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HISTORY IN THE MAKING



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Lauren Garduno, chief procurement and deputy administrative officer for the Texas Department of Transportation, addresses the audience during groundbreaking ceremonies for the Ports to Plains reliever route project at Hangar 25 Air Museum this morning. See Sunday's edition for story and additional photos.

Volunteers extinguish sweet crude oil blaze

LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Howard County volunteer firefighters responded to an early morning fire in northern Howard County today. "A heater treater failure spilled barrels of sweet crude oil beside a tank battery," said Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief. "We blocked in the one well, secured everything, put the fire



Sullivan

out and cooled off the heater treater and water separator." Volunteer firefighters received the call at approximately 6:44 a.m. of a fire located near Centerpoint Road east of Gail Highway. The fire left large plumes of black smoke in the sky north of Big Spring. Firefighters responded with seven units and had the fire contained within a little less than an hour and half, Sullivan said. "My guys did an excellent

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Weekend to be busy one across area

Herald Staff Writer

As area residents celebrate the significance of the groundbreaking of a new major transportation roadway in the Crossroads today, a Texas author will be in Big Spring Saturday to discuss another significant road now long forgotten. Dan L. Smith author of "The Bankhead Highway in Texas" will appear at the Heritage Museum from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday for a book signing and lecture. The Bankhead Highway was one of the earliest intercontinental highways in America and followed closely along Highway 80, which ran through downtown Big Spring. According to Texas Historical Commission (THC), the roadway crossed approximately 850 miles in Texas from Texarkana to El Paso. Big Spring, Abilene and Mid-

land fell along the route. The THC is currently conducting a study to gather historical documents on the impact of the highway. Copies of the Bankhead Highway in Texas will be available for purchase at the museum or can be bought over the internet at Amazon. The museum is located at 510 Scurry St. This morning, top representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and area U.S. and state representatives were at Hangar 25 Air Museum in Big Spring for the groundbreaking of U.S. 87 Ports to Plains Truck Relief Route, which is expected to help relieve truck traffic — especially those carrying hazardous contents — from downtown Big Spring in anticipation of increased traffic from trade between

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'Uprising' set tonight at Hangar 25

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Hangar 25 will round out Holocaust Remembrance Month with a free showing of "Uprising" at 7 p.m. today. "The goal for the month of April is to create an awareness of the Holocaust," said Genevieve Stockburger, Hangar 25 administrator. "Uprising" is a 2001 made-for-television film about the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943 in Poland and stars Hank Azaria, Jon Voight and David Schwimmer. "The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was one of the most significant groups that fought back against the Nazi occupation," Stockburger said. Admission to the 2-1/2 hour show is free to the public. Concessions will be

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BSACF taking applications to provide charitable grants

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Community Foundation members have some money to give away, and you just might be the person they want to give it to. BSACF, which was formed as a way to channel money in the form of charitable donations, scholarships and grants to deserving individuals and organizations in Howard County and the surrounding area, has extended its grant application deadline this year, foundation member Drew Mouton said Wednesday.

"We are formalizing our grant process," Mouton. "In past years, we'd award our grants in May and ask for grant applications to be made between April 15 and May 1. This year, since we're starting so late, we're already accepting applications and the deadline has been pushed back to May 15." Also this year, persons can obtain grant applications on



Mouton

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HC accepting student art for show

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Entries for the Howard College Juried Student Art Exhibition — open to all current Howard College students — are now being taken. "In the visual arts, a juried show is an art exhibition that has a juror, an individual, accredited, affiliated or accomplished in the visual arts, looking at the artworks displayed and judging them, often for cash prizes," explained Stacy J. Slaten, Howard College assistant professor of Art. "It is one of the types of art exhibitions; the others being invitational and open." The show will run from Thursday, May 8 to Monday, Sept. 29, after which all artwork will return to the original owner unless sold from the Howard College Gal-



Slaten

lery. The awards ceremony and opening reception are Thursday, May 8 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. "This year, the curator of the Heritage Museum of Big Spring, Tammy Schrecenghost, will juror the student art exhibition for cash prizes ranging from first to third place, Best of Show, and a no-cash prize of Honorable Men-

tion," Slaten said. "We are also participating in a membership drive for the Heritage Museum for year 2014 since their funding has been radically undercut for this interesting local art venue." Membership is \$30 for a year and includes unlimited entry to the museum for the member and a guest and information on all museum events. Student or pro-

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Obituaries

Lena H. Marquez



Lena H. Marquez left to be with our Father on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. She was 58 years old at the time of her passing while taking her last breath in the privacy of her home in Big Spring, Texas. She was born to Romana and Andres Hinojos on March 22, 1956, in Big Spring, Texas.

Lena married the love of her life, Tony M. Marquez Sr., on May 11, 1973. She completed high school, had a short work history and worked primarily as a proud home-maker. She loved to crochet gifts for others ranging from beanies, purses, scarves, baby blankets and small Christmas stockings she lovingly gave out to loved ones as well as strangers during the holiday season. Lena opened her arms to the people around her with little reservation. She had the greatest smile

and although she touched the lives of many, no one knew this more than her five grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Tony M. Marquez Sr., of Big Spring, Texas; daughters Lisa Marquez Trejo of Midland, Texas, Lydia and Jimmy Jimenez, Lillian Marquez of San Angelo, Texas and son, Tony M. Marquez Jr. of Big Spring, Texas. Grandchildren include Isaac Jimenez, Khloe Jimenez, Mia Marquez, Melia Marquez and Ruby Jimenez, all of San Angelo, Texas. This list also includes her father, Andres Hinojos of Denver, Colo.; her mother, Romana Rivera of Denver, Colo.; siblings, Linda Smith of Thornton, Colo., Andy N. Hinojos of Thornton, Colo., Lilly Hinojos of Denver, Colo., Fabian R. Hinojos of Denver, Colo., Jimmy Ray Hinojos of Denver, Colo. and Mary Elizabeth Delgado of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She never met a stranger, as many citizens of Big Spring already know, and made friends with just about everyone she crossed paths with.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Tito Hinojos of Denver, CO.

Her prayer service will be held at Myers & Smith Chapel, Friday April 25, at 7 p.m. The funeral will be held at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 400 Scurry St., Big Spring, Texas, Saturday, April 26, at 11 a.m. Officiant will be Pastor Bill Ivins.

Pallbearers include Andy N. Hinojos, Fabian R. Hinojos, Jimmy Ray Hinojos, Xavier Santa Ana, Tony M. Marquez Jr. and Talbot Moore. A fellowship will be held at FUMC immediately after the graveside services are completed at Mount Olive Cemetery.

We would like to take a moment to thank our family and friends for the outpouring of love and support during this unexpected loss in our lives.

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

Paid obituary

Michael Brown



Michael Brown, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday April 21, 2014 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church Chapel with Lloyd Wells, associate pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship officiating.

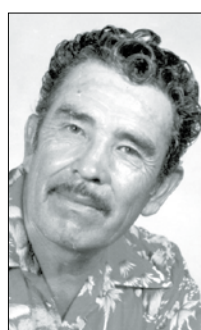
He was born to Bennie Inez and Norman Odell Brown in San Bernardino, Calif. on June 28, 1949. He came to Big Spring three years ago from California. He was a carpenter and he enjoyed yard work, painting and odd and ends.

He is survived by one daughter, Michelle Tradewell and husband, Chris of Big Spring; one grandson; his mother, Inez Martin of California; two brothers, Steve Martin and Jerry Martin; and three sisters, Jackie Sego, Debby Bailey and Janice Martin.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Alberto Aguirre



Funeral Mass for Mr. Alberto Segura Aguirre of Stanton will be held Friday April 25, 2014, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Deacon Clemente Villa officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. A rosary vigil was held Thursday, April 24, 2014, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Alberto was born May 8, 1922, in Vicente Guerrero, Durango, Mexico and passed away April 22, 2014, in Stanton, Texas. Alberto married Susana Ontiveros July 21,

1947, in Travis County.

