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Easter egg hunts slated for weekend

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

Egg hunters: On your mark, get set ... The Easter Bunny will be busy this weekend, as a pair of large-scale egg hunts are scheduled in Big Spring.

On Saturday from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans home will its its annual community-wide Easter egg hunt.

"There will be hot dogs cooked by David Ortiz and Adrian Viera, and live music," said Michelle Rodriguez, activities director.

About 30,000 eggs will await young hunters the day of the event, which will also include booths with darts, coke throws and pick a ducks for the visitors.

"This is our biggest activity of the year at Lamun-Lusk," Rodriguez said. "The easter egg hunt is for the whole community."

Three areas will be set up; one for ages 1 through 5 years of age, 6 through 10 years of age, and an area for the 11 year olds and and older.

"If anyone wants to help, we could use some

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring police and emergency personnel responded to a major accident call in the area of 18th and Gregg streets Thursday afternoon. At least two vehicles were involved in the accident, which ended with a pickup truck towing a flat-bed trailer partially left sitting on the front lawn of Kentucky Fried Chicken and on Gregg street. The accident closed down both northbound lanes on Gregg Street until the truck could be moved. A third vehicle also received damage caused by a pet cage that flew off the truck. No information about injuries sustained to anyone involved in the accident were available by press time.

KBSB hosting city-wide cleaning effort April 11

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

The time for Spring cleaning is right around the corner, and Big Spring is no exception.

This year's Big Spring city

clean-up will take place April 11.

"I know that the 11th is going to be a busy day with all of the events taking place, but Keep Texas Beautiful is who selects the date," said Lisa Brooks, president of Keep Big Spring

Beautiful. "We are hoping that the businesses, organizations, and people who participated last year will be back out there helping again."

The official sign-up to participate and chance to pick up trash bags for the event is

April 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce which is located at 215 W. 3rd St. The event will take place on April 11 and there will be 30 yard containers downtown at the Heart of the City Park (across from the courthouse)

for the disposal of trash collected that day. There will also be hot dogs, chips, and drinks 11 a.m. to noon for the participants who signed up.

According to Brooks, busi-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The 11th Annual West Texas Center's Hoops, Dreams and Goals Basketball Tournament kicked off today at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Ten basketball teams from around the West Texas area are participating in a friendly basketball competition today. The event began with the ceremonial entrance of all the teams and their cheerleaders.



BSHS Cheerleading Prep Class

The Big Spring High School cheerleading sponsors will host a one-day prep class for any students considering trying out for high school and junior high cheerleading. The class will be held this Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$20. Students will learn jumps and jumping techniques, motions and motion techniques and what to expect at try-outs. The class will not cover any try-out material. For more information, contact Ashley Phinney at 264-3641.

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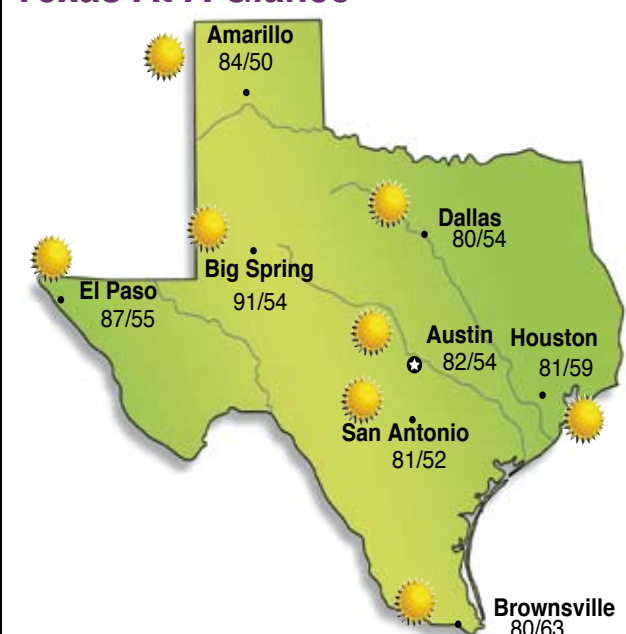
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Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM

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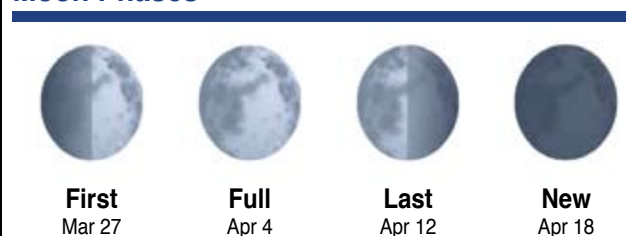
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Amarillo	84	50	sunny	Livingston	78	54	sunny
Austin	82	54	sunny	Longview	76	50	sunny
Beaumont	77	56	sunny	Lubbock	87	51	sunny
Brownsville	80	63	sunny	Lufkin	80	54	sunny
Brownwood	86	52	sunny	Midland	88	54	sunny
Corpus Christi	78	63	sunny	Raymondville	82	61	sunny
Corsicana	79	52	sunny	Rosenberg	79	57	sunny
Dallas	80	54	sunny	San Antonio	81	52	sunny
Del Rio	87	55	sunny	San Marcos	81	52	sunny
El Paso	87	55	sunny	Sulphur Springs	74	52	sunny
Fort Stockton	88	58	sunny	Sweetwater	89	56	sunny
Gainesville	76	52	sunny	Tyler	76	53	sunny
Greenville	75	51	sunny	Weatherford	85	54	sunny
Houston	81	59	sunny	Wichita Falls	82	51	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	29	mst sunny	Minneapolis	43	36	sunny
Boston	36	23	sn shower	New York	39	24	pt sunny
Chicago	36	26	sunny	Phoenix	91	59	sunny
Dallas	80	54	sunny	San Francisco	66	53	pt sunny
Denver	80	43	sunny	Seattle	67	49	cloudy
Houston	81	59	sunny	St. Louis	48	33	pt sunny
Los Angeles	85	62	sunny	Washington, DC	45	26	cloudy
Miami	79	60	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 3/28	Sun 3/29	Mon 3/30	Tue 3/31	Wed 4/1
8	8	7	7	8
Very High	Very High	High	High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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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

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

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

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information, call 806-785-0942.

Carl D. Herron



Carl D. Herron, 81, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 25, 2015 in Fort Worth. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Carl was born June 16, 1933, in Muncie, Ind. to Ralph and Laura Herron. He married Frances Geurin Dec. 24, 1954 and she preceded him in death May 26, 2012.

Carl graduated from Muncie Central High School. He joined the U.S. Air Force and served at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring. After leaving the Air Force, he continued to work for the Department of Defense.

When Webb AFB closed, Carl and his family moved to Midwest City, Okla., where he worked for the DOD at Tinker Air Force Base until his retirement. After retiring in 1988, he and Frankie re-

turned to Big Spring, where he began working for Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. They lived in Big Spring until moving to the Fort Worth area in 2010. He was a Mason, a member of the American Legion Post 437 in Selma, Ind., and a long-time member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church in Big Spring, where he served as treasurer, a Sunday School teacher, and a Deacon.

Survivors include daughter, Cindy and her partner, Thayer; son, Marty and wife, Suzanne, all of Fort Worth; son, Kevin, of Round Rock; granddaughters, Ashleigh of Fort Worth, and Kaylee of Galveston; grandson, Brandon and wife, Michelle, of Melissa; brothers, Earl and wife, Donna of Selma, Indiana, and Donnie and wife, Diana, of Muncie, Indiana; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Lung Association, 1349 Empire Central Drive, Suite 280, Dallas, Texas 75247 or to the Selma American Legion Post 437, 315 S. Albany Street, Selma, Indiana 47383.

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

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Obituaries

Police/Sheriff

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

- JACOB LEE GRISSOM, 23, 801 Marcy No. 34, was arrested on warrants charging failure to display driver's license and failure to appear.
- ARNOLDO SOLIS, 47, 101 E. 20th, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.
- CLORISSA RODRIGUEZ MENDEZ, 22, 1305 Elm, was arrested on a warrant charging assault by contact.
- LAUREN RACINE SMITH, 27, 1801 Settles, was arrested on war-

rants charging manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of N.W. Second and the 400 block of Martin Luther King.
- THEFT was reported in the 100 block of E. 20th and the 2100 block of S. Gregg.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE

was reported in the 1400 block of Princeton.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (66 inmates were reported in the county jail):

- ARNOLDO SOLIS, 47, was jailed on a charge of criminal mischief.
- CLORISSA RODRIGUEZ MENDEZ, 22, was jailed on a capias warrant for assault/physical contact.
- ANTHONY CRAIG LEWIS, 48, was jailed on an Andrews County charge of assault on a public servant.

Take Note

- The Young and Breastless, a Relay for Life team, will be holding a garage sale on April 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The sale will be at 504 E. 13th St. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. If anyone has any items to donate to the garage sale, call Judy Pumroy at 432-638-2499 or bring the items to the garage sale.

- BSHS Senior 2015 After Prom committee will host a fundraiser Saturday at 8 a.m. at the west doors of Walmart. They will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts.

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair is scheduled for April 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 8 a.m. until noon. Admission is free. There will be health screenings, demonstrations, car seat check up, bike rodeo and more. For more information, call the chamber at 432-263-7641.

