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Bang for the buck

BSISD gets a lot for its \$60 million

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

It's amazing what \$60 million can buy.

As Big Spring Independent School District nears the end of construction and renovation related to the \$60 million bond approved by voters in 2010, officials say the district definitely got a bang for its bucks.

BSISD trustees learned during their monthly meeting Thursday that not only has the district been able to finish all the construction projects it originally targeted in 2010, there's a bit of money left over for more work.

Almost all of the original projects earmarked by officials are complete – only the repaving of the east parking lot at Big Spring High School,

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Spectators watch as Howard College's Rickey Decuir competes in calf roping at the Howard College NIRA Rodeo, being held through Saturday at the Rodeo Bowl in Big Spring. Decuir hails from Erwinville, La.

It's all about your health

Annual fair slated Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
Managing Editor

A major part of avoiding health issues is avoiding potential hazards, and a portion of Saturday's Health Fair will be geared toward just that, officials are saying.

The event, in its 31st year,

will be held from 8 a.m. until noon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Admission is free. It is staged each year by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Nearly 5,000 Americans die in house fires each year," said a fire department spokes-

man. "Many of these fire victims are children. Children and adults often do not know how to react when fire breaks out in a home. These grim statistics show the need to increase our fire awareness."

Among the items planned for the health fair is the Big Spring Fire Marshal's Fire

Safety House, which teaches children how to get out of a burning house safely. The 41-foot mobile travel trailer is filled with many special effects and technology to teach these lessons in safe and controlled conditions. Among other tasks, students walk through the trailer's kitchen, living room and bedroom, locating potential fire hazards.

"The Fire Safety House is a very effective tool for teaching children kitchen safety, exit drills and proper safety procedures in the event of a fire," the spokesperson said.

A check for car safety seats and a bicycle obstacle course are other activities at the fair which are designed to help

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Ready to take on the mountain?

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Think you have what it takes to tame the hills and slopes of historic Scenic Mountain?

Area runners — and walking enthusiasts, for that matter — will get the chance to do just that, as Big Spring State Park officials prepare for the 15th annual Master the Mountain Fun Run and Walk early Saturday afternoon.

Registration for the annual fun run and walk — which is slated to kick off at 1 p.m. near the park office at the



I've heard runners refer to one of the hills

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top of Scenic Mountain — is under way as park officials get ready to hold 5K and 10K contests along the facility's hills and slopes.

"You can run around a flat track all day long and not get anywhere near the effect you get from running the hills and slopes of Scenic Mountain," said Ron Alton, park manager. "You really can't find the kind of hills that we offer with this run anywhere else."

Notice:
Performances of Howard College's "Sleeping Beauty" have been rescheduled for April 25-26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets already sold or reserved will be honored.

Pray for rain Sunday

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan has proclaimed Sunday as a community wide day of prayer for rain, and encourages everyone to participate in their homes or church of their choice.

The proclamation comes at the request of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, which takes in 29 counties in West Texas.

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Obituaries

Reginald 'Reggie' Dawson



Reginald "Reggie" Dawson, 48, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with Pastor Johnny Ray Baker officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Reginald "Reggie" Dawson was born Jan. 22, 1965, in Big Spring, Texas, to the late E.S. (Sam) Dawson and Jo Hazel Dawson. He attended public schools, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1983.

He was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Reggie worked at Furr's, Hermans, Safeway and later partnered with his father's janitorial service.

Born into a family of musicians, Reggie was gifted in playing the saxophone and drums. He was an avid collector of music and owned numerous 8 tracks, albums, cassettes and CDs. His friends joked that he could open up his own warehouse.

Reggie leaves to cherish his memory his loving mother, Jo Hazel Dawson; close family friends, Gloria Marion, Ruth Shellman and Robert Redford; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father E.S. (Sam) Dawson; his paternal grandparents, Alberta Watkins and Murmon Dawson; his maternal grandparents, Willie V. Williams and the Rev. N.C. Williams; and an uncle, John Henry Baker.

Pallbearers will be Calvin Marion, Leon Eddington, Rodger Eddington, Terrance Marion, Victor Pruitt and Vernon Ausbie. Honorary pallbearers will be Danny Horton, Abner Shellman, Gerald Wrightsil and David Humphries.

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

Paid obituary

William (Bill) Frederick Wiese

William (Bill) Frederick Wiese completed his journey on this earth April 9, 2013. He was born Sept. 15, 1949, in Abilene, Texas, and was adopted by Ray and Ima Wiese of Petersburg, Texas, in 1951.

Bill grew up, farmed and ranched in Petersburg, Texas, before moving to Hillston, New South Wales, Australia, where he ranched and introduced cotton farming. He also spent 10 years in Dallas, Texas, in the commercial real estate business.

He made lifelong friends who are his extended family everywhere he lived over the world. His deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ more than prepared him for the last chapter of his life eternal with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Wiese of Petersburg, Texas; his son and daughter-in-law, Cody and Sara Griffin of Carlsbad, N.M.; a brother, Ken Wiese of Lubbock, Texas; and many cousins and friends across the world.

He is deeply loved.

Paid obituary

Marlyn Elaine Jackson Scypion



Marlyn Elaine Jackson Scypion, 49, formerly of Big Spring died April 7, 2013. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Rocky Springs Baptist Church, 316 E. Shady Grove, Grand Prairie, Texas. A wake will be held Friday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Ben Washington Baptist Church, 3901 Frisco Ave., Irving, Texas.

Marlyn was born July 5, 1963, to A.J. and Eloise C Jackson in Big

Spring, TX.

She worked for Head Start of Permian Basin in Big Spring for 10 years. She later relocated to Irving, Texas, where she was employed by Head Start of Greater Dallas as a family advocate specialist until her death.

She is survived by her husband, Steven L. Scypion; children, Malachi and Scefenia Clark of Irving, Texas; two granddaughters; siblings, Sean Jackson of Irving, Texas, Ellese LaKay Hickman (Paul) of Waco, Texas, Maria Nelson (Terrence) of Eules, Texas, and Carla Gentry (Will) of Irving, Texas; two uncles; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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James Richard Conley 'Dick'



James Richard Conley "Dick", 58, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center surrounded by his family and friends. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 13, 2013, at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring officiated by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and the Rev. Dana Mayfield. Visitation with the family will be held Friday, April 12,

2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Dick was born Oct. 15, 1954, in Amarillo, Texas. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1973, where he was in All-state choir and played on the football team. He went on to obtain a bachelors degree in finance in 1977 from East Texas State University, which is now known as Texas A&M at Commerce.

After graduating from college, Dick was an assistant national bank examiner in Wichita Falls, Texas. He then served as vice president of First National Bank in Olney, Texas, and First National Bank in Alpine, Texas.

In 1988, he returned to Big Spring to work for Saunders Company. For the past four years, Dick was the branch manager at Morrison Supply Company.

On July 1, 1978, Dick married Janie Wooten in Hobbs, N.M. Together, they had two sons, William Conley of Richmond, Texas, and Kyle Conley of Houston, Texas.

Dick was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, where he served as an elder and a chair of the facilities committee. He loved his church and served faithfully in many ways.

Dick also loved to cook and barbecue. He enjoyed watching sports and loved the Texas Rangers. He adored his dog, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Irene Willis and Nelle Conley; his parents, Betty and J.D. Conley; and his sister, Kathy Conley Wilson.

He is survived by his wife, Janie; sons, William and Kyle; brother, Dr. Mike Conley of Bozeman, Mont.; sister, Judy Conley of El Paso, Texas; niece, JoAnna Conley of Eastland, Texas; niece, Dr. Emily Conley of Austin, Texas; nephew, Leif Foged of Chicago, Ill.; nephews, Jacob and Joshua Buckley of Kokomo, Ind.; cousins, Jo Pat Wellman of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jill Hadley of Sunset, Texas; and his precious dog, Georgia.

The family suggests memorials be made to the service committee at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Petra Molina Leos



Petra Molina Leos, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 14, 2013, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 29, 1925, in Iatan, Texas, to Jesus and Nicolsa Molina. She lived most of her life in Big Spring. She lived in Michigan from 1966 until 1994. In her earlier years, she worked at the Settles Hotel.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, where she was active in the choir, meal preparation and in the societies. She also was a Guadalupana.