Survivors include his six daughters, Candy Hinojosa from Stanton, Victoria Brondo of Big Spring, Theresa Conley of Big Spring, Esiquia Marquez of Stanton, Patricia Aguirre of Stanton and Pasquala Gonzales of Midland; four sons, Juan Aguirre of Blanca, Colo., Louis Aguirre of Midland, Alberto Jr. Aguirre of Midland and Porfirio Aguirre of Big Spring; one brother, Jose Aguirre of Juarez, Mexico; 35 grandchildren; 78 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Porfirio and Eduvigis Aguirre; sisters, Adela Luna, Soledad Ferreiro, Lupe Arenas, Teresa Quiroz and Angela Aguirre; a grandson; and a granddaughter.

Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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

- MICHAEL ANTHONY CASTRO, 24, of 3803 Connally St., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- CANDACE PAULA CHAPMAN, 25, of 2612 Ent St., was arrested on a warrant for disorderly conduct by fighting; assault, family violence threat or offensive touch; and disorderly conduct — language.

- DAVID GIRJALBA MORALES, 37, of 906 E. 12th St., was arrested on warrants for other agencies.

- GLORIA CANTU, 51, of 306 Denton, was arrested on a warrant for speeding.

- GILBERT GONZALES, 32, of 905 E. 14th St., was arrested on a warrant for other agency.

- SHERRY RAE BURDETTE, 34, of 2609 Carleton Drive, was arrested on a warrant for tampering with a government record-defraud/harm.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Third St and Birdwell.

- ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in 2500 block of Chanute Drive and the 1600 block of Cardinal St.

- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Harding Street.

- WARRANT SERVICE was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- DAVID GRIJALBA MORALES, 37, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding, 54 miles per hour in a 35 MPH zone; no driver's license; and violate promise to appear.

- GLORIA CANTU, 51,

was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for speeding, 58 MPH in a 40 MPH zone.

- TRACI RENE MARTINEZ, 36, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for FTA, tampering with government record and failure to ID as a fugitive intent to give false information.

- DONALD RAY WELLS JR., 29, was booked on a Laurens County, Ga. Warrant for probation violation forgery.

- GILBERT GONZALES, 31, was booked by the BSPD on Midland County warrant for driving while license invalid conviction, suspension.

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

- Thursday
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Goliad and FM 700 Streets. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

- TRAUMA CALL was reported on South Service Road I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2400 block of Scurry St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- FALSE CALL was reported in the 600 block of Main St.

Dewayne Wagner

Dewayne Wagner, 70, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 25, 2014, in a Odessa hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous

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

- 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 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- Marcy Place, 2301 Wasson Road, will have a pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. April 30. The public is invited. RSVP by Thursday by calling 432-268-9041 or by emailing ebirdwell@enlivant.com.

- On Wednesday, May

7, during the evening service beginning at 7 p.m., Family Faith Center will observe its fifth annual Blessing of Nurses Hands.

Parish Nurses and others who provide health care will receive a blessing upon their hands for another year of service to mankind. Pastors

Take Note

Sam and Christina invite nurses and healers from the community at large to attend the ceremony in the sanctuary of Family Faith Center location; 810 East 11th Place, just south of Big Spring High School.

- The Big Spring High School honor band

will perform at the St. Mary's Eastertide offering concert. The concert will be held at 12:05 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and will last 30 minutes. Following the concert, a light lunch will be provided by St. Mary's. There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted. St.

Mary's is located at 10th St. and Goliad.

- A fund has been set up at BBVA Compass Bank to help Melinda Garcia with medical expenses while recovering from surgery. Account number is 673000597.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26
A Joyful Season Shopping Extravaganza:
The Hardware Store

April 26-27
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April 27
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Area emergency personnel were called to a one-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of Scurry Street Thursday afternoon. The driver drove into a yard through a fence and hit a house. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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available for a fee. The holocaust refers to the mass genocide of approximately six million Jews during World War II inflicted by German leader Adolph Hitler and the Nazi Regime. Monday is Holocaust Remembrance Day.

FIRE

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job on the scene," a tired Sullivan said in a phone interview this morning. "This was a little hairy because sweet crude, once you start extinguishing it, gets real mad. Its gets bigger before it gets smaller. My guys took a lot of heat but they stood in and held their ground. It was a job well done."

BSACF

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the internet. Within the next few days, the foundation's web site (www.bsacf.org) will go online, giving people both an easier way to obtain applications and information to help them

decide if they're eligible for grants in the first place. Mouton said the BSACF can issue grants only to charitable organizations and governmental entities, so people looking for money to help with a business start-up are out of luck. However, if they're seeking funds for purposes

such as scholarships, community improvement or beautification projects, the foundation may be able to help. This year, BSACF has between \$75,000 and \$80,000 in grant money available, but that figure is expected to increase dramatically in the near future. In Octo-

ber, the foundation was named beneficiary of a trust fund established by the A.K. Guthrie estate which is expected to bring in \$15 million to \$18 million during the next 20 years. Money from the trust fund will serve to permanently endow all manner of foundation

endeavors, Mouton said. "Say we end up receiving \$15 million in 20 years from that fund," Mouton said. "Income from those investments will be in the range of about \$700,000 a year." The foundation will announce its grants in early June. Persons

wishing more information should visit the BSACF's web site or write the foundation at P.O. Box 2007, Big Spring 79721. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

WEEKEND

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the United States, Mexico and Canada. Book-signings and groundbreakings are just the start of a busy weekend.

Recital

Howard College Department of Dance will hold its annual Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the Hall Center for the Arts. This year's show is titled, "The World in Our Own Back Yard" and features some historic ethnic dances from

around the world and contemporary dances which show the influence of America's immigrated cultures. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3 for Howard College students, faculty and staff. Tickets can be purchased at the door or reserved by calling 432-264-5161.

Lamesa Chicken Fried Steak Festival and Crossroads Balloon Rally
The city of Lamesa and the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce are hosting the annual Chicken Fried Steak Festival and Crossroads Balloon Rally Friday

through Sunday. The event includes hot air balloons, wine tasting, a rodeo, nightly musical entertainment, a classic car show, 5K run, activities for the children and, of course, chicken fried steak. The festival is held at the city's Forest Park.

Golf Tournament
It's time to break out the 9 irons for a good cause. The Relay For Life Golf Tournament held at the Big Spring Country Club will be held Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 263-7824.

HC Dance

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professional educators can obtain a discount which is \$20 per year. Membership forms can be picked up at the museum, 510 Scurry, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday or from

Slaten in the College's Hall Center for the Arts, Room 111. All student art entries for the juried show are due Monday, May 5 by 5 p.m. at the 2D Studios of Hall Center for the Arts, Room 111. There is no entry fee for currently-

enrolled Howard College students. Works can be dropped off between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. "Please spread the word about the juried student show to potential students and help

support the Heritage Museum with an annual membership today," Slaten said. Contact Lyndel

Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234

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Opinion

The next step on affirmative action

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In the mid-90s, when affirmative action was a hot topic in California, I got a call from a television network asking me whether I would be available to do a segment on affirmative action. As is always true on television, the first and critical question was: “Are you free at 3?” I was. Great, the young woman said. “So are you for or against affirmative action?”

I explained: I’m against affirmative action, if you mean do I think that someone should automatically get a contract, even if they’re not the low bidder, just because of race. On the other hand, where there’s a past history of discrimination (for example, the Los Angeles Police Department, at the time) or a compelling need for diversity (for example, in law schools, where I can’t imagine teaching a constitutional law class to a room full of only white students), then yes, I support affirmative action.

“That makes so much sense,” the young woman said (which was good, because it also happened to be the law of the land). “So would you say you’re for or against affirmative action?”

I tried again with more examples: why it’s important to have black students even if they are from privileged backgrounds, because they likely will have experienced discrimination in ways other students haven’t (which is

true to this day when I ask about police stops); why in places where there are few blacks in leadership positions you have to count (not quotas, just counting) to make sure unconscious patterns of discrimination (most of us think the most qualified person is someone who looks like a younger version of ourselves) don’t persist.

