly why."

Bonds was convicted last week on a single count, with the jury finding he gave an evasive answer to a grand jury in 2003 when asked whether personal trainer Greg Anderson ever gave him anything that required an injection.

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Sometimes wounds have to itch before they mend. A healing process is underway this week. Progress might seem more like regression as Venus and Uranus align to give the realm of love and relationships extra attention. Go easy — patience and perspective are what's needed. Breathe through the more intense feelings.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When you know a relationship is strong, you feel safe enough to voice your agreements and disagreements alike. Keep this in mind when a loved one opposes you. It's a sign that your relationship is healthy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Though you can appreciate a good romantic comedy, you realize that life rarely

Legals

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE** of property to satisfy landlord's lien., Sale is 10am May 7, 2011 at 1224 W. 3rd St., Big Spring, TX. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and Removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of the following tenant:  
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Legals

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (512-463-6792). #6970 April 22, 2011

Tomorrow's Horoscope

happens with the sweet humor represented in this entertainment. Today is a delightful exception.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The smoke and mirrors will be effective in diverting your attention, and you'll enjoy the day's illusions. Then something happens that is truly unexplainable. It's the real magic, and you will be properly enchanted.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You don't have time for speculative ventures now. You'll do business with the one who has proved himself time and again. You know the specific result you want to achieve and will settle for no less.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A kindness will be extended to you by a stranger. This event will inspire you to pay it forward. It could be that you are an unknowing participant in someone's master plan for global peace.

**VRIGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everything requires maintenance. Your relationships, your body and your material possessions all benefit from the extra care and

repair you give them now. It's a day of restoration.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The why isn't as important as the who, what and when. Show up and do what you said you would do, even if your reasons for doing it have changed. The change will be ongoing, but it's important that you keep your word.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll work hard and accomplish what you set out to do. There will be a satisfying feeling at the end of the day. It will be as though the mountains and hills burst into song before you as you drive off into the sunset.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For the sake of your own happiness, you'll change how you think and react to certain situations. You'll give up being right in favor of creating harmony in your environment.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It will benefit you to be around children and those whose sensibility is creative and childlike. These types will spout just the kind of nonsense that wakes up your brain cells.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb.

18). You communicate well and with restraint. Keeping it short actually requires more time. It means you're thoughtful. You decide what is the most important part of your message and edit yourself accordingly.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll lighten up by incorporating some silliness into your day. If you don't do this on purpose, the silliness will still happen. It's like the universe is conspiring to make you laugh. Your levity is infectious.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 22). In the next six weeks, a burden will be lifted. The air around you changes this year as your aura brightens. You'll get the chance to model good character for loved ones in May. June brings fun and a roller coaster of emotional excitement. Business takes center stage in September, and there's serious money to be made. Scorpio and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 30, 1, 11 and 39.  
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Dear Margo: No need to be strangled by family ties

Dear Margo: My younger brother, "George," and I have had a difficult relationship for years. He is highly educated, but he's unhappy and maladjusted, still single in his late 40s, and unable to get along with colleagues, girlfriends or family members for any length of time. George is bright and arrogant with a biting, explosive temper. My husband, my sister, my mother and I have walked on eggshells around George for decades. (My mother was browbeaten for decades by my highly educated, arrogant late father and now will not stand up to my brother, either.)



MARGO HOWARD

Two years ago, at a holiday dinner at my mother's house, after what I thought was gentle banter with him, George snapped at me to "shut up" in front of the whole table. That was the last straw. My husband and I left the house, leaving our preteen twins to be driven home by my sister so they would not be caught up in the fracas. We have not seen or spoken to my brother since. I refuse to invite him to my house, and he has avoided all family

gatherings. He refused delivery of a birthday present I sent to him, sending me an e-mail saying, "Please leave me alone." Despite all this, my brother wants to maintain a relationship with my kids, and I need to know what to do about it.