She is survived by eight children; five brothers; two sisters; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rey Leos Sr. in 1994; a son; two brothers; and two sisters.

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

Ruth Graham

Ruth Graham, 70, of Big Spring died Friday, April 12, 2013, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lillie 'Beth' Craven

Lillie "Beth" Craven, 86, of Big Spring died Friday, April 12, 2013, at her son's home in Wolfforth. 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:

• JEREMY GLEN WILLIAMS, 27, of 1 Courtney Place Apt. 706, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

• JAMES RANDLE GONZALEZ, 28, of 2601 Ent, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• DARRICK DEWAYNE MOSLEY, 45, of 904 S. Aylesford, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

• ASHLEY SHAWN CROSSMAN, 33, of 2624 Hunter, was arrested Thursday on warrants for disregarding a stop sign and no driver's license - when unlicensed.

• SIMON CHAVEZ, 35, of 605 S. Douglas, was arrested Thursday on warrants for cruelty to animals - failure to provide (two counts).

• SARAH GRACE PETERSON, 27, of 1613 Jennings, was arrested Thursday on a warrant

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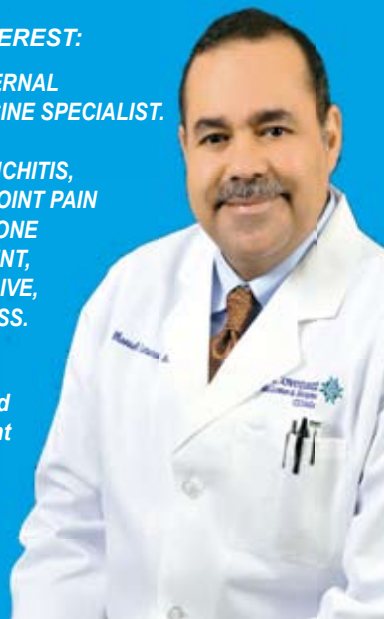
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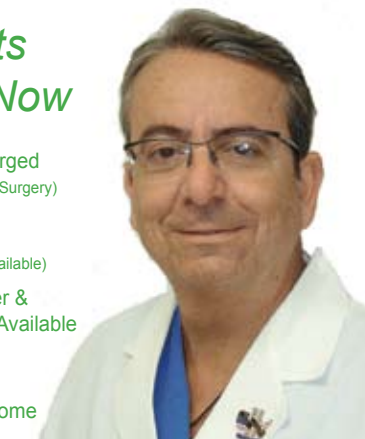
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Pray for Rain Proclamation

Whereas there is a desperate and critical need for rain in Big Spring and the surrounding areas of West Texas; and
Whereas agriculture is one of our largest local industries and is dependent on sufficient rainfall; and

Whereas the danger of fire continues to threaten our community homes and surrounding areas and can only be alleviated through the blessing of rain; and

Whereas we know that by placing our confidence in Christ, who told us to ask for every good gift and that when we ask in His name, it will be granted; and

Whereas we ask our kind and loving Heavenly Father, and Creator to bless us with the special gift of this much needed rain to fill our lakes, streams, reservoirs and aquifers;

Now, Therefore, I, Tommy Duncan, mayor of the city of Big Spring, Texas, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 14, 2013, as:

"Community-Wide Day of Prayer for Rain" in Big Spring, Texas, and urge all citizens of Big Spring and surrounding communities to raise their voices in prayer in their churches and in their homes for this beautiful and heavenly gift so that our humble and heartfelt request may be granted through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Given under my hand and seal of the city of Big Spring this 14th day of April, 2013, signed *Tommy Duncan*, Mayor.

BSISD

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which will be completed over the summer, remains from the 2010 to-do list.

With that \$60 million, BSISD was able to construct four new elementary campuses and perform extensive renovations at both the junior high and high school. And the good news is that a little more than \$1 million was left over after all the projects were accounted for.

With that last bit of money, district officials will finance three more projects at the high school – remodeling of all the restrooms, installation of new student lockers and replacing the old wooden-back seats in the auditorium with cushioned seats.

The restroom remodeling and locker installation is almost completed, while the new auditorium seating will be installed during the summer. By the time the new school year begins in August, officials plan to have closed the books on all the bond projects.

Dr. Steven Saldivar, superintendent of the district, said the district got maximum results from the bond money.

"When you look at the new elementary schools and everything else we were able to do, I think that speaks for itself," Saldivar said. "It was definitely money well-spent."

POLICE

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from another agency and warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear.

- ROBERT RUBENSANCHEZ, 48, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication with three prior convictions.

- THEFT was reported: In the 300 block of S. Aylesford.

Near the intersection of S. Service Road and the Cauble Road exit.

In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

In the 1200 block of Nolan.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Main Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- DARIUS LACHARLES MCCALISTER, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two

ounces or less.

- SIMON CHAVEZ, 35, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of cruelty to non-livestock animals – failure to provide (two counts).

- ASHLEY SHAWN CROSSMAN, 33, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and municipal capias warrants for running a stop sign and no driver's license.

- SARAH PETERSON, 27, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor and municipal warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear.

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- LAWRENCE ALDEN MCDOWELL, 55, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication and a Tom Green County warrant for parole violation – theft.

- VIRGINIA MARTIN GRANADOS, 49, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

HEALTH

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prevent accidents involving children.

Those those a bit older, KBST Radio will have a driving simulator for people who would like to try texting and driv-

ing at the same time. According to KBST, Current statistics show that texting and driving causes 6,000 deaths per year, and 330,000 injuries per year.

KBST will be giving away free T-shirts to the first 100 people who pledge not to text and drive.

Walker Nutrition will be on hand to teach some cooking healthy from scratch tips while the Senior Circle will focus on good health for older folks.

Exercise is always important and the Dance Gallery and the YMCA will both be on the scene to demonstrate some steps for folks of all ages.

The health fair will have its usual band of health providers, demonstrations and screen-

ing opportunities and the blood mobile will be drawing blood from volunteer donors.

Participants are encouraged to bring a bag of dog or cat food with them and donate it to the Humane Society, which will be holding a food drive at the coliseum.

In addition, Healthy Woman will be hosting its monthly program in the Howard College Cactus Room at noon, near the coliseum. The presentation will feature Dr. Robert Hayes, orthopedic surgeon. The program is free to the public.

For more information on the health fair, call the chamber at 432-263-7641.

Contact Bill McClellan at editor@bigspringherald.com.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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R. J. Knocke, Jr., 87, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

RUN

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on the run as Terminator Hill. The steep grades really offer a challenge to runners."

The entry fee for the run – with registration held from 10 a.m. until noon – is \$20 today and \$25 the day of the event, which includes a commemorative T-shirt for participants. Would be participants can register online at www.permianbasinevents.com.

While the races seem to draw the serious competitors, Alton said the beauty of the mountain draws just as many people for the walking division.

"You don't have to run to be a part of the fun," said Alton. "We get a lot of people who participate in the walk just because of the beauty of the park and the view from the 200-foot bluff is just unbelievable. Whether you're running hard or

just walking along, it's hard to ignore the beauty from there."

Alton said the event has continued to grow during the past several years.

"We've really been fortunate. Several people have stepped up and really helped us make the Master the Mountain a success in the community and it's grown considerably during the past several years," Alton said.

The Fun Run doubles as a fund raiser for the park and helps show the state just how important the facility's role is in the community.

"The state really looks at events like these when it comes to the state parks and the funds each one is allocated," he said. "So this run is really important – not just to the health of the runners and walkers in and around the community, but to the longevity of the park itself."

Alton said he hopes people take a very spe-

cial reminder about exercising away from the annual event.

"I started running about 10 years ago, and it's had a tremendous impact on my health," said Alton. "You can't believe the amount of energy that it creates. It sounds funny, but exercise breeds energy. At the end of the run you're so tired you can barely stand up, but the next day you have even more energy."

For more information on the "Master the Mountain" Fun Run and Walk, contact Alton at 432-263-4931.