The young woman was impressed. She told me I made more sense than anyone she’d talked to. I told her that the way I read the polls, most Americans actually agreed with the position I was trying to stake out.

There was just one problem: I needed to be either for or against affirmative action, and since I was neither, or both, and they were having only two guests....

In 2003, the United States Supreme Court upheld the admissions policy at the University of Michigan Law School, which took race, among other factors, into account in admissions.

Three years later, the voters passed a referendum — similar to the one enacted in California in 1996 — that barred public colleges and universities from affording “preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.” On Tuesday, the Supreme Court upheld the law by a vote of 6 to 2, concluding that the state’s voters have a right to decide whether or not affirmative action should be allowed.

“This case is not about how the debate about racial preferences should be resolved,” Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the majority. “It is about who may

resolve it.”

The “who” is us. What the court has made clear is that it is up to the democratic process, up to us.

So here we go again. Turn on the television, and you’ll no doubt find someone yelling about how affirmative action should always be allowed and someone else yelling back about how it should never be allowed. It makes for good television and bad policy.

I wish we lived in a world where colleges and universities could have diverse classes without regard to affirmative action. But we don’t. The experience in California has been painful: At the elite public universities, as Justice Sonia Sotomayor noted in her dissent, which she read from the bench, the number of racial minorities plummeted after the passage of Proposition 209 and continues to lag.

“Mend it; don’t end it.” That was the approach of the Clinton administration. Sadly, when you impose “equality” on an unequal world, you don’t get equality. The debate continues because the problem of inequality persists, and it’s not a question that is solved by an easy “yes” or “no.” When the yelling stops, we need to find a middle ground and keep fighting the stubborn persistence of racial inequality.

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U.S. media ready to lift embargo

Congress may not be ready. The American people may need more clarity. And even our so-called socialist president, Barack Obama, has some reservations. But the American news media are ready to lift the U.S. economic embargo against Cuba and embrace a ruthless socialist dictatorship.

If it were up to the pundits, Obama would be having lunch with Fidel and Raul Castro and ignoring their 55 years of repression and their millions of victims.

Ever since Obama shook hands with Raul at Nelson Mandela’s funeral in South Africa in December, many in the media have been expecting the next shoe to drop.

Curiously, you don’t hear them citing any overtures or concessions from the Cuban government that would deserve a change in U.S. policy — no newfound respect for human rights or civil liberties, no releases of imprisoned dissidents, no freedom of expression, no free press, no free elections, no sign that the Castro brothers are willing to loosen their shocking grip of the Cuban people.

The pundits can’t cite Cuban overtures because there haven’t been any! And yet, we hear them constantly insinuating that we should lift the embargo anyway. Their logic? “It hasn’t worked for 50 years and it’s time we try something different,” they tell you with astonishing naivety.

Really? Does “something different” include turning a blind eye to persistent human rights violations and the suppression of all civil liberties? Does it include ignoring the still-imprisoned dissidents and their Ladies in White relatives, who are constantly harassed by government goons? And does it also include ignoring Alan Gross, the 64-year-old American who is serving a 15-year prison sentence for trying to help the Cuban Jewish community?

Does “something new” include betraying our democratic principles, our defense of freedom and human rights? Because our policies haven’t worked, should we make friends with bloody despots? They would not dare make such a comment about North Korea.

In fact, they ridicule basketball players for going there. But when American celebrities and politicians go to Cuba — when they

shake the bloody hands of its dictators — they are portrayed as groundbreakers.

Perhaps the greatest example of how skewed our media coverage of Cuba has become is the way most media outlets reported the findings of a “bipartisan” study released in February by the Atlantic Council, a think tank run by former Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman Jr.

Titled “U.S.-Cuba: A New Public Survey Supports Policy Change,” the study was clearly conducted to reach the title’s conclusion. And not only was the study skewed, the media slanted it even more!

Everyone went with the survey’s most sensationalistic numbers: 56 percent of Americans and 63 percent of Floridians favor normalizing relations with Cuba.

It was immediately reported as “an apparent boost to efforts to end the half-century-old economic embargo against Cuba,” according to Reuters. The New York Times noted, “Majority of Americans Favor Ties with Cuba, Poll Finds.” The TV pundits went berserk, proclaiming the beginning of the end of the embargo.

The study actually acknowledged that when Americans are reminded of the state of human rights in Cuba, a majority still see it as “a strong deterrent to changing policy.” But we didn’t read or hear that in most of the news stories.

Most of the same media outlets that reported 56 percent of Americans favor normalizing relations with Cuba neglected to tell us that other side of the story.

When survey respondents were told that “Cuba continues to have a dismal human rights record” and that the “Castro regime represses virtually all forms of political dissent through detentions, arbitrary arrests, beatings, travel restrictions, forced exile, and sentencing dissidents in closed trials,” most media outlets neglected to tell us that. By a 50 percent to 43 percent margin, Americans still consider human rights a deterrent to normalizing relations.

They also failed to report that when the survey respondents were asked to read three different statements in opposition to normalizing relations, a majority agreed each time. Yet none of this information was even mentioned in many of the news reports based on this study. All we kept hearing was that a majority of Americans favor better relations with Cuba.

Of course we do — until we are reminded that Cuba is governed by monsters! Although embargo

supporters charged that the report was politically biased, the media made it even more biased by hiding some of its crucial findings.

And given the U.S. media’s apparent obsession with lifting the Cuban embargo, regardless of consequences, we couldn’t expect many journalists to challenge the way the survey was conducted. We couldn’t expect them to acknowledge that many Americans still favor a tough stance against the Castro regime.

It took a University of Miami professor to expose “what appears to be a ‘push poll’ designed to elicit a predetermined result pushing an ideological agenda.”

In an essay titled “Polling With an Agenda,” Dr. Jose Azel from the University of Miami’s Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, noted that considering the “disingenuous” way in which the survey questions were asked, he was surprised only 56 percent of the respondents favor changing U.S. policy toward Cuba.

“The survey asks respondents if they support ‘normalizing relations or engaging more directly with Cuba,’” Azel noted. “This is a featureless question of the ‘would you be in favor of world peace?’ variety.”

Yet that’s the question that got the 56 percent result that drew all the headlines!

“Regrettably these purported findings have been uncritically retold by numerous news outlets and are parroted as a truism without judicious review or analysis,” Azel wrote. He noted that the report “deliberately implies that Americans support a unilateral, unconditional change in U.S. policy without concessions from the Cuban government,” when in fact not a single question in the survey asked whether Americans expect Castro regime concessions on human rights and civil liberties.

And that remains as the biggest problem for those seeking U.S. relations with the Castro brothers. When Americans are reminded of their atrocities and their unwillingness to make any concessions, a majority still stands firm against shaking their bloody hands.

Skewed studies and slanted media coverage still can’t hide Cuba’s truth.

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DAILY PRAYER

Give us this day our daily bread, and the desire to share it with others, oh Lord..

Amen

Church News

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our motto is "Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

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

Sunday services will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible Study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Jill Alsobrooks will present the readings this week.

Our Wednesday night Bible study is titled "I am Second" by e3 Partners. Class begins at 6:30.

Everyone is invited. Mid-Week classes are in session for the youth.

A light meal is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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."

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Children's Choir Program begins at 4:20 p.m. Wednesdays. The Lectionary Bible study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6.

The Youth Group meets on Sunday evening at 6:30 for a meal, bell choir and program.

Upcoming musical opportunities for the Big Spring community are sophomore recitals for three Howard College music students in the chapel on Saturday evening, May 3; Allegro chorale concert in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. May 5; and a Mother's Day Musicales, featuring Children's Choir, the Youth Handbell Choir and the Tardy Bells at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11 in the sanctuary. These are all free, and the public is cordially invited.

This Sunday, the children begin a new unit of study on Timothy, Eunice and Lois. The Adult Discovery Class begins a video series "Feasts of the Bible," by Sam Nadler, studying Sabbath Rest, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, and Feast of Tabernacles and their relevance to us today.