- For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GP-STRONG). Parrish was seriously injured in a recent sledding accident.

- An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

- The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the

years.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends.

F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handi-

capped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers



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News in brief

German police search for hints of motive in homes of co-pilot amid depression reports

BERLIN (AP) — Police have searched the homes of co-pilot Andreas Lubitz in two German cities in search of an explanation for why he may have crashed a passenger plane into the French Alps, killing all 150 people on board.

German tabloid Bild reported Friday that Lubitz had a “serious depressive episode” six years ago and that a medical problem was noted in aviation records.

The Federal Aviation Office couldn’t immediately be reached for comment.

French investigators believe the 27-year-old locked himself inside the cockpit and then intentionally smashed the Germanwings plane into a mountainside.

A spokeswoman for Duesseldorf police, Susanna Heusgen, said “no crucial piece of evidence has been found yet” after the searches in Duesseldorf and Montabaur.

Little effort is applied to vetting airline pilots for mental health issues, US experts say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite U.S. and international regulations requiring that airline pilots be screened for mental health problems, little effective, real-world checking takes place, pilots and safety experts say.

The crash of Germanwings Flight 9525 into an Alpine mountain, which killed all 150 people aboard, has raised questions about the mental state of the co-pilot. Authorities believe the 27-year-old German deliberately sought to destroy the Airbus A320 as it flew Tuesday from Barcelona to Duesseldorf.

In the U.S., the Federal Aviation Administration requires that pilots receive a physical exam from a flight surgeon annually or every six months depending upon the pilot’s age. The International Civil Aviation Organization, a U.N. agency that sets global aviation standards, also requires that pilots receive a periodic medical exam including a mental assessment.

Technically, doctors are supposed to probe for mental problems, but pilots said Thursday that’s usually not how it works.

“There really is no mental health vetting,” said John Gadzinski, a captain with a major U.S. airline and former Navy pilot. In 29 years of physicals from flight surgeons he’s never once been asked about his mental health, he said.

Senate follows House in passing GOP plan to balance budget, dismantle Obama health care law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans muscled a balanced-budget plan through the Senate early Friday, positioning Congress for months of battling President Barack Obama over the GOP’s goals of slicing spending and dismantling his health care law.

Working into Friday’s pre-dawn hours, senators approved the blueprint by a near party-line 52-46 vote, endorsing a measure that closely follows one the House passed Wednesday. Both budgets embody a conservative vision of shrinking projected federal deficits by more than \$5 trillion over the coming decade, mostly by cutting health care and

other benefit programs and without raising taxes.

The Senate was beginning a spring recess after approving the measure, leaving Congress’ two GOP-run chambers to negotiate a compromise budget in mid-April. The legislation is a non-binding blueprint that does not require Obama’s signature but lays the groundwork for future bills that seem destined for veto fights with the president.

“Republicans have shown that the Senate is under new management and delivering on the change and responsible government the American people expect,” said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

Arabs inch closer to longtime dream of creating a joint Arab force

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — Arab leaders meeting this weekend in this Egyptian Red Sea resort are moving closer than ever to creating a joint Arab military force, a sign of a new determination among Saudi Arabia, Egypt and their allies to intervene aggressively in regional hotspots, whether against Islamic militants or spreading Iranian power.

Creation of such a force has been a longtime goal that has eluded Arab nations in the 65 years since they signed a rarely used joint defense pact. And there remains reluctance among some countries, particularly allies of Iran like Syria and Iraq — a reflection of the divisions in the region.

Foreign ministers gathered in Sharm el-Sheikh ahead of the summit, which begins Saturday, agreed on a broad plan for the force. It came as Saudi Arabia and its allies opened a campaign of airstrikes in Yemen against Iranian-backed Shiite rebels who have taken over much of the country and forced its U.S.- and Gulf-backed president to flee abroad.

The Yemen campaign marked a major test of the new policy of intervention by the Gulf and Egypt. The brewing Yemen crisis — and Gulf fears that the rebels are a proxy for Iranian influence — have been one motivator in their move for a joint Arab force. But it also signaled that they are not going to wait for the Arab League, notorious for its delays and divisions, and will press ahead with their military coordination on multiple fronts.

Utility says inspectors found faulty work before blast tore through NYC building, injuring 19

NEW YORK (AP) — An hour before an apparent gas explosion sent flames soaring and debris flying at a Manhattan apartment building, injuring 19 people, utility company inspectors decided the work being done there was faulty.

The blast on Thursday in the East Village caused the building’s collapse, and largely destroyed another structure. It left four people in critical condition, more than a dozen others injured and one family searching for a loved one.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said preliminary evidence suggested a gas explosion amid plumbing and gas work inside the building that collapsed was to blame. A plumber was doing work connected to a gas service upgrade, and inspectors for utility company Con Edison had been there, company President Craig Ivey said. But the work failed the inspection, partly because a space for the new meters wasn’t big enough, Con Ed said.

The state Department of Public Service was monitoring Con Ed’s response.

Restaurant diners ran out of their shoes and bystanders helped one another to escape the mid-afternoon blast, which damaged four buildings as flames shot into the air, witnesses said. Passers-by were hit by debris and flying glass, and bloodied victims were aided as they sat on sidewalks and lay on the ground, they said.

US strategy across Mideast is complicated, in large part because of complex US-Iran dynamic

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Iranian diplomats gather at a Baroque palace in Europe, a historic nuclear agreement within reach. Over Iraq’s deserts, their militaries fight a common foe. Leaders in Washington and Tehran, capitals once a million miles from each other in ideological terms, wrestle for the first time in decades with the notion of a rapprochement.

Yet the old adversaries are locked in proxy war across an ever more volatile region. In Syria, the United States arms insurgents seeking to oust the Iran-backed government. In Lebanon, the Palestinian territories and elsewhere, Iran supports militant groups determined to end Israel’s existence. And now in Yemen, the U.S. is backing a military intervention by Sunni powerhouse Saudi Arabia against a Shiite rebellion aided by Iran.

Nothing is simple amid the overlapping fault lines of Sunnis and Shiite, Arabs and Persians, Muslims and Jews, and the countless tribal affiliations that define that part of the world. And six years after President Barack Obama swept into office hoping to simplify America’s role there by ending the long war in Iraq, engaging Iran and Syria and trying to advance a long-sought Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement, U.S. involvement in the region — and its relationship with Iran — seem more complicated than ever.

The Obama administration insists its Middle East policy follows long-standing principles: defeating terrorism, halting the spread of weapons of mass destruction, stabilizing weak states, advancing democracy and human rights, spurring economic development. At the heart of each objective is counteracting Iran. The U.S. accuses Tehran of sponsoring terrorism around the world and destabilizing neighboring countries.

Fish, critters found in extreme Antarctica hint that life could thrive elsewhere in cosmos

DECEPTION ISLAND, Antarctica (AP) — Deep below the ice, far from the playful penguins and other animals that bring tourists to Antarctica, is a cold and barren world that by all indications should be completely void of life.

But recently, scientists researching melting ice watched a half-foot-long (15-centimeter) fish swim by. Not long after that, they saw shrimp-like creatures.

In even more remote places on the continent, areas that haven’t been exposed to sunlight for millions of years, scientists found a surprise right out of an alien movie: the DNA of a microscopic creature that looks like a combination of a bear, manatee and centipede.

Life that is simultaneously normal and weird, simple and complex thrives in this extreme environment. To the scientists who brave the cold and remoteness to find life amid the ice, it’s a source of surprise and wonder. For extreme life experts, it’s a testimony to the power of evolution.

“It really shows how tenacious life is,” said Reed Scherer, a professor at Northern Illinois University.

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more bags of little candies.” said Rodriguez. “They can just be

dropped off at the front desk.”

Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home is located at 1809 N. Highway 87 just a little beyond TA Travel Center and be-

fore the Big Spring State Hospital.

On Sunday, the Northside Movement and the Low Image Car Club will co-host an Easter Egg hunt at 4 p.m. in

Andries Park, 1000 N.E. Seventh.

Contact Julie Bass at 263-7331 ext. 232 or email life@bigspringherald.com

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nesses wishing to participate can pick any day in April for their company to help pick up trash.

If a person wishes to help, but is unavailable

on the selected day, they are still welcome to visit the chamber of commerce to pick up trash bags (and safety vests if they need them for going near roads). The Keep Big Spring Beautiful organization asks that anyone who picks up trash for this event informs the chamber of

commerce of how many bags were filled and thrown away.

“They can pick up trash in their neighborhoods, the park and just anywhere that there is a need.”

To follow this event or get more information, there is a facebook page, Keep Big Spring Beautiful,

or people may call the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Contact Julie Bass 263-7331 ext 232.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Every day's a holiday

As a general rule, I enjoy those special calendar dates we label as holidays. I am especially fond of the ones such as next Sunday, which afford us an opportunity to celebrate something, or Someone as is the case of Easter Sunday. They are indeed special days if they spotlight or celebrate a person, cause or event genuinely worthy of being honored. But the truth is there are a lot of just plain silly holidays.

I realize some holidays have been proclaimed as a humorous or facetious statement about something or someone. But there are some who take this “every day should be a holiday” business to the extreme. Just about anything your mind can imagine, serious or silly, has a day set aside for it.