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A clear case of justice deterred

In a hearing earlier this week, the judge presiding over the trial in Colorado of accused mass murderer James Holmes deferred deciding whether Fox News reporter Jana Winter should be forced into the “Hobson’s choice” of revealing her confidential sources or going to jail for six months.

This is not a case where the identities of the confidential informants are relevant to guilt or innocence. This is not a case where the defendant’s right to a fair trial will even remotely be violated by maintaining the confidentiality of a reporter’s sources. This is not, in short, a close case.

Or at least it should not be. But that is scant comfort to a reporter who could find herself without a career as an investigative journalist (Who would talk to a reporter in confidence knowing that confidence will not necessarily be respected?) or sitting in a cell while lawyers try to appeal a judgment made by a single judge, which is all it could take to land her in jail.

The facts are straightforward and make clear the irrelevance of Winter’s story to the issue of Holmes’ guilt. Back in July, Winter reported that the accused had sent a chilling notebook to his psychiatrist at the University of Colorado, citing “law enforcement sources.”

Law enforcement sources could mean police officers involved in the investigation of the case. It could mean their secretaries who saw a report on the case. It could mean someone in a clerk’s office. It could mean the cleaning crew — a

well-known investigative reporter once told me the best sources are the cleaning crew. In my own experience, a leak when I was a clerk on the Supreme Court cast enormous suspicion on the clerks until the leak was ultimately traced to the printing office — which would also be, officially, a “court” source.

While Winter was facing a decision as early as Wednesday on whether she would be forced to testify on pain of jail, the judge reasoned that he should defer that decision until he determined, at a minimum, whether the notebook would even be admitted at trial. He also speculated — and it is speculation — that if a source of Winter’s story is one of the 14 police officers who have denied being the source, and if that police officer were to ultimately testify at trial, then the fact that he or she lied about being a source would be relevant to their credibility (subject, of course, to the additional if that the testimony is more than a recitation of undisputed facts involving the police investigation, which is what it often is).

Reasonable questions. This is clearly a smart and thoughtful judge. (Ask any judge, and they’ll tell you that not all judges are. Winter is “lucky” in that regard, at least.)

But the answer to the hypotheticals, in light of Colorado law, is still clear: A series of speculative possibilities is not enough to override the protections of the First Amendment, much less of a shield law intended to ensure that the rights of reporters are protected (even beyond the limits of the First Amendment as currently interpreted by the Supreme Court), absent an overriding and compelling need for their testimony.

Colorado law establishes that

three conditions must be met before a reporter can be required to name their sources. None of them is met here.

The identity of the sources does not go to a substantial issue in the case: here, Holmes’ guilt or innocence, or the proper punishment to be imposed.

Forcing the reporter to testify is not the only way to get to the bottom of who leaked the notebook: In my judgment, it would be a useless sideshow. But if the court wants to order the police or prosecutors to conduct a “man/woman hunt” within their own ranks, he has the power to do so.

And most important, the “requesting party’s” interest (here, Holmes’ interest) does not outweigh the right of the reporter to report — and of the public to know the facts about a case of enormous public interest. Holmes’ right to a fair trial does not mean a right to a trial in which no juror has been exposed to pretrial publicity. Were that the standard, Holmes could not be tried anywhere in America. It is the right to be tried by jurors who affirm that they will decide the case based on the evidence presented in court.

At the end of the day, it is not only Winter who faces jeopardy here. It’s not only other investigative reporters, who could face the same “Hobson’s choice.” It is all of us, the public, who have a right to know truths that are often unavailable except through reliance on confidential sources.

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The fountain of our Hispanic heritage

People were shouting “Viva Espana” and celebrating the great achievements of the Spanish conquistadors in Florida last week. They were dressing up as Spanish explorers, firing muskets and even cannons, listening to history lectures and attending Catholic masses in recognition that Christianity came to America with much more compassion than history tells us.

In two days and two cities, they celebrated the 500th anniversary of the discovery and landing by Juan Ponce de Leon on the flowery land he called “La Florida.”

They were showcasing our normally hidden Hispanic heritage, and there I was, in the middle of it all, thanking the Lord for giving me the opportunity to see it with my own eyes. Borrowing a line from baseball, I kept telling myself, “I live for this.”

I heard non-Latino politicians, historians and clergy recognizing the contributions of our Spanish ancestors. I heard Spanish government officials expressing gratitude for Florida’s “dedication to commemorate and remember the importance of the Spanish contribution to the history of Florida and the United States.”

I heard them speaking about the assets of diversity, the importance of history and the unfair and negative effects of the Black Legend, that centuries old campaign by English, French and American writers to minimize the accomplishments of the Spanish explorers and their Latino descendants.

“We celebrate First America, the genesis of the American culture, where Hispanics and African-Americans and Native American mingled together in this area,” said Dana Ste. Claire, one of the celebration organizers in St. Augustine.

“We are talking about the birth of the American culture. It happened right here.”

Instead of the fountain of youth in the nation’s oldest city, I had reached the fountain of our Hispanic heritage.

Frankly, I must have looked like a total nerd, trying to take notes, photos and videos at the same time. Trying to interview people who were often walking in different directions and trying two speak to them in two different

languages. But I wanted so much to share what the rest of America was missing. I wanted all my fellow Americans to see Ponce de Leon get the recognition he deserves. I wanted everyone to hear what I was hearing.

“First of all, he was most likely the official European discoverer and founder of America,” Ste. Claire told a crowd of several hundred people who had gathered Wednesday around the Ponce de Leon Statue in St. Augustine’s downtown bay front. “Yes, we celebrate the founding of Florida — La Florida — by Juan Ponce, but keep in mind, too, that he was the first official European to touch the shores of mainland America.”

I couldn’t help myself. I was the one who shouted, “Bravo!”

For several years in this column, I have been arguing that the Quincentennial of our discovery should have been a national celebration because Ponce de Leon didn’t just discover the peninsula that is now the State of Florida, but the mainland that is now the United States.

You may have missed it in the news last week because the national media didn’t pay much attention.

But in Florida, we celebrated our country’s discovery day, our 500th birthday!

Because two cities are competing over the right to claim they are closer to the spot where Ponce de Leon actually landed in 1513, I covered numerous events in Melbourne Beach on April 2 and in St. Augustine on April 3. Both cities hosted commemorative ceremonies, celebrated Catholic masses and held wonderful reenactments of the Ponce de Leon landing.

“But why wasn’t this Quincentennial of our discovery a national celebration?” I kept asking everyone. “Why is this happening only in two Florida towns?”

And while I got mostly evasive answers from both Spanish and American politicians — all unwilling to deal with controversy during a festive occasion — I got a very realistic response from one of the Melbourne Beach re-enactors:

“In my experience, what I have discovered from many of the people I have met is that people still don’t have a good understanding of our history,” said Jose Gueits Romero, who, meticulously dressed as conquistador, spoke in Spanish with a heavy Spanish accent. “Particularly the people in city hall and in the state and federal governments, they still have a lot to learn.”

Mind you, in both cities, well-

informed historians, politicians and clergy recognized that there were indigenous people living in Florida before the Spanish arrived, and that the collision of the Spanish and Native American cultures had some negative consequences, especially diseases that wiped out native populations.

But they also recognized the many good things that resulted from that encounter, and sometimes they had to do it over the screams of a handful of protesters who, in both cities, tried to disrupt the celebrations with blatant displays of ignorance and attacks against our Spanish heritage that bordered on racism.

Amazingly, while historical evidence shows that it was the Spanish who were under constant attacks from the Florida natives during Ponce de Leon’s first voyage, and while it was the natives who killed Ponce de Leon shortly after arriving on his second voyage, those who still promote the Black Legend held picket signs proclaiming that, “Juan Ponce de Leon and his men are guilty of mass murder, rape and genocide.”

Although they think of themselves as progressive human rights activists, they were there to showcase their Black Legend-influenced bigotry against our Spanish heritage. Let’s face it: It requires a certain degree of stubborn ignorance to accuse Ponce de Leon of committing genocide in Florida, especially while some of the state’s most prominent historians were asserting that Ponce de Leon “did not wish to do the natives harm, but was forced to fight in order to save his men’s lives.” And especially when Catholic bishops were reminding us that Spain’s Franciscan missionaries were “the first civil rights leaders of the New World.”