The Adult Covenant Class, under the leadership of John Ferguson, is working through the New Beginnings sessions until May 11, when they will resume their regular studies.

Jennifer Patterson is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Lector for Sunday is Jennifer Patterson.

The lectionary for Second Sunday of Easter is Acts 2:14, 22-32; Psalm 16; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31. Tom Koger will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will present "Alleluia, Alleluia." by Deborah Govenor as the offertory anthem. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the service. This collection of the coins from the congregation enables the Service Committee to feed several families, help stock the Northside Center's food pantry and provide snacks for the Boys and Girls Club and Westside Day Care Center.

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

If you cannot attend worship, listen to KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 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.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Between The Lines" Women's Ministry will host a yard sale Saturday from 8 m. until 2. See what treasures you can find.

Our 4th Annual "Relay for Life" Bowl-A-Thon is Sunday, May 4 from 2-5 p.m. at Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama. Donations cover three hours of bowling and shoes. If you are interested in being a sponsor, contact John Cantrell at 432-270-0181.

We are planning our Mother's Day Baby Dedication. If you have a new baby you would like to have dedicated, contact Jim or Robbie Billings.

Camp time is going to be here soon. We have plans for children of all ages to have the camp experience this summer at Circle 6 Ranch in Stanton, Texas. You must pre-register by May 31. For more info, contact Donna Wennik.

The Big Spring Christian Academy is opening a preschool in September. It will start out as a two-day a week preschool and eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months

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Beware of foxes and other little things

Big troubles are often caused by little things. It only takes a spark to set a house on fire. It only takes a tiny hole to cause a big leak. It only takes a small broken part to disable a huge machine. It only takes a



BONNIE WHEAT

little offense to start a war.

Sometimes it is the little things in life that really cause us to stumble. We see the elephants coming and get out of their way. But we often overlook smaller dangers. We can't always avoid stinging bees, hidden holes covered by grass, or slick spots in our paths.

The unexpected small snares are the ones that trip us up in life.

Like the proverbial "straw that broke the camel's back," just one more little mishap added to our pile of troubles can push us beyond our perceived limits of endurance. Our material resources can crumble under the weight of just one more brick added to the load. Just one tiny financial reversal can create an avalanche of woes, a mountain of bills, and a crevice of indebtedness.

Our bodies have their limits as well. Exhaustion, illness, and age all chisel away at our health just one small chip at a time. At first, we may not notice the erosion at all, but eventually the small assaults to our bodies start to become evident. Age drives away youthfulness. Time etches its mark on our faces.

On a larger scale perhaps, our emotional health is also subject to small attacks. Anger, depression, rejection, disappointment, discouragement, and a slough of their cousins all gnaw at our well being just one small bite at a time. Their joint goal is destruction.

Even our spiritual lives are targets for the small arrows that often come our way. The author of the Old Testament book called Song of Solomon apparently recognized the destructive ability of small things. He wrote, "Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that are ruining the vineyards, While our vineyards are in blossom" (Song of Solomon 2:15 NASB).

Whether King Solomon or some unknown author wrote these words is debatable. However, the author was much aware of the ability of foxes and other small things to mar, if not to destroy, the good things in life.

While we will never be able to catch all the little foxes that sneak into our vineyards, perhaps we should be alert to the little things in life that cause us to stumble.

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What do you expect?

Recently heard someone say that, "In human nature we always live up to our expectations."

Each individual is a mixture of experiences, failures, achievements and exposure. What each person experiences shapes their identity and guides their frame of thought throughout life. Failures provide limits to what level of trust a person is willing to stretch in life. Achievements feed hopefulness and cause a craving of further accolades, and exposure is the unpredictable circumstances that we face in daily living which impact experience, failure and achievement.

In the Bible, Jeremiah is chosen before he is conceived to accomplish a specific list of assignments. God was not concerned with how Jeremiah would mature to feel about himself personally or his belief in his abilities. God said to Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations". (Jeremiah 1:5)

This means that before Jeremiah had any experiences, failures, achievements or exposure, God made the executive decision to pre-stage his

expected life outcome. In other words, his condition of humanity had no impact on his God given destiny. We are the product of the same God who spoke to Jeremiah, and it is because of this point we must ask ourselves the valuable question...

What do you expect?

It's important to understand that living life designed by God is not always wonderful and glorious. An examination of the passage shows clearly that with the assignment Jeremiah received also came the experiences, failures, achievements and exposure that life normally provides. However, for his willingness to listen to God, Jeremiah had constant communication with God. Through the flow of communication with God, Jeremiah never spent tremendous amounts of time with wondering what to do next with his life. He never needed any self-help books or 12-step programs.

Humanity is unreliable without the right support system in place. Jeremiah put his trust in God, and learned to go beyond his experiences, failures, achievements and exposures.

God doesn't need any of those to use any of us for whatever he chooses. Jeremiah had doubt in his appointment from God because of his familiarity with humanity.

This is not a feel good message about how

wonderful it is to do what you are called to do, but instead an opportunity to look at who you are and ask yourself if what you expected is not what you are currently living out why is that the case? Could it be because the carnal state of humanity has intercepted the divine authority of God?

Expectation is defined as a feeling or belief that something is likely to happen. If failure has more weight than achievement, it would be difficult to believe that anything good can happen. Life should be worth more than anything a feeling can provide.

What we should all expect out of life is to be in constant communication with God. This will achieve more than experience, failure, achievement, and exposure. Through listening and responding to God the best of life is experienced. The failures of life are overcome. The achievements in life are used to promote balance. And the only exposure is to God's will.

Quote to Consider

We will always tend to fulfill our own expectation of ourselves.

~ Brian Tracy

Scripture to Study

Jeremiah 1:1-19
Make the most of the time you have, listening to who knows for sure.

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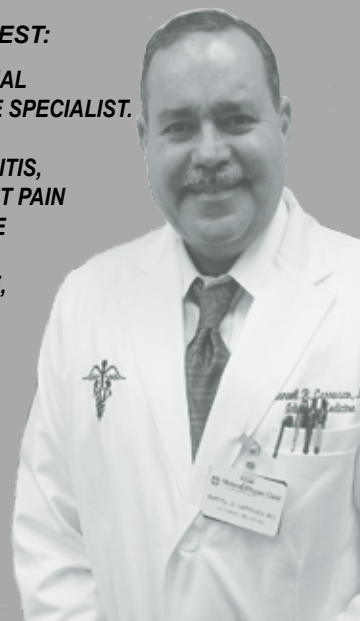
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through 4 years old. Times will be 8-3:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration for the 2014-2015 school year is May 12-16. For more info, go to www.bscapreschool.org.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 from 9 to 3 at Spring Town Plaza. Mark your calendars.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays for our fellowship meal. Adult Bible Study, Youth, Boy Scouts and children's activities start at 6:15.

We have started a Prayer Shawl Ministry as a part of our Sewing Seeds of Hope crafting ministry. We meet on Saturdays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to make a prayer shawl or want to join us in this ministry, come join us.

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

Our SCF Prayer Team meets every Tuesday from noon to 2 at Spring Town Plaza. We invite you to bring your lunch and join us in praying for our community, each other and the businesses in the mall.

Sunday activities include Connection Groups at 9:15 a.m., "Holy Grounds Cafe" at 10 a.m. and worship service at 10:45. There is a men's prayer breakfast and fellowship at 7:30 a.m. Saturdays.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

Forsan Baptist Church

Sunday morning we will begin a new message series titled "Spiritual Sustenance." These messages will deal with our progression as a newborn Christian to our early months and years as a new believer, and how we move toward spiritual maturity. This Sunday's message is titled "The New Birth," and comes from John 3:1-12. Wednesday evenings, we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament and Sunday evenings we are in the last weeks of the DVD series called "The Story."

We are currently in the final planning stages for a revival mutually held with Baker's Chapel.

