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## West Business I-20 work to begin

**Herald Staff Report**  
 The Texas Department of Transportation will begin a new construction project next week to improve I-20 Business (Third and Fourth streets) in west Big Spring. The project involves reha-

bilitating about a mile of I-20 Business from Jones Street to U.S. 87 (Gregg Street) and will include sidewalk construction. The work will tie in with the current project to rehabilitate the route from Gregg east to N. Owens Street. Plans call for work to begin

between Brown and San Jacinto on Third Street and between San Jacinto and Gregg on Fourth Street. The right lane on Third Street and left lane on Fourth Street will be closed early in the project, with one lane remaining open to traffic on each roadway.

Work on the north lanes will progress through the project area. Traffic will then be switched to the reconstructed lanes and work will be completed on the south lanes. Unforeseen circumstances can change work plans, TxDOT officials said; however,

drivers are asked to remain attentive and cautious when traveling through the work zone. Price Construction, LTD of Big Spring will complete the project for about \$5.6 million. TxDOT anticipates the work will be finished by May 2014.



Courtesy photo  
**Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks visits with Dr. Eric Koch, new general surgeon with Family Medical Center Surgery Department, during Scenic Mountain Medical Center/Family Medical Center's meet and greet Thursday afternoon at the Hotel Settles.**

## BOMB THREAT

*Three juveniles remain in custody this morning*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Three juveniles were arrested Thursday afternoon following a bomb scare at Coahoma High School. Howard County Sheriff's Office deputies and Big Spring Police Department officers were dispatched to Coahoma High School at approximately 9:30 a.m. in response to the threat. "Apparently, the school



found a note in the hallway saying there was a bomb in the building," County Sheriff Stan Parker said. "We first did a preliminary search of the building to make sure it was safe for the students to exit, then we cleared the building."

Parker  
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## Don't forget!

First Church of the Nazarene will hold its annual free Easter egg hunt beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. In addition to the "hunt," those attending will be treated to hot dogs, drinks and children's games.

# ABBA?

## Absolutely!

### Symphony to feature popular group's music

**Herald Staff Report**  
 The upbeat sounds of ABBA will fill Big Spring Municipal Auditorium in a little more

than 24 hours and Crossroads area music lovers are invited to take part. The Big Spring Symphony and popular group Jeans 'N' Classics will join forces on such songs as "Dancing Queen," "The Winner Takes It All," "Mamma Mia" and "Fernando." "The music of ABBA just makes you feel good," said



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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
**Veterans and others in attendance salute the colors during a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans ceremony at Big Spring Country Club Thursday evening. The event was sponsored by the West Texas VA Health Care System.**

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Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Rios



Mary Elizabeth Rios, 43, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Clemente Villa officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 28, 1970, in Big Spring to Cipriano and Virginia Rodriguez. Mary graduated from Big Spring High School in 1988. She was working for Nurses Unlimited at the time of her death and had also been employed at Big Spring State Hospital in the past. She was a Catholic by faith. She married Moso Rios in February 2011. Mary was an avid lover of music and singing. Mary is survived by her husband, Moso Rios of Big Spring; two sons, David Rodriguez and wife Sa-

mantha and Roy Gomez Jr., all of Big Spring; two daughters, Linsa Ramirez and Mary Gomez both of Big Spring; two step-sons, Robin Cisneros and wife Laura of Big Spring, and Robert Cisneros and wife Brandy of Killeen, Texas; one grandson, Brandon Rodriguez of Big Spring; and a future granddaughter expected in May; parents, Cipriano and Virginia Rodriguez of Big Spring; two sisters, Linda Gomez and husband Richard and Virginia Yvette "Nina" Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; grandmother, Lupe V. Molina of Big Spring; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Delia and Joe Ybarra of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles, cousins nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Cipriano Rodriguez Jr; grandparents, Getrudez and Luisa Rodriguez, Tereso Molina Sr.; and other beloved family members.

Mary will be missed by her family. Pallbearers will be Robert Rios, Robin Cisneros, Robert Cisneros, Sonny Baeza, Rolando Montana and Getrudez Rodriguez III.

Paid obituary

Marie Roberson



Marie Roberson, 76, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 28, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 20, 1936, in Cross Plains, Texas, to Ollie and Elmer Hamby. She married Roy Roberson on Jan. 7, 1982, in Big Spring. She was a member of Living Hope Church. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Ackerly and Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Roberson of Big Spring; two sons, Michael Roberson and Shane Roberson, both of Big Spring; three grandchildren; and two sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

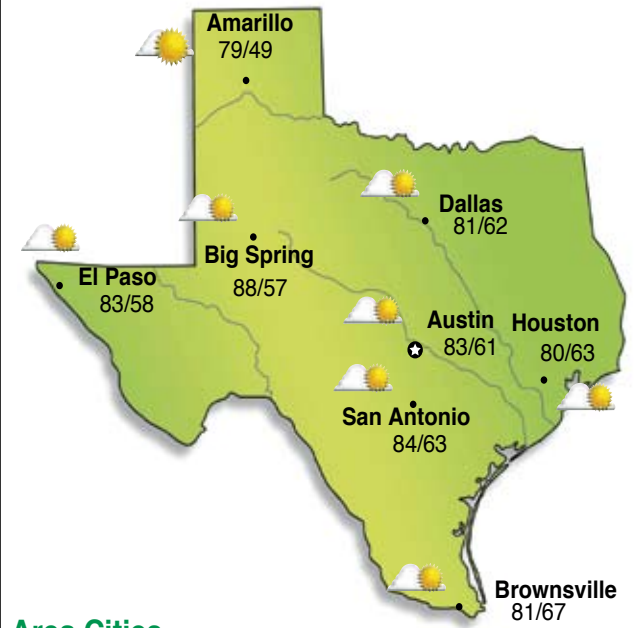
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National Cities

Table listing weather for various national cities including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, and Miami.

Take Note

The County Fair Board is looking for volunteers to cross stitch a square for the Howard County Fair Quilt. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for information or drop by the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry to pick up a square.

The Prom Closet, located at Christy's Salon, 100 E. Third, is making recycled prom dresses available to young ladies who might otherwise not be able to afford one. The closet is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or you may call contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3537 to make an appointment or for more information.

Healthy Woman's April event will be "Let's Talk about Feet" following the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Healthy Fair on April 13. Dr. Robert Hayes will be presenting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. The event is free to the public. Call to reserve your seat at 432-268-4842.

Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in April. On April 19, early arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be some snacks available at the lodge. However, those attending are responsible for their own meals.

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. 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. 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 Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

Suzanne Cranford

Suzanne Cranford, 67, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 28, 2013 in a local hospital. 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:

- ELIZABETH ANN LOCKHART, 39, 1604 Main St., was arrested on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transport.
CARL EUGENE MERWORTH, 51, 1301 E. 19th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 48, 1023 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 29, 3701 La Junta, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transport.
ALEX FERRELL PAREDEZ, 21, 901 E. 16th, was arrested on a charge of theft under \$50.
JOSEPH JUSTIN LAROCQUE, 33, 1406 Runnels, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and no seat belt.
DRINDL NIKKOLE FOUST, 32, Las Cruces, N.M., was arrested three warrants for speeding, one warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility and four warrants for failure to appear.
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg and the 2300 block of Scurry.
HARASSMENT was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate 20.
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# Christians mark Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hundreds of Christians streamed through the cobblestone alleyways of Jerusalem's Old City on Friday, hoisting wooden crosses and chanting prayers to mark the crucifixion of Jesus.

Thousands of pilgrims walked a traditional Good Friday procession that retraces Jesus' steps along the Via Dolorosa, Latin for the "Way of Suffering." They followed his 14 stations, saying a prayer at each and ending at the ancient Holy Sepulcher church.

Along the route, Franciscan friars in brown robes chanted prayers in Latin and explained the different stations to crowds through a megaphone. Leonard Mary, a priest from Irondale, Alabama, was dressed as Jesus wearing a crown of thorns. He was flanked by men posing as Roman soldiers and had fake blood dripping down his chest as he lugged a giant cross down the street.

"The most perfect love that was ever seen in the world was when Jesus died for us. He showed us the perfection of love," the priest said.

Good Friday events began with a morning service at the cavernous Holy Sepulcher, which was built on the place where tradition holds that

Jesus was crucified, briefly entombed and resurrected. Clergy dressed in colorful robes entered through the church's large wooden doors as worshippers prayed in the church courtyard.

Later Friday, a service was due in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, built atop the traditional site of Jesus' birth. Christians believe Jesus was crucified on Good Friday and resurrected on Easter Sunday.

Roman Catholic and Protestant congregations that observe the new, Gregorian calendar, are marking holy week. Orthodox Christians, who follow the old, Julian calendar, will mark Good Friday in May.

Less than 2 percent of the population of Israel and the Palestinian territories is Christian, mostly split between Catholicism and Orthodox streams of Christianity. Christians in the West Bank wanting to attend services in Jerusalem must obtain permission from Israeli authorities.