So who says what is a holiday and what isn't? Chase's Calendar of Events, which has listed holidays and celebrations around the world for more than 56 years, has become somewhat of an authority. Chase's accepts online submissions for any holiday, but requires proof such as the history of the celebration and a website before the day is accepted and added to avoid pranks.

The difference between federal, state or recognized holidays and special days like professional holidays is clear. The president and Congress can declare federal holidays, which give federal workers the day off. State holidays are signed by officials in the state and celebrated there, like Texas Independence Day (March 2) Rhode Island Independence Day (May 4) or Truman Day (May 8) for the former president, which is celebrated in his home state of Missouri.

Recognized holidays are very popular observances that pay tribute to something such as Mother's Day (May 12), Cinco de Mayo (May 5), Independence Day (July 4), and the widely celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. And special days were invented to promote something or just for fun, like

No Socks Day (May 8).

Thomas and Ruth Roy created about 90 special days for more than 20 years by entering them into Chase's. Now retired from their holiday-creation hobby, they are still known for some of the most creative ones, all listed on their website, wellcat.com. He believes that everybody is entitled to create a holiday or celebration for others to enjoy, with no need for greeting cards. “I don't need Hallmark to tell me to do something,” Tom said. “Everybody is free to do whatever they want as long as it's not hurting anybody else.”

And so they have, resulting in many overlapping professional holidays. This year, May 8 is National Third Shift Workers Day, National Night Shift Workers Day and Receptionist Day; they all fall on the second Wednesday in May.

There are a number of honorable, yet essentially unknown, holidays that deserve more attention. Husband Caregiver Day, which coincides with Father's Day, was created by Dr. Richard Boyd in 2005 to recognize men who take care of spouses when they have become ill.

And then there is National Medical Dosimetrists Day (third Wednesday in August), spawned by the American Association of Medical Dosimetrists, to honor members of the radiation oncology team who plan out the radiation doses to treat cancer patients.

But it seems that for every noble holiday there are a hundred wacky ones.

We are about done with March, but April is coming up and if you think April Fool's Day is all you've got to look forward to, let me assure you there's plenty more happening before May blows in. There's Plan Your Epitath Day (April 6) Draw a Picture of a Bird Day (8) 8-Track Tape Day (11) and May 14 is Ex-Spouse Day, Look Up at the Sky Day, and Reach As High as You Can Day. I can't make this up, folks.

Speaking of May, you'll need to prepare for Lumpy Rug Day, (May 3) No Diet Day, (6) Lost Sock Memorial Day, (9) Frog Jumping Day, (13) Dance Like a Chicken Day, (14) National Sea Monkey Day (16) and the ever-

popular National Escargot Day (24).

Know what holiday falls on June 9? It's Donald Duck Day, in honor of Donald Duck's cartoon debut. Donald first appeared in “The Wise Hen” on June 9, 1934. While Donald is more than 80 years old, he doesn't act a day over 20. Donald is one of Disney's most famous and beloved characters. And, did you know he has an official middle name? Donald F. Duck's middle name is “Fauntleroy”.

Millions of people love sweet corn on the cob. As summer nears, we can't wait to bring out the salt and pepper, and boil, steam or grill some fresh, sweet, corn on the cob. June 11 is National Corn on the Cob Day and it encourages us to celebrate and enjoy this tasty summer time treat. Plainview, Minn. celebrates National Corn on the Cob Day in a big way. They hold a parade and other festivities.

I am especially fond of two special days in month number nine. September 5 is Be Late for Something Day and the very next day is Fight Procrastination Day. There has to be a story there somewhere. September 16 is National Play Doh Day and the 19th is International Talk Like a Pirate Day.

October honors us with jewels like Virus Appreciation Day (3), Bald and Free Day (7), Moldy Cheese Day (9) and Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day (11). Seriously, if you're old enough to have a job, I would advise you to ignore that last one. And I'm also a little uneasy about National Nut Day on the 22nd.

I don't want to be square so I will be waiting anxiously for Nov. 2, which is Look for Circles Day. Then there's Chaos Never Dies Day (9) and Have a Party With Your Bear Day (16). Some grump gave us Nov. 19 as Have a Bad Day Day.

Oh well, cheer up. Before you know it there will be sparkling Christmas lights all over town.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

Eddy Prince is senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church of God in Big Spring. He can be reached by email at pastorprince@msn.com.

The value of nurses

My nurses, among the smartest, most talented, most compassionate women I have met in my life, with meticulous care nursed me back to life. They are worth far more than they are paid.



SUSAN ESTRICH

ted hair and insisting on clean pajamas and clean sheets. The first two times I came home from the hospital, I thought I could take care of myself, or that untrained “caretakers” could nurse me. The third time I came home with registered nurses, and they nursed me back toward health.

All of my nurses, as it happened, were women. So why don't they make as much as men?

Dr. Ulrike Muench, a nurse practitioner with a Ph.D from Yale, and her colleagues at University of California San Francisco examined two decades of data from some 80,000 RN's and concluded that, in this female-dominated profession, the minority of male nurses earn almost \$11,000 per year more than their female counterparts.

Controlling for all the obvious factors — advanced degrees, clinical specialties and experience — explained away only half of the difference.

The rest? A pay gap of \$5,148 per year that costs women and their families, over the course of a career, more than \$150,000.

Why?

The researchers were able to point to fields in which the gap was greatest — e.g., nurse anesthetists were paid \$17,290 more if they were men than if they were women; male cardiac nurses earn just over \$6,000 more; and orthopedics, where women came closest to parity). Still, over the course of the multi-year study, which included responses from more than 80,000 RN's, women never achieved parity.

When I first started in politics, we used to wear buttons that said “69 percent,” which was the average pay gap between men and women at the time. You got all kinds of responses in those days: that it was just the market, or that women chose (or were chosen) to work in lower-paying female-dominated positions like nursing and teaching. But none of the old bromides explains why within a profession like nursing, where, if anything, the stereotypes of women as more caring should actually produce higher pay, the pay gap has endured.

But I do know this. My doctor easily could have killed me. My nurses, among the smartest, most talented, most compassionate women I have met in my life, with meticulous care nursed me back to life. They are worth far more than they are paid.

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On Friday, April 3, Good Friday Liturgy will be held at noon in the Sanctuary. Rev. Mayer will officiate. Easter Communion is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5 in the Sanctuary. An Easter reception and birthday/anniversary celebration will be held in the Parish hall following the morning service.

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We hope you will come for services and classes: Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes begin at 9 a.m. throughout the campus. We have many classes on Sunday mornings a new class has started for married couples.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Cal continues to deliver messages during the Easter Season on what is required of followers of Christ.

Children's church at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall Sunday Evening Youth Activities are Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday night, we have church supper followed by prayer meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of our service. You can also catch up on previous services by going to nazfamily.org

We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

Birdwell Lane church of Christ

The church is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place & Birdwell Lane streets. On Sundays, Bible study is at 9 a.m. and worship is at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. On Wednesday, the ladies class is at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study and devotional is at 7 p.m.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, and wife Debbie, invite you to join this vibrant congregation for worship services Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m.. Pastor Walterhouse's current sermon series focuses on "Power" and its many aspects and applications throughout Scripture. BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700 for Sunday worship services. Wednesday evenings at 6, we gather at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf for Bible Study and fellowship. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

Join us in worship Sunday at 10:50 a.m., as we

reflect on God's great love for us and offer thanks and praise to Him. Our Palm Sunday service will feature a dramatic reading, and Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the first of a two-part message glorifying our Redeemer, Savior, and Friend, Jesus Christ. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through our live web stream at: fbcbig-spring.org.

Sunday School groups gather at 9:30 a.m. throughout the building with children's classes meeting on the first floor, and youth and adult classes meeting on the second floor. Greeters are available.

Following the morning worship service, a fundraiser luncheon and dessert auction will be held in the Family Life Center. Money raised will help support the children's (RA/GA's and Step-Up) summer camps.

Sunday evening at 6 in the chapel, a ceremony will be held for the participants in the "True Love Waits" classes. This will be a special church-wide service during which students commit to purity until marriage, and the church endorses that commitment and pledges to pray for the students and their parents as they walk through this area of their lives.

The children's program AWANA will not meet Sunday evening in order to attend the True Love Waits commitment service.

Our Mother's Day Out program is each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about available openings for your child.

Ladies' Bible Study groups meet each Monday at 9:30 a.m., and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Choose the time that best suits your schedule, and join us for the study "Fight Back With Joy" by Margaret Feinberg. For more information call 432-263-1958 or 267-8223. All area women are invited; childcare is available.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. followed by activities for all age groups. Call 267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Join us April 1 for rattlesnake stew (April Fool's) or beef enchilada casserole.

FBC is located at 705 W Fm 700.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday as we continue with our 2015 Ministry Focus series titled, "Love Completely." March has ushered us into the topic "A Love of Family," During this series of messages, for the entire month, we will look at the biblical concept of marriage, parenting and forgiveness.

Wednesday at 7 p.m., join us for Mid-week Bible Study. Our current subject is the Book of Titus. CCC offers classes for all ages.

Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m., join us for our 2015 Easter Service we will have performing arts, dance, praise and worship, awesome fellowship, and of course the preached word of God.

Sunday, April 12, at 9 a.m., our new members class will start on the second Sunday in April and signups are due by April 9.