But that’s fodder for at least another column. In this space next week, I’ll tell you much more of what I learned from some of Florida’s most renowned historians, and from prominent Catholic clergy, who gave me a new fountain of information from which to drink, and much more impetus to keep uprooting America’s hidden Hispanic heritage.

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DAILY PRAYER

We ask that you answer our prayers for rain this Sunday, dear Jesus.

Amen

Church News

College Baptist Church

The people of College Baptist have been very busy this week. Sunday school departments have been meeting for fellowship and lunch or other types of get-togethers. The ladies ministry continues to meet Wednesday evenings at 5:45 for Bible study. A new Bible study for some of the ladies who can't attend in the evenings has begun in one of the ladies' homes.

The 3 G's, (Golden Glory Gang), a group of senior adults, met Thursday evening for a pot luck meal and to hear from a speaker from SouthWest Institute for the Deaf. There was also a nominating committee meeting later that evening.

The homebound ministry still takes place each Tuesday morning. Different ladies visit the rest home and also those members who still live at home but are unable to get out and go.

Starting at 8 a.m. this Saturday, the folks of College Baptist will meet at the church for a work day. This is something for everyone to do. The church people are still working to get a home ready for a new youth pastor.

Pastor Ken McMeans started a new series of sermons this past Sunday called Family Talk. Beginning in the book of Genesis, he spoke of how God created man and then created a woman, a helpmate for him.

When God told them to be fruitful and multiply, that began the first family units. God safeguards the family structure. In the Ten Commandments handed down to Moses, He said children were to honor their fathers and mothers and obey them. The fathers and mothers were told to train up their children in the way they should go. In the overall picture, we are to honor our Father in Heaven.

In our Sunday school lesson, it was brought home to us that God is the creator of everything and we should stand in awe of Him and yet, He loves us as a loving Father. Isn't it amazing that the creator of the universe still wants a relationship with mankind?
—Dean Priest

First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library; the Children's Choir meets at 4:45 p.m.; and the Chancel Choir practices at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

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.

Thank you to the Church Life Committee for the lunch after worship last Sunday for a chance for fellowship and to hear the Rev. Clayton Rascoe, chaplain and program director at MO Ranch, tell about the opportunities available there.

The April Stated Session meeting will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the church library.

The Spring Gathering for Presbyterian Women will be Saturday, April 20, at First Presbyterian Church (1401 North Sam Houston) in Odessa.

Sally Grisham is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Ushers for April are Susan and David Wilson, and Lucy and Paschal Odom.

The lectionary for the Third Sunday of Easter is Acts 9:1-6(7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

The Chancel Choir will present the

anthem "Antiphonal Alleluia" by G. Alan Smith, and the offertory anthem "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" by John Wilson. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will give the sermon.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpchs.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

Youth Fundraiser Brisket Meal Sunday, April 14th following worship. Brisket and all the fixin's will be served. Donations appreciated to help send the youth to camp and for other activities. Please come join us for a great meal.

"Relay for Life" is Friday, April 19, and our team, "The Cure Connection" will be participating. Please come out to Blankenship Field and support our team and the survivors.

The "Singing Men of West Texas" will be performing at Spring Creek Fellowship on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. Please come out and enjoy their wonderful talents.

Our Between the Lines Women's Ministry will hold their annual "Spring Yard Sale" on Saturday, April 27, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. The proceeds from the yard sale support several ministries led by vovrservice on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. If you would like to have your child dedicated, please contact Jim Billings or Donna Wennik. We will need a picture of your child for a special presentation.

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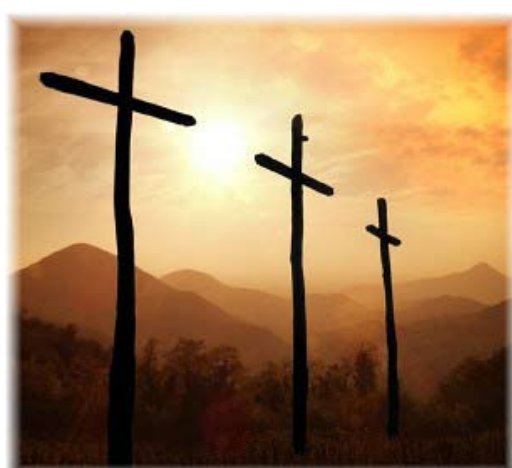
"Sewing Seeds of Hope" Connection group invites you to join us on Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon. A different skill is taught each week of the month with new skills added as requested. Lessons go from basic sewing and fiber arts to more complex skills as we progress in levels of experience. Bring a project you are working on or learn something new. Anyone with an interest is invited. Bring a friend.

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

Big Spring Classical Academy is pre-registering for Pre-K and kindergarten for the fall. 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.

You can now listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 a.m. every Sunday on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.



Staying fit as a fiddle

Fascination! That's what it is. I have always been fascinated by idioms, and word origins. According to Mr. Webster an idiom is an expression that cannot be derived from the conjoined meanings of its elements. I think what he really meant was that some phrases just don't make sense.

Yet, clichés and colloquialisms are the backbone of our language. We revert to using those colorful speech patterns when formal words fail to communicate an accurate picture of a situation. We all seem to understand a frog in one's throat, taking a bull by the horns, or burying a hatchet. We don't even question the weather when we are told that it is raining cats and dogs outside.

When it comes to our health, we all like to be told that we are fit as a fiddle. However, like most clichés, "fit as a fiddle" has an uncertain origin. One theory is that the phrase was originally "fit as a fiddler." It referred to the stamina of a fiddler who could play for a dance all night and never get tired.

Assuming that the fit-as-a-fiddler explanation is correct, we can draw some conclusions about developing fitness. First, a good fiddle player needs some instruction followed by a lot of practice. A fiddler also needs to have a good ear for staying in tune with his fellow musicians. But perhaps the real key to being able to play all night without tiring is to love the music.

When it comes to spiritual fitness, the Scripture gives us some good advice: "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the path of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers" (Psalm 1:1-3 NIV).

If we want to be spiritually fit as a fiddle, we will have to study God's word and apply it to our lives daily. Perhaps we also will need to stay in tune with other believers who can strengthen our walk with God. But above all else, we will have to delight in obedience to His laws.

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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; 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.

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Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for praise and worship, followed by the Word. Our 2013 Vision Focus is "Restoring Hope

to the Hopeless." We will continue on the topic "Between the Cross to Pentecost."

Last week, Pastor Willard delivered a message entitled "The Purpose of Deception," with main scripture taken from Matthew 28:11-15. This week, the message will be entitled "The Great Commission," and will be taken from Matthew 28:16-20.

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

Overcomers: Recovery and Restoration class meets each Thursday from 6:30 p.m.- 8 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.

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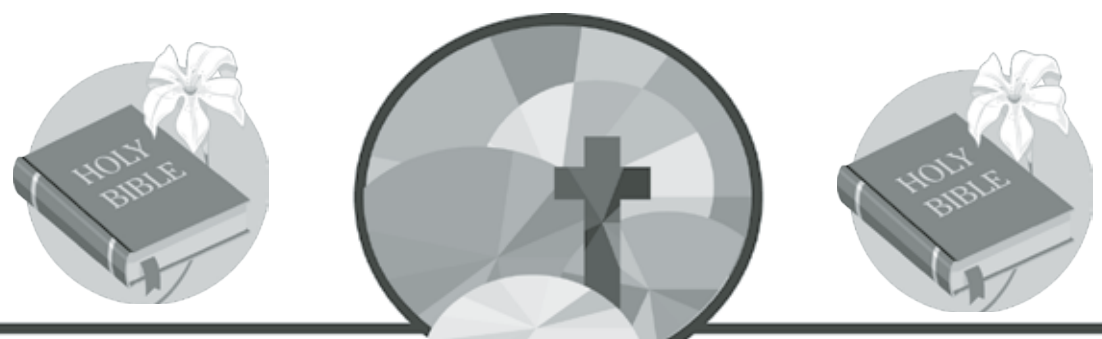
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Immigration

My “multi-great” grandfather, Thomas Tinsley landed in Jamestown in 1638 after a risky voyage across the Atlantic. My mother’s family, the Harper’s, arrived later from Ireland. Along with them came others from Norway, Poland, Germany, Italy, and a host of captives from Africa. They were followed by still more from Asia, including refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. Native Americans came first, beating all of us to this continent by a few thousand years. We have come from every corner of the earth. We are a nation of immigrants.