Israel's Tourism Ministry said it expects some 150,000 visitors in Israel during Easter week and the Jewish festival of Passover, which coincide this year.

## Support groups

**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.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Reformers Anonymous 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.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main.

## THREAT

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Once students and staff were safely out of the building, deputies and police officers conducted a more thorough search of the campus. No explosive devices were found, Parker said.

Classes resumed shortly after the search was concluded.

An investigation into the incident proceeded quickly, Parker said.

"Shortly afterward, we were able to develop suspects in the case," he said. "Deputies spent the afternoon interviewing those suspects and three juveniles were eventually arrested."

Parker did not identify the juveniles or say whether they were students at the high school.

The three were detained with juvenile probation authorities and were still in custody as of this morning, he added.

Contact Steve Reagan by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

## ABBA

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Dr. Keith Graumann, symphony conductor and director. "This should be an exciting concert for all ages."

Auditorium doors open at 7 p.m. Saturday, with the performance to begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$8 for students and can be purchased in advance at the Heritage Museum, Blum's Jewel-

ers and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets will also be sold at the auditorium box office Saturday evening.

Jeans 'N' Classics performers are Peter

Brennan on guitar, Jeff Christmas on drums, Don Paulton on keyboards and Daryl Stacey on electric bass. Lead vocalists are Katalin Kiss, Stephanie Martin, Kathryn Rose and Lis

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# Can they revive the GOP?

When the Republican National Committee released a report on the health of the GOP and called it an "autopsy" — instead of a prognosis — last week, were they admitting that the Republican Party is dead?

After all, you don't come back from an autopsy! Yet that's what Republicans were calling their own assessment of how they handled the 2012 presidential election. And this "autopsy" will reportedly become their new playbook for correcting the things that went wrong last year.

Luck would not suffice. They are going to need miracles to resuscitate the GOP cadaver. Nevertheless, some GOP right-wing extremists already are balking over the report's call for comprehensive immigration reform, claiming that their party should stick to its anti-amnesty principles and should not abide by the will of the American people who say such reform is necessary.

While the report avoids taking policy positions and concentrates mostly on procedural changes the GOP should make in future elections, on the issue where it makes an exception and delves into policy — immigration — it could cause a civil war within the GOP.

The autopsy was quite specific about what Republicans must do to appeal to Latino voters and

resurrect their party: "We must embrace and champion comprehensive immigration reform," the report says. "If we do not, our Party's appeal will continue to shrink to its core constituencies only."

But the immigrant bashers are willing to go down with the ship. You hear the claiming that Republicans should not try to appeal to Latino voters for the sake of political expediency. Or you hear them listing the other issues they claim they have in common with Latinos.

Amazingly, even though we know Mitt Romney's position on immigration may have cost him the Latino vote and the presidential election, we still hear some Republicans arguing that there are other issues with which to appeal to Latinos.

They still cite surveys that show education, jobs and the economy are more important issues than immigration to Latinos.

They don't seem to understand that immigration is our gateway issue, that you can't even get through the gate to talk to us about any other issue if we know you don't want us here is the first place.

Even the autopsy spells it out quite clearly: "If Hispanic Americans perceive that a GOP nominee or candidate does not want them in the United States (i.e., self-deportation), they will not pay attention to our next sentence," the report says. "It does not matter what we say about education, jobs or the economy; if Hispanics think we do not want them here, they will close their ears to our advice."

But why did it take Republicans so long to figure that out? Is it so hard to understand that people don't vote for politicians who show they don't like you? Who pander to those who would like to see you deported? Who constantly threaten to diminish your civil rights?

Why are some Republicans still struggling with granting legalization to some 11 million people who have been part of our communities for many years? And how can they win Latino voters when so many still express racist attitudes?

Let's say the GOP can be resurrected, even after an autopsy. How would the Republican establishment ever be able to control the hatred-spewing extremists in its party? It only takes a few loud mouths to give Latinos the perception that Republicans still are bashing immigrants.

How do they stop their own candidates from using xenophobia to get elected? How do they stifle talk radio bigots who have so much influence over their conservative base?

Most Republicans don't hate immigrants. But a loud minority of Republicans will continue to do them all a lot of harm, especially among Latino voters.

Perhaps that's why they called their report an autopsy. Perhaps they are recognizing that the extremists are killing their party.

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MIGUEL PEREZ

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# Not whether, but when

First, here's the smart money (or at least my money): 6-3, with Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy joining Justices Ginsburg, Breyer, Sotomayor and Kagan.

Second, narrow or broad: Most likely, narrow (much easier to get six votes), with at least four justices saying they would go further, but I'm not counting out the broad decision.

Third, why now? Most important factor: political change in America.

We like to think (and many students are taught) that the federal courts, with life tenure for judges, operate outside the political process, especially when protecting the rights of what the court has called "discrete and insular minorities." After all, majorities don't need courts so much. They can win at the ballot box and in the legislature.

But that's not entirely true. Courts can only stray so far from the constraints (and demands) of politics before their very legitimacy is in question. And legitimacy, at the end of the day, is all the courts have as a basis for the enforcement of their decisions.

The miracle of the rule of law is that we abide by decisions we disagree with, and only rarely (integration in the '50s and '60s) do we need to resort to the gun-toting National Guard to enforce judicial decisions. But you can only rely on miracles for so much. Think about FDR's court-packing plan, a reaction to the Supreme Court's repeatedly striking down New Deal legislation, a plan that

Roosevelt dropped when (big surprise) the court changed its mind and "saved nine."

It was fewer than 20 years ago (1986) when the court upheld Georgia's criminal sodomy law as applied to consenting gay adults. Seventeen years later (yes, it took 17 years), in an opinion by Justice Kennedy, the court reversed that decision, which puts Justice Kennedy in the odd position (if he votes against gay marriage here) of having decided that gay sex is OK but gay marriage is not, leaving gays as the only group in America who are encouraged — indeed required — to have sex outside of marriage.

While most states continue to limit marriage to a man and a woman, the overwhelming support for this traditional definition has declined precipitously in recent years.

The experience of states like Massachusetts, whose Supreme Judicial Court's decision to legalize gay marriage (based on the state's Constitution) initially created a political uproar complete with demands for legislative action and the heads of the judges, is instructive. But a funny thing happened in Massachusetts and in similar states: The sky didn't fall. If anything, gay marriage was a boost to the local economy. Today, gay marriage is supported by majorities in Massachusetts and across the nation.

States, the court has said many times, should be "laboratories" of experimentation, and they have been in the area of gay marriage. But the question is always: When do the states' experiences go beyond experimentation and become the basis for a federal mandate?

That really is the broad v. narrow question here. In California, the court could decide that

the repeal of the rights of gays to marry — taking away rights from a class of people — presents a different (and easier) case than whether states should be required to afford those rights in the first place. The Defense of Marriage Act, at issue in the second case before the court, could be thrown out because it is at odds with a federal tradition of deferring to states on the rules of marriage — rules about the age of majority or waiting periods and required tests that have made certain states (think Nevada) marriage magnets.

Chief Justice Roberts' cousin's attendance at the oral arguments has received enormous attention because she is a lesbian who lives in California and would like to marry her partner. Everyone knows someone who is gay, she told the press, which was only partly true 20 years ago, when so many of our friends and family members were reluctant to be open about their sexual orientation. I used to joke in the old days, when we were fighting for equal rights for women, that our ace in the hole, more often than we publicly admitted, was how many judges (and justices) have daughters.

Or gay children (Sen. Rob Portman). Or cousins.

This much I know for sure: The wind is blowing in one direction. Gay marriage will be the law of the land, if not this term, then soon. The question for the Roberts court is not whether, but when.

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## DAILY PRAYER

May the day remind us of the sacrifices You have made for us, Dear Lord.

Amen

# Church News

## Baptist Temple Church

Come celebrate Easter Sunday with us. We are having a pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by Sunday school at 9:45.

Worship service is at 11 a.m. Brother Rick Wilson's sermon is "Is He Alive," followed by the Lord's Supper. Sunday evening service has been dismissed.

We have Bible study on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are a very friendly church located at 11th and Goliad.

## Day of Prayer request

As there remains an urgent need for rain throughout West Texas and the entire state, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, which takes in 29 counties in West Texas, is asking the mayors of all the major of cities and towns within the geographical area of the diocese, to proclaim Sunday, April 14, as a Day of Prayer for Rain in all the churches and places of worship.

"We are told by Christ that if we ask our Heavenly Father for any good thing in Christ's name, that we will receive it," Bishop Pfeifer said. "The precious gift of rain is so much needed to provide water for people, for all animals and for nature, and to reduce the danger of fires. Our humble recognition of God's help for rain is already a prayer and we trust our Heavenly Father will send rain as we already begin our prayers leading into the big day of prayer."

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for 2013 Easter Service — Celebrating Resurrection Sunday. Our special Easter message will be entitled "Redeeming Love: He Still Wanted Me" with main scripture taken from Romans 5:6-8.