Youth activities on Wednesday evenings include a meal at 5:30 and classes for all ages beginning at 6. We have Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, and CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Answers) Youth.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6.

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

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Do you wish you knew how to better share the good news of Jesus in Big Spring? Saturday, from 9 to noon, training to be a certified Hope 1:8 missionary to Howard County. Ryan Jesperson, director of Urban Missions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be leading this training to teach us practical strategies on how to reach our community for Christ. Additionally, specific training will be included on how to minister in the oil field setting. We will meet in the dining room; enter through the east kitchen doors.

At 9:30 Sunday morning, Sunday

school classes are held for all age groups and life stages. Children's classes are on the first floor, and they gather first in the Good News Garage for a time of praise and worship before going to their grade level groups. Youth and adults meet on the second floor. Come early for coffee and to get acquainted.

Morning worship service begins at 10:50, and we invite you to bring your smart phone, Kindle Fire or iPad to interact with the message brought by Pastor Mark Lindsey. Sunday's sermon, titled "Beyond Resurrection," is drawn from Acts 12:1-19 in which the account of a supernatural prison escape is told, and we are reminded that God is constantly hearing and answering prayers.

Parents of graduating seniors are encouraged to attend special classes during the Sunday school time. The class is titled "Sticky Faith" and focuses on practical ways to encourage students to continue to grow in their walk with Christ.

AWANA will have store night beginning at 5:30 Sunday evening. May 4 will be the AWANA end of the year award ceremony. Plan to be a part of the celebration.

The Mission Center, which includes the food pantry and clothes closet, will be open Thursday May 1 at 9 a.m. Donations of non-perishable food items are welcome, and monetary donations are also appreciated. Any food items not supplied through donations are purchased with the money given in support of the food pantry. If you would like to help, come at 8:30. You do not have to be a church member to volunteer. The Mission Center is located on Lancaster behind HEB.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5-6, followed by mission activities for children, Saturate Youth group, Adult Bible study and prayer time, and Adult Choir Practice. Call 267-8223 for more information or go to fbcbigspring.org. Join us April 30 for a baked potato bar.

If you have questions about God and His place in your life, call 267-8223 or stop by the church and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you, and talk with you about Jesus who loves you more than you can imagine. FBC is located at 705 W, FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie invite you come and worship God with this growing congregation Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Jesus Christ is doing wonderful things through the deaf community in our area, and you are invited to be a part of it. For additional information, contact Pastor Walterhouse at jwalterhouse@gmail.com. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700.

First Christian Church

Easter Sunday was doubly blessed for us and for many others, too. If there is such a thing, the rain showers Easter morning were fantastic. Inside, our worship was filled with stunning music, thanks to our musicians, Teresa and Larry Archambo.

This Sunday is known as "Low" Sunday. Originally, it was meant to distinguish it from Easter Sunday, which was called "High" Sunday. But in the era, it has come to mean a Sunday that is one of the lowest in attendance. Don't let that happen to your church — think of every Sunday as an Easter Sunday.

At FCC, our worship will focus on the rest of the story. Our text will be the second half the larger section at the end of the Gospel of John which recounts events surrounding the discovery of the empty tomb, and the appearances of Jesus, first to Mary, then to the disciples, and then to Thomas. Dr. McIntosh's sermon, "So, I Send

You," will explore how Easter Sunday is not the end, but the beginning of serving Jesus Christ. Our Worship leader will be Mary Beth Johnson; Laura Sickles will be leading Children's Church; Elders and deacons serving this week are Joe and Hollis McCright, Ken and Mary Beth Johnson, Eulaine McIntosh and Dan Miracle.

Our monthly board meeting will take place immediately after worship on Sunday in the Parlor.

East Side Baptist Church

Sunday at East Side Baptist Church, 1108 E. Sixth, will be having a study on "The Heart of God." It will be led by Pastor Bro. Shelly and take place at 1:45 p.m.

Sunday's other activities are Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 10:45. We also have Wednesday night service at 7. At the same time, the children meet and we have things for them to do.

Our church will be having a garage sale on May 3 to help send someone to our church camp.

If you need a ride, call the church at 267-1915. We have a van and can come pick you up.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.

Classic worship gathers at 8:30 a.m. and our blended worship is at 10:50. Both meet in the sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m. A nursery is provided at all times. The 10:50 a.m. service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

This Sunday, the congregation will be celebrating Youth Sunday and recognizing our graduating high school seniors. Members of the Epic Youth Ministry will be leading both services and the Epic Youth Band will be providing all the music at our 10:50 worship service.

The congregation will gather for a fellowship meal at noon in order to honor our high school seniors. The meal will be provided; however, congregation members are encouraged to bring one or two side dishes or desserts to share with others.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets each week in Garrett Hall. The meal service begin at 11:50 a.m. and the study concludes at 12:50 p.m.

Join us for Wednesday night activities as well. Supper is served at 5:30 in Garrett Hall. Classes and activities for all ages begin at 6.

For more information about any activity at First United Methodist Church, visit our website at fumbcs.com or phone 267-6394.

Non-denominational Sabbath Fellowship

Meeting at 809 Scurry, Saturday morning 10 until 11 a.m.

Well, people went to church this last Sunday that haven't been to church since Christmas. We hope you gained all you went for.

We gather every Sabbath (Saturday) for one purpose — to study God's word for ourselves. We invite everyone in the class to participate, allowing each to get in "their 2 cents worth." You can read your Bible through in a year, and end up wondering "what have I just done? I don't remember a thing I've read."

We study the Bible a subject at a time. Sometimes we spend several weeks on a subject; sometimes less, but when we finish a subject, everyone seems to have a better grasp.

We have no sermon, no song service and there is no collection plate. We are not a church, simply a dedicated Bible study class.

We invite you to come and check us out. You'll be glad you did.

Remember, what man says is unimportant; what God says is vital.

Bob and Marla Rainwater, moderators, 432-264-9937.

The Herald invites houses of worship to submit information about services, classes, etc. Names, other than those of pastors, elders, ministers and the like are omitted. This would include names of the sick, baptisms, graduates, etc.



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(Joel 2:23)

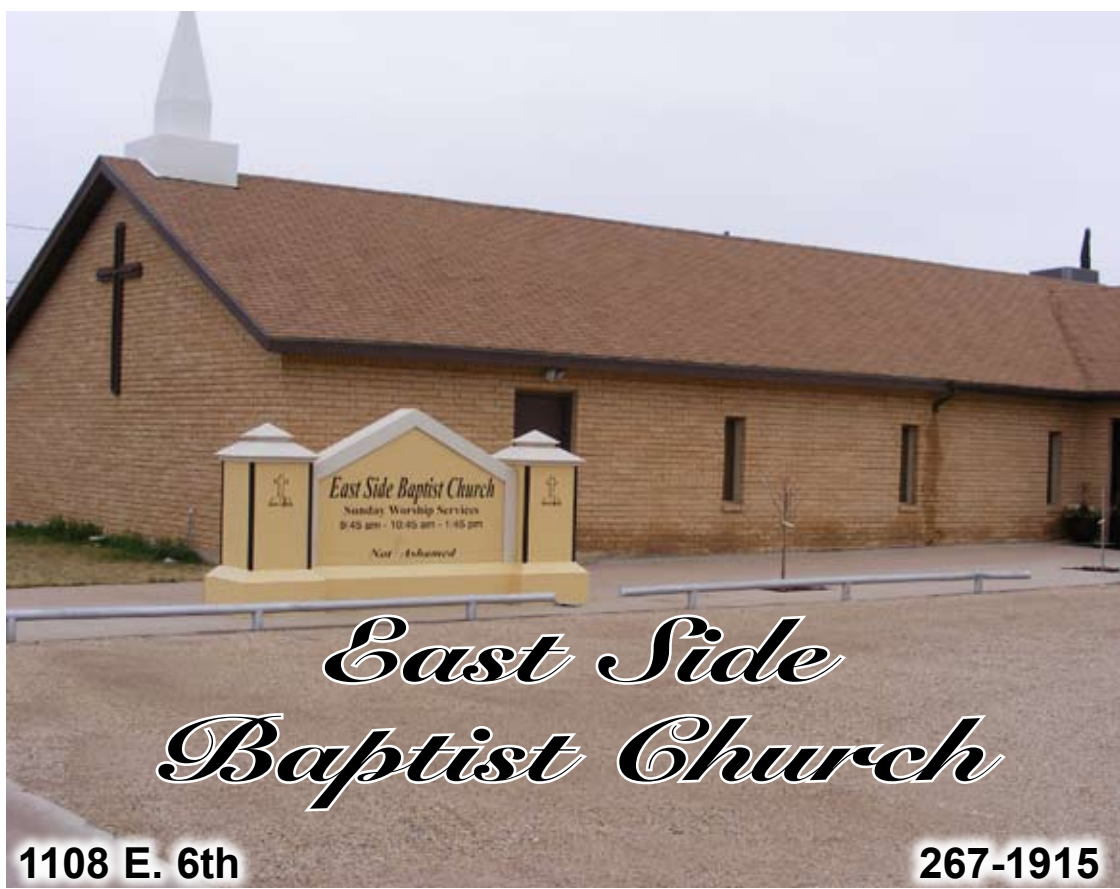
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Lady Hawks' Green signs with TTU

