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## 'Visions' on display at museum

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

One of this area's finest artists has her work on display through April at Heritage Museum.

"Visions," a collection of work by Leada Wood, is on display now through April 27, Museum Director Nancy Raney said. Also, a select group of her works will be available for purchase.

A reception in Wood's honor will be held from 6-8 p.m. March 22 at the museum.

"She is an award-winning artist whose work is shown throughout the state," Raney said.

"She is also very active with the Caboose Watercolor Society (a group of Big Spring-area artists), West Texas Watercolor Society and West Texas Art Guild."

Wood owns Studio Twenty and consignment gallery in Colorado City. Her work has been juried into the Artist of Texas, Contemporary Fine Art International, Mixed Media International and International Society of Experimental Artists competitions.

A collection of her works have been recently published in the books, "Art Tells The Story" and "The Colors of Texas," as well as "Southwest Art Magazine."

To view her work online, visit www.leadawood.com or www.leadwood.com/blog.

For more information on the exhibit, contact Heritage Museum at 267-8255.



Courtesy photo

**An exhibit of Colorado City artist Leada Woods' work is on display now through April 27 at Heritage Museum. A reception in Woods' honor will be held March 22.**

## Grant: House water plan a helpful asset

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The director of the local water district expressed enthusiastic approval of a measure which would establish a \$2 billion water project fund for Texas communities.

Thursday, the Texas House Natural Resources Committee approved a plan that would move the money from the state's Rainy Day Fund and create the State Water Infrastructure Fund of Texas. The fund would provide bond money for new reservoirs, water pipelines and conservation projects.

The committee approved the measure unanimously.

John Grant, director of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, said the water fund is welcome news to water-starved communities throughout the state.

"Absolutely, this is good news," Grant said. "It will help communities and other entities financially in developing water projects. ... This concept takes some money out of the Rainy Day Fund to help communities get their water projects started."

Grant envisions the fund providing low-interest loans to entities seeking money to fund water projects. CRMWD took

**"It will help communities and other entities financially in developing water projects."**

—John Grant, CRMWD director



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## Warrant roundup nets \$100,000

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The recent city-wide warrant round-up netted more

than \$100,000 in fees, fines and bonds and cleared an estimated 555 warrants from the local law books, according to officials with the Big Spring Municipal Court.

Beginning Feb. 18, the round-up — which has been held annually for the past several years — wrapped up March 10, pulling in an estimated \$100,116, according to Municipal Judge Tim Green.

"It's a little less than we did last year," Green said. "Last year, we managed to net about \$106,000. However, I feel pretty good about the amount we were able to bring in this year and the number of warrants we were able to clear up. The employees in the municipal court office worked very hard during the round-up and they did a fantastic job."

Green said the gross income of the round-up this year is estimated at \$132,662.

"The gross total includes fines and fees that were laid out by those who were ar-

rested," he said. "So, while it's not an accurate picture of how much money the city and state were able to take in, it is an accurate representation of what was cleared from the books."

**"Whether the vehicle you're traveling in gets pulled over or something else happens, it's just a matter of time before the law catches up to you. Do yourself a favor and call us."**

—Municipal Judge Tim Green



In addition to the Municipal Court, local justices of the peace assisted with the round-up this year, as

Judge Bennie Green's office and Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office remained open throughout the last Saturday of the round-up in an effort to process those arrested as quickly as possible.

"The round-up is definitely a group effort," Green said. "The roundup is a collaborative effort between the Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office. Everyone really pitches in to make it the success it's become over the past several years."

Though the round-up is over, Green said local residents who still have outstanding warrants shouldn't breathe a collective sigh of relief.

"If you still have warrants, it's just a matter of time before we find you," he said. "Whether the vehicle you're traveling in gets pulled over or something else happens, it's just a matter of time

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## State lawmaker wants to end bag bans

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Republican from rural North Texas wants to put an end to Texas cities banning plastic bags.

State Rep. Drew Springer has filed a bill that would make all plastic bag bans invalid. He said such bans simply "push forward a misguided nanny-state agenda."

Austin's plastic bag ban went into effect March 1. Advocates say the ban reduces litter and helps the environment. They encourage shoppers to buy reusable bags.

Springer says bag bans create a "hidden social tax" and questions whether everyone who uses reusable bags will wash them regularly.

Benjamin Isgur, a board member of the nonprofit group Texas Campaign for the Environment, says Springer's bill would take away the right of local communities to decide the issue.

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## Obituaries

### Judy Graham



Judy Graham, 70, of Tarzan died Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. Visitation was Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Sept. 8, 1942, in Gregton, Texas, to Lee and Carol Hammon. She married Freddie Graham March 3, 1960, in Big Spring. She was a long-time resident of Howard and Martin counties and worked in the public schools as a custodian and substitute teacher for Grady ISD. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by one son, Randy Graham and wife Beverly of Midland; one daughter, Jody Rhoton and husband Brent of Sherman; five grandchildren, Katie Culifer and husband John of Tom Bean, Texas, Jamie Rhoton of Sherman and Brittany, Chris and Michael Graham, all of Midland; two great-grandchildren, Johnathan Culifer of Tom Bean, Texas, and Matthew Graham of Midland; one sister, Jean Slate and husband Edward of Big Spring; one brother, John Hull and wife Laura of Frisco, Texas; four sisters-in-law, Virgie Burchell of Big Spring, Joyce King of Blytheville, Ark., Marie Kirkham and husband Kirk and Brenda Riddle and husband Gary, all of San Angelo; numerous nieces and nephews; and many dogs who she considered her second set of kids.

Her husband Freddie preceded her in death June 20, 2011. She was also preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Carol and Leo Hull; and her father and stepmother, Lee and Genevieve Hammon.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

### Charles Graham Lacy

Charles Graham Lacy, 63, of Brenham passed away March 14, 2013, at his residence. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2013, at Memorial Oaks Chapel with Glenn Gaines officiating. Visitation will be from 5 until 7 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Oaks Chapel.

Charles Lacy was born Feb. 1, 1950, in Vernon, Texas, to Seth Graham and Gladys June Lacy. He was baptized in 1950 at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring and confirmed there in 1962. A 1968 graduate of Big Spring High School, he received a BS degree in industry and technology from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

He was employed as a draftsman with Vulcan Steel. Charles was a member of the Texas Farm Bureau, the National Rifle Association, U.S. Bowling Congress, PADI Diving Society and the Diver's Alert Network. Hobbies included bowling, scuba diving and working on his property. He especially treasured time spent with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Lacy; mother, June Lacy of Garland; daughter and son-in-law, Diana Dawn and Charles Edward Terry of Eules; grandson, Dillon Graham Terry; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Margaret Hickson; brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Cathy Lacy of Arlington and Robert and Pam Lacy of Arlington; sister, Joyce Spencer of Garland; special daughters, Kim Milder of Richmond, Brenda Duckworth of Happy, Texas, and Annette Taylor of Plano; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

His father, Seth Lacy, and a granddaughter, Lacy Kaye Terry, preceded him in death.

Per Charles' request, memorials may be directed to a special fund at Brenham National Bank, 2211 S. Day St., Brenham, TX 77833, for Mr. Lacy's grandson, Dillon Terry, for continuous rehabilitation for a traumatic brain injury. Checks may be made out to Dillon Terry Fund.

Funeral arrangements for Charles Graham Lacy are entrusted to Memorial Oaks Chapel, 1306 W. Main, Brenham. To post a tribute to the family, visit [www.memorialoakschapel.com](http://www.memorialoakschapel.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Bessie Flores

Bessie Flores, 45, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 14, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Adela Escovedo Dominguez

Adela Escovedo Dominguez, 66, of Big Spring died Friday, March 15, 2013, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL DAVID BOOTH, 23, of 1408 Robin, was arrested Thursday on charges of violation of a protective order – assault/stalking and burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony.
- ROY DALE HUTCHESON, 29, of Levelland, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRYAN HARP, 35, of 206 S. Owens, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- THEFT was reported: In the 7000 block of S. Service Road. In the 800 block of S. Owens.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- ROY HUTCHESON, 29, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- BRYAN DILWORTH HARP, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on an Austin parole warrant.
- CESAR LOPEZ, 21, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor and failure to identify – giving false information.
- RILEY ERIK WOOD, 21, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 and W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported near the intersection of Ninth Street and Goliad.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Goliad. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. Service refused.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Muleshoe.