Directly following the Easter message will be the dedication service of our east wing (children and youth ministry). We welcome you to come see the newly remodeled wing and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Discipleship 101 Bible Study will be Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Overcomers: Recovery & Restoration class meet each Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The location is in the "Green Room" of the east wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the rear of the church and enter in through the metal door across from the fellowship hall.

CCC Fine Arts Ministry regrettably will need to postpone the "Night of Worship" tonight, but please keep checking back with us for a later rescheduled date/time. Thank you so much!

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 months-kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th - 12th grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18-24); Men's & Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment.

CCC meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Discipleship 101 Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD for those services, see our multimedia department. Mother's Lounge and Children Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street, (on the corner of 12th and Owens St.) For more information please contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at [www.ccbigspring.org](http://www.ccbigspring.org) or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

## First United Methodist Church

The public is cordially invited to the Good Friday service at First United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. today. In addition to our pastor Bill Ivins, guest pastors taking part in the service will be Orville Chambless, Sammy Espinosa, Cal Callender, Bob Hennigan, Lester Brown, Charles Abuyeka and Scott Jimenez. Special music will be provided by Hawk Jam from Howard College, under the direction of Eddie Vandewalker.

Following the service, a time of fellowship will be held in Garrett Hall; refreshments will be served.

Pastor Bill will be bringing the message at both services of worship on Easter Sunday; there will be special music by the chancel choir, joined by a group from the music department at North Texas. There will be an Easter brunch beginning at 9:30, just after the first service. The congregation is reminded to bring their favorite breakfast-type

# What would Easter be without Good Friday?

Ah! At last it is Good Friday — the day students, teachers, and many others have long anticipated. For parents of small children, it may be the day to stock up on Easter baskets, frilly dresses, candy eggs, and stuffed bunnies. For others it may simply be the beginning of a four-day weekend.



BONNIE WHEAT

Historically, Good Friday has been on our calendars in commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ since A.D. 33. Depending on the culture, Good Friday has also been called Holy Friday, Great Friday, God's Friday, Black Friday, Crucifixion Friday, Sorrowful Friday and Easter Friday

Although there is as much variation in the way Christians celebrate Good Friday as there is discussion about the origin of the term, there is little doubt

about its significance. The death of Jesus gives meaning to His birth. It also lays the foundation for His resurrection. The crucifixion, though less celebrated, links Christmas to Easter by explaining the life and purpose of God's Son.

Although we rejoice at the birth of a baby in a manger, we find it hard to celebrate the suffering and cruel death of Jesus. Yet, it is the death of Jesus that gives His birth meaning. He was born to die. It was part of God's redemptive plan.

Whether we celebrate Good Friday or let it slip by unnoticed, the resurrection also has no meaning without the crucifixion. The same Jesus who willingly became a victim on the cross rose victoriously from the grave.

While His resurrection was the glorious ending to the story, His death on the cross was the prevailing theme throughout His earthly life.

When we read about the events of Crucifixion Friday in the Bible, we wonder how the day could ever have been

called "good." Jesus was beaten, mocked, spat upon, and forced to wear a crown of thorns while an out-of-control crowd gathered to watch him die. There was darkness in the middle of the day. The earth shook, and rocks were split. The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom. Tombs were opened, and dead men walked in the streets. It was an ominous day — a day of fear and uncertainty.

Yet death did not win. The Scripture records that an angel spoke to the women who visited the tomb of Jesus early on Sunday morning saying, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying" (Matthew 28:5-6 NASB).

As we celebrate Easter Sunday this year, let us also remember that Good Friday made our celebration possible.

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finger food.

There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children beginning at 10. They are to meet in Garrett Hall and are to bring 12 eggs for each child participating.

During the 10:50 service, when the children go to Children's Church, they will travel to several stations as the Easter story comes to life for them.

Plans are to once again have a blooming cross of fresh flowers and the congregation is asked to bring flowers from home (or the store).

Back on schedule, the noon Bible study and luncheon will be held Wednesday, as will Real Life Wednesday which begins at 5:30. Both groups will be discussing the previous week's presentation of the Bible on the history channel.

The children's choir also meets Wednesday evening; they are currently rehearsing for their Mother's Day presentation.

Next Sunday, the youth will be in charge of the service. Treavor Burchett and Patrick Ruiz will both be speakers while other members will read scriptures and serve as ushers.

Watch for two new classes for children to begin on April 7. The preteen class "Under the Roof" will be led by Sheila Jones and Shanna Niewoehner.

There will also be new classes for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds as well and first and second Sunday school, studying some of the Bible's greatest detective stories.

vices, classes and groups:

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

Sunday morning youth and children's Classes at 9.

Sunday morning Children's Church at 10 in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday evening youth activities at 6:30.

Tuesday night prayer at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday evening classes at 6:30.

Unable to come to church on Sunday morning? Dial in KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. and you can hear 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 267-7015. You can visit us on the web at [www.nazfamily.org](http://www.nazfamily.org) where you can view a live service and we are also on Facebook 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."

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## First Church of the Nazarene

Get your hop ready! The First Church of the Nazarene is hosting its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday at the Old Settler's Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park. The event will start at 11 a.m. The Easter egg 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 ser-

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# Proof of heaven

Ben Alexander was convinced that there is nothing beyond this life.



BILL TINSLEY

He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1976 and received his M.D. from Duke Medical School in 1980. After he completed a fellowship in cerebrovascular neurosurgery at Newcastle-Upon Tyne, he served for 15 years on the faculty at Harvard Medical School with specializa-

tion in neurosurgery. As a physician and a scientist, he concluded that when the brain dies all consciousness ends. The person ceases to exist.

All that changed on Nov. 10, 2008 when he suffered a severe attack of bacterial meningitis that left him on life support and, by every measurement, brain dead. After existing in this comatose condition for a week, Alexander miraculously woke up. When he did, all his preconceived scientific assumptions about life and death were changed. The dramatic Near Death Experience (NDE) left him convinced that life beyond

this physical existence is not only real, it is the greater reality.

He documented his experience in his book, "Proof of Heaven," which, as of this week is number 31 on the Amazon e-book sales list.

He writes, "We need to accept — at least hypothetically and for the moment — that the brain itself doesn't produce consciousness. That it is, instead, a kind of reducing valve or filter, sifting the larger, nonphysical consciousness that we possess in the nonphysical worlds down into a more limited capacity for the duration of our mortal lives." ... "The

physical side of the universe is as a speck of dust compared to the invisible and spiritual part. In my past view, spiritual wasn't a word that I would have employed during a scientific conversation. Now I believe it is a word that we cannot afford to leave out."

This week, the world will recognize an even greater proof of life beyond the grave than Dr. Alexander's experience. As impressive as his near death experience may be, it pales in comparison to the historic death and resurrection of Jesus. When Jesus died on the cross, it was not a "near death experience." A Roman soldier thrust a spear through his side releasing a final gush of blood and water to confirm that Jesus was

truly dead. His lifeless body was buried in a borrowed grave, and, on the third day, to the shock and surprise of his closest followers, God raised him from the dead.

Luke, a first century physician, after conducting exhaustive research and extensive interviews wrote, "He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3). Paul, arguably one of the greatest minds in history, stated, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He

was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also." (1 Cor. 15:3-8). Every other event in history, including Dr. Alexander's NDE in 2008, is dated by that singular life that gave the world its greatest "proof of heaven."

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

## CHURCH NEWS

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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.aicbig-spring.org>. Our e-mail address is [aliveinchrist@ccom.net](mailto:aliveinchrist@ccom.net).

Easter sunrise service will be at 8 a.m. and the regular Sunday service is at 10.

Bo Vizcaino will present the readings this week. This week's sermon reference is "He is Risen!"

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 for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

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. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this safe internet site is something to check out.

### College Baptist Church News

This Sunday is Easter and the churches of Big Spring will be celebrating the risen Christ. Most will have some kinds of special Easter music. Some will have a sunrise service.

One Easter, one of our Sunday school teachers had some of the boys and girls of her class go to the pastor's house about six blocks from the church, pick up a wooden cross and carry it to the church and into the sanctuary and stand it on the altar.

This really brought home to that class what Easter is all about. She had taught them how Jesus had died on a cross for the sins of the world, though He knew no sin and how He arose on the third day and was seen by many of His disciples.

This is why we celebrate! The resurrection of Je-

sus, the Chrst, the Son of God.

As we celebrate this resurrection day, we invite you to join us or to attend the church of your choice.

The adult choir of College Baptist will present the cantata, "Still the Cross" by Dave Williamson.

There will be a sermon by Pastor Ken McMeans.

### Non-denominational Sabbath fellowship

Ever wonder why we attend worship service on Sunday, the first day of the week when the seventh day Sabbath is the only day of worship ever mentioned in the Bible? Would you like to know more about what your Bible teaches on that as well as other subjects? We study the Bible!