The problem is coming to a head because my children are having a joint confirmation party at home this summer — a very small gathering of family and friends. Do I invite my brother? — *Beleaguered Sister*

**Dear Be:** I think the answer to whether or not to invite your brother to this special occasion can be found in his e-mail to you, refusing the gift: "Please leave me alone." His personality is his personality, and I must say your description of your late father answered a few questions. I would let your children decide whether they want a relationship with Uncle George. Given what they've witnessed, they will not be surprised that it cannot take place in your house. — *Margo, logically*

The Dilemma of Silence

Dear Margo: I have a 19-year-old cousin who's in college. Her boyfriend is someone she met while attending school. She recently confided in me that she is pregnant. Even before she found out, she told me they were looking

for an apartment to rent because she didn't want to go home for the summer. She says her mom and stepdad are too controlling to live with.

I know they only want the best for her, and I tried telling her that. Not only has she not told her mom she is pregnant, but she requested that I not mention it to her or anyone else. Her mom and I are also close, and when she finds out, she is going to call me and ask if I knew about it. I don't want to be dishonest and say no, but I don't want to betray my cousin's trust, either. — *Put in the Middle*

**Dear Put:** Not to go all fortune cookie on you, but life is choices. If your cousin confided in you with the stipulation that you not mention it to anyone, then I suggest you keep your word. Should your aunt at some point ask you if you knew, the thing to do is 'fess up. But make it plain that you were sworn to secrecy, and you honored your cousin's trust. Looking at the big picture, there's nothing your aunt could do about the family "news," so I would let things play out. This way, you are neither lying to anyone nor breaking your word. — *Margo, confidentially*

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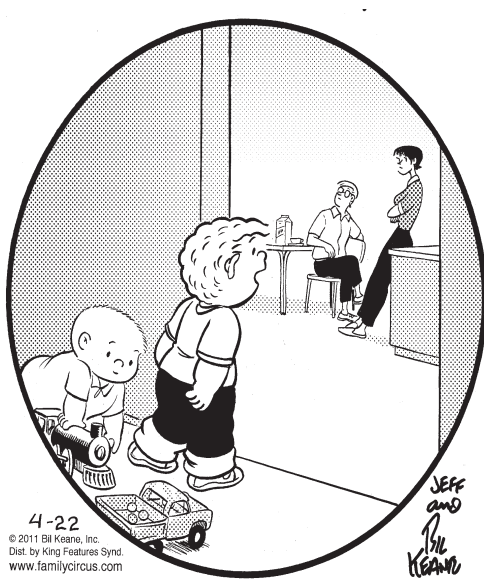
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| 8:PM<br>:30  | Primetime: What     |                    | Fringe             |                    | Girls' Night Out: Women of Country | Herederos-Monte     | Dateline NBC                             | Light of the Southwest     | Masterpiece Classic       | Supernatural        | Dual Survival          | Auction   | Coal                        | Coal                             | Coal                          | Deck  |   |                              |   |
| 9:PM<br>:30  | 20/20               | Triunfo del Amor   | Simpsons How I Met |                    | La Reina del Sur                   |                     |  |                            | Payne Browns              | American Loggers    | Dual Survival          | Movie: The Dead Pool, Evan Kim                    | Coal                        | Movie: Resident Evil: Extinction | Sonny Fish                    | NBA Basketball: First Round, Game 3: Teams TBA. | NBA Basketball: First Round, Game 3: Teams TBA. |                              |   |
| 10:PM<br>:30 | News Nightline      | Impacto            | How I Met Raymond  | News Noticiero     | Noticiero Titulares                | News Jay Leno       | (:05) Movie: Spider-Man, Kirsten Dunst   | Cortes Alewine             | Charlie Rose              | Roseanne Roseanne   | Dual Survival          | Movie: The Exorcism of Emily Rose, Campbell Scott | Good Pets-Bad               | Movie: Resident Evil: Apocalypse | Wendy Williams                | Deck  | Baseball Tonight                                | SportsCenter                 |   |
| 11:PM<br>:30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live   | Para Volver a Amar | Law & Order: SVU   | Late               | Decisiones (SS)                    | Late Night          |  | Dr. Brad Upd               | World T. Smiley (Off Air) | South Pk South Pk   | Dual Survival          | Movie: The Exorcism of Emily Rose, Campbell Scott | Good Pets-Bad               | Movie: Resident Evil: Apocalypse | Deck                          | NBA Basketball: First Round, Game 3: Teams TBA. | NBA Basketball: First Round, Game 3: Teams TBA. |                              |   |
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| 1:AM<br>:30  | Paid                | Mujer... Cero      | King-Hill          | Jewelry            | Pagado                             | Poker After Dark    |  | Best of Light of the Earth |                           | Youthbyit           | Storm Chasers          |   |                             |                                  | Fish                          | SportsNation                                    | SportsCenter                                    |                              |   |