## 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.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

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<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:55 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:55 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:56 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:52 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:56 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	52	sunny	Kingsville	86	64	pt sunny
Amarillo	72	41	mst sunny	Livingston	81	58	pt sunny
Austin	84	59	pt sunny	Longview	79	59	pt sunny
Beaumont	77	60	pt sunny	Lubbock	87	44	sunny
Brownsville	82	66	pt sunny	Lufkin	83	60	pt sunny
Brownwood	90	57	sunny	Midland	93	52	sunny
Corpus Christi	81	65	pt sunny	Raymondville	85	64	pt sunny
Corsicana	79	59	pt sunny	Rosenberg	81	62	pt sunny
Dallas	81	61	pt sunny	San Antonio	85	60	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	59	sunny	San Marcos	84	59	pt sunny
El Paso	86	54	windy	Sulphur Springs	77	59	windy
Fort Stockton	93	60	sunny	Sweetwater	92	50	sunny
Gainesville	80	56	sunny	Tyler	79	59	pt sunny
Greenville	77	57	windy	Weatherford	82	56	sunny
Houston	81	62	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	87	50	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	51	pt sunny	Minneapolis	27	11	cloudy
Boston	40	27	pt sunny	New York	39	31	cloudy
Chicago	33	26	flurries	Phoenix	85	57	mst sunny
Dallas	81	61	pt sunny	San Francisco	69	50	sunny
Denver	52	36	rain	Seattle	48	39	rain
Houston	81	62	pt sunny	St. Louis	48	37	cloudy
Los Angeles	74	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC	46	37	rain
Miami	77	63	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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

### TUESDAY

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22  
**Hoops, Goals and Dreams Basketball Game**  
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum  
For more info contact  
**Amy Vidal 432-263-0007 ext. 256**

March 22, 23-24  
**Rattlesnake Round Up**  
Howard Co. Fair Barn  
For more info contact  
**Dennis Burns 432-270-3409** or  
Ray Alexander **432-212-3533**

March 23-24  
**United Way Golf Tournament**  
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• American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will host a fish fry Saturday. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., while deliveries will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plates are \$10 apiece. For more information, call 263-2084.

• The City of Big Spring and Howard County Emergency Management departments will co-host a community-wide Sky Warn Spotter class on Thursday, March 21, from 7-9 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers. The speaker will be Pat Vesper, Meteorologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service. There is no cost for this class and it is open to the public.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 semester hours. Application deadline is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: [www.westexags.com](http://www.westexags.com)

• Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

• Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Satur-

day. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at [james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us) or 432 268-7535.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.

• An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions

such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeCASA.org](http://www.BecomeCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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Judy Graham, 70, of Tarzan, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be today 10 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

**WATER**

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advantage of a similar program, securing a loan (repayable at 2 percent interest) from the Texas Water Development Board to help finance construction of the raw water treatment plant in Big Spring.

**ARREST**

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before the law catches up to you. Do yourself a favor and call us. We'll do our best to work with you and get your warrant taken care of without you landing behind bars."

Those individuals with arrest warrants who choose not to accept Green's invitation, well, they can be fairly sure of what awaits them. "Being arrested and put behind bars is anything but pleasant," he said. "However, like I keep saying, it's just a

meet the water needs of the growing population, according to the TWDB. About half of that needs to come from the state. Rep. Allan Ritter, R-Nederland, said the fund could leverage \$27 billion over time. The Texas Senate is working on a similar measure and the two versions of the bill will need to be reconciled. The Nature Conservancy, which creates preserves from pri-

matter of time." For more information on local arrest warrants, contact Municipal Court at 264-2531.

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vate land, praised the measure, calling it "a monumental shift" for the state's future. But a grass-roots group called Environment Texas said House Bill 4 did not dedicate enough money to conservation and would finance some potentially destructive projects.

"On the one hand, the bill would support a major boost in funding for water conservation and re-use. On the other, the bill directs 80 percent

of the funding toward projects that can harm our rivers, streams and climate," Luke Metzger, the group's director, said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for the beauty of spring-time.

Amen

# In defense of speech you hate

Michael Vick was all set to do a book tour to promote himself as a new and improved role model when things got ugly. “Despite warnings of planned protests, Vick had hoped to continue with the appearances as planned, bringing his story of redemption and second chance to major markets,” his publisher, aptly named Worthy Publishing, said in a statement. “However, once the reported protests escalated into threats of violence against the retailers, Worthy Publishing, Vick and his family decided to cancel the events.”



SUSAN ESTRICH

In case you've managed to miss this thoroughly unattractive story, Vick is the former dog-torturer who was hoping to sell copies of his new autobiography, “Finally Free,” which tells the story of his career in football, as well as his career as a dog-fighting sadist, which culminated in a 2007 guilty plea and 18 months in prison.

I don't pretend to be neutral or unbiased when it comes to scum like Michael Vick. I'm a dog lover. My three canine children, Judy, Molly and Irving Estrich, have more decency in one paw than Vick has ever had.

“Michael Vick has millions of fans and has countless letters from teachers thanking him for inspiring students to make posi-

itive change,” his spokesman, Chris Shigas, insisted. “It is disturbing that a few extremists would threaten Vick's family and store employees.”

What is wrong with people?

Have things gotten so dire in this country that people have no one to root for other than a convicted sadist? Are we “fans” so desperate for a guy who can throw that we'd settle for one who would abuse a dog for his own sick pleasure? And teachers? Thanking this self-promoting egomaniac for “inspiring students”? “Inspiring” them to do what? The kind of positive change that means you no longer behave like a barbarian?

I don't do protests very often, but I happily would have found some comfortable shoes to wear while walking back and forth (with the three Estrich children, of course) in front of any bookstore that was hosting Vick inside.

I happily would have urged shoppers to shop elsewhere. I would have been happy to write up anti-Vick flyers condemning him and exposing cruelty to animals, just as I am doing right here and as so many of us did when the dog-fighting stories first broke.

There's only one thing a guy like Vick doesn't deserve — or rather, only one thing that is worse than letting him tell his sorry tale to whoever has nothing better to do than listen.

He should not be muzzled by force or threat of force.

Years ago, we used to debate whether students had the right

to shout down speakers with whom they disagreed, often with very good reason. My view has always been that faced with speech you hate and with speakers you deplore, you don't have to go or listen. You have every right to protest outside. But the only thing worse than the speech — whether from people haters or dog haters — is shutting down the speaker.

In the marketplace of ideas, the good ideas don't always win. We fight bad speech with good speech not because good will always triumph over bad, but because, in the end, suppression is even more dangerous. It's not that Vick has anything to say worth hearing; it's not that his contributions are so valuable that we should all mourn losing the right to hear him. It's that we demean ourselves, and turn the abuser into a victim, when he is forcibly silenced.

Michael Vick doesn't deserve to be a martyr for a better cause (free speech) than his own. We who condemn him didn't need to silence him. He should have had his foolish tour, and we dog lovers could have gotten out our sneakers and our megaphones and made our voices (and barks) heard.

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# Mummified like a pharaoh?

When I predicted two months ago that Hugo Chavez would get a pharaoh's funeral, believe me, I was being sarcastic. Nowhere in my wildest imagination did I conceive that the Socialist Venezuelan president would actually be mummified.

When I foretold a pharaoh's funeral, I was referring to the pompous ceremonies that indeed we saw in Caracas last week. It was a convention of the most cynical and shameless people on earth, led by Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who proclaimed that Chavez would be resurrected along with Jesus Christ.

Yet two months ago, had I predicted that Chavez would literally be turned into a mummy and put on display in a museum, I would have probably lost some credibility for taking my sarcasm a little too far.

Nevertheless, here we are: facing the potential that now we will have Chavez for eternity — just like King Tut, Vladimir Lenin and Chiang Kai-shek.

At first my initial reaction was: “How ridiculous! Mummified? In the 21st Century?”

But it actually makes sense. It's been done before by revolutionary regimes in fear of disintegrating after losing their leaders.

Chavez's handpicked successor and fellow socialist, Vice President and former bus driver Nicolas Maduro (clearly lacking Chavez's wits, charm or charisma), obviously needed a very sentimental prop to keep control of the Chavista Empire. He needed to cash in on the wave of empathy triggered by Chavez's death. And what could be better than a mummy?

If they can put the Chavez mummy on exhibit right away, surely it would help Maduro win the special election for president that already has been scheduled for April 14.

Since Maduro already has been sworn in as acting president, the opposition fears he will be able to use government resources to buy

the election — just like Chavez did. Most Latin American observers already are predicting that Maduro will probably defeat opposition candidate Henrique Capriles, who lost Chavez in the last presidential election.

Venezuela has out-of-control inflation, crippling unemployment, routine power outages, shortage of basic consumer goods and crime rates that make Caracas more dangerous than Bagdad. Yet many observers believe the Chavista vote-buying machine, combined with the new sympathy vote for the mummy, will give Maduro a chance to prolong Chavez's so-called Bolivarian Revolution — at least for a while.

But while Maduro may be able to fill Chavez's shoes in Venezuela, no one expects him to automatically assume Chavez's role as the leader of the left in Latin America.

That role has been left vacant. It had belonged to Cuba's Fidel Castro until Chavez became the anti-American flamethrower who blamed “U.S. Imperialism” for all of Latin America's problems.

So who will step up to the plate to hit against the United States now? Bolivia's Evo Morales? Ecuador's Rafael Correa? Cuba's Raul Castro? Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega? Who speaks for the Latin American left now? And will he be as antagonistic and arrogant as Castro and Chavez? Will he be willing to make ridiculous accusations and totally insane remarks just to get attention?