No sermon, no song service — just prayer and study of the Bible, subject by subject. We begin on Saturday, April 6, at 10 a.m. We promise you will learn things about your Bible you did not know. Bring your Bible, a notepad and a pen.

Our subject April 6 is "Who is God." April 13, we will study about "How it all began."

What we say is unimportant; what God says is vital. We meet at the Chapel of Faith, 501 E. 14th Street at Goliad.

### Spring Tabernacle Ministries

Resurrection Sunday. What a blessed day we are going to celebrate this Sunday — this awesome gift

of love that Jesus had for us, to totally give His life for us. This has still, after 2013 years, has a reaction of overwhelming change in our lives.

We have five men who are giving their testimony of how the resurrection power of Almighty God changed their lives. If you need to know how and have a need to better your life, we invite you to come and hear what the Lord can do for you.

We have Children's Church for ages 2-12 at 10 a.m. Sunday Praise and worship will be at the same time — 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Spring Tabernacle is located at 1209 Wright St.

## Sudoku Answer on Page 5

# 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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# Arizona gun proponents launch free weapon program

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A campaign promising free shotguns for people to protect themselves in Tucson's most troubled neighborhoods has divided some residents in a community still reeling from a shooting rampage in 2011 that killed six people, left a congresswoman and several others wounded, and made the city a symbol of gun violence in America.

The Armed Citizen Project is part of a national campaign to give shotguns to single women and homeowners in the nation's crime-ridden neighborhoods, an effort that comes amid a national debate on gun control after mass shootings in Arizona, Colorado and Connecticut.

Virginia and Pennsylvania have debated ordinances recommending gun ownership, the gun giveaway effort appears to be the first of its kind.

"If you are not willing to protect the citizens of Tucson, someone is going to do it, why not me? Why not have armed citizens protecting themselves," said Shaun McClusky, a real estate agent who plans to start handing out shotguns by May.

Arizona gun proponents have donated about \$12,500 to fund the gun giveaway and McClusky, a former mayoral and city council candidate, hopes to collect enough to eventually arm entire neighborhoods.

Participants will receive

training on how to properly use, handle and store their weapon, as well as trigger locks. It costs about \$400 per participant for the weapon and training.

Tucson police officials declined to discuss the gun program or public safety concerns, but statistics published by the department show violent crime was at a 13-year low in 2010, with 3,332 incidents. That compares with 5,116 violent crimes — including homicides, sexual assaults, and robberies — in 1997. Tucson averages about 50 homicides a year.

"Just like any other city in Arizona and in the nation we have our issues, but it is not crime-ridden," said Vice Mayor Regina Romero. "I

would never say you have to carry a gun or you have to be afraid for your life."

Research has produced inconclusive results on whether defensive gun use lowers crime.

Those behind the program argue shotguns are affordable, easy to use and don't require precise aim when shooting, making them the perfect home protection weapon. The goal is to arm hundreds of people in Tucson, Houston, New York, Chicago, Detroit and at least 10 other cities by the end of the year.

"It is our hypothesis that criminals have no desire to die in your hallway. We want to use that fear," said Kyle Coplen, 29, the project's founder and a University of

Houston graduate student.

Tucson became a symbol of American's gun violence in 2011 when a mentally ill man opened fire at a political meet-and-greet hosted by then-Rep. Gabrielle Giffords outside a Tucson-area supermarket. Giffords, who is still recovering from her critical wounds, has in recent months become a champion of universal background gun checks and other gun restrictions denounced by Second Amendment proponents.

Moved by Giffords advocacy, the Tucson City Council recently approved a measure requiring universal background checks at gun shows held on city property. City officials said the gun giveaway program appears to be legal.

## News in brief

### North Korea's Kim orders rockets on standby after U.S. sends B-2s to SKorea for military drills

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un warned Friday that his rocket forces were ready "to settle accounts with the U.S.," unleashing a new round of bellicose rhetoric after U.S. nuclear-capable B-2 bombers dropped dummy munitions in joint military drills with South Korea.

Kim's warning, and the litany of threats that have preceded it, don't indicate an imminent war. In fact, they're most likely meant to coerce South Korea into softening its policies, win direct talks and aid from Washington, and strengthen the young leader's credentials and image at home.

But the threats from North Korea and rising animosity from the rivals that have followed U.N. sanctions over Pyongyang's Feb. 12 nuclear test do raise worries of a misjudgment leading to a clash.

Kim "convened an urgent operation meeting" of senior generals just after midnight, signed a rocket preparation plan and ordered his forces on standby to strike the U.S. mainland, South Korea, Guam and Hawaii, state media reported.

### Cyprus seeks inspiration from rebound after 1974 division but it's a tough economic task

LONDON (AP) — As it grapples with the prospect of years of economic pain, Cyprus will try to draw strength from its not-so-distant experience of invasion — and the fact a whole generation knows what it means to rebuild from scratch.

But it's a tough task. Any inspiration will be badly needed on the small east Mediterranean island nation of under a million people, as even the most optimistic forecasters predict years of recession and sky-high unemployment.

In many ways, the challenge facing Cyprus now following an international bailout that effectively wipes out a hefty chunk of the banking sector is more daunting than the events of 1974 when the island was split into an internationally recognized, Greek-speaking south and a breakaway Turkish north, following Turkey's invasion in the wake of an attempted coup by supporters of union with Greece.

The country's room for maneuver is limited, given that it has already largely exhausted the potential for development from a primarily agricultural state.

### Motive remains a mystery in Newtown school shooting after release of warrants

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Newly released search warrants in the Newtown school shooting have revealed that gunman Adam Lanza's home

was packed with weapons and ammunition, but the documents do not shed any new light on what could have driven him to massacre 20 children and six educators inside an elementary school.

Lanza left behind journals, which state police turned over to the FBI for analysis, but if investigators have any ideas about his motive, they aren't saying.

"Why is the big unanswered question," said Nicole Hockley, whose son Dylan was among the children killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School. "So I have to come to grips with the fact that I might never know why he did what he did. But knowing how he did it and what we could do to prevent someone else doing that, those are valuable lessons that we can learn."

Warrants released Thursday provide the most insight to date on the world of the 20-year-old gunman, a recluse who played violent video games in the Newtown home where he lived with his mother.

On the morning of Dec. 14, he took four guns but left behind firearms, knives and more than 1,600 rounds of ammunition at his spacious, colonial-style home.

### Behind clean exterior, Oklahoma officials find 'menace to the public health' at dental clinic

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — The crisp, stucco exterior of an Oklahoma dental clinic concealed what health inspectors found inside — rusty instruments used on patients with infectious diseases and a pattern of unsanitary practices that put thousands of people at risk for hepatitis and the virus that causes AIDS.

State and local health officials planned to mail notices Friday urging Dr. W. Scott Harrington's 7,000 patients to seek medical screenings for hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV. Inspectors allege workers at his two clinics used dirty equipment and risked cross-contamination to the point that the state Dentistry Board branded Harrington a "menace to the public health."

"The office looked clean," said Joyce Baylor, who had a tooth pulled at Harrington's Tulsa office 1½ years ago. In an interview, Baylor, 69, said she plans to submit for medical tests next week to determine whether she picked up an underlying infection at the clinic.

"I'm sure he's not suffering financially that he can't afford instruments," Baylor said.

Health officials opened their investigation after a patient with no known risk factors tested positive for both hepatitis C and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. After determining the "index patient" had had a dental procedure done about the likely time of exposure, investigators visited Harrington's office and found a number of unsafe practices, state epidemiologist Kristy Bailey said.

### Seal pup rescued from Mass. beach loses hind flipper to infection and finds help in Conn.

MYSTIC, Conn. (AP) — The harbor seal pup lay battered on a Massachusetts beach, the victim of a brutal attack by an older seal that left deep wounds all over her body and sapped so much of her strength that she couldn't even flee when rescuers found her.

Now eight months later, the animal rescuers named Pup 49 is adjusting to life without one of her two hind flippers after veterinarians at the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut performed an amputation to prevent a stubborn infection from spreading throughout her body.

The seal pup is quick to dive after sardines tossed into her tank and fixes her large, dark eyes on aquarium workers the moment they step onto a special platform to feed her. Occasionally she swims to the platform's edge and attempts to haul herself from the water onto it. A special ramp has been installed to make it easier for her to get out. She makes the effort in a heartfelt plea for more fresh fish from the workers' shiny bucket.

"She has a really inquisitive and interested personality and she is very interactive with the environment around her," said Mystic Aquarium veterinarian Allison Tuttle, who supervises the pup's treatment and care.

None of that personality was apparent when workers from the Boston-based New England Aquarium found the seal stranded in Plymouth, Mass., last July.

She was 1- to 2-months-old, had lost a lot of weight, was suffering from a respiratory ailment and nursing very deep wounds that were infected, Tuttle said. She did not respond well to cleaning and medical treatment.

### Fire destroys Newtown home of shooting survivors

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — A Newtown home destroyed by a fire this week was owned by a couple whose children survived the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December.