Monday, April 13, at 6 p.m. the Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry will be gathering at 2906 W. 8th St. —The Meet and Greet. The theme this time is "Cooking with Joanne."

Lastly, we serve a free breakfast each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Misfits Lounge.

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Did you ever wonder?

Jacob said, "We must move from Shechem because we are now an enemy to all who live near us." But God also spoke to Jacob, telling him to go to Beth-el and dwell there. "Make an altar there and praise God, the God who appeared to you when you fled from Esau, your brother."

Do you remember the history of Beth-el?

It means the House of God. It is actually a very old city; as far back as we have knowledge its name was called Luz, meaning Light. This was also called Mount Moriah, where Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac. When Jacob fled from Esau, this is the place where he laid his head on the rocks and he saw the Angels ascending and descending from Heaven.

Here he saw God and promised that if God would be with him and bless him in Paddan Aram, he would build an altar here to the God of Abraham when he returned to the Land.

Now, God reminded him that it was time; God was still waiting for Jacob to fulfill his promise. Some say that the abduction of Dinah was a punishment because Jacob delayed in fulfilling his promise.

Let me reiterate that I do not believe God sends lightning bolts to punish His people when we fall short of

His expectations. I believe that after giving us an inordinate amount of time to repent and change our ways, He sadly removes His hands from protecting us. By this time we have shown that we have chosen the world, so He allows the world to deal with us. When we return to Him, He is always willing to place His protective hands around us again.

Jacob's people had gathered the treasure of Shechem as booty, among it were the golden household gods of the pagan aShechemites. Jacob told all the people who were with him to discard the pagan gods they had taken and to cleanse their hearts. He buried all the booty taken at Shechem in the ground. Immediately a Godly terror fell on all the cities around them, so that they were not attacked on the way to Beth-el.

When Jacob fulfilled his vow, God actually gave Jacob the name, Israel. And since Jacob was officially back in the Land, he could no longer be married to sisters. Leah was his first wife; Rachel soon died giving birth to Benjamin, Jacob's 12th son.

Do you understand how merciful our God is? In His Holiness, there are rules that we must abide by if we are to be His servants. He is patient for a long time, but there comes a time when His Will must be obeyed.

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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People are hurting. As a minister, I have been able to see that to a greater extent than ever before in my life. Most of the time I see how people are struggling physically. They ask for help from the church just so they can have the basic necessities to live.

Sometimes they are husbands and fathers who have lost their job.

I can feel the sense of failure in their voice and see it in their eyes because they cannot provide for their families like they did before. Sometimes they are single mothers that have been forced through circumstances to not only fulfill their own roles to raise and nurture their children but to work full time, even multiple jobs, to provide for and support their family. I can see the weariness on their face and hear the overwhelming desperation in their voice. It is times like these when I ask myself whether or not I am try-

ing to be like Jesus.

Being a minister has also shown me that there are some people who only want to use the system (or abuse it). I hear about this person or that person who just go around from charity to charity and from church to church looking for a handout.

That type of stuff tends to make you cynical.

I don't like it when I catch myself thinking of others that way.

Jesus helped hurting people. I want to be like Jesus.

Many times those who were hurting came

to Jesus, but Jesus also took opportunities when they presented themselves to help others first. Jesus was also critical of those who would refuse to help and use religion, at least their traditions, as their excuse (Mark 7:9-13).

It used to be a joke when someone was collecting for some cause to say, "I gave at the office." How many of us have thought to ourselves, "I give my contribution every week. They can go ask the church if they need help." We may even throw politics into it

as well, "I work hard and pay taxes while they probably are not. They're probably getting money from the government - my money!" I am not saying that you or I should stop paying taxes, but what I am saying is that I need to work on my heart to make it more like the heart of my Lord.

The most important part of a discussion like this is to remember that Jesus was ultimately concerned about the person's soul rather than their physical body. The main pur-

pose of His miracles was to give power and credibility to His message (John 5:36; Hebrews 2:3-4).

We must not lose sight of that.

When we help someone it should be part of the greater goal of sharing the gospel with them. We are going to be judged by the way we have treated others (Matthew 25:31-46). It must be more than just words but actions as well (James 2:14-17).

Greg Surles is the preacher at Birdwell Lane church of Christ.



GREG SURLLES

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Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services. We are located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.



Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. To connect with us call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Sunday Service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible Study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. The adult class will begin a new Bible study in the coming weeks. The youth are studying "120 Bible Stories."

Phillip Reid will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew's sermon is titled "Your King Comes (to Troy?)." It is based on Zech. 9:9-12.

We have started a new bible study on Wednesday evenings titled "The Foundations" by Ken Ham. Every third and fifth Wednesday we will continue to have "I Am Second." A meal is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation class has moved to Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

We will have a Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. and a Good Friday Service on April 3 at 7:30 p.m. The Easter Sunrise Service will be at 8 a.m. Following the Sunrise Service we will have a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. sponsored by the youth. We will have a regular Easter Service at 10 a.m.

There will be a Children's Easter Egg-stravaganza on Saturday, April 4.

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 regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 4:15 p.m., children's choir; 5:10 p.m., young women's choir; 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; 6 p.m., Chancel choir rehearsal

Please note that the 20th of each month is the deadline to send in information for the next month's church newsletter to Caroline Morgan at communications.fpcbs@gmail.com. Help Caroline make our newsletter better by sharing your news.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, will be a special day at our church. All our choirs will offer special music during worship; a pot-luck luncheon, with entertainment by our children and youth choirs will follow worship; and at 3 p.m. in the Chapel the Permian Basin String Quartet will play Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" and the Bach Double Violin concerto.

Other Lenten service dates are as follows: April 2, Maundy Thursday, evening worship and communion at 7 p.m. in the Chapel; April 3, Good Friday, evening worship at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma; April 5, Easter Sunday morning worship with communion at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The youth group meets at 6 p.m. Sunday afternoon after Men's Chorus practice at 5:15. Dinner will be followed by Handbell practice and group meeting.

Lucy Odom is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary for the Palm Sunday is Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark

14:1-15:47 (or Mark 15:1-39(40-47)). The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The combined choirs will present "Antiphonal Hosanna" as the introit. The children's choir will offer "Little Gray Donkey" by Natalie Sleeth, and the youth bell choir will present "O Thou Eternal Christ, Ride On" by John Yarrington. The Chancel choir will present "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arranged by Gilbert Martin as the offertory anthem.

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

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

enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

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FACT CHECK: Myths in the political roar over Common Core



BY BILL BARROW

Associated Press
ATLANTA (AP) — In the political uproar over Common Core, various myths are peddled as fact.

Do the learning standards really mean the federal government is serving as a “national school board,” as Sen. Marco Rubio says? That’s hard to square with the reality that the standards were developed by governors and state education leaders.

Should leaders “repeal every word of Common Core,” as Sen. Ted Cruz demands? Actually there’s no federal law — or even federal program — to repeal. Sen. Rand Paul slams “rotten to the core” propaganda forced on children by an initiative that has no curriculum at all.

Even so, the 2016 GOP presidential prospects who are criticizing Common Core have a point — if an overstated one — when they dispute the notion that it is strictly a voluntary initiative that bubbled up from communities and states. In complicated but unmistakable ways, the federal government does pressure states to live up to the standards.

Concerns about Common Core extend beyond the Republican politicians to many parents, some of them

Democrats, who blame it for additional math homework headaches and extra time taking tests.

Here’s a quick primer on Common Core, followed by a look at the facts behind the rhetoric of some Republican hopefuls:

HOW IT WORKS

The effort was developed by governors and state school chiefs from both parties who were concerned that too many graduates were leaving high school unprepared for college or their first jobs.

The standards spell out what reading, math and critical thinking skills students should grasp, while leaving how those skills are mastered up to local school districts and states.

The hope: Higher standards shared across state lines would allow comparable student performance measures and smoother school-to-school transition for children who move, such as military kids. And that could save money, because it’s cheaper for states to collaborate in developing standards and associated tests than for each to do its own.

President Barack Obama’s administration backed the standards and developed incentives. Primarily, states had to adopt

Common Core or similar standards if they wanted to get out of some of the onerous federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind law — which many do. That’s the root for the exaggerated, but not baseless, claims about Washington shaping education policy.

CRUZ: Washington “has no business sticking its nose in education. We need to repeal every word of Common Core.”

THE FACTS: Common Core is a national initiative, but one that began with states working together. There is no federal law that a new president could ask Congress to repeal.

It was a Republican president, George W. Bush, who pushed a much more direct example of federal involvement with his No Child Left Behind law.

PAUL: Common Core is “anti-American” and “revisionist history that ignores the faith of our founders.”

THE FACTS: Common Core is an approach to teaching, not a mandate on what to teach, and it does not come with a required reading list.

For example, the standards specify that “texts

need to be selected around topics or themes that generate knowledge and allow students to study these topics or themes in depth.” That’s the must-do approach and a rather obvious thing to do in classrooms.

That statement is accompanied by a list of classics and historical texts meant to illustrate the quality and complexity of what should be studied but are not required.

The founders and other heroes of U.S. history are on the list: John Adams, Patrick Henry, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln among them.

Among foreigners: Winston Churchill and George Orwell. No Karl Marx here.

Still, the Kentucky senator in fundraising letters and videos speaks of “pure, secular statist propaganda” from Common Core.