BILL
TINSLEY

We are one nation with many ethnicities embracing every skin color and many languages. More than ninety languages are spoken in Houston. Polish is the third largest language group in Chicago with a Polish population equal to Warsaw.

The recent explosion of the Hispanic population with the rise of undocumented citizens has put pressure on our immigration systems to the point that we are tempted to forget our immigrant history and heritage.

In light of this, evangelicals across the United States are calling for an Evangelical Day of Prayer and Action for Immigration Reform on April 17, 2013. Leaders organizing the event include Leith Anderson, President of National Association of Evangelicals; Richard Land, President of Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission; Luis Cortez, President of Esperanza; and Gabriel Salguero, President of National Latino Evangelical Coalition. Keynote speakers at the Washington D.C. event on April 17 include Bill Hybels, Willow Creek Community Church; Laurie Bechore, Mariners Church; and Lee de Leon, Templo Calvario in Orange County, CA. Supporters include a long list of evangelical organizations such as Focus on the Family, Navigators, Lifeway, and Missio Nexus. This represents a huge network across all denominational lines to bring focus to one of the pressing issues of our time.

According to the event’s website, evangelicals across America are calling for prayer and bipartisan legislation that: “respects the God-given dignity of every person, protects the unity of the immediate family, respects the rule of law, guarantees secure national borders, ensures fairness to taxpayers, establishes a path toward legal status and/or citizenship for those who qualify and wish to become permanent residents.”

M. Daniel Carroll-Rodas, distinguished professor at Denver Seminary, spoke to evangelical leaders in Ft Collins on March 29. He said, “The Bible teaches us to welcome strangers, and we must live that. We must make this a foundation for what we are communicating to our congregations.”

Faith leaders met in Florida on April 3 for “Who Is My Neighbor? A Forum on Immigration.” They urged people to turn to the Scriptures to see what Jesus would say about welcoming the stranger. Matthew Soerens of World Relief said, “We are working to build a moral movement of evangelicals who believe in just and practical immigration solutions that include an earned process for citizenship. Tens of thousands of Christians have accepted the ‘I Was a Stranger Challenge’ and are reading 40 days of Bible verse to learn about God’s heart for the immigrant.”

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

CHURCH

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photos and having a pot luck luncheon following the 10 a.m. service.

Also coming soon is revival! Stephen Manley will be guiding us in worship April 28 through May 1

nightly at 6:30.

A new college group has started and gathers every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the church commons area. Come enjoy a great time of fellowship.

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, Sunday morning Children’s Church at 10. in the fellowship hall and Sunday evening youth activities at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday night prayer at 6:30 in the sanctuary and Wednesday Evening Adult/Children/Youth Classes at 6:30.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service; we are also on Facebook and Twitter.

First United Methodist Church

Saturday, the First Methodist Church will have a booth at the Health Fair at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Please plan to attend and take advantage of the many health aids, tests and information available.

Last Sunday, the youth department of our church made us proud as they took over both services of worship. Speakers Patrick Ruiz and Treavor Burchett were eloquent and inspirational while other members of the group participated in other parts of the service. Brady Mikiska led the children’s “Sermon in a Sack.” It was a Bible lesson to be long remembered.

Two Sunday school classes began next week. The first one is aimed at first and second graders titled “Roanoke Jones.” Children will follow the clues through some of the Bible’s greatest detective stories.

The new pre-teen Sunday school class for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders is “Under the Radar” and is taught by Shanna Niewoehner and Sheila Jones. Both of these classes are held on the third floor.

Sunday school classes are held at 9:45 a.m. while services of worship are held each Sunday at 10:50 a.m.

Bible verse for April is John 11:25-26: “Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me, tho he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.”

Noon Bible study and luncheon is held each Wednesday in Garrett Hall. Jim Anderson, minister of discipleship, leads the study. Lunch will be at 11:50 a.m.

Wednesday Real Life begins serving at 5:30 p.m. followed by EPIC Youth, adult studies and children’s choir practice.

Word was received this week at First United Methodist Church that Big Spring is number one in individuals giving to the Methodist Home. Joyce and Carroll Choate along with Cindy and John Middleton serve as local representatives to

the Home. Congratulations!

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We are located in the heart of downtown Big Spring. We are First United Methodist Church.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

Our pastor is Reverend 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 432-264-7818. Our website is <http://www.aicbigspring.org>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school to follow at 10:15 a.m.

Phillip Reid will present the readings this week. This week’s sermon reference is “A great catch of fish from the risen Savior.”

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 for these wonderful devotions: “Morning Meditation Thoughts.”

A website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available at www.jcplayzone.com.

Non-denominational Sabbath Fellowship

One day, the saved of earth will populate the “new earth” after it is cleansed from all sin. In Isaiah 66 we read:

22 “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the Lord, “so will your name and descendants endure.

23 From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the Lord.

If we are saved out of this earth and live in the “new earth,” we will come before the Lord of the Universe every Sabbath throughout eternity. Why not start coming before the Lord on His Sabbath now?

Our subject on April 13 is “How it all began.” On April 20, we will study about “Is it dependable.”

What we say is unimportant; what God says is vital.

We meet in the Chapel of Faith 501 E.t 14th Street, at Goliad Saturday morning from 10 until 11.

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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 the dealer and open One Heart. Partner responds One Spade. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠AK52 ♥AKJ73 ♦K6 ♣82
- ♠Q3 ♥AJ764 ♦J83 ♣KQ5
- ♠84 ♥KQ942 ♦AJ ♣KQ92
- ♠962 ♥AKJ983 ♦K7 ♣A8
- ♠107 ♥AQJ53 ♦AQJ ♣AJ9

1. **Four Spades.** You have 18 high-card points plus a trump fit, which allows you to take two more points for your two doubletons. This gives you enough points in the combined hands for game even if partner has only six points.

2. **One notrump.** This shows a balanced hand of the minimum class, which is exactly what you have. Bidding one notrump without a true diamond stopper is much better than

rebidding two hearts with such a skimpy suit.

3. **Two clubs.** Hands with 5-4-2-2 distribution usually play better in a suit, so it is best to show your clubs at this point. The two-club bid is not forcing; partner can pass with a weak hand containing better support for clubs than hearts.

4. **Three hearts.** The jump to three hearts indicates 16 to 18 points and a strong six-card or longer heart suit. Partner is not required to bid again, but should not pass with eight or more points. Your hand is not worth more than an invitation to game, as 10 tricks would be very unlikely if partner has only six or seven points.

5. **Three notrump.** Once partner is credited with at least six points for his spade response, you really can’t stop under game. The only problem is how to describe the size and shape of your hand.

Three notrump fills the bill perfectly. It indicates about 19 or 20 points, balanced distribution and strength in the unbid suits. At the same time, it lays the foundation for a slam if partner feels there might be one opposite the type of hand you have described.

Tomorrow: A stitch in time saves nine.

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MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER’S REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF
TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSIONERS’ COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN
REGULAR SESSION APRIL TERM 2013

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned, constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 8th day of April, 2013 at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for March 31, 2013, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$18,157,508.89.

Mark Barr, County Judge
Oscar Garcia, Commissioner Pct. 1
Donnie Baker, Commissioner Pct. 2
Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3
John Cline, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Mark Barr, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 8th day of April, 2013.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 8TH DAY OF April, 2013, and recorded on the 8th day of April, 2013.