The News-Times of Danbury reports Wednesday afternoon's fire left Hans and Audra Barth and their three children homeless. The American Red Cross has put them up in a hotel.

Two of their children attended Sandy Hook Elementary School, including a first-grader in teacher Kaitlin Roig's classroom. Roig has been called a hero for barricading her students in a bathroom as the shooter killed 20 other first-graders and six educators.

Friends say the family lost everything in the fire, and their pet dog and several baby chickens died. St. Rose of Lima Church is taking donations.

The cause of the fire has not been determined.

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# Drone industry worries about privacy backlash

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a good bet that in the not-so-distant future aerial drones will be part of Americans' everyday lives, performing countless useful functions.

A far cry from the killing machines whose missiles incinerate terrorists, these generally small, unmanned aircraft will help farmers more precisely apply water and pesticides to crops, saving money and reducing environmental impacts. They'll help police departments find missing people, reconstruct traffic accidents and act as lookouts for SWAT teams. They'll alert authorities to people stranded on rooftops by hurricanes and monitor evacuation flows.

Real estate agents will use them to film videos of properties and surrounding neighborhoods. States will use them to inspect bridges, roads and dams. Oil companies will use them to monitor pipelines, while power companies use them to monitor transmission lines.

With military budgets shrinking, drone makers have been counting on the civilian market to spur the industry's growth. But there's an ironic threat to that hope: Success on the battlefield may contain the seeds of trouble for the more benign uses of drones at home.

The civilian unmanned aircraft industry worries that it will be grounded before it can really take off because of fear among the public that the technology will be mis-

used. Also problematic is a delay in the issuance of government safety regulations that are needed before drones can gain broad access to U.S. skies.

Some companies that make drones or supply support equipment and services say the uncertainty has caused them to put U.S. expansion plans on hold, and they are looking overseas for new markets.

"Our lack of success in educating the public about unmanned aircraft is coming back to bite us," said Robert Fitzgerald, CEO of The BOSH Group of Newport News, Va., which provides support services to drone users.

"The U.S. has been at the lead of this technology a long time," he said. "If our government holds back this technology, there's the freedom to move elsewhere ... and all of a sudden these things will be flying everywhere else and competing with us."

Since January, drone-related legislation has been introduced in more than 30 states, largely in response to privacy concerns. Many of the bills are focused on preventing police from using drones for broad public surveillance, as well as targeting individuals for surveillance without sufficient grounds to believe they were involved in crimes.

Law enforcement is expected to be one of the bigger initial markets for civilian drones. Last month, the FBI used drones to maintain

continuous surveillance of a bunker in Alabama where a 5-year-old boy was being held hostage.

In Virginia, the state General Assembly passed a bill that would place a two-year moratorium on the use of drones by state and local law enforcement. The bill must still be signed by Gov. Bob McDonnell, a Republican. The measure is supported by groups as varied as the American Civil Liberties Union on the left and the Virginia Tea Party Patriots Federation on the right.

"Any legislation that restricts the use of this kind of capability to serve the public is putting the public at risk," said Steve Gitlin, vice president of AeroVironment, a leading maker of smaller drones, including some no bigger than a hummingbird.

Seattle abandoned its drone program after community protests in February. The city's police department had purchased two drones through a federal grant without consulting the city council.

Drones "clearly have so much potential for saving lives, and it's a darn shame we're having to go through this right now," said Stephen Ingley, executive director of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association. "It's frustrating."

In some states economic concerns have trumped public unease. In Oklahoma, an anti-drone bill was shelved

at the request of Republican Gov. Mary Fallin, who was concerned it might hinder growth of the state's drone industry. The North Dakota state Senate killed a drone bill in part because of concern that it might impede the state's chances of being selected by the Federal Aviation Administration as one of six national drone test sites, which could generate local jobs.

A bill that would have limited the ability of state and local governments to use drones died in the Washington legislature. The measure was opposed by The Boeing Co., which employs more than 80,000 workers in the state and which has a subsidiary, Insitu, that's a leading military drone manufacturer.

Although the Supreme Court has not dealt directly with drones, it has OK'd aerial surveillance without warrants in drug cases in which officers in a plane or helicopter spotted marijuana plants growing on a suspect's property. But in a case involving the use of ground-based equipment, the court said police generally need a warrant before using a thermal imaging device to detect hot spots in a home that might indicate that marijuana plants are being grown there.

In Congress, Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., co-chairman of the House's privacy caucus, has introduced a bill that prohibits the Federal Aviation Administration from issuing

drone licenses unless the applicant provides a statement explaining who will operate the drone, where it will be flown, what kind of data will be collected, how the data will be used, whether the information will be sold to third parties and the period for which the information will be retained.

Sentiment for curbing domestic drone use has brought the left and right together perhaps more than any other recent issue. "The thought of government drones buzzing overhead and constantly monitoring the activities of law-abiding citizens runs contrary to the notion of what it means to live in a free society," Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said at a recent hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Privacy advocates acknowledge the many good uses of drones. In Mesa County, Colo., for example, an annual landfill survey using manned aircraft cost about \$10,000. The county recently performed the same survey using a drone for about \$200.

But drones' virtues can also make them dangerous, they say. Their low cost and ease of use may encourage police and others to conduct the kind of continuous or intrusive surveillance that might otherwise be impractical. Drones can be equipped with high-powered cameras and listening devices, and infrared cameras that can see people in the dark.

## Texas news in brief

### Dallas prosecutor seeks to stay woman's execution

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County's top prosecutor is pushing for a stay of execution for a woman convicted of killing a retired professor in North Texas.

District Attorney Craig Watkins says Kimberly McCarthy's execution, scheduled for Wednesday, should be delayed while lawmakers consider legislation that would improve the fairness of the death penalty.

McCarthy's attorney asked a judge earlier this month to put off her execution, contending jurors were predominantly white and may have been unfairly selected on the basis of race. McCarthy is black.

A court hearing is scheduled Friday to address the request.

McCarthy, a former nursing home therapist, was convicted of the 1997 stabbing, beating and robbery of a 71-year-old neighbor, Dorothy Booth, at the retired college psychology professor's home in Lancaster, about 15 miles south of Dallas.

### 3 Texans allegedly tried to sell stolen ambulance

CONROE, Texas (AP) — Three Houston men have been charged with stealing an ambulance and trying to sell the emergency vehicle for scrap metal recycling.

Montgomery County Jail records show Peter Burks, Oscar Comeaux (KOH'-moh) III and James West were being held Friday on felony theft charges.

Comeaux has also been charged with tampering with a government document and he's held without bond. Bond is \$10,000 apiece for Burks and West.

All were arrested Wednesday at the Texas Port Recycling Center near Conroe for allegedly trying to sell the ambulance for scrap. The vehicle was reported stolen in Houston. Further details on the theft weren't immediately available.

Montgomery County sheriff's investigators are also reviewing other reported auto thefts for potential ties to the trio.

Online jail records don't list attorneys for the three men.

### Officer faces federal drug counts

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An East Texas police officer has been charged with using his law enforcement position to acquire hydrocodone by fraud.

Federal prosecutors say Canton police Officer James Melvin Bradshaw faces six counts of acquiring a controlled substance by misrepresentation.

Bradshaw was arrested Thursday — a day after being indicted — and went before a magistrate in Tyler. He remains in custody pending a detention hearing Monday.

The indictment says Bradshaw six times last year allegedly used his job to obtain hydrocodone by fraud, deception or misrepresentation from people with legitimate prescriptions.

Canton police on Friday didn't immediately provide information on Bradshaw's job status.

If convicted, Bradshaw faces up to four years in prison on each count. An attorney for Bradshaw couldn't immediately be located.

Canton is 50 miles southeast of Dallas.

### Luce leaves board of Texas cancer-fighting agency

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Dallas lawyer has resigned from the board of the state's troubled \$3 billion cancer-fighting agency as he prepares for a new job.

The Dallas Morning News reports Tom Luce has left the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Luce on Monday will become chief operating officer of the O'Donnell Foundation, which supports scientific research and education.

Luce on Thursday announced his resignation from the CPRIT oversight committee. He cited his new job and duties as chairman of the board of the National Math and Science Initiative.

Gov. Rick Perry last week authorized funding of more than two dozen grants previously frozen amid accusations of improper spending. The institute since December has had a funding moratorium but will be allowed to finalize 25 awards not under sus-

picion.

### Texan gets life term for slaying pregnant girlfriend

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas-area man has been sentenced to life in prison for the fatal shooting of his pregnant girlfriend and the death of their unborn child.

Jurors in Dallas on Thursday convicted 21-year-old Ronnie Bass of Garland of murder and capital murder in the July 2011 attack.

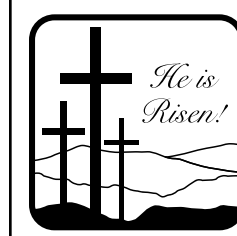
The body of 19-year-old Decia Hartfield was discovered in her car at an apartment complex. Her unborn child did not survive.