RUBIO: Common Core “is increasingly being used by the Obama administration to turn the Department of Education into what is effectively a national school board. This effort to coerce states into adhering to national curriculum standards is not the best way to help our children.”

BOBBY JINDAL: Common Core has become “another tool for the federal government to try to dictate curriculum to local schools here in Louisiana.”

CHRIS CHRISTIE: “I have grave concerns about the way this has been done, especially the way the Obama administration has tried to implement it through tying federal funding to these things.”

THE FACTS: The Florida senator and Louisiana and New Jersey governors, respectively, are voicing common GOP complaints about curriculum coercion. But federal law prohibits the Education Department from spending money to endorse, approve or sanction any curriculum. States can choose what standardized assessment they want. And in states where the standards have been adopted, states and districts are free to choose a curriculum.

Still, there are subtler pressures that both sides of the argument ignore when making their case in too-simple sound bites.

To qualify for some of the billions in grants given to states by the Obama administration’s Race to the Top education program, for example, those states had to adopt a “common set of K-12 standards.”

Department documents make clear that Common Core standards would suffice for the grants, but added “Race to the Top does not endorse any particular consortium or set of standards.”

In any event, the grants are being phased out.

Indirect ways remain, though, for the Common Core conundrum to hit state budgets.

For example, if a state does not get a waiver from No Child Left Behind and has schools failing those benchmarks, it could be forced to provide tutoring, offer parents a choice of another school or take other expensive steps.

JEB BUSH: “If the federal government wants to play a role in reform, it should stop tying every education dollar to a rule written

in Washington D.C.”

THE FACTS: The overwhelming percentage of money for education comes from state and local governments. As for federal dollars for education, as with federal dollars for anything sent to states, rules are involved, at least to try to make sure the money is spent as intended and not wasted. Broad policy goals are inherent in federal money to states. The real question is when support becomes interference.

The former Florida governor is a vigorous supporter of Common Core, unlike his leading GOP rivals. He at times plays to the anti-Washington sentiments of conservatives by emphasizing the state-driven nature of Common Core and his opposition to heavy-handed federal action.

SCOTT WALKER: “I call on the members of the state Legislature ... to repeal Common Core and replace it with standards set by people in Wisconsin. ... I don’t want people outside Wisconsin telling us what our standards should be.”

THE FACTS: Wisconsin officials adopted Common Core-aligned standards in the first place, without any outsiders dictating.

Local school boards in Wisconsin are the ones to decide whether to adopt the guidelines for themselves.

Hefling reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Phillip Elliott in Washington and Thomas Beaumont in Des Moines, Iowa, contributed to this report.

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First Christian Church

Come wave palms with us as we celebrate Jesus’ visit to Jerusalem for his last time. We know what he found there; but what if Jesus paid us a visit? What would he find in Big Spring? What would he find in our churches? Come join us for this coming special Sunday as our pastor explores the question: What Would Jesus Find at FCC? based on Mark 11: 1-11.

Laura Sickles will be at the door to greet members and visitors alike. Hollis McCright will lead the congregation in worship. Joyce Davis and Carol Stephens will preside at the Communion table as this Sunday’s designated Elders. Finally, Mariah McIntosh and Bradie Leuschner will serve communion to the congregation. Special music will be sung by the choir under the direction of Tara Trowbridge and Larry Thiebault.

This Sunday will feature a special moment as traditionally individuals who have been preparing for baptism come forward to make a public confession of their faith as the next step toward being baptized on Easter Sunday. We are expecting two young people to make their public commitment this Sunday.

Also, the next meeting of the Church Women’s Fellowship (CWF) will happen at noon on Thursday, April 2, here at First Christian Church. Kathy Harmon, Director of Recruiting for CASA (Child Appointed Special Advocate), will talk about the urgent need for adult volunteers who are willing to stand up for abused and/or neglected children in Howard County. As a CASA volunteer, you could make the single greatest difference in the life of a child.

In addition to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, our church will also observe Holy Week with a Maundy Thursday Prayer Service on April 2 in the Sanctuary beginning at 6:30 p.m. This will be an expanded version of our WEGO prayer circle that has met twice a month on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Finally, the FCC Board of Directors will meet this Sunday, right after church to receive the usual reports as well as take action in regards to becoming a part of the Lone Star Scouting program as a host church for a new cub scout pack and also in

regards to relocating the Communion Table to the ground floor of the Sanctuary.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will continue our series on Ordinary People. Our message is titled, “The Unlikely Rock,” and comes from various Scripture passages.

On Wednesday evenings we are currently involved in a Bible study in the Book of Exodus, tracing back the elements of God’s plan that got us to this point in history. On Sunday evenings we have begun a new Bible study called “Praying the Promises of God.” Join us as we explore the many promises found in the Bible and discover how to incorporate those into our prayer life.

We will have a Fifth Sunday Sing during our normal evening service time this Sunday at 6 p.m. Come join us for hymns, specials, instrumental praise, and a time of corporate worship. We will have a meal fellowship immediately following the singing service.

We will also have our community Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 here in Forsan. Details will follow next week.

Don’t forget the Easter Sunrise Service at the Evans Ranch on April 5. The service will begin just as the sun is coming up.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We are sending our Hart’s to Africa again. Please join us in wishing them well this Sunday. We will have a pot-luck immediately after church. Bring your favorite pot-luck dish and visit with the family before they go.

A big Thank You to all who donated to the Bake Sale for Michaela Hart.

We are almost ready to start painting our new home in the Spring Town Plaza. If you would like to help by donating a gallon of paint, please contact Dorothy Nichols. We will need approximately 400 gallons and the cost of each gallon is \$35.

“Sowing Seeds of Hope” fiber crafts and prayer

shawl ministry meets at the church Saturdays at 10 a.m.. If you are interested in learning a fiber craft (crochet, knitting, weaving, felting, etc.) or have projects you would like to share or just to have some fellowship while crafting, come join us.

Our Pain Management class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. New “Connection Groups” are meeting now on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. “Community Groups” meet Wednesday nights a various locations. Go to our website or call the church office for more info.

“Grief Share,” a grief support group, meets Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. The number of classes will depend on the number of people who sign up. For more information, visit www.griefshare.org or contact the office.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday
9:15-10:15 a.m. — Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. — “Holy Grounds Café” is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. — Worship Service

Tuesday
noon-2 p.m. — Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza

noon — Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza

6 p.m. — Pain Management Group meets at church.

Friday
7 p.m.-8 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.

Saturday
7:30 a.m. — Weekly Men’s Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship

10 a.m. — “Sowing Seeds of Hope” Crafting fellowship

Sunday
4 p.m. — “Grief Share” meets at SCF.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please 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, Texas. (Across from Denny’s). Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

Mulkey, Lady Bears confident entering Sweet 16

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Being comfortable on college basketball's biggest stage has never been a problem for Kim Mulkey.

That confidence is easy to understand when you've won as much as the Hall of Fame coach at Baylor. Mulkey was up to her usual fun-loving antics on Thursday as the No. 2 seed Lady Bears (32-3) prepared to face third-seeded Iowa (26-7) in the regional semifinals of the NCAA Tournament on Friday night.

She recalled her days as a

top youth baseball player, talked of her love for singing country music in the shower and appeared every bit as much at ease as if working in her home garden during the offseason.

Believe it or not, Mulkey even talked about basketball and the very real possibility of Baylor reaching the Elite Eight for the fifth time in six seasons — even if her relaxed approach didn't carry the same pressure-packed feel that many of her colleagues display.

Whether it's the career full of winning or simply confidence, the two-time national championship coach's attitude carries a certain weight with the Lady Bears.

And she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I just think the program and what we've been able to establish there for 15 years, those expectations bring a level of confidence to those players," Mulkey said. "And they don't want to disappoint the previous players. They don't want to disappoint the

future players."

Baylor, led by Big 12 Conference Player of the Year Nina Davis, advanced to its seventh straight Sweet 16 with wins over Northwestern State and Arkansas last weekend.

The Lady Bears face an experienced Iowa team. The program is making its eighth straight NCAA Tournament appearance — albeit its first Sweet 16 berth since 1996.

Led by senior guard Samantha Logic, the Hawkeyes won games over American and Miami last weekend as a tour-

namment host. They've never faced Baylor, but coach Lisa Bluder is also confident while embracing the underdog role in a star-packed Oklahoma City regional that also features traditional powers Notre Dame and Stanford.

"We're kind of the last ones to the part here," Bluder said. "The other three schools are used to being in this environment ... So everybody should be for the Iowa Hawkeyes, low man on the totem pole here with the other coaches."



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Garrett Wigington applies a tag to an Estacado baserunner during the Steers' victory over the Matadors on Tuesday at Steer Park. Big Spring will return to play this evening with a matchup against Levelland.

Steers head into showdown with Lobos in 3-way tie for 2-4A lead

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

When the Big Spring High School Steers step onto the field in Levelland this evening, they will find themselves in need of a victory to remain at the top of the District 2-4A standings.

The Steers, who are off to a 5-5 start to the 2015 season, head into tonight's game in a three-way tie for first in the district standings with a 1-0 record. Snyder and Sweetwater also opened district play on Tuesday with wins.