Well, before anyone else had a chance to step up to claim the role of socialist clown and chief U.S. antagonist, even before Chavez's death was announced, Maduro was showing the world that he can be as cynically anti-American as Castro and Chavez, and that he too can make a career out of bashing Yankee imperialism.

Amazingly, in an act only expected from a clown like Chavez, Maduro tried to blame the United States for the cancer that took Chavez's life. The Chavistas are willing to say anything, even when everyone knows they are lying, to try to turn Chavez into a martyr.

“There's no doubt that Commandante Chavez's health came

under attack by the enemy,” Maduro said in a speech to the nation from the presidential palace, hours before he actually announced Chavez's death. “The old enemies of our fatherland looked for a way to harm his health.”

Inferring that Chavez could have been “attacked” in the same way that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was allegedly poisoned by Israeli agents in 2004, Maduro said that a special commission would investigate the root of Chavez's illness. He also expelled two U.S. military attaches for allegedly plotting to destabilize the Venezuelan armed forces.

For suggesting that the U.S. government was somehow responsible for Chavez's illness, Maduro got the same reaction that Chavez's outrageous comments often received from the U.S. State Department: “Absurd.”

Defense Department spokesman Lt. Col. Todd Braasleale rejected the “conspiracy to destabilize” allegations, insisted on the importance of seeking “a functional and more productive relationship with Venezuela based on issues of mutual interest,” and yet noted that, “this fallacious assertion of inappropriate U.S. action leads us to conclude that, unfortunately, the current Venezuelan government is not interested in an improved relationship.”

No kidding! From day one, Maduro has made it clear that he intends to keep playing Chavez's radical playbook — increasing government control of the economy, nationalizing private property, using Venezuela's oil revenues to subsidize socialist regimes while the Venezuelan people keep struggling and, of course, blaming all problems on the Yankees.

But let's face it: Even if Maduro wanted to be our friend, now he has a mummy who wouldn't let them.

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## News in brief

### U.S. clergy abuse victims want punishment, transparency under new pope; many not optimistic

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The election of a new pope could help heal the wounds left by a Roman Catholic sex abuse crisis that has savaged the church's reputation worldwide. For alleged victims, much depends on whether Pope Francis disciplines the priests and the hierarchy that protected them.

Some hope the Jesuit pontiff's well-known humility and social benevolence will lead to an era of greater transparency and renewed faith. A greater number, however, are calling on the new Roman Catholic leader to defrock U.S. cardinals who covered up for pedophile priests, formally apologize and order the release of all confidential church files from every diocese.

Adding to their distrust are several multimillion dollar settlements the Jesuits paid out in recent years, including \$166 million to more than 450 Native Alaskan and Native American abuse victims in 2011 for molestation at Jesuit-run schools across the Pacific Northwest. The settlement bankrupted the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus.

It's unclear how much direct experience Pope Francis, an Argentine cardinal, has had dealing with sexually abusive clergy in Latin America, where the scope of the abuse scandal has been more muted. When the scandal broke, however, he made it harder for people to become priests and now 60 percent are eliminated, his authorized biographer, Sergio Rubin, told the AP.

In contrast, his predecessor Pope Benedict XVI was in charge of the Vatican office that handled clergy abuse cases before becoming pope and was a guiding force behind several sex abuse policies enacted under Pope John Paul II.

### Argentina's poorest proudly celebrate Francis as one of their own — a true 'slum pope'

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — For more than a billion Roman Catholics worldwide, he's Pope Francis. For Argentina's poorest citizens, crowded in "misery villages" throughout the capital, he's proudly known as one of their own, a true "slum pope."

Villa 21-24 is a slum so dangerous that most outsiders don't dare enter, but residents say Jorge Mario Bergoglio often showed up unannounced to share laughs and sips of mate, the traditional Argentine herbal tea shared by groups using a common straw.

People here recall how the Buenos Aires archbishop would arrive on a bus and walk through the mud to reach their little chapel; how he sponsored marathons and carpentry classes, consoled single mothers and washed the feet of recovering drug addicts; how he became one of them.

"Four years ago, I was at my worst and I needed help. When the Mass started he knelt down and washed my feet. It hit me hard. It was such a beautiful experience," said Cristian Marcelo Reynoso, 27, a garbage collector trying to kick a cocaine addiction through the church's rehab program.

"When I saw the news on the TV, I began screaming with joy, and look, I'm still trembling," Reynoso said. "El Chaval (The Dude) is so humble. He's a fan of San Lorenzo (the soccer club), like me. You talk to him like a friend."

### Lawmakers say Obama outreach must include follow-up efforts with Congress if it's to work

WASHINGTON (AP) — At a recent gathering of House committee and subcommittee chairmen, Republican lawmakers were asked if they could name the legislative affairs staffer at the White House responsible for staying in contact with their panel.

Not a single one could, said Rep. Greg Walden, who heads the House Republicans' campaign arm. "I shared this story with a Democratic colleague the other night," Walden said in an interview. "He said, 'We face the same problem.'"

If President Barack Obama's dinners and lunches and his unprecedented three days of visits to Capitol Hill stand any chance of bearing fruit, it will be up to him to put the entire force of his White House operation behind opening lines of communication with Congress.

It's a task that many lawmakers say has not always been a top priority for the White House.

### Boeing says 787 commercial flights will resume in weeks, not months, a third of tests done

TOKYO (AP) — Boeing said Friday it sees commercial flights of its grounded 787 jets resuming "within weeks" even though it has not pinpointed the cause of battery overheating.

Boeing Co. Chief Project Engineer Michael Sinnett outlined a fix centered on a new design for the lithium-ion battery system that has many layers of safeguards to prevent overheating. It also has measures to contain any problems if malfunctions do occur.

"We could be back up and going in weeks and not months," Sinnett told reporters at a Tokyo hotel. A third of safety tests have already been completed. A Japanese official said it was possible flights could resume next month.

The 787 fleet was grounded worldwide by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, its counterparts in Japan and other nations in January, following a battery fire in a Dreamliner parked in Boston and an overheated battery that led to an emergency landing of another 787 in Japan.

All Nippon Airways, a major Japanese carrier, was the launch customer for the technologically advanced Dreamliner planes. With Japan Airlines another customer, about half the 787 jets in use are with Japanese carriers.

### Mayoral hopeful's rise highlights dispute over NYC St. Pat's parade policy toward gay marchers

NEW YORK (AP) — She's a leading candidate to be New York's next mayor. She's already one of its top Irish-American officials.

Christine Quinn is also a lesbian and proud of it. And that's why the City Council speaker won't be marching in Saturday's St. Patrick's Day Parade, an event so entrenched in New York tradition that it's older than the United States.

Quinn's rising political prominence is bringing a decades-long dispute between parade organizers and gay activists back into sharp relief. And it's raising the prospect of an unprecedented standoff next year if she wins November's election and becomes the city's first openly gay and first female

mayor.

Quinn, a granddaughter of Irish immigrants, says she's both saddened and mystified that the parade continues to bar marchers from displaying any gay-pride messages, a policy that has spurred protests and litigation going back to the 1990s. It has even prompted the launch of an alternative, gay-friendly St. Patrick's parade.

"I've marched in Dublin (in its St. Patrick's Day parade) with visibly identifiable stickers and buttons that made clear we were both Irish and LGBT," she said this week, using an acronym for lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual. "If you can do that in Dublin, in God's name, why can't you do it on Fifth Avenue?"

### Chavista government grinds down Venezuela's opposition, circumventing constitution

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The people tapped by Hugo Chavez to carry on his socialist revolution seem to be improvising the rules of governing as they march toward what most Venezuelans consider certain victory in a mid-April vote to replace the late president.

Chavez's designated successor, Nicolas Maduro, and his ruling clique have repeatedly circumvented the constitution and exploited their monopoly on power to all but crush an opposition already crippled by years of government intimidation.

The odds are so stacked against opposition candidate Henrique Capriles that he has compared his run to being "led to a slaughterhouse and dropped into a meat grinder."

Long before Chavez succumbed to cancer, Capriles and his supporters were already maligned and harassed, legally and financially, by the government, say human rights and press freedom analysts.

Now, they say, the repression is reaching new levels as the president's heirs step up attacks to compensate for their lack of Chavez's political acumen, charisma and moral authority.

### First-look review: Galaxy S 4 stuffed with new technologies that don't come together

NEW YORK (AP) — The Galaxy S 4, Samsung's latest and greatest, has a cute feature we'll probably see in a lot of phones soon: You can shoot both yourself and your surroundings at the same time, using the front- and back-mounted cameras. It's a bit like having a two-camera film crew follow you around.

But other than that, it's hard to point to anything that will set the world on fire in the new phone, revealed Thursday at an event in New York. The S 4 has what you'd expect from a new smartphone: a bigger screen and a faster processor. It may prove to be unfortunate that didn't stop there when it presented the successor to its hit Galaxy S III, because the phone has a grab-bag of features that don't come together as a pleasing whole.