A judge sentenced Bass to 30 years in prison for Hartfield's slaying. Prosecutors did not seek execution over the death of the fetus so Bass received an automatic life prison term without parole. The sentences must be served concurrently.

Court records show a woman associated with Bass has cooperated in the investigation and awaits trial on murder and capital murder charges.

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# Steer golfers in lead after first district round

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

SNYDER — It is starting to look like another trip to Austin is in the cards for the Big Spring boys golf team.

After the first round of district play, Big Spring sits atop the standings with a combined score of 301, edging rival Wylie which shot a 309. Snyder rounded out the top three with a score of 312.

Leading the Steers were Devin Roberson and Tate Kennedy who each shot 73. Ryan Pollard scored a 77, Jason Guevara shot a 78 and Tyler Bryan shot a 79.

“I’m very, very proud of these guys,” said BSHS Golf Coach Chris Joslin. “We competed and took care of business. We started off slow, but turned it around.”

Roberson and Kennedy are tied for second place in the medalist standings. Pollard is tied for fifth, Guevara seventh and Bryan tenth.

Wylie’s Taylor Grant is currently in first place after shooting a 71.

The next leg of district will take place at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene on Friday and will conclude in Monahans the following Tuesday.



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The Steer golf squad is comprised of (from left): Devin Roberson, Tyler Bryan, Coach Chris Joslin, Tate Kennedy, Jason Guevara and Ryan Pollard. BSHS leads District 4-3A with a score of 301 after the first round in Snyder was played on Thursday.

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Forsan’s Maria Ortiz fields a ball during a game earlier in the season. The Lady Buffs defeated Hermleigh 17-2 Thursday to retain their first place status in District 3-1A.

# Steers, Lady Steers and Lady Buffs all winners Thursday

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

**Baseball**  
Big Spring

MONAHANS — Big Spring kept on rolling with a 14-1 shelling of Monahans on Thursday. Following Adam Franco’s shutout performance Tuesday, pitcher Gunnar Kennedy found his rhythm, allowing just one run in the five-inning affair.

“(Kennedy) struggled in the first couple of innings, then he started to hit his spots and was lights out for us,” said BSHS Head Coach Bert Otto.

Again, the Steer offense was spread out, with batters 1-9 contributing at the plate.

“For some reason, (Monahans) is 0-4,” Otto said. “Coach (Robert) Dixon does a good job out there and they had one of their better pitchers back, but he was off and we took advantage of it and got some hits.”

Big Spring is now 3-1 in District 4-3A play and is mired in a three-way tie for first place along with Sweetwater and Wylie.

The Steers will be traveling to Abilene to take on the Bulldogs next Friday. Last year, the Steers dropped both outings against the Bulldogs, but only by a total of three runs between both games.

“Wylie is a good team, but we feel confident,” Otto added. “These guys aren’t intimidated by anybody — they just don’t care. They want to go out and beat Wylie at something and this is their chance. They’ll be up to it because it’s Wylie. They will be up to it because it’s a district game and these guys want to win.”

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# George, Indiana topple Nowitzki, Mavericks, 103-78

DALLAS (AP) — Paul George and Indiana Pacers went on an offensive surge in the third quarter to sink the Dallas Mavericks.

However, all Pacers coach Frank Vogel could talk about was his top-ranked defense.

George had 24 points and eight rebounds and the Pacers broke open a close game in the third quarter to beat the Mavericks 103-78 on Thursday night.

With the game tied at half, the Pacers outscored the Mavericks 34-17 in the third. George had eight points in a 20-5 run to open the second half.

Vogel said his team’s defense allowed Indiana to pull

away in the second half. “Our defensive effort keeps getting better and better,” Vogel said. “I’m very impressed with how dialed in our guys are and how disciplined they’re playing on the defensive end.”

The Central Division-leading Pacers won their fourth straight and have a half-game lead for the second-best record in the Eastern Conference.

Indiana is 2-0 on a four-game Western Conference trip. The Pacers beat the Houston Rockets 100-91 on Wednesday night.

“It was great win,” George said. “For us to come out and match their same intensity

was huge, especially on their floor.”

Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points for Dallas, which remained 1½ games behind the Los Angeles Lakers in the race for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

“Having a dud like this on our home floor is definitely disheartening,” Dallas center Elton Brand said.

Nowitzki and five of his teammates have grown out beards since early February and vowed not to shave until the Mavericks (35-37) got back to .500.

Those unshaven Mavericks will have to put their razors away for at least a few more days as Indiana denied Dallas

a chance to even its record for the first time since Dec. 12.

Pacers center Roy Hibbert didn’t want the Mavericks to pull out the clippers just yet.

“We heard something about them wanting to shave or doing something like that,” Hibbert said. “We wanted to shut that (stuff) down to begin with. They wanted to get to .500 so they gave us their best effort in the first half. Whatever gimmick they need to rally themselves, that’s fine.”

Hibbert had 16 points and 11 rebounds one night after scoring a season-high 28 against Houston, and Tyler Hansbrough added 13 points and nine rebounds off the bench for Indiana, which an-

nounced before the game that former All-Star forward Danny Granger will have season-ending left knee surgery.

David West scored seven points in his return for the Pacers after missing six games with a lower back strain.

The Pacers outrebounded the Mavericks 55-34 and scored 15 second chance points. Dallas suffered its 11th loss of 20 points or more this season.

“It was a wipeout for us as far as the rebounding,” Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. “That’s been a challenge for us.”

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Scorpio's Mystery Moon

A degree of moodiness is to be expected as the moon glows sultry in an emotional water sign, and the business between Mars and Pluto further deepens the serious tone. The third-quarter Scorpio moon favors shadows and fog for the mysterious drama they provide — and also for the cover. What's unseen and unknown is usually more interesting.



HOLIDAY MATHS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). If you were on a top-secret mission, would you tell anyone? Could you keep it from even your nearest and dearest? Today your discretion will be tested and trusted.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Some have commented — in wondrous, complimentary tones — that they don't know how anyone can do what you do. And yet, you still aspire to do so much more. You'll find their support motivating.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Relationships have just the right amount of tension to make them exciting — maybe even electrifying. Bonus: A lull in your work scene allows you to focus on your personal life.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). This is no time to let the committee decide what you or anyone else will do next. An individual with experience, ideas and a

defined style will lead the way to success. It's likely that leader is you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Proper attention to detail makes your work remarkable, your friendships fun and your love connections tight. However, focusing too small has the opposite effect. Ride the middle ground.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you continue to take on work that is below your abilities, you'll stagnate. But right now, the easy work will suit your life just fine. It gives you a chance to focus on other things.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One way to never be disappointed again is to stop expecting things. Unfortunately, that's also a way to make sure the people you know behave according to the lowest belief of their abilities.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Arrive early. It's amazing what a 15-minute head start will do for your confidence. You'll feel like you're on the inside — up to speed and ready for whatever develops.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Jan. 21). You're ready to step up your game, and the opportunity comes this afternoon. Your reputation for excellence exists in part because you show enthusiasm for what you do.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Passion is self-serving by nature. But the outcroppings of passion often help many people. By yielding to desire, you put energy and excitement into an otherwise dull scene.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Working alone will put you in a down position. You will struggle to keep up with those who share ideas. By inviting more minds to collaborate on your work, you'll quickly refine, simplify and improve it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're up for a search, and you have a talent for this. You'll have to sift through a lot of muck in order to get to the good stuff, and this makes the treasure you find even more valuable.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 29). There's much to celebrate, including your thriving health and a love most fulfilling. Tread carefully in your professional decisions over the next three weeks because they will have long-term ramifications. The end of April brings a bonus. May puts a creative spin on your lifestyle. Wedding bells ring in June. Capricorn and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 2, 39, 49 and 6.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: Love is an adventure. You have a better time of it when you don't expect it to be all good times. TAURUS: You'll be seen in winning company, and this amps up your appeal. GEMINI: New shoes may make you feel better about your image, but nothing beats new confidence — the kind you wear when you don't care who approves. CANCER: An overly sensitive ego is a

drain. Practice self-protection to keep your energy strong. LEO: You'll ask astute questions and learn interesting things about people. VIRGO: You have a wide range of choices as to the company you'll keep. You may surprise yourself with your own preferences. LIBRA: A G-rated relationship gets boring for you, and this weekend you'll be ready to make it more personal. SCORPIO: Social awkwardness is something everyone experiences from time to time. Shared awkwardness is a bonding agent. SAGITTARIUS: In order to make your intentions known, you must first know what they are yourself. Do you? CAPRICORN: Your likes and dislikes will change with this weekend's experiences. AQUARIUS: What you think is harmless flirting could nonetheless make someone jealous. PISCES: When you're sure, you'll go wholly forward. Until then, they'll have to wait.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Sagittarius and Aries are fire signs that take a "no guts, no glory" approach to life. The weekend will provide ample opportunity for risk taking, and with the sun in Aries and the moon in Sagittarius, these two are extra lucky if they take on those risks hand in hand. It's hard to say which will be the best part: sharing the danger or sharing the reward.