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BSHS track squads fare well at district meet

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

SNYDER — Neither the Big Spring boys or girls took the District 4-3A track title Thursday, but there were plenty of medalists as the girls squad placed second with 126 points behind Wylie (210) and the boys team finished in third with 128 points with Wylie winning that division as well with 148 ½ points. Greenwood took second with 132 ½ points.

Big Spring's Gustavo Lugo brought home the gold for the boys in two events, winning the 3,200 and 1,600.

For the girls, Yaneira Tuitt won the long jump and triple jump.

The top four in each event qualified for the area meet in pecos next Friday at Eagle Stadium.

Thursday's results:

Boys

- High Jump: 2nd, Tate Kennedy, 6-2; 6th Charles Green, 5-1.
- Long Jump: 2nd, Devin Roberson, 20-3.5.
- Triple Jump: 5th Shaiem Menefield, 40-10.5.
- 3,200: 1st Gustavo Lugo, 10:48.42; 2nd Joshua Means, 11:10.
- 800: 1st, Gage Burkhart, 2:02.94.

- 400: 5th, Big Spring, 44.910.
 - 110 Hurdles: 4th, Charles Green, 16.33.
 - 100: 2nd, Toby Tannehill, 11.55.
 - 800 Relay: 2nd, Big Spring, 1:31.27.
 - 400: 2nd, Ryan Lopez, 50.25.
 - 300 Hurdles: 2nd, Devin Roberson, 39.41.
 - 200: 5th, Toby Tannehill, 23.55.
- #### Girls
- High Jump: 3rd, Yaneira Tuitt, 4-8.
 - Long Jump: 1st, Yaneira Tuitt, 15-5.
 - Triple Jump: 1st, Yaneira Tuitt, 34-9.75.
 - Shot Put: 5th, Julia Wilson, 31-8.75.
 - 3,200: 2nd, Karina Alvarado, 13:27.48.

- 400 Relay: 2nd, Big Spring, 50.30.
- 800: 1st, Morgan Seaton, 2:28.978; 3rd, Jaycee Williams, 2:32.698.
- 100: 2nd, Autumn Minter, 12.8; 5th, Donisha McGee, 13.3.
- 800 Relay: 2nd, Big Spring, 1:46.56.
- 400: 3rd, Jaycee Williams, 1:03.23.
- 300 Hurdles: 3rd, Rachel Valencia, 49.98.
- 1,600: 4th, Karina Alvarado, 5:59.39.
- 1,600 Relay: 2nd, Big Spring, 4:17.85.

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball
• Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7 p.m.
• El Paso Community College at Howard College (four games, through Saturday), Jack Barber Field, noon.

Softball
• Big Spring at Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
• Rotan at Forsan, 5 p.m.
• Howard College at Luna College, Luna, N.M., (four games, through Saturday), 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. (MST).

Rodeo
• Howard College Rodeo (through Saturday), Big Spring Bodeo Bowl, 7 p.m.

Track
• Coahoma at District 4-2A meet, Denver City.

Howard College Rodeo in full swing



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton/visit www.claxtonphotography.com
Howard College's Laramie Allen competes in barrel racing during the Howard College Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl on Thursday. Additional performances will be held today at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Rangers top Mariners, 4-3

SEATTLE (AP) — All A.J. Pierzynski could do was wait. First to see if his second-inning fly ball would clear the top of the right-field fence for a homer. Then for a crucial flip from pitcher Robbie Ross in the eighth inning as Seattle tried to squeeze across the tying run. Both times Pierzynski and the Texas Rangers came out ahead. Pierzynski homered, David Murphy snapped a 2-all tie with an RBI single in the fifth, and the Rangers toppled Seattle ace Felix Hernandez in a 4-3 win over the Mariners on

Thursday night. Pierzynski hit his second homer of the season with one-out in the second. The Rangers added an unearned run later in the inning and scored twice in the fifth to deny Hernandez (1-2) a shot at his 100th career victory. "We which does not happen very often," Pierzynski said. "He's had the career he's had and the numbers he's put up in his career because he's one of the best. He's never a fun at-bat." Joe Ortiz pitched two innings in relief of Texas starter

Justin Grimm to get his first victory. Ortiz (1-0) allowed no hits and striking out two in his fourth relief appearance of the season. Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his third save. Thursday night was Hernandez's first home start since he signed a \$175 million extension in the offseason that will keep him in Seattle through the 2019 season. The occasion was celebrated with all 22,000-plus fans in attendance receiving giant yellow K-cards and a yellow T-shirt with "King Felix" printed on the front. See **RANGERS**, Page 14

Bearded Nowitzki can't extend Mavs' playoff streak

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki was a baby-faced kid barely old enough to drink the last time the Dallas Mavericks missed the playoffs. Now he's a bearded veteran who can't shave because he and others vowed not to until the team got back to .500. Dallas still has a shot at a break-even record, but will miss the playoffs for the first time since 2000. An unexpected loss to lowly Phoenix, which snapped a 10-game losing

streak, put the Mavericks on the brink of postseason elimination Wednesday night. The Los Angeles Lakers finished them off a couple of hours later by beating Portland. Just two years removed from the franchise's first championship, the Mavericks (38-40) simply never recovered from Nowitzki missing the first 27 games after the first knee surgery of his career. "We're going to try to See **MAVS**, Page 14

Area sports briefs

West Texas Disc Golf Champions tourney Saturday
The first major disc golf tournament of the year will held next weekend at Comanche Trail Park. Random draw doubles will begin Friday at 4 p.m., with registration for the singles tourney opening Saturday at 8 a.m. A limited amount of openings are available. First come, first serve. For more information, call 528-5076.

will host the Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund golf tournament April 27. The proceeds benefit Coahoma High School student-athletes. It will be a four-person scramble format with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$70 per person. Mulligan packages (4) are available for \$20. A meal is included and prizes will be awarded. For more information contact Delloyd Hooser at 816-9051, Gene Piercefield at 816-1134 or Rocky McCullough at 213-4868.

Big Spring Country Club to host 2013 Cancer Scramble
A tournament benefitting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at the Big Spring Country Club beginning Saturday, April 27 and continuing through Sunday, April 28. It will be a four-person scramble format. Form your own team or be assigned. Field is flighted by first round scores. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. First through third place will receive BSCC Golf Shop gift certificates. Entry fee is \$80 per person plus a \$26 cart fee. Private carts are welcome. For more information, contact BSCC at 267-5354. Sponsors for this year's tournament include: Partee Drilling, Jeannie Rutledge Realty, Byron Harris, HEB and Stellar Automation.

Guys & Girls Scramble slated for May
The Big Spring Country Club will host a Guys & Girls Scramble from Saturday, May 4 through Sunday, May 5. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days. Lunch will be served Saturday and appetizers will be served at the conclusion of the event Sunday. Field will be flighted according to first round scores, while the number of flights will be determined by entry. Entry fee is \$150 per team plus cart fees. For more information, contact the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund tournament planned
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GARAGE SALE: Iglesia " LA Fe" 408 South State Ave, at 5th Street. Saturday from 7:30-2:00PM. Clothing, toys, shoes, and several other things. House made tamales, burritos, menudo, Free coffee!

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Taurus Moon Says...