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks' alumni connection this week branch earlier this when Weronica Green agreed to a scholarship deal with Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga.

A 6-foot forward for the Lady Hawks, Green was a valuable sub this past season for Howard College as a freshman. Overall, she got into 28 games for the Lady Hawks, averaging 3.3 minutes and 0.4 points

per game as she adjusted to the American style of play.

"I'm delighted that Ronnie is getting a chance to continue playing basketball at the college level," said Howard head coach Earl Diddle. "She improved her game very much last year, and she has a bright future ahead of her."

A native of Oslo, Norway, Green came to Big Spring after attending IMG Academy in Brandenton, Fla., for a season. After finishing at IMG Academy, she attended a college-level camp where she

caught the eye of Diddle.

Despite the eye of Diddle. Despite seeing her limited playing time in her rookie season, Green said the move to Howard College was good for her, allowing her to continue adjusting to the speed of the American game.

At Tennessee Temple, Green will be joining a Lady Crusader basketball program that went 16-15 last season in the National Christian College Athletic Conference.

"I am very excited to go to Tennessee Temple and I have great expectations for next

year," said the 20-year-old. "I am also excited to get a new state."

Green is the third Howard College player to sign with a 4-year program in the past week. Last Monday, HC sophomore Sarah Stinnett signed with Eastern New Mexico University, and freshman Bailey Wipf signed with Tarleton State University.

Prior to starting at TTU, Green said she plans to return to Norway this summer to play on the Norwegian 20-and-Under national team.



Weronica Green ...
...signed with Tennessee Temple University

REGION I-3A TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' relay teams will be looking to claim gold medals at the Region I-3A Track and Field Championships this weekend in Lubbock. Members of the BSHS relay teams are (back row, left to right) Dyrshae Vanderbilt, Erin Pollard, Julianna Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Mathews (front) Faith Roberson, Autumn Minter and Martha Lewis.

And they're off ...

Big Spring athletes begin quest for state berths

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Autumn Minter and Dyrshae Vanderbilt can still feel the sting of failing to qualify for the finals at last year's Region I-3A Track and Field Championships. It was, they admit, a feeling that left them in tears.

And extremely determined to make sure there won't be a repeat.

"I was mad that day," said senior sprinter Autumn Minter. "I cried when we didn't qualify. I don't think any of us felt like we did what we wanted to do."

A year's worth of anger, hard work and determination could be erased today when the Lady Steers begin competition in the regional meet, which begins this afternoon on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

It has also left them a bit short on words.

Do they feel they have a chance to

win the regional title in the 4x100, 4x200- and 4x400-meter relays.

"Yes," said coach Kelly Ritchey. "Can they win in record time again?"

"Of course," said junior Erin Pollard.

Although they may be short on words, the Lady Steers are far from short on regional title hopes. Big Spring enters the meet with the fastest qualifying times in all three relays.

The 4x100-meter relay team – consisting of freshman Kaitlyn Mathews, senior Dyrshae Vanderbilt, junior Julianna Rodriguez and Minter won the District 3-4Area Track and Field title a week ago by more than 20 yards.

"We're pretty confident in what we can do," said Vanderbilt, who is attempting to reach the state track meet for the third time in her high school career. "We're going in with one of the faster times, so we know

Region I-3A Track and Field Championships

Friday		
Time	Event	Athlete
11 a.m.	Long Jump	Tate Kennedy BS girls
2:30 p.m.	4x100 relay	Charles Green Martha Lewis BS girls
3 p.m.	110 Hurdles	Ryan Lopez Ian Gonzales Devin Roberson Toby Tannehill BS boys
3:30 p.m.	100-meter dash	
3:50 p.m.	4x200 Relay	
4:05 p.m.	300 Hurdles	
4:25 p.m.	200-meter dash	
4:45 p.m.	4x400 relay	
Saturday		
2:45 p.m.	800 meter run	Faith Roberson Ryan Lopez Charles Green Martha Lewis BS girls
3:05 p.m.	110 Hurdles	Ryan Lopez Devin Roberson Toby Tannehill BS girls
3:20 p.m.	100-meter dash	
3:35 p.m.	4x200 finals	
3:50 p.m.	400-meter run	
4:05 p.m.	300 Hurdles	
4:25 p.m.	200-meter dash	
4:55 p.m.	4x400 relay	

we can do well."
The key to success?
"We just need to have clean hand-offs," said Rodriguez. "If we can do

that, we should have a chance."

The Lady Steers will be looking to better the 48.9 mark they posted two weeks ago at the District 4-3A meet.

The BSHS 4x200-meter squad – consisting of Vanderbilt, Minter, Faith Roberson and Mathews – will also be looking for gold. The foursome won the area track title last week in Pecos by more than 2 seconds.

"I think we have a good chance," said Roberson, who along with senior Martha Lewis will be competing in individual events as well as the relays. "The team is running our best times right now."

Big Spring's best time in the 4x200-meter relay this season is 1 minutes, 43.4 seconds.

It is a time they Lady Steers are looking to beat at the regional meet.

"We're looking to a second to a See **TRACK**, Page 14

HC slips to No. 17 in NJCAA baseball poll

The Howard College Lady Hawks slipped to No. 17 in the latest NJCAA Division I baseball poll.

Howard College, now 32-14 for the season, fell five places in the ranking over the past week. The team had been ranked No. 12 in last week's poll.

Chattahoochee Valley Community College,

Chipola and Spartanburg Methodist College remained first, second and third in the poll, respectively.

The Hawks, who have won two of their last three games, will face Clarendon in a doubleheader today, starting at noon at Jack Barber Field. They will also face Clarendon on Saturday in a doubleheader.

Season's end ...

The HC Lady Hawks will close out the regular season this weekend. The HC women face Clarendon in a doubleheader on Friday, starting at 1 p.m. They face Frank Phillips on Saturday.



Breyman, Stevenson set for state tennis meet

J.T. Breyman and J.P. Stevenson will kick off their attempt at winning the Class A state doubles' title on Monday.

The Forsan High School standouts are among a handful of teams to qualify for the state meet, which will be staged on April 27-28 at the Texas A&M University tennis complex in College Station.

Breyman and Stevenson advanced to state after winning the Region I-A doubles title last week with an impressive outing at South Plains College in Levelland. They went 2-0 at the regional meet, downing a team from Miles (6-4, 6-2) in the semifinal round and a squad Fort Hancock (6-2, 6-4) in the finals.