The phone will go on sometime between late April and the end of June period, from Verizon Wireless, AT&T, Sprint Nextel, T-Mobile USA, US Cellular and Cricket, Samsung says. If history is any guide, even smaller phone companies will get it, if not right away. The phone companies will set the prices; expect this phone to start at \$200 with a two-year contract.

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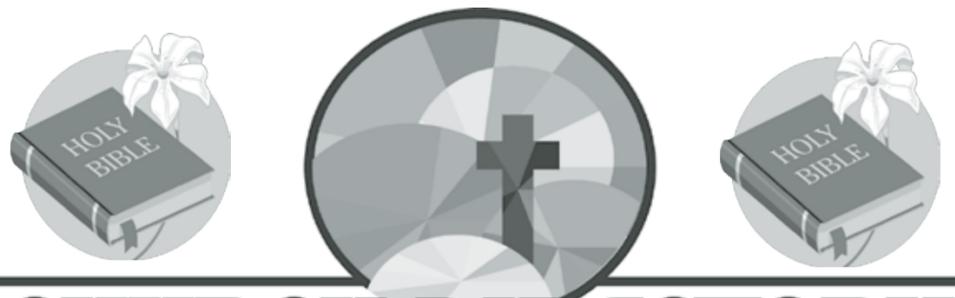
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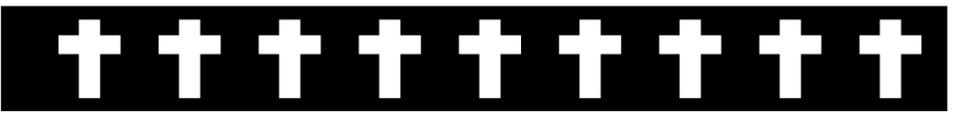
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# What hangs on the wall where you worship?

**“W**as there really a horse on the wall where Jesus used to be?”

For weeks after my husband and I visited a country church where we had once been members, I asked myself that question. In reflection, I am sure that there is now a picture of a horse hanging on the wall of the newly spruced-up church. What I don't remember is whether or not there was ever a picture of Jesus on that wall.

I suppose it really



BONNIE WHEAT

doesn't matter what kind of picture hangs on the wall of a church as long as it isn't offensive to God. However, the horse on the wall did cause me to do some self-examination about the sincerity of my own worship and my choice of places to worship.

My disjointed thoughts about worship places led me across miles of water and years of time to a place known as the Sistine Chapel. In this magnificent building, the famous artist Michelangelo spent four years painting scenes from the book of Genesis on the ceiling. Five centuries later, 5 million tourists per year still visit the chapel to gawk at the famous paintings.

In spite of the amount of foot traffic going in and out of the chapel, I can't

help wondering how many tourists stop to whisper a prayer. How many of the visitors go there to worship? How many simply go to see the painted ceiling?

Although I have never worshiped in a cathedral with paintings on the ceiling, I have worshiped in an old theatre building where the rainy climate and leaky roof caused moss to grow on the ceiling above the pulpit. God didn't seem to mind the distraction. He always showed up on Sunday mornings and any other time the little congregation met to worship.

Perhaps the real issue is where God wants us to worship. Does he prefer stained glass windows, ornate mirrors, and oversized gold urns? Does he want us to sit on padded pews or

simple wooden benches? Should we walk on carpet, polished stone floors, or cement slabs with no floor covering when we enter God's house?

Does all of this really matter to God? The Scripture say, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst" (Matthew 18:20 NASB).

Maybe it doesn't matter what kind of picture is on the wall or what is painted on the ceiling of our worship place.

God seems to be more concerned about the purpose of our worship than the place.

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## Church News

### First United Methodist Church

All of our Nicaragua missionaries should be safely back home by Saturday evening.

Pastor Bill will be preaching Sunday morning at both the 8:30 and 10:50 service of worship and will surely have a report on their mission in Nicaragua. In the meantime, you can go to our website at [www.fumchs.net](http://www.fumchs.net) and see some pictures of the activities in which our group has been taking part.

Everyone is invited to attend the "Celebrating the Assignment of W. Earl Bledsoe" as bishop of the Northwest Texas Conference.

The gathering will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, Texas, located at 1411 Broadway.

Orders for lilies for the Easter service are due by this Sunday. Lilies may be ordered in memory or honor of someone special and are \$17.50 each. Order blanks will be available in the bulletin at Sunday's services.

Sunday, March 24, there will be a church-wide covered dish luncheon and an old-fashioned "pounding" in honor of our new minister of discipleship, Jim Anderson and his wife Bri. The Mythbusters and Pathmakers Sunday school classes are furnishing the meat and covered dishes and ask that you bring your favorite dishes as well, and remember Jim and Bri with a welcome gift for their pantry.

Easter is just around the corner and it will be a very special celebration day at First Methodist. At 9:30, there will be an Easter Brunch in Garrett Hall. Bring your favorite finger-type breakfast treat. The children will then have their annual Easter egg hunt. Meet in Garrett Hall and bring 12 eggs for each child participating in the hunt.

There will be a special kid's Easter worship following the children's sermon in the late service. Kids will travel around to different stations to receive an egg with a trinket and a message to go with it.

Again this year we ask that you bring fresh flowers to both services to decorate our Easter Cross.

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### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library and the Chancel Choir practices at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. The Children's Choir, which usually practices on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m., is off for spring break.

The Youth Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Boy Scouts meet in the entrance room of the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

The Ecumenical Lenten Lunch, which we share with First Christian Church, St. Mary's Episcopal, the Church of the Nazarene, and Catholic Trinity Parish, will be at Catholic Trinity Parish on March 20, with Barbara Kirk-Norris as speaker.

The Presbyterian Women/Working Women meeting this month, set for Tuesday, March 26, will be a "working meeting." Women are to come at 10:30 for a clean-up day, followed by a pizza lunch while Marj Carpenter leads the Bible study from Lesson 7 in "The Children" study book, based on I John 2:1-15, 29-3:10; 5:1-21.

Craig Holstedt is teaching a confirmation class for the youth, who will be confirmed as members of the church on Palm Sunday, March 24.

The Adult Covenant Class begins a new study called Beyond the Present Time. The first three Sundays in March are studies from the book of Daniel called "The Kingdom of God," moving learners to see the connection between the hope found in Daniel's prophecy and the Christian's resurrection hope. Beginning March 24 there will be six sessions entitled "Resurrection Hope," which draw on scriptures from Luke, Acts, and 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

The Adult Discovery Class continues its study of "The Final Words of Jesus," a DVD study by Adam Hamilton.

Ellen Austin is in charge of this week's "Take Ten." Liturgist for March is Helen Glass.

The lectionary for the Fifth Sunday in Lent is Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

The Chancel Choir will present "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" by Richard Farrant for the anthem and "It Is Well with My Soul" arranged by John Ness Beck for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

### Spring Creek Fellowship

So many new and exciting things are happening at Spring Creek Fellowship. Come join us. We would love to have you be a part of our family.

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 a.m. every Sunday on KBYG 106.5.

"Men Will Be Men" — Sometimes guys just need to get away and have some fun with their brothers in Christ. On April 13, the men will meet at SCF for a prayer breakfast then head out to Circle 6 Ranch in Stanton.

They will participate in activities such as paint ball, rock wall climbing and zip line and then gather on the rifle range to test their skills. Bring your sons and participate in any or all of the activities you choose. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$15 per adult, sons under 18 are free. The first hopper of paint is included in the fee but additional refills will cost \$5. Circle 6 has all the equipment, but if you have your own paintball equipment, feel free to bring it. For more info on Circle 6 Ranch go to [www.circle6ranch.org](http://www.circle6ranch.org).

Join us April 6-8 at for a regional conference with

Overland Missions. This conference will be a time of worship, a time to be empowered in your identity in Christ, to get together with a group of people making positive change around the globe and a time to learn about Overland Missions' programs. Find out meeting times and more details by visiting [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org) or [www.overlandmissions.com](http://www.overlandmissions.com).

"Sewing Seeds of Hope" Connection group invites you to join us on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. A different skill will be taught each week. Lessons will include basic sewing and fiber arts and more complex skills as we progress in levels of experience. Bring a project you are working on or come learn something new. Anyone with an interest

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## Sudoku Answers on Page 14

# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

North East South West  
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass  
3♣ Pass ?

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

- ♠732♥Q4♦J7642♣K109
- ♠875♥KQ♦95432♣A107
- ♠QJ4♥82♦Q964♣Q863
- ♠K93♥10♦J852♣A9752

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1. **Three hearts.** First, let's consider the meaning of the three-club bid. It is a jump-shift and therefore 100 percent forcing. In effect, partner is saying to you, "I realize you might have as little as six points, but that's all I need for game."

It follows that he has upward of 19 points. Most of these points are in high cards, but some of them are sure to be distributional. It is better to bid three hearts than four clubs — even though you have better club support — because it will probably be easier to make 10 tricks in hearts than 11 tricks in clubs.