The moon in Taurus brings to mind Taurus native George Carlin, who once said, "If crime fighters fight crime, and fire fighters fight fire, what do freedom fighters fight?" He has an excellent point. In a related story, maybe it's time you align with what you want instead of fighting what you don't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You'll be surprised at the ones who contact you. How do these people even know about you? They don't. The data information of you may reach far, but only those privileged to be close to you really know you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though you would like to say you are a believer, the more accurate reality is that you have an open mind. If it's proved to you, you will believe it. If not, you will be an open-minded person anticipating proof.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are on the road to greatness. How do you know this? Many people you have touched have continued on to greatness. You see it in them all along. You see it in you, too. Don't lose faith.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People like to say that it's the things you don't do that you'll regret later. But those people haven't experienced unfortunate

consequences of truly foolish and impulsive action. Safety first now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You think the world of someone. But should you? Today you'll gain more perspective and perhaps discover that it's best to put stock in the one you know better: you!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No prize makes you happier than knowing you have earned it. The integrity and loyalty of your ways will be proved once more in today's unfolding of events.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Avoid the tendency to complicate things. The answers will be astonishingly simple now, but they may not be the answers you want to hear. Accepting them regardless is a superhuman feat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't help how you feel, but a funny thing happens once you accept and express those feelings. They change. Today, instead of pouting, sing the blues. It's more powerful, and people actually like to hear it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you know that you don't know, you're ahead of those who assume they do. Also, there are times to pretend like you understand what's going on, but today you're better off raising your hand and asking questions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have the complete package, including the judgment that tells you when and how to share it. Those without your powers of discernment will be watching

you for cues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While striving for greatness in a pursuit, it is only natural and necessary to know what isn't helping and to be critical of that. Mastery moves beyond that criticism and begins accepting once more the so-called "defects."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You sometimes want to hear that the other person is sorry. Note that you don't need this; you just want it because it allows you to quickly get past what you perceive as a slight.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 12). You'll get serious with relationships both personal and professional. The next seven weeks are about buckling into commitment, and it's a secure feeling once all is resolved. June brings a trade. The investment you make in your physical environment will pay off in three years. August brings laughter and friendly good times. Taurus and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 49, 2, 22 and 17.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You like being direct and upfront about what you want. It takes guts, and you have no shortage. TAURUS: How you cherish the loved one who gives you the right amount of space. GEMINI: You don't have fun; you are fun. Therefore, you actually need very little from others or from your environment to get the good times rolling. CANCER:

You can't explain how and why you love right now; you just know that you do. LEO: Forward movement sometimes looks like backward movement. Don't be fooled. VIRGO: Love is as love does. Believe action, not words. LIBRA: Your stylishness goes beyond appearances. Your manner is equally fetching. SCORPIO: You can spot the kind of people who would be good for you, so stay away from the baddies. SAGITTARIUS: A partner who is as adventurous as you are is a keeper. CAPRICORN: The changes you make in the name of love will actually be good for you. AQUARIUS: Your relationships don't define you, but they are a beautiful reflection of who you are. PISCES: You don't have to hide your flaws. Highlight them instead, and you'll be surprised at who falls in love with you.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Taurus and Aries are zodiac neighbors who speak the same language. However, Aries is the one likely to speak more of it and with greater intensity. Taurus rather likes being a listener now, but if Aries isn't mindful about returning the conversational ball, Taurus will have no problem speaking up. These two have so much catching up to do that they will share and connect late into the night.

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Dear Margo: Belief and the unknown

Dear Margo: I've never written to an advice columnist in my life, but one of your answers really set me off.

A woman asked for your advice about someone in her family telling her husband that he might not go to heaven since he's not a Christian.

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heaven. That is our belief.

Now, if you want to believe something else, then that is your prerogative — just don't expect to go to heaven. The scripture explaining all of this is very clear. If you plan on several million Christians continuing to read your column, then I suggest you write a retraction. — *Follower of Jesus Christ*

Dear Fol: A retraction? I don't think so. Here's the thing: I find your letter a perfect example of someone who's been indoctrinated to reject and diminish anything with which she does not agree. What you are saying is that other people's Gods are "wrong." Such a view is narrow-minded and disrespectful to billions of good people who believe differently. When you say, "That is our belief,"

let us parse that. It is your belief — and a belief is not a fact. Neither is it knowledge. It is an opinion about something that cannot be proved.

Your Bible, the New Testament, was written by different people after Jesus died — with John's Gospel written 100 years AD. One hundred years! The scholarship on the subject is that the written version came from the oral teachings of different sects, not unlike the way myths were passed on.

I greatly admire people of faith, but I don't think any learned theologian would embrace your "my way or the highway" approach to religion — especially considering that God's message is said to be one of love. And isn't humility supposed to be a Christian virtue? I must tell you that your advisory (believe what you like, "just don't

expect to go to heaven") makes your hoped-for destination sound a bit like a restricted country club. — *Margo, ecumenically*

On the Other Hand...

Dear Margo: Regarding families responding to relatives coming out, you mentioned that unhappiness with homosexuality is "like wishing a right-handed child were left-handed."

Well, I started life as a left-handed child in the '60s and grew up to be right-handed. Why? My father would not tolerate my being left-handed, "because it's a right-handed world."

His tactics were simple. Every time I started to do something with my left hand, he would drop what he was doing, give me a stare of utter contempt and accusingly state (with venom added

for emphasis), "Lefty!" Times have definitely changed for the better for those of us wired differently. — *Nostalgically (Not)*

Dear Nos: Sorry about your natural handedness even being an issue, Lefty. Of course, the wild card about being able to change how someone is wired is that it's not possible to stare down a homosexual and tell him or her to switch to heterosexual attraction — though people and organizations have tried. You are correct that times have definitely changed for the better as more people get more information. — *Margo, progressively*

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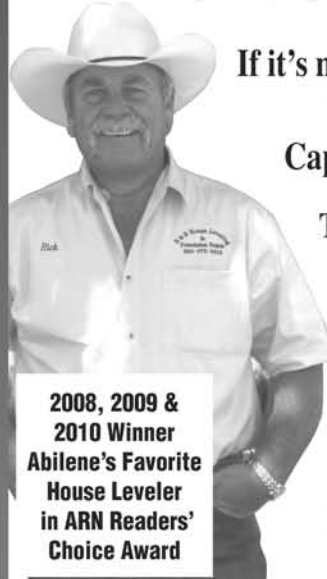
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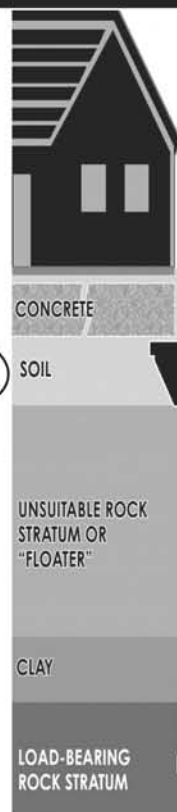
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4-12

"YOU KNOW THE BEST THING ABOUT BOOKS? NO COMMERCIALS!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

4-12

"Which is your gooder ear, Grandma? I need to tell you a whisper."

HAGAR

4-12

"THE KING IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY..."

"HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT PAYING TAXES?"

"I'M FOR ANYTHING THAT AVOIDS BROKEN BONES..."

BLONDIE

4-12

"DAG, DO YOU THINK OF YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS HALF EMPTY OR HALF FULL?"

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN"

"FOR EXAMPLE, I LIKE TO THINK MINE IS HALF FULL!"

"NO... I MEAN, HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO KEEP A SAVINGS ACCOUNT?"

WIZARD OF ID

4-12

IF DRESSED TO IMPRESS WHILE AT THE GYM

TO UPHOLD AFFIRMATION "MY WAY"...

DON'T BE DISMAYED OR CAST BLAME TO HIM

WHEN YOUR BOYFRIEND HITS THE HIGHWAY.

AGNES

4-12

ROSE FOR THE LADY?

NO, THANKS, I CAN HANDLE THAT

POOF!

IF I SEE YOU TWO EATING BEFORE YOU ACTUALLY ORDER, I'LL THROW YOU OUTTA HERE!

HI AND LOIS

4-12

GRANDMA, I AM COMPILING A JOURNAL OF GRATITUDE.

GOOD!

A BIG PIECE OF CAKE WOULD PRETTY MUCH GET YOU ALL OF PAGE FIVE.

NO CAKE.

page five. I'm grateful. I am thin.

THE OTHER COAST

4-12

I'D LIKE TO DO A DONUT.

THERE WILL BE NO CRAZY DRIVING STUNTS IN THIS CAR!

I MEANT STOP FOR ONE.

SNUFFY SMITH

4-12

REMEMBER, WHEN YOU TRAVEL THROUGH LIFE, ALWAYS TAKE THE PATH LEAST TRAVELED.

IS THAT WHERE WE'LL FIND UNIVERSAL CONSCIOUSNESS?

NO, IT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE BEST MUDDY DITCHES TO WADE IN.

BEEETLE BAILEY

4-12

HEARD YA GOT A 12-POINT BUCK, ERSKINE !!

DID YA MOUNT TH' ANTLERS ?