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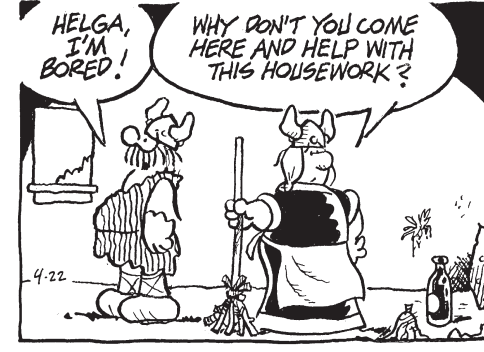
"DO I HAFTA TAKE A BATH? CAN'T YOU JUST DUST ME OFF?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

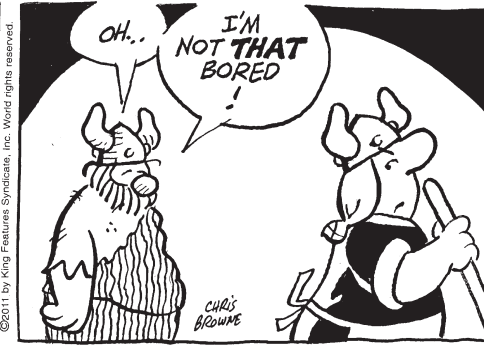


"You guys don't have to spell things, just go ahead and talk words. We're not really listening."