2. **Four hearts.** Having indicated six to 10 points by your one-notrump response, you can afford the luxury of jumping to four hearts without running the risk of partner misunderstanding the bid. The jump-raise

might lead to a sound slam contract. Your nine points in partner's suits are what are known as "working" points, and they will surely carry their full weight. These nine points are far better to hold than, say, the K-J of spades and K-Q of diamonds, which could prove of little use to partner. Partner could have a hand such as ♠A4♥AJ1095♦A♣KQJ82, in which case both six hearts and six clubs are virtually unbeatable.

3. **Three notrump.** The nine-trick notrump game is more promising than an 11-trick club game. If partner passes three notrump, that's probably the best spot. You plan to pass if he next bids four hearts, but if he bids four clubs, you'll raise to five.

4. **Five clubs.** Your hand was not especially attractive after partner opened with one heart, but his jump to three clubs puts a brand-new face on your prospects.

It would be wrong to bid only four clubs at this point. That's what you'd do if your ace of clubs were, say, the queen. But with your actual holding, you should jump to five clubs to tell partner that your club raise is based on very sound values and is not just a courtesy raise. The leap to five clubs might be all the encouragement partner needs to undertake a slam.

Tomorrow: The impossible dream.

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# Learning from Buddy: Perseverance

Every year I write at least one column about my dog, Buddy. Some of you will remember that we adopted Buddy four years ago after he was found starving on the streets of Fort Worth. I wrote his story for my grandkids, "just the way he told it to me," how Barney the Blood Hound helped him survive on



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the streets until they were picked up by the dog police. I named the story, Buddy the Floppy Ear Corgi because his left ear flopped. His ear doesn't flop anymore. Maybe he outgrew it. Maybe it flopped because he was puny and sick. Both ears now perk straight up like a respectable corgi. I kind of miss the flop. We left Buddy last summer in Montana with our grandkids while we spent the summer in Nuremberg, Germany. When we returned, he was in Wyoming, where our kids moved while we were away. I think he

liked the open spaces of Montana and Wyoming. He even joined the rodeo and tried his hand (or paw) at chasing bulls. After all, corgis were bred as herd dogs. I used to think he chased squirrels in an attempt to catch them, but I finally figured out he was just herding them around the yard. In the past, I have written about what I am learning from Buddy. Lately, he is teaching me persistence. "Persistence" isn't a word we use much. But we all know what it means: never quitting, never giving up and never becoming discouraged.

Buddy doesn't use words, at least not human words, but he communicates. He communicates most by "persistence." If he wants to go outside, he goes over the door and sits there looking out the glass pane. He never moves. He just sits there until I notice and obligingly open the door and let him out. He does the same thing about coming back inside. If I am eating, he locks his eyes on the object and stares, again refusing to move. I can scold him, tell him he isn't getting anything from me, act as callous and cold as possible, but it doesn't faze him. He just sits there staring with those big brown corgi eyes until finally I give in. He wins his arguments with persistence.

I need to learn more of that. We humans are always looking for short cuts to get what we want. We learn this at a very early age, usually within two years. We try tantrums, tears, weeping and wailing. We get angry and argue. But it seldom achieves our goals. We need to learn from Buddy. Persistence and peaceful perseverance is almost irresistible. This must have been what Jesus meant when he taught us how to pray. Jesus said, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and from inside he answers

and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened." (Luke 11:5-10).

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is invited. "The Cure Connection," our Relay for Life Team will be hosting a Bowl-A-Thon on April 7 from 2-5 p.m. at Bowl-A-Rama. Contact John or Kim Cantrell.

Check out our Sunday School/Connection Groups with topic/subject-based studies ranging from six to nine weeks in length and relevant to today's Christian adventure. Classes are available for all ages and meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Big Spring Classical Academy is in session with classes for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information.

The Big Spring Homeschool Educational Co-operative is offering classes for high school and junior high homeschool students. New classes have started.

The "Between the Lines" Women's Ministry Cookbooks are available. The cost is \$15. Call the church office to get a copy.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday- 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups; 10:15-10:45 a.m., "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship; 10:45noon, worship service. You can listen to recent sermons on our web page at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org); 5 p.m., Girls Bible Study.

Monday- 6:30-8:30 p.m., "Celebrate Recovery," Women.

Tuesday- 1:45, Praying Effectively for the Lost; "Wings" Dance Academy meets for girls ages 4-12.

Wednesday- 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Meal; 6 p.m., Bible Study and youth and children's activities; 6 p.m., Boy Scouts.

Thursday- 6:30-8:30 p.m., "Celebrate Recovery," Men; 7 p.m., "Crazy Love" college age Bible study by Francis Chan.

Saturday- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. (Across from Denny's). Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

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

### College Baptist Church News

The sermon this past Sunday was "The Wet Feet Spring Break Challenge." In the Feet Wet series of sermons, Pastor Ken McMeans has challenged the people of College Baptist to go out and tell others about Jesus as the great commission tells us in the Bible in Matthew 29:19. Jesus was about to ascend into heaven and spoke to the disciples, telling them to go into all the world to tell them the things He had taught them. He also told them that He would be with them, even until the end of the earth.

A Sunday school planning meeting will take place Monday, March 17 at 5 p.m. All Sunday school teachers and leaders are invited to attend as well as any others that are interested in seeing our Sunday school grow.

Those of the church who are able are asked to

come and help March 23 from 8 a.m. to noon or whatever time they can to do some clean up and repairs around the church.

Tonight, there will be a Men and Boys Fellowship at 7. The guys will continue watching the video, "The Man Code," by Dennis Swanburg. They will have free pizza and lots of fellowship.

The adult choir, under the leadership of Jamie Scott, will have a practice at 7 p.m. Sunday in the choir room. We need all members of the choir to be here as Easter Sunday is approaching and the choir will be presenting, "Still the Cross," arranged and orchestrated by Dave Williamson.

—Submitted by Dean Priest

### Forsan Baptist Church

As we near Easter, we are continuing our study of Jesus' ministry as He marched toward His passion in Jerusalem. Sunday evenings we are conducting a verse-by-verse survey of the Book of Romans, and Wednesdays we have begun a verse-by-verse trek through the entire Bible.

Our target date for being back in the sanctuary after the remodel is Easter, March 31. We will be looking at a date for a dedication service sometime to follow. We will have two baptisms and Lord's Supper observances on Easter if we can make our target. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the progress.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities will continue throughout the school year.

We will provide a meal and refreshments for these activities.

Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

### Church News for First Church of the Nazarene

Get your hop ready! The First Church of the Nazarene is hosting its annual Easter egg hunt March 30 at the Old Settler's Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park. The event will start at 11 a.m. The hunt is for ages 2-10. We will also have hot dogs, drinks, inflatables, etc. This event is free to anyone wanting to attend.

Tell your friends and family members to plan to make it a part of their Easter tradition.

You are also welcome to join us for all of our services, classes and groups:

Sunday service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday morning youth and children's classes at 9 a.m.

Sunday morning children's church at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Sunday evening youth activities at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday night prayer at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Wednesday evening adult/children/youth classes at 6:30.

Unable to come to church on Sunday morning? Well, tune into KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. and you can listen to a live broadcast of our service. You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at [www.nazfamily.org](http://www.nazfamily.org).

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. We are also on Face-

book and Twitter.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our pastor is the Rev. Lannon Martin. Our motto is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our Lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is <http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/>. Our e-mail address is [aliveinchrist@crcom.net](mailto:aliveinchrist@crcom.net).

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Bible Study at 10:15 a.m.

Shyrlee Reid will present the readings this week. This week's sermon references "The Parable of the Vineyard Owner."

Our Lenten services are Wednesday with the meal and fellowship following the Lenten Daniel Fast beginning at 5:30, Bible study classes at 6:15 and the Lenten service at 7.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning.

A website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, [www.jcplayzone.com](http://www.jcplayzone.com), promises fun and Christian educational-based games and videos.

### First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma

Things are so exciting around here lately. The Garden of Eden Club continues work on the new rock sign out front. Grass will be planted this weekend in the courtyard area. Painting is going on in the supply room, new library, Sunday school room, high school youth room and ministry room. A new prayer wall is going up in the foyer entrance area.

We also recently acquired a new machine for prayer blanket ministry embroidery. A new ministry project is coming to fruition with some high school students in town. Explorer's Sunday school class will be sewing pillow case dresses for little girls in Africa.

They are also collecting socks for the VA and coins for the Heifer International Program

Upcoming events for the next week:

Saturday, come help plant the grass, 9 a.m. in the courtyard.

Sunday we have Adult Bible Study and Java with Jesus at 10 a.m. in the social hall, Explorer's Sunday school class at 10 in the classroom and youth choir practice at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

Tuesday, March 19: Garden of Eden Club, 5 p.m., front yard.

Wednesday, March 20, Presbyterian Women's Group and meal, 6 p.m., social hall; girl's high school youth group, 6:30 p.m.; and prayer group meeting at 6:30 p.m., social hall.