NAH-- I AIN'T MUCH'A ONE FER TROPHIES !!

SAID TH' MIDDLE-AGED FELLER WIF TH' BODACIOUS YOUNG WIFE !!

ALF'S HOT DOG WAGON

4-12

TONIGHT I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE BEST PLACE IN TOWN!

WOW!

THIS IS THE BEST PLACE IN TOWN?

YEAH, FOR HOT DOGS

This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 12, the 102nd day of 2013. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested and jailed in Birmingham, Ala., charged with contempt of court and parading without a permit. (During his time behind bars, King wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail"; he was released on bond on April 20.)

On this date:

In 1606, England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag, which combined the flags of England and Scotland.

In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

In 1862, Union volunteers stole a Confederate locomotive near Marietta, Ga., and headed toward Chattanooga, Tenn., on a mission to sabotage as much of the rail line as they could; the raiders were caught.

In 1877, the catcher's mask was first used in a baseball game by James Tyng of Harvard in a game against the Lynn Live Oaks.

In 1912, Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross, died in Glen Echo, Md., at age 90.

In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published in book form after being serialized in Scribner's Magazine.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on its first test flight. Former world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis died in Las Vegas, Nev., at age 66.

In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold Washington the city's first black mayor.

In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, became the first sitting member of Congress to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ned Miller is 88. Actress Jane Withers is 87. Opera singer Montserrat Caballe is 80. Playwright Alan Ayckbourn (AYK-bohn) is 74. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 73. Actor Frank Bank ("Leave It to Beaver") is 71. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 69. Actor Ed O'Neill is 67. Author Tom Clancy is 66. Actor Dan Lauria is 66.

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Naggers, for example
- 6 Just nips
- 11 Where you might say "ahh"
- 14 Star's brief appearance
- 15 Tuscan city
- 16 Some exhibited work
- 17 They may hold you up
- 19 "Ready" alternative
- 20 Tartan family
- 21 Rock bands of a sort
- 22 DOJ agency
- 23 Fast-swimming shark
- 25 Searches for
- 27 African snapper
- 28 Venue for free spirits?
- 30 Youngstowners, e.g.
- 32 Merge legally
- 33 Olympian Korbut
- 35 Social inpropriety
- 36 They may hold you up
- 39 Sword fight
- 41 Till the end of time
- 42 Corp. officers
- 45 A Sahara nation
- 48 "Fantastic!"
- 50 Stuff learned first
- 51 Shirt size
- 53 Children's guessing game
- 54 Nothing at all
- 55 Tax-deferred setups

DOWN

- 1 Polling stat.
- 2 Canal site
- 3 Walloped
- 4 Pan coating
- 5 Den fixture
- 6 Upper-left key
- 7 Mustard with wine
- 8 Customize for
- 9 Involve in unpleasantness
- 10 Be rude to
- 11 AT&T Park city
- 12 Free of charge
- 13 High levels
- 18 Bisected
- 23 Trim some
- 24 Imitate
- 26 Deep drive
- 27 Murmurs fondly
- 29 Gets ticked
- 31 Speech starter
- 34 Constitution, in DC
- 36 Aloha shirt accessories
- 37 It's not good
- 38 Do business with
- 39 Questionable
- 40 Busts, as a blockage
- 42 Bowls or battleships
- 43 Doozy
- 44 Grunter's grounds
- 45 Go at it
- 46 UN member since '49
- 47 Whodunit author Cross
- 49 Worth doing
- 52 Welcome, as company
- 55 Some servers
- 57 Cyber-bidding site
- 60 Untrustworthy one
- 61 Shellfish eggs
- 62 Some GPS lines

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MAVS

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win the next game to get this to .500," said Nowitzki, about to finish his 15th NBA season. "We'd love to finish with a positive record. That means something and we're going to fight for it."

In a week, the Mavericks will go into their third straight off-season of uncertainty after back-to-back seasons of teams filled with one-year or expiring contracts.

Despite the disastrous addition of Lamar Odom that didn't even last the lockout-shortened season a year ago, Dallas extended its

playoff streak to 12 seasons — second longest in the NBA behind San Antonio, which made it 14 straight this year. But the Mavericks were swept by Oklahoma City in the first round in a rematch of the Western Conference finals from their title year.

When Deron Williams spurned the Mavericks in free agency and Jason Kidd picked the New York Knicks after saying he would return to Dallas, the Mavericks brought in Darren Collison as their point guard and O.J. Mayo as a primary scoring threat alongside him.

Chris Kaman agreed on a one-year deal as the center, and Elton Brand joined the frontcourt on an amnesty waiver

claim after Philadelphia let him go. Vince Carter was back for a second year.

The Mavericks felt pretty good about their Plan B, but they figured on having Nowitzki the entire time. Instead, they essentially were without him for half the season because it took him another 10 games to find anything resembling a groove after his right knee simply couldn't make it through training camp.

"There's a lot of observations that can be made about this team," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "But I think the truth is, we're a team with parts that fit together a certain way. The col-

lective disposition, the collective will, the collective understanding of each other. They've got to be there for us to play at our best. There have been times where really good shot making nights have been a deodorant

for other flaws."

With Carlisle mixing and matching, Mayo started strong as the go-to guy while Nowitzki was out but wilted under the weight of more attention from opposing defenses.

Collison couldn't keep the starting job and eventually lost it for good to 37-year-old Mike James when Carlisle decided Collison was a better threat off the bench.

RANGERS

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There were plenty of cheers early when Hernandez recorded a pair of first inning strikeouts to reach the 1,500-mark in his career. Hernandez got Murphy looking to end the first inning for No. 1,500. He walked off the mound to be greeted by a handshake from Adrian Beltre — one of Hernandez's closest friends in the game — and catcher Jesus Montero waiting with the ball to commemorate the milestone number.

Hernandez allowed the homer to Pierzynski in the second then saw his defense let him down. Raul Ibanez misplayed Mitch Moreland's line drive to left field for an error. Leonys Martin followed with a single and with two outs, Elvis Andrus had an RBI single to score Moreland and give the Rangers the lead.

After Seattle pulled even, the Rangers broke the deadlock in the fifth. Ian Kinsler led off with a single and scored on Murphy's two-out hit. Nelson Cruz followed with a double to left field to score Lance Berkman

for a 4-2 lead.

Hernandez allowed 10 hits and three earned runs, leaving after giving up a single to Beltre with two outs in the seventh.

"I thought he was sharper today than his last outing," Seattle manager Eric Wedge said. "He had better stuff. A couple of pitches he left up that they got to."

Seattle threatened twice late in the game, none bigger than the eighth inning. Justin Smoak singled and Jesus Montero doubled to open the eighth. Robert Andino followed with a slow chopper to score Smoak and cut the Rangers' lead to 4-3 with pinch-runner Endy Chavez advancing to third.

Seattle then tried to squeeze across the tying run, but Brendan Ryan's bunt went directly back at Ross, who moved quickly off the mound and flipped the ball Pierzynski in time to get Chavez breaking from third.

"Lucky for us he bunted it hard enough to where Robbie could get it to me in time," Pierzynski said. "I was just begging for him to get it to me as fast as he could because it's an awkward

play for a catcher."

An inning earlier, Ross entered and struck out Raul Ibanez with the bases loaded to end the seventh.

It was Seattle's third straight loss and the only bit of news that was good for Seattle surrounded Michael Morse, who left the game in the seventh inning after getting hit on the right hand as he checked his swing.

Morse was diagnosed with a small fracture in his right little finger. He's expected to miss 3 to 7 days.

"I'm going to try and rehab this as best I can real quick," Morse said. "Might have to play through some pain."

Notes: Seattle Seahawks CB Richard Sherman threw out the first pitch. He was joined by teammates Earl Thomas and Kam Chancellor with seats in the first row near the Rangers dugout. ... Seattle gave 2B Dustin Ackley the night off. Ackley is hitting just .100. ... Japanese pitchers Yu Darvish and Hisashi Iwakuma will meet for the third time in their major league careers on Friday night. The pitchers faced off six times while playing in Nippon Professional Baseball.



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