The Steers didn't have any trouble

DISTRICT 2-4AA BASEBALL		
	District	Season
Snyder	1-0	9-2
Sweetwater	1-0	9-5
Big Spring	1-0	5-5
Lubbock Estacado	0-1	5-11
Lamesa	0-1	3-5
Levelland	0-1	9-5

Tuesday's Results
Snyder 17, Lamesa 1
Big Spring 10, Lubbock Estacado 0
Sweetwater 10, Levelland 2

in their 2-4A opener against Estacado at Steer Park. Sparked by solid offensive outings from Hunter Hill

and Gary Watkins, and a dominating performance on the mound by left-hander Anthony Godwin, Big Spring pounded out three runs in each of the first two innings and cruised to an easy 10-0 win.

Snyder, which travel to Lubbock today to face Estacado, kicked off its district slate with a 17-1 rout of Lamesa at home. Sweetwater, which faces Lamesa tonight, dispatched Levelland by a 10-2 clip.

A win over Levelland, now 9-5 overall, would set up a key two-game stretch for the Steers. Big Spring will travel to Snyder on April 2, and then host Sweetwater on April 7.

Harden climbs into NBA MVP talk

HOUSTON (AP) — A couple of months ago, James Harden was told by a reporter that he seemed different this season, a year in which he has gone from a great player to a front-runner for MVP, and was asked what prompted the change.

Houston's bearded superstar bristled, his eyes narrowed and he demanded: "Different how?"

Harden was reminded of that moment recently and posed the question again. This time, away from the glare of television cameras in a quiet hallway of the arena where he has carried the Rockets to a 48-23 record, Harden leaned against the wall and finally agreed that he is different this time around.

"Focus," Harden said simply.

"Just more comfortable, being comfortable with myself on the court," Harden said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Knowing how to get shots, knowing how to get my teammates shots, and once I feel comfortable I can worry about doing other things."

This comfort level in his third season with the Rockets since a trade from Oklahoma City has helped him improve in just about every way. Harden's averages in points (27.1 per game), rebounds (5.8), assists (7), steals (1.9) and even blocks (0.8) are all career-highs.

Most important to Harden: He has helped keep the Rockets among the top teams in the Western Conference in a year where Dwight Howard missed 37 games. And the three-time All-Star who is in his sixth year out of Arizona State is a better all-around player a season after being derided for ineffectiveness — or worse — disinterest on defense.

Kentucky crushes WVU, 78-39

CLEVELAND (AP) — Like a massive, unstoppable blue wave, Kentucky hit quickly and just kept coming. There was no escape for West Virginia, no place to hide.

The Wildcats were as advertised: too big, too strong, too everything. Just too good.

Perfect and pulverizing.

Trey Lyles scored 14 points, Andrew Harrison added 13 and the unbeaten Wildcats, chasing history and a ninth national title, made their 37th straight win look easy, blowing past the Mountaineers 78-39 on Thursday night in the Midwest Regional semifinals of the NCAA Tournament.

"They were what I

thought they were," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "That's the best defensive team I think that I've ever coached against. And when they're making shots, there's nobody going to beat them."

The tourney's top seed and an overwhelming favorite to cut down the nets next month in Indianapolis, the Wildcats (37-0) jumped to an 18-2 lead, built it to 26 in the first half and advanced to Saturday's regional final to play third-seeded Notre Dame, an 81-70 winner over Wichita State.

The Fighting Irish may need to call Rudy, consult with Digger Phelps and wake up the echoes from some of those stunning

upsets in football and hoops they have pulled off in the past.

Kentucky is a monster this March.

"They did what they had to do," West Virginia forward Devin Williams said. "You can't stop something that's destined."

With stunning ease, the Wildcats took apart the Mountaineers (25-10), who led the nation in steals and figured their full-court press would at least bother Kentucky into some turnovers. Not only did the press not work, West Virginia shot only 24.1 percent (13 of 54) against the Wildcats, who resemble a forest of blue-tinted redwoods inside the paint.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

WJCAC time ...

The Howard College Hawks will return to Western Junior College Athletic Conference play this afternoon when they begin a 4-game series with NMMI. The games will begin at noon at Jack Barber Field. The two teams will also play a doubleheader tomorrow, starting at noon.

Aiken undergoes surgery on elbow

Brady Aiken, the hard-throwing lefty who didn't sign after being last year's No. 1 draft pick by the Houston Astros, announced Thursday he had Tommy John elbow surgery.

The 18-year-old Aiken was pitching for the IMG Academy to prepare for this year's draft after a contract dispute with the Astros left him unsigned.

"I'm obviously extremely disappointed," Aiken wrote.

The surgery was performed by Dr. David Altchek on Wednesday.

Aiken, who attended Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego, went first overall last June despite some concerns about his elbow. Aiken and Houston failed to agree to terms on a contract — making him the first No. 1 pick to not sign since Tim Lincecum in 1983.

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Legals

approximately 105.2 feet, then southwest to Marcy Drive approximately 190 feet, in south central Big Spring. If approved, a second hearing will be held at a meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. #8664 March 27, 2015

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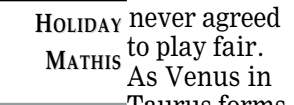
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus and Jupiter Conflict

Wanting won't be enough to make dreams come true. Being qualified, talented and even deserving won't be enough, either, because life never agreed to play fair. As Venus in Taurus forms a terse angle to Jupiter in Leo, the best approach to take is living for the moment. Let action be its own reward without expecting results. Play the long game.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Stop worrying about whether you're original enough. You can't help but be original -- there is no other you. Deliver and let the others do the analyzing. They will anyway!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Ultimately, planning will save you time. Work on your blueprint before

you start to build. When you take the time to map out your main objectives, you'll be successful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone is working hard to make you proud. Maybe your opinion shouldn't matter so much to this person, but it does. Your sensitivity in this matter will contribute to harmony in your environment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Acknowledge human fallibility and accept your own. No one is expecting you to be anything other than who you are. If you don't allow yourself to make mistakes, you're not allowing yourself to grow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends get the benefit of your generosity. While they may not be able to repay you monetarily, their appreciation will make you rich in ways you were not expecting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Feel that financial squeeze? You might say it's an invitation to do what it takes to become more solvent. Review

expenditures. A few adjustments, and you'll be better off than before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your environment and your emotions are linked together. You'll be at your best in a cheerful place filled with natural light and happy music. Take yourself there!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your nutritional needs change from day to day, year to year. Check in with yourself to be sure you're changing with them. Also be honest with yourself. Are you using food for sustenance or for another purpose?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This game you're playing has many rounds, and the scoring is overly complicated. Instead of waiting for the judgment, rate yourself as you go. Your self-assessment is what will matter most anyhow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're too talented to waste time in groups that operate way below your skill level. You are not running a charity, after all. It will

take extra effort to find a worthy group, but it's an effort you should make.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have something important to say. You may even be bold enough to mention what others wouldn't dare voice. Yours isn't the only perspective, but it is honest and thought-provoking.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Too much introspection will get tedious. Throw the attention off of yourself and onto a project. You'll still learn about yourself, but you'll have more fun doing it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 27). You're strong, but next month, when the stars send you someone to help you carry your load, don't turn down the assist. Give up some baggage, and you'll be in a position for a May adventure. Family business is favored in June. July brings competition, romance and an investment in your education. Virgo and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are:

20, 11, 7, 45 and 39.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** Stop looking for the proof that someone is into you, and just relax in the knowledge that you are lovable. **TAURUS:** Your taste is simple: the best of everything. **GEMINI:** By taking the time to find out who someone really is, you'll also help that person gain self-knowledge. **CANCER:** Too much agreement is bad for a relationship, but so is too much tension. The right amount of tension is wonderful. **LEO:** Your charm will keep pulling someone back even if that person is afraid of being hurt by the attraction. **VIRGO:** You'll love the power-rush that comes from making people laugh. **LIBRA:** Dating will be more fun if you don't call it a "date." **SCORPIO:** It's OK to be the agitator. After all, it's the grain of sand that makes the oyster form a pearl. **SAGITTARIUS:** Loved ones may have a short memory. What you did in the past won't matter as much as what you've done lately. **CAPRICORN:** Equal affection is rare.

Usually, someone loves and does a little more than the other. **AQUARIUS:** As you prove to yourself that you don't need someone, this person will feel drawn to you. **PISCES:** Any story can be interesting or boring -- it's the telling that matters. You'll find an enchanting spin.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: With the Aries sun reflecting off of the Leo moon on Sunday, these two fire signs kindle quite a blaze. The rest of us are warmed by the glow -- not that Aries and Leo will notice. Mesmerized by the heightened version of themselves they become when their energies combine, this couple will exist in a world all their own. The spell will continue to hold well past next week's full moon.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My youngest son is 34 years old and lives with my wife and me. He is an alcoholic and is unemployed, with no interest in getting a job. He helps at home by doing the cooking. He is a great cook by trade. He was laid off as head cook at a restaurant and can't get over it.

My son is a good person, and I love him very much. He claims he was blackballed. He has had 10 good jobs over the past 15 years, but has had at least five DUIs and has been in jail three times. Could this be true? Is there any way I could get him out of the house and

into a work program? My wife will not back me up when I tell him he has to get a job. -- Beside Myself

Dear Beside: Employers routinely refuse to hire those who have a drug or alcohol problem and have been arrested multiple times. It has nothing to do with being "blackballed." Regardless of his cooking skills, your son is not a reliable employee. Before you check out a work program, please see if he will go to an AA meeting (aa.org). You and your wife could also benefit from understanding how you may be enabling your son's drinking, which undermines his

efforts to find employment. For you, we recommend Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org). Your son can still turn his life around, but he needs to get off the booze first.