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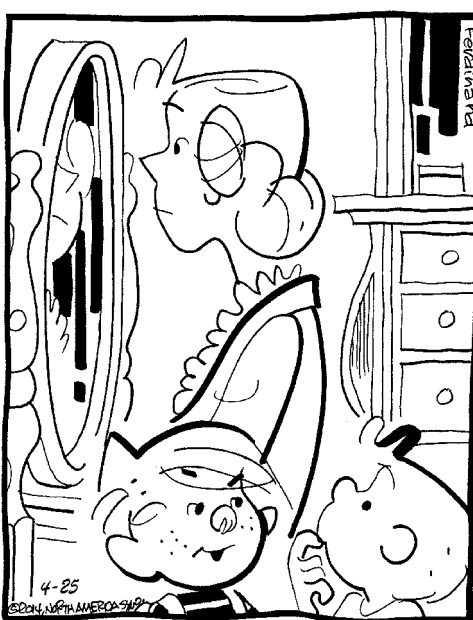
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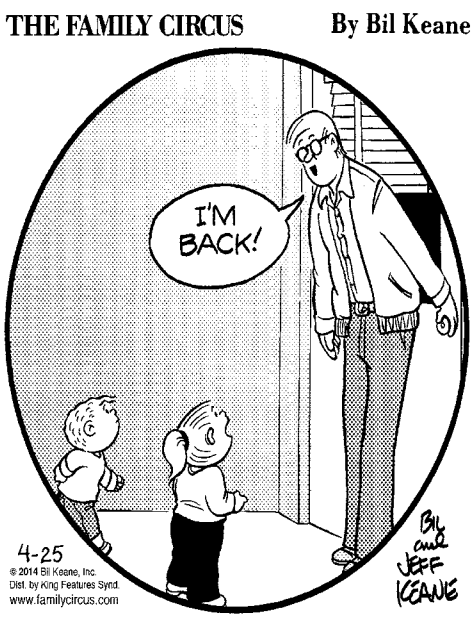
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6 :PM	Jeopardy!	De Que Te Quiero	Big Bang	News	Caso Cerado	News	Seinfeld	Chevalme	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Boss Hog		Cops	Supernatural	Movie: Why Did I Get Married?, Jill Scott	Movie: Cars 2, Michael Caine	NASCAR	NBA
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12 :AM	Extra	Amorcito Corazon	Raymond	Insider	Camelia La Texana		Bam	Mani	T. Smiley (Off Air)	The Un-touchables	Sons of Guns		Jail	(:33) Movie: Hulk, Sam Elliott	Queen Latifah	ANT Farm	Olbermann	SportsCenter
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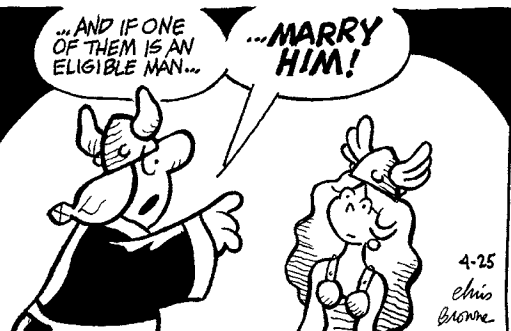


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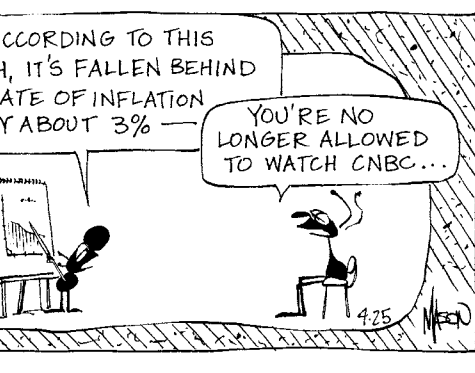
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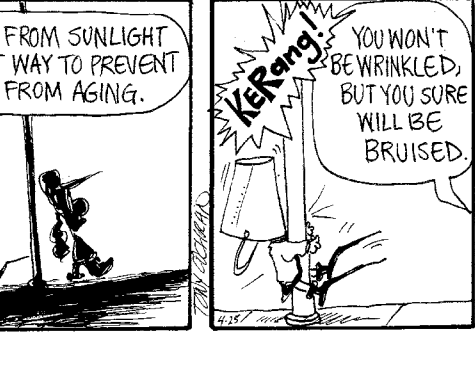
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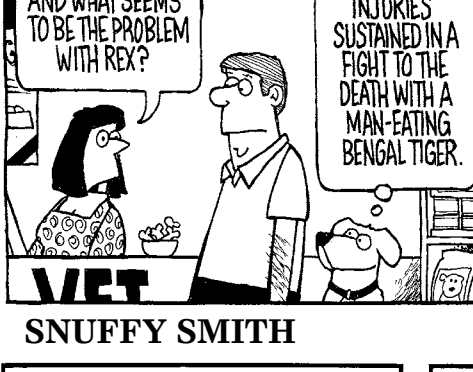
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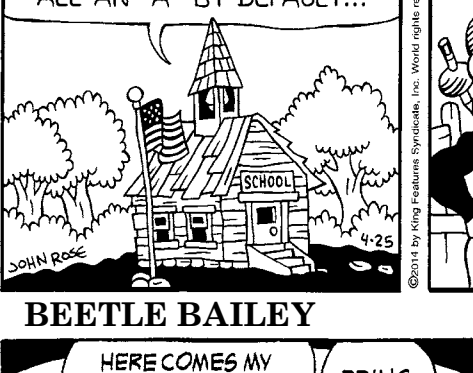
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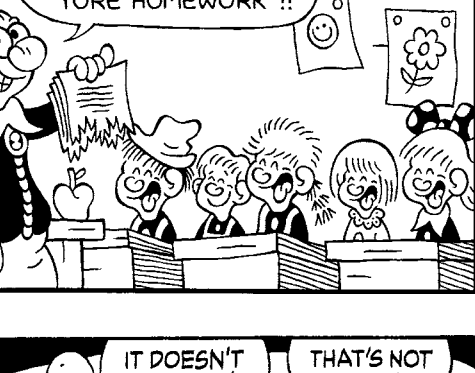
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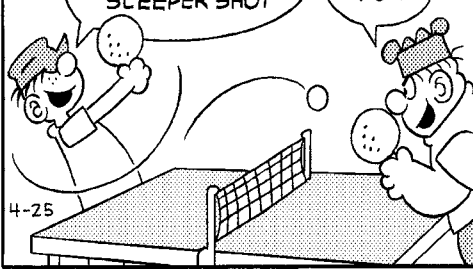
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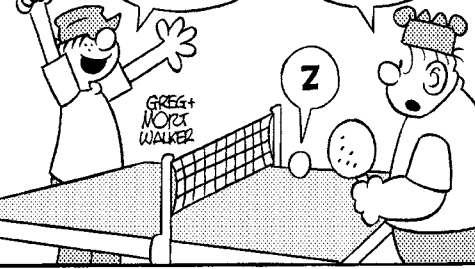
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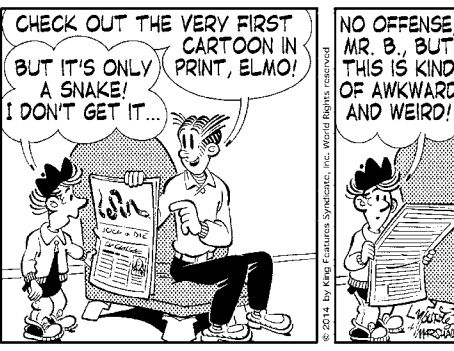
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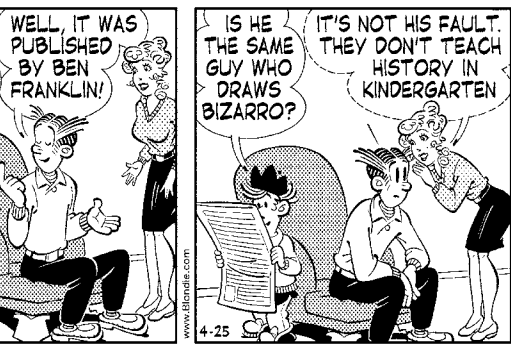
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 25, the 115th day of 2014. There are 250 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 25, 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemueler contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (veh-POO'-chee). On this date: In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French

law to be executed by the guillotine. In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal. In 1862, during the Civil War, a Union fleet commanded by Flag Officer David G. Farragut captured the city of New Orleans. In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain. In 1901, New York Gov. Benjamin Barker Odell Jr. signed an automobile registration bill which imposed a 15 mph speed limit on highways. In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli (guh-LIHP'-uh-lee)

Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war. In 1944, the United Negro College Fund was founded. In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping. In 1964, vandals sawed off the head of the "Little Mermaid" statue in Copenhagen, Denmark. © 2014 The Associated Press.