Thursday, March 21: session meeting, 6 p.m., social hall.

Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday service, 6:30 p.m., at FPC Big Spring.

Friday, March 29, Good Friday service, 6:30 p.m., FPC Big Spring will visit here.

Saturday, March 30, Easter celebration breakfast.

Sunday, March 31, church service, 11 a.m., sanctuary.

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# Hawks headed to Hutchinson

## Sports Calendar

### TODAY

#### Softball

• Wylie at Big Spring, varsity, 5 p.m.; J.V., 6:30 p.m.

• Howard College at Spring Break Trip (through Saturday), Casa Grande, Ariz., TBA.

#### Powerlifting

• Girls state meet, Corpus Christi (through Saturday).

### MONDAY

#### Basketball

• Howard College vs. East Mississippi, NJCAA national tournament (through Saturday), 2 p.m., Hutchinson, Kan.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com



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The Howard College men's basketball team is shown at their public send-off Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The 28-5 Hawks earned an at-large bid to the JUCO championship tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., after a 60-59 loss in the NJCAA Region V tourney championship to NMJC game last week. The Hawks are the 13th seed and will open against 20th seeded East Mississippi on Monday at 2 p.m. Results will be published in the *Herald*. You can listen to the games live on KBYG 1400 AM or 106.3 FM. KBYG's Greg Sherman will host a preview show beginning at 1 p.m.

## Ladies Golf Association back in action

### Special to the Herald

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association returned to action Thursday after the winter break for a couples event.

After a scorecard playoff to determine first place, Joe and Patsy Sharpnack and Sheril and Betty

Farmer were the victors. Claiming second place were Howard and Trish Gabbard and Martin and Lenita Fryar. Donald Long landed closest to the pin on Hole No. 3, while Betty Murphy took the honors on Hole No. 6.

It was a good turnout for the first LGA event of the season,

with 26 people showing up to golf. The group met for dinner at the Spanish Inn after play.

Anyone interested in joining our group should call either Donald and Shiran Long at 432-517-4008 or Comanche Trail Golf Course at 432-264-2366. LGA Play is held every Thursday at 5 p.m.

## Spurs sweep Mavs with narrow, 92-91 win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sweeping the Dallas Mavericks in the regular season for the first time in 15 years could have been a cause for celebration. Instead, it just raised more concerns for the San Antonio Spurs.

Tim Duncan had 28 points and 19 rebounds and San Antonio escaped with a 92-91 victory over Dallas when Vince Carter's 3-point attempt bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

"Overall I thought (the Mavericks) played better than us," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I thought they executed better than we did. They were more physical and aggressive."

Playing their sixth

straight game without injured point guard Tony Parker, San Antonio had 15 turnovers and shot 44 percent from the field. The Spurs had 31 assists, but missed three shots and had a turnover in the final 3 minutes in nearly losing an eight-point lead.

"We're going through a section of time here where we're not playing the greatest of basketball," Duncan said. "Obviously, with Tony out of here, our offense is a little limited with the guys we have in there. But outside of that, we just don't have a rhythm right now."

Parker is expected to miss another two weeks with a Grade 2 left ankle sprain.

Gary Neal added 16 points, including eight in the final quarter, and Kawhi Leonard had 12 for San Antonio, which maintained the Western Conference's top record at 50-16.

It was San Antonio's second win in four games, but the two losses to Minnesota and Portland were by a combined 54 points.

"We continued to play in mud like we have been for the last two weeks," Popovich said. "I'm not sure what to attribute it to, but it's a fact. It shows on the defensive end and it shows in a pretty dead offense. We were really fortunate to win this game."

Dirk Nowitzki had 21 points and 11 rebounds

for Dallas, which had a four-game winning streak snapped. Darren Collison added 12 points and O.J. Mayo, Mike James, Brandan Wright and Vince Carter had 10 points apiece.

The Mavericks pulled within 92-91 on a 7-0 run capped by Nowitzki's fall-away jumper with 28.2 seconds left. After Manu Ginobili missed a jumper, Carter missed a long, fall-away 3 at the buzzer that would have won the game.

"It has been the motto for our year," Nowitzki said. "We are right there, we just cannot get over the hump."

The Mavericks fell three games

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## Area Scores

### THURSDAY

#### Softball

• Andrews defeated Big Spring, 10-1. Next vs. Wylie, today, 5 p.m.

#### Baseball

• Seminole defeated Big Spring, 11-10. Next vs. Snyder, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

## Texas' NCAA streak may end after loss to K-State

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Something is about to happen to the proud Texas basketball program that hasn't happened in 15 years.

The Longhorns, with a 16-17 record, will probably be sitting out the NCAA tournament. Since he arrived on the sprawling Texas campus, head coach Rick Barnes has taken the Longhorns to the NCAAs 14 years in a row.

But a lackluster 66-49 loss to No. 11 Kansas State in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament on Thursday night probably means the school-record NCAA run is done.

"I've always said that's something we've never taken for granted," said Barnes. "I certainly haven't. People act like it's easy to get there. I don't think it's easy to get there. We've had some times when we knew we were in, other times when we had to sweat it out. I'm disappointed, but you know what? You are who you are. We weren't good enough to make the NCAA tournament this year."

It was the Longhorns' third loss this year to the Wildcats.

"We weren't good enough because if we were good enough, we'd be in it," said Barnes.

Rodney McGruder, Kansas State's all-conference senior, scored 24 points for the Wildcats.

"It all starts with our fans, how much they support us," said McGruder. "They push us to so hard, we know what we're doing is not only for ourselves but also the Manhattan (Kan.) community. It just feels good to do big things for our community."

McGruder, who ranks in the top 10 in 14 of Kansas State's career categories, also had a team-high seven rebounds for the second-seeded Wildcats (26-6). Julien Lewis scored 13 points and Jonathan Holmes had 10 for Texas (16-17), which trailed almost the entire game.

"I'm disappointed," said Barnes. "I think when you have high expectations in anything you're going to be disappointed. I think we could have won this game today. I think we could have won this tournament. But we didn't because we made the same mistakes we made in two other games with them. We helped them out. And they don't need any help."

The Wildcats, who tied No. 7 Kansas for their first regular-season conference title since 1977, will face No. 14 Oklahoma State in the semifinals Friday night.

"It's a good win," said Kansas State coach Bruce Weber, whose shooters spent most

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## Kinsler, Wells help Rangers beat Oakland 6-2

PHOENIX (AP) — Randy Wells hopes that maybe, just maybe, this will be the year that everything falls into place.

Injury and inconsistency have plagued the 30-year-old right-hander during his career, which up until 2013 primarily had been with the Chicago Cubs.

Now with the Texas Rangers, he is making a bid for the No. 5 spot in their rotation.

On Thursday, he had the team's longest outing of the spring, giving up a run on three hits in five innings of a 6-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

Wells struck out four, walked four, hit a batter and gave up a solo home run to Josh Reddick in the fifth inning.

Wells also escaped a pair of jams, leaving the bases loaded in the second and fourth inning —

retiring Scott Sizemore for the final out on both occasions.

Wells' best season came in 2009, when he was 12-10 for the Cubs. He is 28-32 in 86 career starts. In 2012, he was 1-2 in 11 appearances (four starts) in 2012, and had nine starts for Triple-A Iowa.

In July, his season came to a close when he had surgery to remove bone spurs from his elbow.

Thursday marked his fourth start of the spring. His ERA dipped from 5.63 to 4.15.

"He kept the ball down much better today," said Rangers manager Ron Washington. "He got into some trouble, but he was able to get out of it."

"He had a good changeup," Washington said. "He is the first guy to go five innings for us."

Wells got some help from the top of his batting order in the

early going.

Leadoff hitter Ian Kinsler and No. 2 Elvis Andrus both reached base in the first inning — on an error and a single — and scored on sacrifice flies by Lance Berkman and Adrian Beltre.

In the third inning, Kinsler drove in a run with a double and scored on a double by Andrus.

Kinsler, whose leadoff role was the subject of much debate by Rangers fans last season, went from first to third on Andrus' single to left when he caught A's left fielder Yoenis Cespedes off guard.

"Ian saw that (Cespedes) was being too lackadaisical, so he took that extra base," Washington said. "We need to be running the bases, heads-up. You try to take advantage of the things you see."

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: MIDSUN OIL CORPORATION, AND ITS SUCCESSORS, SHAREHOLDERS, ASSIGNS, AND/OR THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS; AND MID-TEX OIL AND GAS COMPANY AND ITS SUCCESSORS, SHAREHOLDERS, ASSIGNS, AND/OR THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS. Defendants in the cause herein described.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 118th Judicial District Court in the Glasscock County Courthouse located in Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 1st day of April, 2013, then and there to answer the petition filed in Cause No. 1618, styled "ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC, Plaintiff, v. MIDSUN OIL CORPORATION, AND ITS SUCCESSORS, SHAREHOLDERS, ASSIGNS, AND/OR THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS; AND MID-TEX OIL AND GAS COMPANY AND ITS SUCCESSORS, SHAREHOLDERS, ASSIGNS, AND/OR THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, Defendants".