Dear Annie: I could have written the letter from "Tired of Sharing," the woman in her 50s who was dating a man who always had a group of women around him. It brought back vivid memories of a crazy time in my own life. I, too, met a man who seemed witty and funny. I fell hard, ignoring all the signs of a lousy relationship blooming on the horizon.

My guy had a harem of

women, too. They were only "friends" whom he talked about all the time. They knew no boundaries and would call him at any hour for anything. If they wanted help, he'd drop whatever he was doing, leaving me to handle stuff at home by myself. How stupid of me not to know that the relationship could only go downhill.

My life was a living hell for a long time, culminating in a nervous breakdown. I finally had enough and moved out, and it was the best thing I ever did. He ended up marrying one of his "friends." I dodged a big bullet. There is life after such

a horrendous mistake if you get out in time. I always thought I had to have a man in my life in order to be happy. But after years of dating and being in unhappy relationships, I gave it all up, and I've never been happier or more free. It's exhilarating to know you can do for yourself and be truly content with life. I would never go back to that crazy lifestyle. Tell that woman to run away as fast as she can. She'll be glad she did. -- Older and Wiser

Dear Older: No one should remain in a relationship where you don't feel valued, where you think you have to put

up with constant mistreatment and disregard because otherwise you would be on your own. There are worse things than being alone, as you have learned.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You deal and open One Heart. Partner responds One Notrump. What would you bid now with each of the following hands?
1. ♠A7 ♥KQ1092 ♦J94 ♣K9
2. ♠KQ9 ♥AQJ42 ♦AJ6 ♣103
3. ♠5 ♥KQ9874 ♦AK2 ♣KJ6
4. ♠AQ8 ♥KQJ63 ♦AK10 ♣96

1. Pass. Partner's one-notrump response shows six to 10 points, so you know immediately that the 26 points normally required for game are lacking. It might be tempting to bid two hearts, but that would not be the winning bid in the long run. This is a partscore hand, and the only question is whether one notrump will be easier to make than two hearts.

Granting that there are hands partner could hold where two hearts would be safer than one notrump, the fact remains that such hands are in the minority. Partner's six to 10 points, added to your 14, should offer a good chance of producing seven tricks in notrump. The fact that you have an honor in every suit should also influence you to pass.

2. Two notrump. This is an invita-

tional bid showing 16 to 18 points and a relatively balanced distribution. It asks partner to pass with six or seven points, but to carry on to three notrump with nine or 10. With eight points, partner exercises his judgment.

3. Three hearts. This is also an invitational bid, but here the emphasis is on suit play rather than notrump. Partner might pass three hearts if he is in the lower end of the range for his notrump response. If he does pass, you are unlikely to miss a game.

4. Three notrump. With 19 high-card points facing at least six, you can't afford to simply invite a game by bidding two notrump, since partner might pass.

Given partner's failure to support hearts, three notrump is the obvious choice for game. An alternative possibility is to jump-shift to three diamonds (forcing to game), but this runs the risk of partner's raising diamonds and could lead to disaster. Three notrump is the natural choice, and that's what you should bid. Simplest is best.

Tomorrow: Structural visualization.
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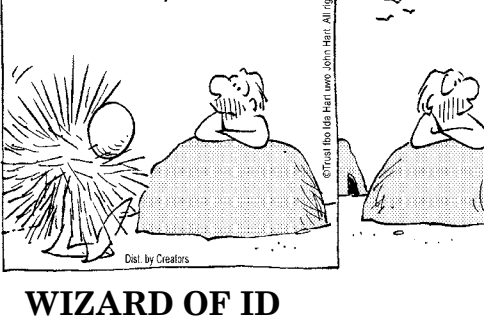
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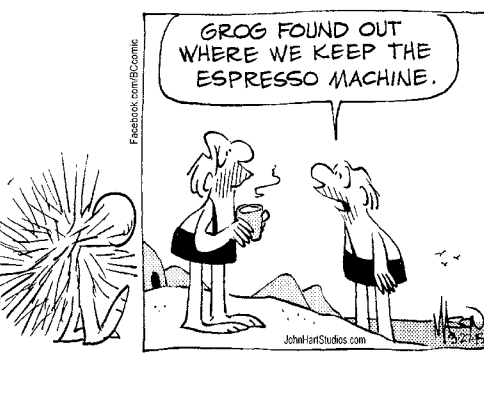


ARE YOU AND KELLY STILL MAD AT EACH OTHER?

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I FEEL THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE ECONOMY ARE STRONG, BUT WE NEED TO BE SURE OF IT

This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 27, the 86th day of 2015. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1945, during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told reporters in Paris that Germany's main defensive line on the Western Front had been broken.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon (hwahn pahns duh LEE-ohn) sighted present-day Florida.

In 1884, the first telephone line between Boston and New York was inaugurated.

In 1912, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the United States, Viscountess Chinda, planted in Washington the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo.

In 1933, Japan officially withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1940, Alfred Hitchcock's first American movie, "Rebecca" starring Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine, premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1964, Alaska was hit by a magnitude 9.2 earthquake (the strongest on record in North America) and tsunamis that together claimed about 130 lives.

In 1975, construction began on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, which was completed two years later.

In 1977, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife (ten-uh-REEF).

In 1980, 123 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander Kielland, capsized during a storm.

In 1990, the U.S. began test broadcasts of TV Marti to Cuba, which promptly jammed the signal.

In 1995, "Forrest Gump" won six Academy Awards, including best picture and a second consecutive best actor Oscar for Tom Hanks; Jessica Lange won best actress for "Blue Sky."

One year ago: Face to face at the Vatican for the first time, President Barack Obama and Pope Francis focused on their mutual respect and shared concern for the poor. The U.S. Air Force took the extraordinary step of firing nine midlevel nuclear commanders and announcing it would discipline dozens of junior officers at a nuclear missile base, responding firmly to an exam-cheating scandal. A judge in Missoula, Montana, sentenced Jordan Graham to more than 30 years in prison for killing Cody Johnson, her husband of eight days, by pushing him from a cliff in Glacier National Park. James Schlesinger, 85, who'd held a long string of Cabinet and other high-level positions in three U.S. administrations, died in Baltimore.

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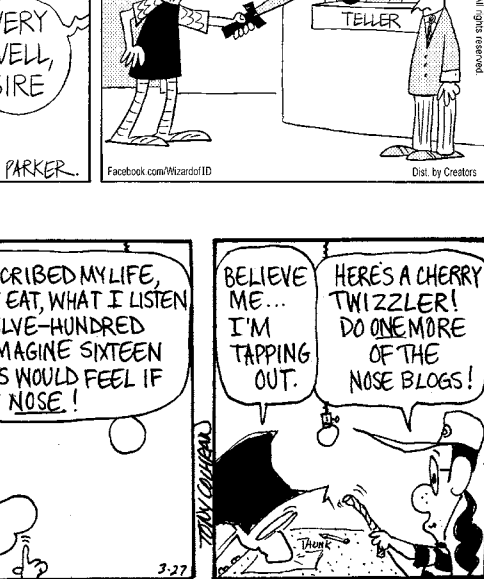
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NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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 - Start of a query
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 - Clinton aide
 - Jug handle
 - Send forth
 - "Look ___ ye leap"
 - Gold-covered
 - Dairy designation
 - Pastor's preparation
 - Catalog entry
 - Fuss
 - Female rabbit
 - Lofty lines
 - Middle of query
 - Alternative to net or golf
 - Pen filler, perhaps
 - Most populous state capital
 - Key above a keypad
 - Protective charm
 - Supplementary
 - Majorca Mrs.
 - Cut corners, perhaps
 - Short-notice transporter
 - Bunyan, for one
 - Sandwich order
 - End of query
- DOWN**
- Withstands
 - In the presence of
 - More efficient
 - NFL media partner
 - MapQuest owner
 - Auto, so to speak
 - Imply
 - Belly laugh
 - Family guy
 - Expresses displeasure
 - Dostoyevsky novel
 - Area of London's Olympic Park
 - Pitches in print
 - Chinatown kiosk design
 - Spare-key hider
 - Revolving, perhaps
 - Arthur Oscar winner
 - Years to date
 - Cheese partner
 - R&B singer
 - Follow tenaciously
 - Total
 - Gouda covering
 - Opposite of "dignify"
 - Detrimental
 - Returns pro
 - V = IR, in physics
 - Bulldog booster
 - Peepeye, to Popeye
 - Airhead
 - Diffuse slowly
 - Is rife (with)
 - Little House on the Prairie setting
 - Silvery fish
 - All paid up
 - Marked, as some ballots
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Rangers take 6-3 win over Rockies

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Nick Martinez threw six scoreless innings, Leonys Martin homered and the Texas Rangers beat the Colorado Rockies 6-3 on Thursday.

Martinez, competing for the final vacancy in the Rangers' rotation, allowed five hits and walked one. He struck out four, throwing 54 strikes in 74 pitches, and lowered his ERA to 0.84 in three spring appearances. He has allowed one run over 9 2-3 innings.