Answer to previous puzzle

POPS	BATCH	SKREW
EURO	AMAZE	PEER
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ETA	EPA	MESSES
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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 20 Frittata ingredient | 45 Prefix for sphere |
| 1 Lisa on <i>Friends</i> | 1 Interest meas. | 22 Voice of Bugs and Daffy | 46 Prepare to drag |
| 7 Nerve near the hip | 2 "Not a chance!" | 23 One wearing a Y | 47 Foot part |
| 14 Big name in peanut research | 3 Refinement candidate | 24 Fully | 50 Polished off |
| 15 Glasses without temples | 4 Resort on Lake Geneva | 25 Shut, as a gate | 51 Designer's model |
| 17 Basic faith | 5 Sully | 26 Tuscan island | 54 Lead in |
| 18 Start of a Homer Simpson quote | 6 White-coated weasel | 27 007 before Roger | 55 Pink drinks |
| 19 Tahiti sweetie | 7 UV-blocking stat | 31 Eastern European capital | 57 Blues singer James |
| 21 Not doctored | 8 <i>World Factbook</i> producer | 33 Casino fixtures | 60 "Let's build a smarter planet" sloganer |
| 22 Part 2 of quote | 9 Small-business mag | 37 Outer limits | 61 Actress Vardalos |
| 28 Trusted one | 10 Fill the role of | 38 Days of old | 62 Economic indicator |
| 29 Half a rectangle | 11 Try out | 39 Superhero access method | 64 Something to check or tip |
| 30 Wine and dine | 12 Reeling | 40 Keep changing | 65 Night-school subj. |
| 31 About 35 ounces | 13 Edible grasses | 41 Circles around moons | 66 Edible grass |
| 32 Reddish purple | 16 Ardent proponent | 42 Sportscast commentator | |

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SCOREBOARD

NBA
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Saturday, April 19
Brooklyn 94, Toronto 87
Golden St. 109, Clippers 105
Atlanta 101, Indiana 93
Okla. City 100, Memphis 86
Sunday, April 20
San Antonio 90, Dallas 85
Miami 99, Charlotte 88
Washington 102, Chicago 93
Portland 122, Houston 120, OT
Monday, April 21
Memphis 111, Oklahoma City 105, OT.
L.A. Clippers 138, Golden State 98
Tuesday, April 22
Indiana 101, Atlanta 85
Toronto 100, Brooklyn 95
Washington 101, Chicago 99, OT
Wednesday, April 23
Miami 101, Charlotte 97
Dallas 113, San Antonio 92
Portland 112, Houston 105,
Thursday, April 24
Atlanta 98, Indiana 85, Atlanta leads series 2-1
Memphis 98, Oklahoma City 95, OT, Memphis leads series 2-1
L.A. Clippers 98, Golden State 96, L.A. Clippers leads series 2-1
Friday, April 25
Toronto at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 8 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 26
Indiana at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Okla. City at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 27
Chicago at Washington, 1 p.m.
Clippers at Golden St., 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	13	9	.591	—
Baltimore	11	10	.524	1½
Toronto	11	11	.500	2
Tampa Bay	10	12	.455	3
Boston	10	13	.435	3½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	11	8	.579	—
Minnesota	11	10	.524	1
Cleveland	11	11	.500	1½

Chicago	11	12	.478	2
Kansas City	10	11	.476	2

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	14	8	.636	—
Texas	14	8	.636	—
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	3½
Seattle	8	13	.381	5½
Houston	7	16	.304	7½

Thursday's Games
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 1
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 4
Minnesota 9, Tampa Bay 7
Baltimore 11, Toronto 4
N.Y. Yankees 14, Boston 5
Oakland 10, Houston 1

Friday's Games
Kansas City (Ventura 1-1) at Baltimore (Jimenez 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Peavy 0-0) at Toronto (Buehrle 4-0), 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 2-1) at Minnesota (Correa 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (J.Chavez 1-0) at Houston (Peacock 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Er.Johnson 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (Ross Jr. 1-1) at Seattle (Elias 1-2), 10:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 0-2) at San Francisco (Hudson 2-1), 10:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	14	7	.667	—
New York	12	10	.545	2½
Washington	12	11	.522	3
Philadelphia	11	11	.500	3½
Miami	10	12	.455	4½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	16	6	.727	—
St. Louis	12	11	.522	4½
Cincinnati	11	11	.500	5
Pittsburgh	9	14	.391	7½
Chicago	7	14	.333	8½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	13	10	.565	—
San Francisco	12	10	.545	½
Colorado	12	11	.522	1
San Diego	11	12	.478	2
Arizona	7	18	.280	7

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 1
Arizona 5, Chicago Cubs 2
San Diego 4, Washington 3, 12 innings
Philadelphia 7, L.A. Dodgers 3

Friday's Games
San Diego (Erlin 1-2) at Washington (Strasburg 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (H.Alvarez 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 1-1) at Atlanta (E.Santana 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Villanueva 1-4) at Milwaukee (Garza 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 2-1) at St. Louis (S.Miller 1-2), 8:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 1-0) at Arizona (Collmenter 0-2), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (Lyles 3-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 0-0), 10:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 0-2) at San Francisco (Hudson 2-1), 10:15 p.m.

TEXAS LEAGUE
North Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Springfield	10	10	.500	—
Tulsa	10	10	.500	—
Arkansas	8	12	.400	2
NW Arkansas	6	14	.300	4

South Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Frisco	14	6	.700	—
Corpus Christi	12	8	.600	2
Midland	11	8	.579	2½
San Antonio	8	11	.421	5½

Thursday's Games
Springfield 8, NW Arkansas 2
Frisco 2, San Antonio 0
Tulsa 8, Arkansas 3
Corpus Christi 9, Midland 3

Friday's Games
Midland at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 8:10 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 2:10 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS RANGERS — Named Darren Oliver special assistant to the general manager.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Named Gerald Dixon pro scout.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed QB Caleb Hanie.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed LB Josh Hull.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Announced the retirement of CB Marcus Trufant.

TRACK

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second-and-a-half off that time," said BSHS head track coach Nick Roberson. "The girls are capable of that easily."
The Lady Steers will also be looking to earn a berth in the state meet in the 4x400-meter relay in grand fashion. En route to garnering a bid to the state meet, the BSHS foursome of Erin Pollard, Roberson, Mathews and Vanderbilt are hoping to shatter the high school record in the 4x400 for a third time.
The Lady Steers' best time this season in the event is 3:57.3
"Is breaking the school record a third time in 90 days a realistic expectation?"
"Yes," said Ritchey.
The Lady Steers won't be the only Big Spring athletes looking to punch their tickets to the state meet, which is slated for May 9-10 at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin. Several BSHS boys will also be competing in the regional meet.
Tate Kennedy leads off the Steers' efforts by participating in the high jump competition, starting at 11 a.m.
Charles Green, who is making his second appearance in as many years at the regional meet, will compete in the 110-meter hurdles prelims at 3 p.m., while teammates Ryan Lopez and Ian Gonzales will run in the 400-meter prelims starting at 4:15 p.m.
Senior Devin Roberson and junior Tobyn Tannehill will also be in action. Roberson will participate in the 300-meter hurdles prelims at 4:35 p.m. Tannehill runs in the boys' 200-meter prelims at 5 p.m.
The Big Spring boys' 4x400-meter relay team will also be competing.
The finals for all events — except for the 3,200-meter run — will be held Saturday.

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