The said petition, filed on the 12th day of February, 2013, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows: This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of Section 64.091 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code for undivided mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the North Half (N/2) of Section 14, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Glasscock County, Texas, containing 320 acres, more or less, and to execute oil, gas and mineral leases thereof to the Plaintiff and take such other action deemed necessary under the provisions of said statute.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 12th day of February, 2013, at Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas.  
Rebecca Batla, District Clerk  
Court of Glasscock County, Texas  
By: Rebecca Batla,  
#7661 February 22 and March 1, 8 & 15, 2013

**Mars Equalizes Giving and Getting**

Next week, Mars and Uranus align to throw a few wildcards into the mix. But right now, things are marching along in a more or less expected way. The need for dependable

companionship is highlighted tonight. Share loyal and supportive words wherever you can. We all have a need for community, inclusion and acceptance.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). With Mars invigorating you with his journey through your part of the sky, it's easy to be too forward. A moment of quiet reflection on how you



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

would like to relate to others will shield you from the mistakes of haste.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It's a natural response to defend what's yours or stand up for those you love. Even though this may be your first impulse when someone seems to infringe on your territory, there will be a wiser second impulse that follows.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Something has changed in your awareness since yesterday. You'll notice what people are doing that you don't like, and you'll also notice what they are doing to enrich your world.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A sense of belonging is a powerful, primal need, a need that you fill for others with your simple acknowledgements and gestures of openness —

for instance, your smile.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll witness odd behavior and will be asked to interact outside of your comfort zone. Luckily, since all human beings have the same basic needs, it shouldn't be too difficult to figure this one out.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are interested in getting other people's needs met. It will feel good to help. You are even able to ignore your own needs temporarily in order to do this. But you won't be able to serve anyone if you go overboard with the selflessness.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll appreciate the mellow qualities of the day and will be soothed by stretches of silence and the peace of uneventful hours. You probably won't even mind how the tranquil parts are punctuated with drama.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Excellent conversation, television and other entancements will seem like a necessity — and they very well may be. To avoid getting burned out or overly tense, you really do need the release that entertainment provides.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Free time seems in short supply now, but since no one can tell you how to think, your mind will create mini-vacations while you physically attend to the demands of the day.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sometimes when you've been in a relationship for a long time, common courtesies like eye contact and being in the same room as the person you're talking to go out the window. For a thriving relationship, bring them back.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being overly generous is your norm these days. You're in the mood to go over the top to show your love, interest, support, enthusiasm and whatever else you may be feeling.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because the other person's mouth is shut doesn't mean he or she is listening. Minds do have a way of drifting. You may have to do more to get and keep people's

attention now.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 15). You'll involve yourself where you are needed and wanted and will make a huge difference there. You'll rid yourself of extra baggage in the next 10 weeks. April closes a deal. May brings a happy meshing of hearts and lifestyles. Following a new interest this summer will bring about a change in the way you make money. Capricorn and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 3, 20 and 38.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Is it possible for you to get away for a day trip? **TAURUS:** You are so emotionally full now that you can afford to be unfaithfully supportive of another person. **GEMINI:** Connection doesn't always come naturally between you and the one you love. Sometimes you have to make it happen instead of waiting for it to happen. **CANCER:** It will feel mighty fine to finally gain the cooperation of one who has challenged you in the past. **LEO:** You'll be inspired by someone you didn't know could make you feel that way. **VIRGO:** Love is like a process of hypnosis now, but you can un hypnotize yourself whenever you want. **LIBRA:** There's a saying that if you're lost in a forest, let your horse find the way. Stop consciously trying to direct your love, and let natural instinct take over. **SCORPIO:** You may be feeling shy, but engaging people will bring you out of yourself. **SAGITTARIUS:** Warning: Perfectly lovely experiences can be ruined by over-analysis. **CAPRICORN:** You have a strong need for honesty from everyone around you. **AQUARIUS:** Your warmth and humor attract the same. **PISCES:** All the traits you want in a partner may not be available in one person. Friends help fill the gaps.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE APACHE CORPORATION, [RRC Operator No. 027200] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1, Bk. 31 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-176, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 14.2 miles NW direction from COAHOMA, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case.

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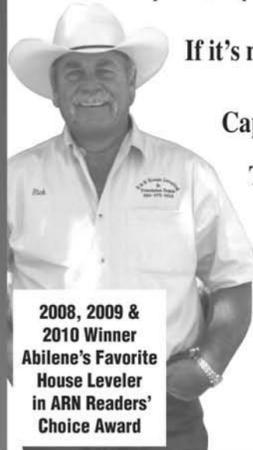
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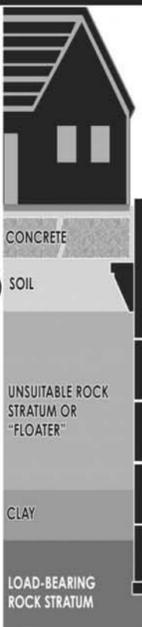
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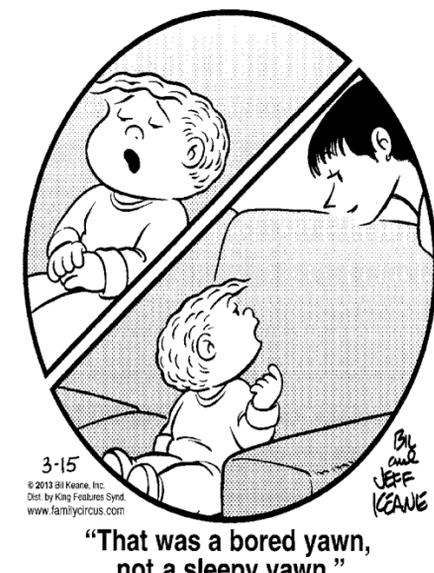


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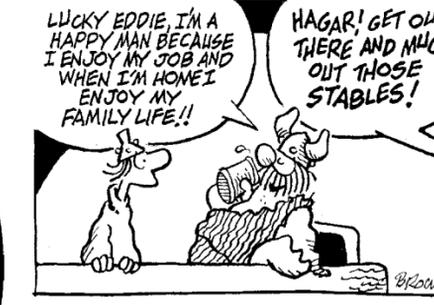
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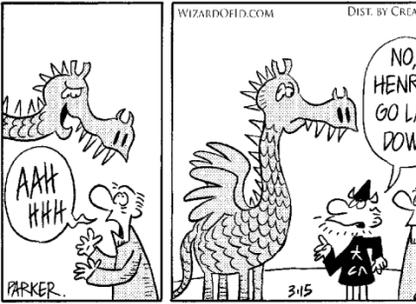
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Casual wear
  - 6 Without risk
  - 10 Swindle
  - 14 Excluding all else
  - 15 Sit next to
  - 16 Persevere
  - 17 Extraneous data
  - 18 A majority of
  - 19 Foreboding sign
  - 20 National motto
  - 23 "Great" place to see 20 Across
  - 24 Framer's cardboard
  - 25 Seethe
  - 28 Ultimate objectives
  - 30 Media monitor
  - 32 Stranded stuff
  - 33 Candle bracket
  - 36 Former *Idol* judge
  - 37 Foists, with "off"
  - 38 Big arts fans
  - 41 Big name in vertical transport
  - 42 Wine specification
  - 43 City west of Corpus Christi
  - 44 Spare hair
  - 45 Tent anchor
  - 46 Exotic scuba destination
  - 47 Stir up
  - 49 *Simpsons* bartender
  - 50 "I dropped it"
  - 54 Skeptic's demand
  - 58 Boor
  - 60 Actress Lamarr
  - 61 Prefix meaning "celestial"
  - 62 Capital on a fjord
  - 63 Crushed sundae topping
  - 64 Falling pellets
  - 65 Believes, so to speak
- DOWN**
- 1 Running paths
  - 2 Emulate Romeo and Juliet
  - 3 "And here it is!"
  - 4 Materials with R-values
  - 5 19 Across interpreter
  - 6 Does a Brazilian dance
  - 7 More or less
  - 8 Ado
  - 9 Accusatory words
  - 10 Scrub well
  - 11 Yacht club leader
  - 12 Galoot
  - 13 Game pieces
  - 21 Involve deeply
  - 22 *Biggest Loser* network
  - 26 Sacked out
  - 27 Cowboy gear
  - 29 Hosp. area
  - 30 Seasonal bug
  - 31 Traditional herders
  - 33 Clumsy craft
  - 34 Perform acceptably
  - 35 Movie biz, for one
  - 36 LG alternative
  - 37 Like a house afire
  - 39 29 Down test
  - 40 India-based luxury hotel chain
  - 45 Favorite
  - 46 Gift card phrase, a homophonic hint to the puzzle's theme
  - 48 Laudatory words
  - 49 Paragon
  - 51 Mink cousin
  - 52 Mashed potatoes, essentially
  - 53 Positions in a program
  - 55 "This could be bad"
  - 56 Country with a vicuña on its coat of arms
  - 57 Barn door fastener
  - 58 Picnic discard
  - 59 Sch. on the Mississippi

**This Date In History**

Today is Friday, March 15, the 74th day of 2013. There are 291 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 15, 1913, President Woodrow Wilson met with about 100 reporters for the first formal presidential press conference.