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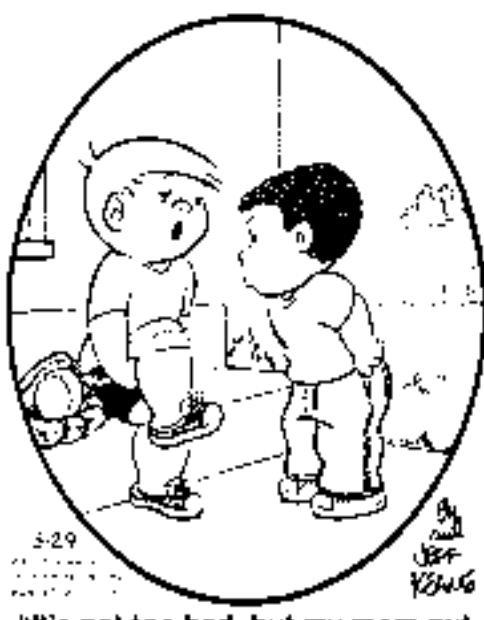
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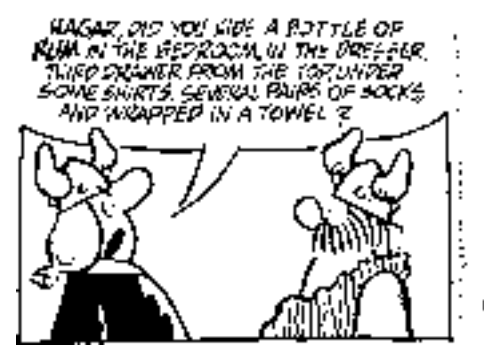
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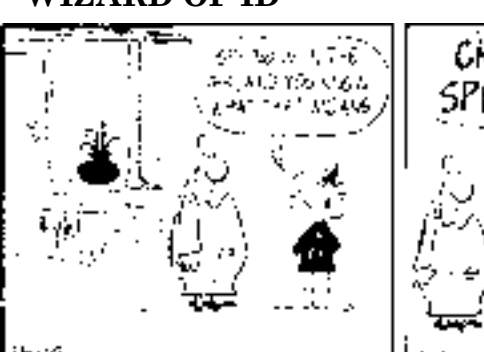
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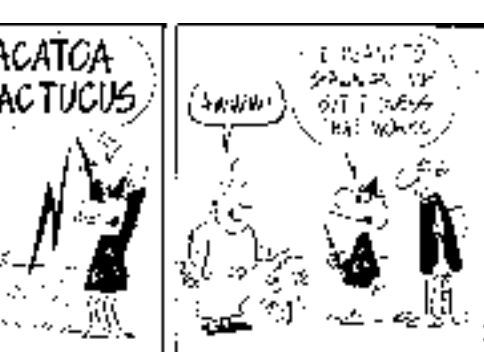
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9 Lyricist Carn

14 At this point

15 Pastel space

16 Degrade

17 Humid and chilly

18 Lily or onion

19 Nary a soul

20 Wading bird

22 Doctor's concern

23 Sincere

24 Largest bird

26 Seasonal bug

28 Takes the action

31 Facilitate

32 Barbecue add-on

33 Essential part

35 Cause of some blw-ups

38 Thriller Manda winner

39 Noisy bird

41 Make public

42 Loud laugh

43 It comes from the 33 Across

44 Snowmobile attachment

45 Pack animal

46 Word-of-mouth delivery

49 Rat party

50 Barnyard bird

54 Tool

56 Knight weapon

57 Largest-wingspan bird

62 My Fair Lady locale

63 Egyptian port

64 "Double Stuff" treat

**DOWN**

1 Many profits

2 Frenzied as profits

3 Inventor from Budapest

4 Export from India

5 Putter around

6 Prefix like iso-

7 Influence, so to speak

8 Literature Nobelist

9 Holiness

10 On the bus

11 Language that gave us "kiwi"

12 Morning Joe channel

13 Exclamation of frustration

21 Put the collar on

25 Country singer Evans

26 Start to unravel

27 Pip

29 Calendar col

30 Handle well

34 Open slightly

35 Ad-hoc committee

36 NFL uniform supplier

37 High school class

39 Summer camp activity

40 Fail to sleep

45 Meeting of the minds

47 Bowls over

48 Opposite of "extinguished"

50 Conflict

51 Till in Guayaquil

52 Pizarro opponent

53 Soothing congested

55 "Mending Wall" poet

58 Garage task

59 Elongated region

60 Combs of music

61 Mitt Romney quip

This Date In History

Today is Good Friday, March 29, the 88th day of 2013. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War. In an address to the nation, President Richard Nixon declared, "For the first time in 12 years, no American military forces are in Vietnam."

On this date:

In 1613, King James I granted a charter officially designating the Irish city of Derry as "Londonderry."

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1812, the first White House wedding took place as Lucy

Payne Washington, the sister of First Lady Dolley Madison, married Supreme Court Justice Thomas Todd.

In 1871, the Royal Albert Hall in London was opened by Queen Victoria.

In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1912, British explorer Robert Falcon Scott, his doomed expedition stranded in an Antarctic blizzard after failing to be the first to reach the South Pole, wrote the last words of his journal: "For Gods sake look after our people."

In 1943, World War II rationing of meat, fats and cheese began.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.) The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The King and I" opened on Broadway.

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time, although the network aired a repeat the following night. (Johnny Carson debuted as host the following October.)

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai (mee ly) massacre. (Calley ended up serving three years under house arrest.) A jury in Los Angeles recommended the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders. (The sentences were later commuted.)

Today's Birthdays: Political commentator John McLaughlin is 86. Author Judith Guest is 77. Former British Prime Minister Sir John Major is 70. Comedian Eric Idle is 70. Composer Vangelis is 70. Basketball Hall of Famer Walt Frazier is 68.

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**East: Syracuse beats Indiana, 61-50; Marquette next**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim knows full well that one of the secrets to success for his team's 2-3 zone defense is the way it confounds opponents who aren't used to playing against that suffocating system.

The No. 4-seeded Orange won't have that element in their favor in the NCAA tournament's East Regional final.

That's because Syracuse will face a familiar foe Saturday with a Final Four berth at stake: Big East rival Marquette, the East's No. 3 seed.

"We're much better when we play teams that don't know us," Boeheim said. "Marquette knows us. They know how to play against us, so it will be very difficult."

Paced by Michael Carter-Williams' 24 points, Syracuse reached

the round of eight with some dominant defense during a 61-50 victory over top-seeded Indiana in the regional semifinals Thursday night. The Orange forced 19 turnovers, blocked 10 shots, and limited the Hoosiers to 33 percent shooting while holding them to their lowest scoring output of the season.

"Our perimeter defense was tremendous," Boeheim said in an arena hallway afterward, his arms crossed across his purple tie, the way he stood for much of the lopsided game. "This is one of our best defensive teams ever. They play it well."

There's an understatement.

"In practice, it's hard to simulate how tall they really are," said Indiana's Jordan Hulls, a 6-foot senior who was at least 4 inches shorter than the players usually

guarding him and went 0 for 6 on 3-point tries. "We had the right game plan. We prepared really well. But we had too many turnovers."

Three more, in fact, than shots made (16).

"Let's face facts. We haven't seen a zone like that," Indiana coach Tom Crean said. "They're very good. They're where they're at for a reason."

Next up is Marquette (26-8), which beat No. 2 seed Miami 71-61 in Thursday's first game in Washington.

Syracuse (29-9), heading to the Atlantic Coast Conference this summer, lost at Marquette 74-71 during the Big East regular season on Feb. 25.

That was part of a stretch

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**MAVS**

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George Hill hit a 3-pointer to start the second half and break a 41-all halftime tie.

George hit a 21-footer to push Indiana's lead to 49-42. Indiana closed the 20-5 run with a couple of layups from Hill and a jumper from Ian Mahinmi to make it 61-46 midway through the third.

George scored 13 points in the third. He finished 10 of 17 from the field and had six assists and three steals.

Mahinmi closed the third with a dunk off a pass from Orlando Johnson as the Pacers outscored the Mavericks 34-17 in the third.

Vince Carter had 14 points and Darren Collison added 10 or Dallas. The Mavericks shot 38.6 percent (32 of 83) against the NBA's top-scoring defense.

Dallas, which got no closer than 10 points in the fourth, dropped to 3-2 on its six-game home stand. The Mavericks close out their longest home stay of the season Saturday against the Chicago Bulls, who ended Miami's 27-game winning streak Wednesday night.

**ROUNDUP**

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**Softball**

Big Spring

MONAHANS — It was a "crazy game". That's how BSHS Head Softball Coach John Sparks described the Lady Steers' ninth inning, 7-6 win over Monahans on Thursday.