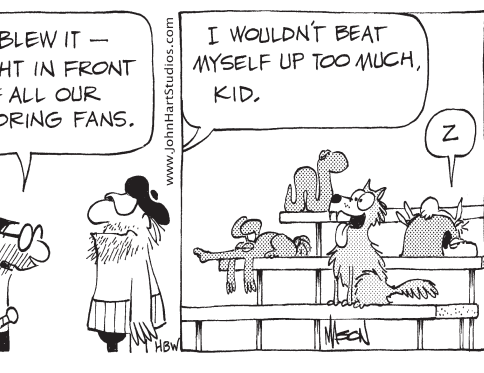
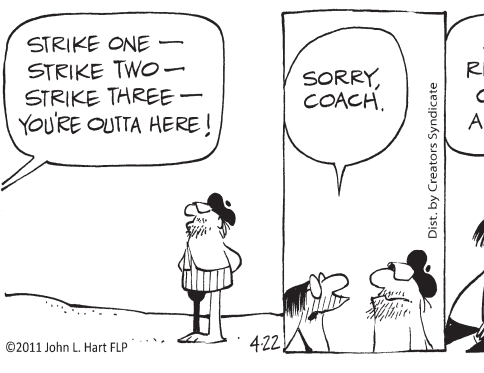
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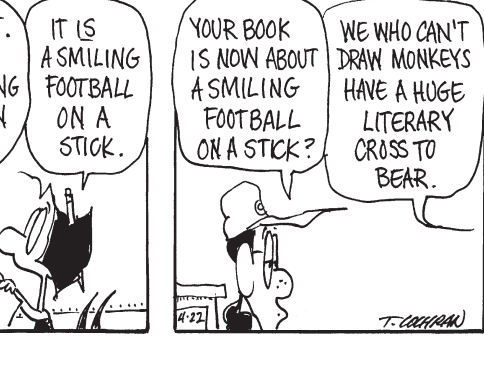
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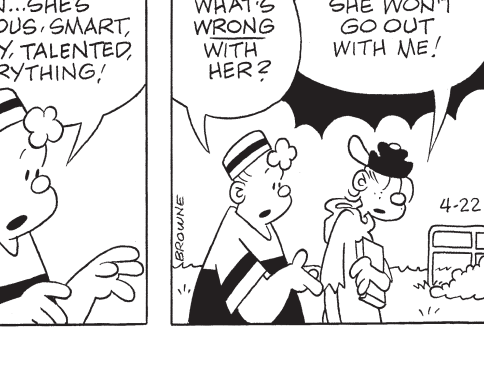
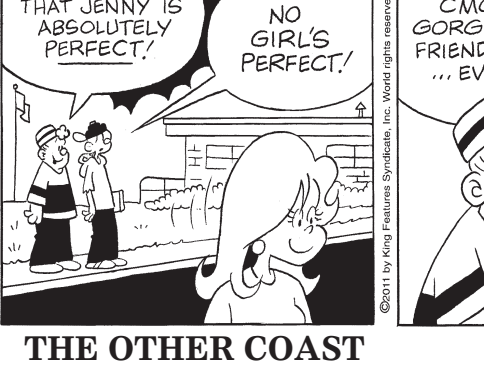
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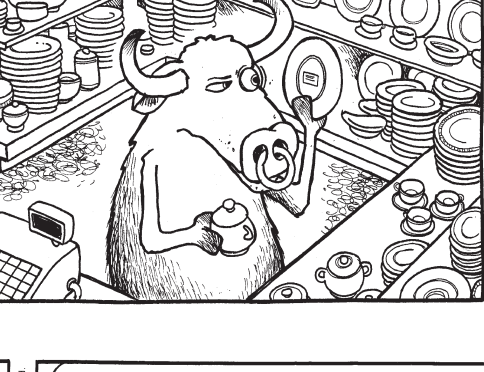
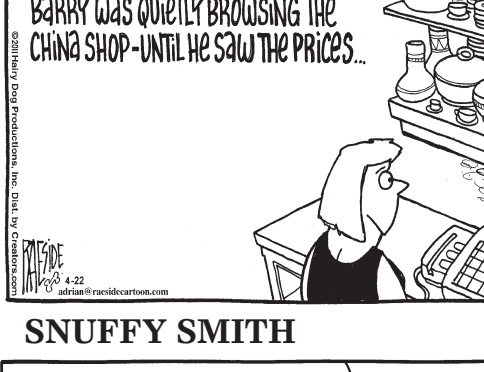
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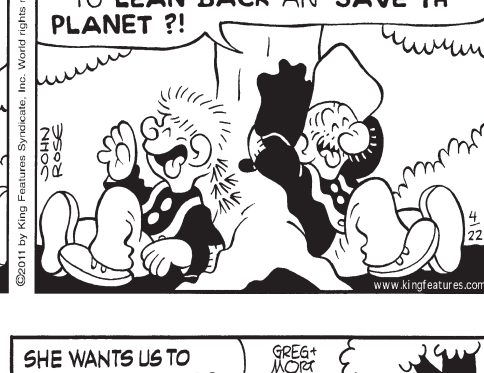
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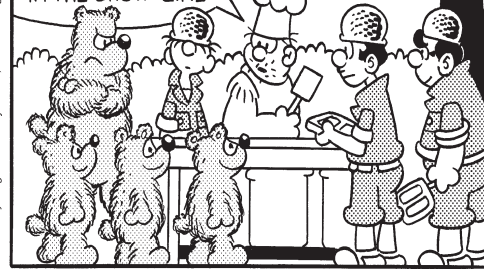
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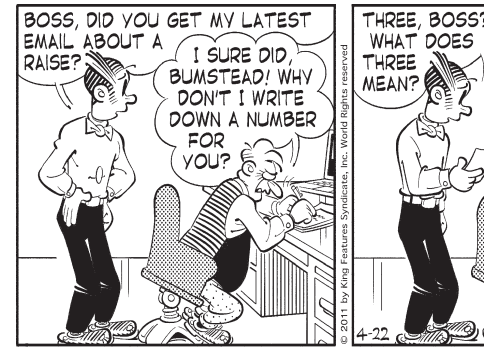
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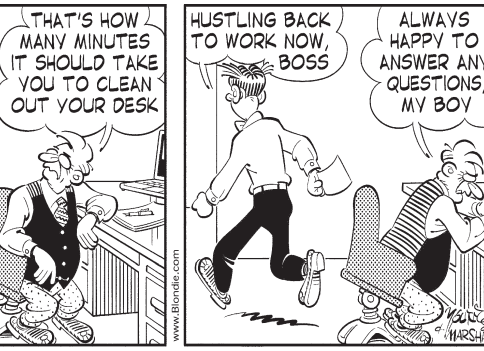
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This Date In History