On this date:

In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1919, members of the American Expeditionary Force from World War I convened in Paris for a three-day meeting to found the American Legion.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical play "My Fair Lady," based on Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," opened on Broadway.

In 1962, a chartered Flying Tiger Line airplane carrying 107 people, most of them U.S. Army personnel, disappeared while en route from Guam to the Philippines. "No Strings," Richard Rodgers' first musical following the death of longtime collaborator Oscar Hammerstein II, opened on Broadway.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

In 1970, Expo '70, promoting "Progress and Harmony for Mankind," opened in Osaka, Japan.

In 1972, "The Godfather," Francis Ford Coppola's epic gangster movie based on the Mario Puzo novel and starring Marlon Brando and Al Pacino, premiered in New York.

In 1985, the first Internet domain name, symbolics.com, was registered by the Symbolics Computer Corp. of

Massachusetts.

Today's Birthdays: Musician DJ Fontana is 82. Former astronaut Alan L. Bean is 81. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 80. Actor Judd Hirsch is 78. Rock musician Phil Lesh is 73. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 72. Rock singer-musician Sly Stone is 70. Rock singer-musician Howard Scott (War; Lowrider Band) is 67. Rock singer Ry Cooder is 66. Actor Craig Wasson is 59. Rock singer Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) is 58. Actress Park Overall is 56. Movie director Renny Harlin is 54. Model Fabio is 52. Singer Terence Trent D'Arby (AKA Sananda Maitreya) is 51.

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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# Dominicans defeat United States in WBC action, 3-1

MIAMI (AP) — Horns honked, percussion pulsed and school kids squealed. Miami can make quite a din when the Dominicans win. The visiting team on the scoreboard, the Dominican Republic made itself at home by beating the United States 3-1 Thursday night to earn a berth in the final round of the World Baseball Classic. Pinch-hitter Erick Aybar singled home Nelson Cruz with the go-ahead run in the ninth for the Dominicans, who improved to 5-0. The Dominican Republic is assured of a spot in the semifinals beginning Sunday in San Francisco, where two-time defending champion Japan and the Netherlands have already advanced. The United States must now face Puerto Rico on Friday night, with the winner earning a trip to San Francisco and the loser being eliminated. Ryan Vogelsong will pitch for the Americans against

Nelson Figueroa. Playing the U.S. team for the first time ever in the WBC, the Dominicans drew raucous support all night, especially in a noisy ninth. "No doubt it's the best atmosphere I ever played in," said Cruz, who has twice reached the World Series. "Thanks to the fans, we had extra motivation you don't have every day." With the score 1-all, Cruz led off with a double against Craig Kimbrel (0-1), then took third on a groundout. Aybar singled sharply and ran to first with his index finger raised as his teammates poured out of the dugout to greet Cruz crossing the plate. Aybar's hit came one pitch after a called strike two left him irate. "An umpire makes a mistake," Aybar said. "What I did was forget about it and make contact." Until Aybar's hit, the Dominicans were 0 for 7 with

runners in scoring position. Aybar stole second and scored on a two-out single by Jose Reyes. "They beat our closer," U.S. manager Joe Torre said. "They beat a great one. You tip your hat to them." Former Miami Marlin Hanley Ramirez silenced jeers from the crowd with a home run in the second inning for the other Dominican run. Pedro Strop (3-0) pitched a scoreless eighth. Fernando Rodney, the fifth Dominican pitcher, threw a perfect ninth to complete a six-hitter for his fourth save. He has yet to allow a hit in 4 1-3 innings. With the final out, several teammates joined Rodney in his familiar arrow-shooting ritual. The victory left Dominican manager Tony Pena choking back tears. "I feel so emotional," he said in the interview room over the clamor of partying Dominicans on a nearby plaza. "Today was the battle of

two titans." The retractable roof was closed, which reinforced the sound of the noisemakers favored by Dominican spectators. Their racket more than matched the cheers of U.S. fans in the crowd of 34,366. There was plenty of flag-waving, even by the players. During the game someone gave the Americans a U.S. flag to hang in their dugout. But the U.S. team was without slugger David Wright, scratched shortly before the game because of sore ribs. Both starting pitchers benefited from umpire Angel Hernandez's large strike zone, and they cooled off two teams that came into the game batting over .300. R.A. Dickey, the NL Cy Young Award winner last year, gave up one run and struck out four in five innings. Minnesota Twins right-hander Samuel Deduno allowed one run and struck out seven, mostly on curves, in

four innings for the Dominican Republic. Deduno walked Eric Hosmer with the bases loaded to score the lone U.S. run in the opening inning. Deduno then went to 3-0 on Adam Jones but struck him out on a 3-2 breaking pitch to escape the jam. Deduno also struck out Hosmer looking to end the third, then walked to the dugout shouting with both arms raised. He was just as demonstrative after fanning Jimmy Rollins to end the fourth. Strop pounded his chest when he kept the score tied by getting three outs in the eighth. "There's passion on both sides," Torre said. "It's just showed a little different. It's nothing we didn't expect." Ramirez, traded by the Marlins during their dismal 2012 season, drew boos when he batted in the second. He responded by pulling a knuckler into the beer garden to make the score 1-all.

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## STREAK

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of the game trying to solve the Texas zone defense. "I told the guys I thought they would play zone," said Weber. "So it wasn't unexpected. And when you saw that starting lineup, you knew they were going to do it." The Wildcats held a 43-36 lead midway through the second half when McGruder's one-handed floater ignited the run that put the game out of reach. A moment later, the 6-4 senior stole the ball at midcourt, drew a foul and then connected on a 3-pointer over the Long-

horns' zone defense. D.J. Johnson followed with a dunk and McGruder added a pair of 3-pointers. McGruder's 10 field goals tied the school record for a conference tournament game. "We're living into the second day," said Weber. "Now let's see if we can get to the championship." Sheldon McClellan and Lewis hit back-to-back 3-pointers after Kansas State's 11-0 run to cut the lead to 58-47, but that was as close as the Longhorns would get. McGruder stole the ball near the Texas basket in the final minute before the break and hit a 3-pointer for a 34-28 halftime lead. A few seconds earlier, D.J. Johnson had tipped in a miss after Jonathan

Holmes' three-point play sliced Kansas State's lead to 29-28. Longhorns point guard Myck Kabongo, who scored 24 points in Kansas State's 81-69 victory at Texas, had seven assists but was 0 for 5 from the floor and scored only two points. Since returning from a 23-game NCAA suspension, the 6-1 sophomore had led the Longhorns with nearly 16 points a game. Angel Rodriguez had 13 points and five assists for Kansas State. The Wildcats, who swept two games against Texas in the regular season, fell behind early but seized the lead when the Longhorns turned the ball over on three straight possessions and left Will Spradling all alone for a 3-pointer. The Sprint Center

Arena, brimming with purple-clad Kansas State fans, erupted in a loud cheer near the end of the game when popular football coach Bill Snyder was shown on the big electronic board sitting in the stands. The cheers became deafening when the always-reserved Snyder, prompted by the public address announcer, kissed his wife on the cheek. The victory continues what's been a banner sports year for the Wildcats, who produced a Heisman Trophy finalist, conference championships in both football and basketball and garnered Big 12 coach of the year honors for both Snyder and Weber. The Longhorns closed the game on an 8-0 run, including another bucket by McGruder.

## SWEEP

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behind the Los Angeles Lakers for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West. The Spurs last swept the Mavericks during the regular season in 1998, Duncan's rookie

season. Duncan was again a big reason for this year's sweep, coming within a rebound of the 22nd 20-20 game of his career. "It's finally starting to come back," Duncan said of his game. "My shot's still not there the way I want it to be. I feel great; I feel healthy. The pain (in the knee) is

gone and I'm starting to feel like I can actually play the game." Dallas opened the fourth quarter on a 12-4 run to take its first lead at 78-77 on Nowitzki's 3, but Neal hit a 3 on the ensuing possession to give San Antonio a lead it would not relinquish again. The Spurs had five turnovers in the first quarter, enabling the Mavericks to remain within striking distance. Dallas shot 40 percent from the field (8 for 20) in the first quarter, but San Antonio managed only 36 percent (9 for 25).

The Mavericks had an 8-0 run, capped by a pair of free throws by Nowitzki that tied the game at 32. After Dallas tied the game at 41, the Spurs went on a 13-0 run bridging the second and third quarters. Ginobili had a jumper and an assist on Danny Green's 3 and Tiago Splitter's three-point play. Dallas responded with a 14-4 run, going 6 for 9 to open the third and pull within 58-55.

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