Big Spring started off with a 2-0 lead after the top of the first inning after a pair of Monahans errors, a wild pitch and three base hits by BSHS, including a RBI single by Haley Dimidjian which drove Valerie Goodblanket home.

Despite the good start, Big Spring left the bases loaded.

Mercedes Ruiz connected for a base hit in the top of the third, which scored Castillo, to extend the Lady Steers' lead to 3-0.

Battling back, the Lady Loboes got a two-out, two-run single to make it a one-run game in the bottom of the third, kicking off a rally.

Dimidjian, Castillo and Gabi Torres each plated a run in the top of the seventh, knotting the game at six.

Monahans failed to score in the bottom half, sending the game into extra innings.

In the top of the ninth, Torres singled, Ayanna Gomez laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance Torres to second base and varsity newcomer Nadya Viasana ended the game with a base hit to left field which scored Torres.

"We walked away with a 7-6 win," Sparks said. "It was just crazy. We got lucky. We got the last hit."

Next up for Big Spring will be a rematch with Wylie next Friday after the Easter break. The Lady Steers run-ruled the Lady Bulldogs, 12-2 in their last meeting.

"It's going to be a long week," Sparks added. "We will have to get some good practices in and get prepared."

Big Spring is tied with Greenwood for second place in District 43A action. Bot teams have 3-2 records. Sweetwater and Snyder are tied for first place with records of 4-1.

**Forsan**

FORSAN — After smacking Hermeleigh 17-2 Thursday, Forsan remains in first place, just ahead of Ira and Rotan in District 3-1A with 7-1 record.

Jahniah Willard led the onslaught with five RBI. Willard picked up two triples and scored two runs herself for the Lady Buffaloes.

Ali Knight scored three times as well as recorded three hits and two RBI, including a triple. Knight also struck out nine batters from the circle and only allowed one hit and one earned run during the outing. Shelby Roemer, Brittanie Cline, Maria Ortiz

Kayla Tilley Gabby Womack and Rosie Munoz also got hits in the lopsided affair.

"All in all, the girls played well," said FHS Head Coach Shanna Taylor. "We had several big hits and our pitching was much better. I feel really good going into the second round of district play. Our hitting has been consistent and our defense is looking much better."

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It's a tough district, but for now, Joslin is confident.

"We feel like we are the better team in district," he said. "But there are two other teams who are good as well. We talked about getting off to a good start and the guys have done that. There's a lot of expectations this year, but they still have to fo out and perform. I think these five guys can compete at anything though. It's just how they are."

The BSHS golfers are also familiar with Maxwell Golf Course.

"We played well there during district last year," Joslin said. "About four weeks ago, we shot our lowest score there in years, a 293."

Big Spring's second team — comprised of Mikael Pappajohn (87), Tobyn Tannehill (95), Matt Davila (106), Tobey Cotton (122) and Sam Harris (NS), shot a combined 410 and finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place.

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## Ohio State advances past Arizona

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When LaQuinton Ross found out Ohio State was using the Los Angeles Lakers' dressing room this weekend, he immediately called dibs on Kobe Bryant's locker for the first NCAA tournament game ever played at Staples Center.

And with a dramatic flair that would make No. 24 proud, Ross sent the Buckeyes to the brink of another Final Four.

Ross hit the tiebreaking 3-pointer on a pass from Aaron Craft with 2 seconds to play, and Ohio State advanced to the West Regional final with a 73-70 victory over Arizona on Thursday night.

Ross scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half for the second-seeded

Buckeyes (29-7), who rallied from an early 11-point deficit. With Ross making a series of tough shots capped by that dramatic 3, Ohio State weathered the sixth-seeded Wildcats' late charge for its 11th consecutive victory since mid-February.

"It feels great, man," said Ross, a once-ballyhooed recruit who has grown into a key reserve role in the past few months. "This is what every player grows up looking at on TV, and wants to hit that big shot, wants to win the game and hit the big shot in the NCAA tournament or the NBA. It just feels great to be here right now."

Ohio State faces ninth-seeded Wichita State on Saturday, and the Buckeyes could be Atlanta-bound with one more win.

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in which Syracuse lost four of five games. Since then, though, the Orange are 6-1, with the only loss coming against Louisville in the conference tournament final. In that game, Syracuse

fell apart in the second half, going from a 16-point lead to trailing by 18 in a 13-minute span.

The Orange built an 18-point lead in the first half against Indiana, and while that dwindled to six early in the second half, Boenheim's squad never let it get closer

than that.

The last time these two schools faced off in the NCAA tournament, Indiana won the 1987 championship on a late shot — and it took winning the 2003 national title with Carmelo Anthony for Boenheim to get over it. That decade-old group was also Syracuse's last visit to the Final Four.

Less than a half-minute into Thursday's game, as Indiana star Victor Oladipo headed to the free-throw line, the arena's overhead scoreboard showed a replay of "The Shot," as it's come to be known — Keith Smart's baseline jumper in the final seconds that lifted Bob Knight's Hoosiers past Boenheim's Orange.

Boenheim entered Thursday with 50 wins in the tournament, fourth-most in history, and more than 900 victories overall, with so much of that success built on his unusual zone defense.

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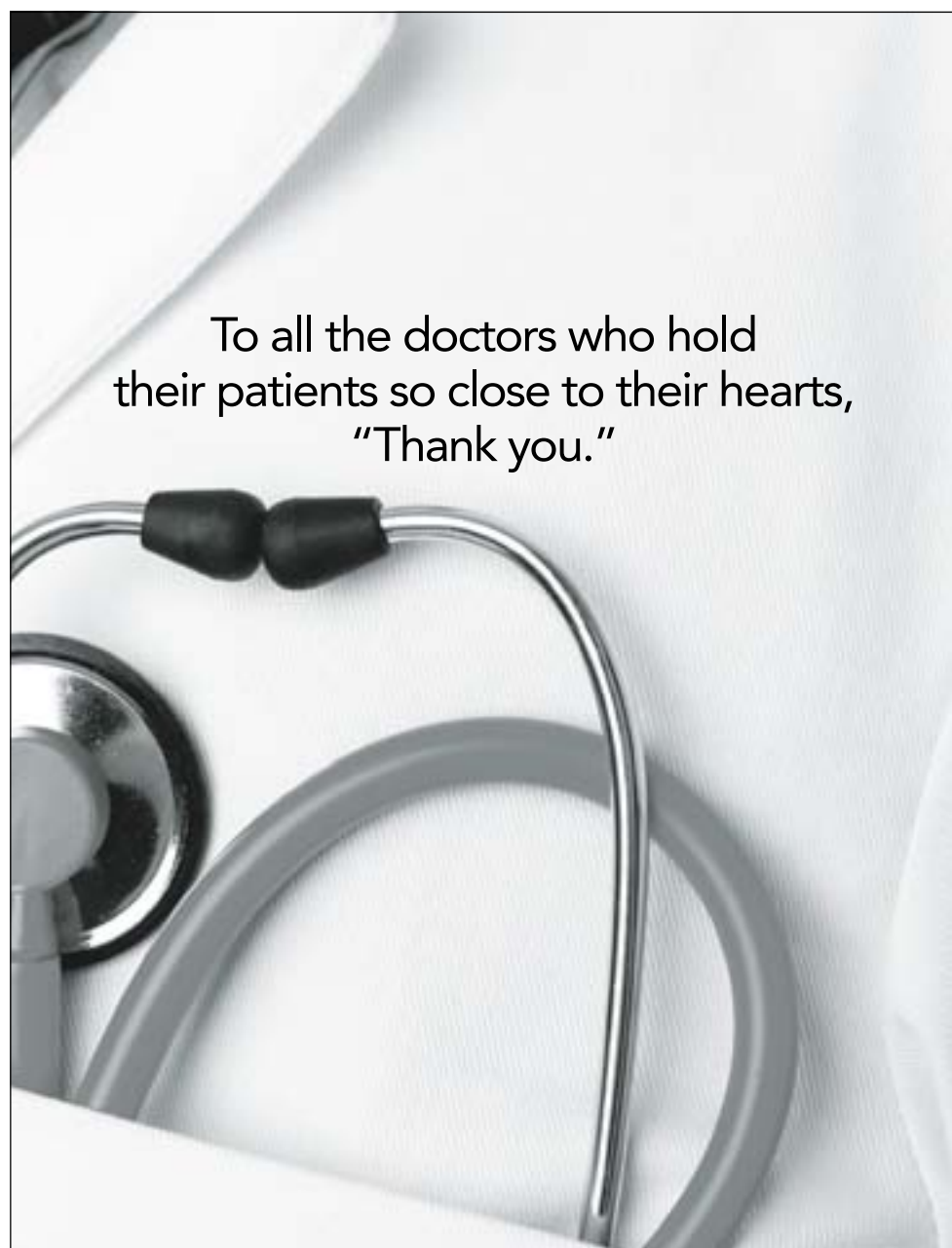
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