Today is Good Friday, April 22, the 112th day of 2011. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 22, 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

On this date:

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1898, with the United States and Spain on the verge of war, the U.S. Navy began blockading Cuban ports. Congress authorized creation of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, also known as the "Rough Riders."

In 1930, the United States, Britain and Japan signed the London Naval Treaty, which regulated submarine warfare and limited shipbuilding.

In 1938, 45 workers were killed in a coal mine explosion at Keen Mountain in Buchanan County, Va.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape.

In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson opened the New York World's Fair.

In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In 1990, pro-Iranian kidnapers in Lebanon freed American hostage Robert Polhill after nearly 39 months of captivity.

In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Cole is 86. Actress Charlotte Rae is 85. Actress Estelle Harris is 79. Singer Glen Campbell is 75. Actor Jack Nicholson is 74. Singer Mel Carter is 68. Author Janet Evanovich is 68. Country singer Cleve Francis is 66. Movie director John Waters is 65. Singer Peter Frampton is 61. Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the

Answer to previous puzzle

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**ACROSS**

1 Skipped over

6 Devoid of feeling

10 Brings up the rear

14 *vincit amor*

15 Dust Bowl migrant

16 Parsifal piece

17 Some Christmas trees

18 Scratch on a jetty?

20 Surprises

22 Move unsteadily

23 Flounder feature

24 Quagmires

25 Divine

28 Cherry, for one

29 Identify, so to speak

32 Excrete

33 Violin holder

34 Ring bearer

35 Kauai cookout

36 Shake a leg

37 Fleet failure of fable

38 Restrain

39 Bulk-food containers

40 Falls off

41 Wild equine

42 Put up a fuss

43 Motorcycle plating

44 Nutshell

45 Navigation hazard

46 Horrify

49 Sound of a step

53 Jetty management?

55 The \_\_\_ (Queen Beatrix's home)

**DOWN**

1 Cuts off

2 Cast off

3 "Getting to Know You" singer

4 Jetty fan club?

5 More scrumptious

6 Swedish philanthropist

7 Small strings

8 Erstwhile orbiter

9 Linking

10 Meek ones

11 League member

12 Brownie, e.g.

13 Benefit

19 Make more perfect

21 Honorary deg.

24 Popular side

25 Latin American music

26 Comes up against

27 Mass disorder

28 Deliberate

29 Choral direction

30 Actor \_\_\_ Zimbalist Jr.

31 Sixth-day Christmas gift

33 Calm down

34 Jetty restaurant serving?

39 Puff up

40 Choice word

42 Lily, for instance

43 Boardroom regular

44 Garfield preceder

45 Cowboy's showcase

46 Pastel shade

47 Run smoothly

48 Knight in training

49 Beginning

50 Turns yellow or mellow

51 Publisher nicknamed "Father Time"

52 Riga native

54 Simpsons grandpa

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