"I felt great with all my pitches," Martinez said. "Mentally, I feel sharp and ready to go."

Martinez went 5-12 with a 4.55 ERA as a rookie last year, making 24 starts and five relief appearances. He said he feels capable of taking the fifth starter spot.

"They wouldn't have given me a chance if they didn't think so," Martinez said. "I definitely think so. There are other guys here that can do the job. It's just a dogfight right now."

Martin homered in the third with Robinson Chirinos aboard. Chirinos was hit by a pitch from Chad Bettis.

Ed Lucas, Nate Schierholtz and Adam Rosales delivered run-producing hits in a four-run eighth.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

In the swing ... Mackenzie Roberts drills a home run during the Lady Steers' 12-0 win over Estacado on Tuesday. Big Spring, now 10-3 overall, will face off with Levelland today, starting at 5 p.m. in Levelland.

Roberts, Wilson win at PBLA outing in Andrews

Susan Roberts and Lorraine Wilson, along with Ginny Piette, emerged as the big winners at the Permian Basin Ladies Association playday at Andrews Country Club.

Roberts, representing Green Tree Country Club, won the 1st Gross honors in the First Flight of the event by shooting an 80. Ranchland Hills' Barbara Hester was second at 84. Ranchland's Melissa Peterson edged out Joan Daniel for the 1st Net honors in the First Flight.

Ratliff Ranch's Rosie Aguilar captured the Low Putt honors.

Wilson, representing Ratliff Ranch, took the

gross honors in the Second Flight, while Odesa's Molla Maytubby won the net title. Nelda Johnson, of Ranchland Ranch, was the Low Putt winner in the second flight.

Hogan Park's Piette won the first gross honors in the Third Flight with a 99. She edged out Ranchland's Pebbles Corbell, who fired a 104.

Trish Gabbard won the first net title in the flight, taking the top spot despite finishing in a tie, at 73, with Andrews' Mary Mason.

Marty Farris, of Ranchland Hills, took the Low Putt honors in the flight with a score of 30.

BASEBALL
Spring Training Standings
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Oakland	15	9	.625
Los Angeles	13	8	.619
Kansas City	14	9	.609
Toronto	14	9	.609
Houston	10	8	.556
Boston	11	9	.550
Tampa Bay	11	9	.550
New York	13	11	.542
Seattle	10	12	.455
Texas	9	11	.450
Cleveland	10	13	.435
Minnesota	9	12	.429
Chicago	8	12	.400
Baltimore	9	15	.375
Detroit	9	15	.375

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	13	6	.684
New York	14	10	.583
Colorado	13	10	.565
St. Louis	10	8	.556
Cincinnati	11	9	.550
Arizona	12	10	.545
Miami	12	10	.545
Pittsburgh	10	10	.500
San Diego	11	11	.500
Philadelphia	11	12	.478
Milwaukee	10	11	.476
Washington	9	11	.450
Atlanta	10	13	.435
Chicago	9	14	.391
San Francisco	6	19	.240

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Thursday's Games

Detroit 6, Baltimore 4
Miami 5, St. Louis 3
Atlanta 7, Pittsburgh 5
Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Boston 5, Minnesota 4, 10 innings
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 1
L.A. Dodgers 9, Chicago White Sox 6
Milwaukee 15, Seattle (ss) 1
Kansas City 3, Seattle (ss) 0
Cincinnati 13, Cleveland 2
Arizona 3, San Diego 3, tie, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 3
L.A. Angels 8, Chicago Cubs 4
Texas 6, Colorado 3
Oakland 6, San Francisco 4

Friday's Games

N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis (ss) at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (ss) vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
Texas vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Arizona (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Miami vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Diego at Peoria,

Scoreboard

Ariz., 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	42	30	.583	—
Boston	31	40	.437	10½
Brooklyn	30	40	.429	11
Philadelphia	18	54	.250	24
New York	14	58	.194	28

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Atlanta	54	17	.761	—
Washington	40	32	.556	14½
Miami	33	38	.465	21
Charlotte	30	40	.429	23½
Orlando	22	51	.301	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	47	26	.644	—
x-Chicago	44	29	.603	3
Milwaukee	36	36	.500	10½
Indiana	31	41	.431	15½
Detroit	27	44	.380	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Memphis	50	22	.694	—
Houston	48	23	.676	1½
San Antonio	45	26	.634	4½
Dallas	45	27	.625	5
New Orleans	37	34	.521	12½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	45	25	.643	—
Oklahoma City	41	31	.569	5
Utah	31	40	.437	14½
Denver	27	45	.375	19
Minnesota	16	55	.225	29½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	58	13	.817	—
L.A. Clippers	47	25	.653	11½
Phoenix	38	34	.528	20½
Sacramento	26	45	.366	32
L.A. Lakers	19	51	.271	38½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 111, Indiana 107

Friday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	46	21	8	100	197	167
Tampa Bay	46	22	7	99	244	194
Detroit	39	22	12	90	212	201
Ottawa	37	25	11	85	213	195
Boston	36	25	13	85	195	193
Florida	34	26	14	82	184	202
Toronto	27	42	6	60	194	241
Buffalo	20	46	8	48	141	249

Metropolitan Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-N.Y. Rangers	47	19	7	101	224	168
N.Y. Islanders	44	26	5	93	228	208
Pittsburgh	40	23	11	91	204	186
Washington	40	24	10	90	215	182
Philadelphia	30	29	16	76	196	216
New Jersey	31	31	12	74	166	189
Columbus	34	35	4	72	198	228
Carolina	27	36	10	64	170	201

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	46	21	8	100	214	180
St. Louis	46	21	7	99	226	182
Chicago	44	23	6	94	207	167
Minnesota	42	25	7	91	211	183
Winnipeg	39	24	12	90	212	197
Dallas	36	28	10	82	232	236
Colorado	34	28	12	80	200	206

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	47	22	7	101	222	213
Vancouver	43	27	4	90	212	199
Los Angeles	37	23	14	88	199	184
Calgary	40	27	7	87	217	195
San Jose	36	30	8	80	207	210
Edmonton	21	40	13	55	177	254
Arizona	23	44	8	54	158	249

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Anaheim 3, Boston 2, OT
Arizona 4, Buffalo 3, OT
Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Washington 3, New Jersey 2, OT
Carolina 5, Pittsburgh 2

Florida 4, Toronto 1
N.Y. Rangers 5, Ottawa 1
San Jose 6, Detroit 4
Nashville 3, Tampa Bay 2
Winnipeg 5, Montreal 2
Colorado 4, Vancouver 1

Friday's Games

Calgary at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned OF Bryce Brentz, 3B-OF Garin Cecchini and RHPs Heath Hembree and Zeke Spruill to Pawtucket (IL). Reassigned LHP Henry Owens to their minor league camp. Released RHP Mitchell Boggs.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP C.C. Lee to Columbus (IL). Reassigned INF Audy Ciriaco, OF Destin Hood, INF Francisco Lindor, RHP Dustin Mollen, C Adam Moore, RHP Bryan Price and LHP Michael Roth to their minor league camp.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Buck Farmer to Toledo (IL). Assigned RHP Rafael Dolis to their minor league camp.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Traded INF Dan Johnson to Cincinnati for a player to be named.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Released RHP Jared Burton from his minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned RHP Steve Delabar to Buffalo (IL).

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Announced the retirement of C John Buck.
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned RHP Blake Parker and LHP Joseph Ortiz to Iowa (PCL). Assigned RHPs Daniel Bard, Anthony Carter, Jorge De Leon and Gonzalez Germen; LHPs Francisley Bueno; INF Chris Valaika; OFs Albert Almora, Mike Baxter and Adron Chambers; and C Kyle Schwarber to their minor league camp.
CINCINNATI REDS — Traded INF Devin Lohman to Philadelphia for a player to be named or cash.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned OF Shane Peterson and INF Luis Sardinas to Colorado Springs (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Claimed RHP Jandel Gustave off waivers from Kansas City. Placed C Tim Federowicz on the 60-day DL.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
UTAH JAZZ — Assigned F Grant Jerrett to Idaho (NBADL). Signed FS Jack Cooley and Chris Johnson to multi-year contracts.
Women's National Basketball Association
NEW YORK LIBERTY — Named Herb Williams and Katie Smith assistant coaches, and Teresa Weather- spoon director of player development.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DT Pat Sims.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed DT Nick Hayden.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DL Derrick Shelby.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed OT Babatunde Aiyegbusi. Waived LB Justin Anderson and G Jordan McCray.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed WR Darius Heyward-Bey to a one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Waived OL Jonathan Martin.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Suspended Columbus F Jared Boll three games for an illegal check to the head of Anaheim F Patrick Maroon during a March 24 game.
CALGARY FLAMES — Signed F Austin Carroll to a three-year entry-level contract.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with F Kyle Baun and D Michael Paliotta on two-year contracts.
EDMONTON OILERS — Recalled D Brandon Davidson from Oklahoma City (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Reassigned F Kevin Fiala to Milwaukee (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed G Joel Rumpel to a one-year contract and D Joakim Ryan to a two-year contract and assigned them to Worcester (AHL).
WINNIPEG JETS — Agreed to terms with F Andrew Copp on a three-year entry level contract.



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