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Rally to protest property values

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

A group of local residents aren't going to accept their new property valuations quietly.

Those residents, outraged by what they describe as unreasonably high valuations,

are bringing their complaints right to the appraisal district's doorstep — they have scheduled a rally for 11 a.m. May 21 in the Pocket Park next to the county annex building.

Scott Emerson, one of the organizers of the protest, said he was flabbergasted when he

learned of his new property valuations.

"They're up considerably. One of my properties had its valuation increased by 1900 percent," Emerson said. "I posted on Facebook to see if anyone else had the same problem and that's how I got

in touch with Nati Saldivar of the Northside Movement ... between the two of us, we've probably talked to 500 people who think their valuations are too high."

Emerson said the rally will be a peaceful protest aimed at raising awareness of a grow-

ing problem, as well as a first step in fighting the new valuations.

"It's a free process, but it's a long and tedious process," he said of procedures in place for property owners to con-

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One dead in Martin Co. crash

Abilene man dies from injuries sustained in head-on wreck on I-20

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A 32-year-old Abilene man died Thursday after a two-vehicle fatality in Martin County ended with both vehicles engulfed in flames.

According to Trooper Elena Viramontes, of the Texas Department of Public Safety, James Ray Alexander was pronounced dead by Martin County Justice of the Peace Pam McAnally. The accident occurred around 4:30 p.m. on Interstate 20 just inside the Stanton city limits.

Alexander was driving a 2012 GMC pickup heading eastbound on Interstate 20 and, for unknown reasons, failed to drive in a single lane, according to DPS reports. He then crossed through the center medium and struck a 2012 Mack truck towing a 2012 Hercules Trailer driving by Alfredo Varela, a 23-year-old from El Paso, the investigation showed. Both vehicle caught fire and were engulfed in flames.

Varela was taken to the Martin County Hospital. Attempts to find out Varela's condition were unsuccessful by press time.

Road conditions at the time were reported as clear, Viramontes said.



The 2015 Howard/Glasscock Relay for Life, will be held from 6 p.m. until midnight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The event raises money for cancer research.

Municipal, school elections Saturday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Howard County voters will head to the polls Saturday for municipal and school board elections.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ballots for the Big Spring municipal and school district trustee

elections can be cast at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum foyer located on the Howard College campus. Coahoma city and school district constituents may vote at the Coahoma Community Center.

Early voting wrapped up Tuesday with a total of 211 ballots punched. Those figures include mail-in ballots.

Races that will be decided Saturday are:

- City of Big Spring, District 2, incumbent Carmen Harbour faces Thomas Padilla.
- BSISD trustee race, District 4, long-time trustee Tony Kennedy faces Kyle Carroll, an educator.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
 Nearly 60 people attended the 64th annual National Day of Prayer event held in the Howard County Commissioner's Court Thursday afternoon. Bill Ivins, pastor of First Methodist Church, one of the organizers of the event, reads scripture from the Bible. The event was established in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress. President Harry S. Truman signed the bill into law.



BSHS talent show on tap

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A star could be born on Saturday night.

The Big Spring High School talent show will showcase the school's best at 7 p.m. Saturday in the high school auditorium.

"We have some students singing, we have a group of students who will perform a skit and we have a couple of people who will be singing songs they wrote themselves," said Beth Spence, Big Spring High School assistant choir director. "We have a lot of great talent in our school."

Admission is \$5.
 As the 2014-2015 school year wraps up,

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Obituaries

Bertha Shires

Bertha (Bert) Shires, 100, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Big Spring Center For Skilled Care. The family will receive friends Friday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Ken Thomas officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

Bonnie Ruth Wheat

Bonnie Ruth (Boydston) Wheat of Big Spring, TX, passed away April 5, 2015 in Durham, N.C. after many months of illness. She was 68 years old. Bonnie was born in Jayton, Texas Jan. 8, 1947, to David Cunningham Boydston and Ollie Orleana Boydston. She graduated from Jayton High School in 1965, received a bachelor's degree in education from Portland State University in 1972, and a mas-

ters degree in education from Tarleton State University in 1982. She married Park Dwayne Wheat on May 30, 1967 and they moved to Washington state, spending 17 years of their marriage in the Pacific Northwest. They returned to Texas in 1989 and spent 25 years in Big Spring, actively involved in the community through their ministry.

Bonnie taught first and second grade for many years and retired from the Big Spring Independent School District in 2004. She was a minister's wife and devoted her life to serving in the ministry through her church work and through service to the Southern Baptist Association and the Small Church Association. In her retirement, she served as director of the Spring of Siloam

In addition to her parents and husband, George, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Virginia Roberts; three sons-in-law, Bobby Lee Rickman, Sonny Loden and Raymond Roberts; and two granddaughters, Carol Ann Foster and Beverly Jean Cason; three sisters, Hazel Pierce, Dorothy Harris and Syble Stringer; and three brothers, Herman Bolton, Carl Bolton and Eulis Bolton.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and great grandsons.

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

Paid obituary

Christian Women's Job Corp and wrote a weekly column for the Big Spring Herald.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Park Wheat; her daughter, Charla Wheat; and her parents, Dave and Orleana Boydston.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Scott Whiteman of Durham, N.C., her sister, Margie Sue Altman of Aurora, Colo.; and five nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2015m at Berea Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corp. 1208 Frazier Street Big Spring, Texas.

Gerald D. McCasland

Gerald D. McCasland, 81, of Sand Springs, passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Nursing. The family will receive friends Sunday from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born in Quinlan, Texas on Nov. 2, 1933 to Ruby Jane (Dunning) and Edgar Cleo McCasland. He was raised in Levelland, Texas. He married Alvine Free on Aug. 7, 1997, in San Angelo, Texas. He spent 22 years in the United States Air Force, retiring as Chief Master Sergeant in 1974 from Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring. Gerald was a jet engine mechanic and served in Vietnam. After the Air Force, he worked for Walsh & Watts Production Company and retired from there in 1996. He was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Alvine McCasland of Sand Springs; one daughter, Karen Craig and husband, Jim, of Abilene; three step-

daughters, Ellen Franklin and husband, Kenneth, of Big Spring, Jo Ann Graham and husband, Don, of San Angelo and Tena Nelson and husband, Jerry, of Lamesa; three step-sons, A.J. Boudreau and wife, Laveta, of Muldrow, Okla., James Boudreau of Moore, Okla. and Hubert Hodges and wife, Lupe, of Big Spring; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a number of step-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son Johnny Dean McCasland and a sister Edna Earl McWatters.

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

William Robert George

William Robert George, 52, of Stanton, died, Thursday, May 7, 2015, at his residence. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2015, at the Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

William was born Nov. 3, 1962, in Nuremberg, Germany. He grew up in Midland and Dallas and moved to Stanton 10 years ago. He spent his career in the oil field, starting as a roughneck and finishing as a superintendent.

William is survived by his wife, Sheridan George of Stanton; son, Zachary George of Fort Worth; step-son, Ricky Stephens of Midland; four daughters, Shari Devall of Houston, Victoria Martine of Midland, Stephanie George of Galveston and Marisa Diese of Odessa; seven grandchildren; one brother, Karl George; and two sisters, C. J. McCloud and Patricia Glenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Edeltraud George; and one brother, Jack "Jackie" George Jr.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

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.

Police, sheriff, Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOHN BLAKE ARMSTRONG**, 19, of 1712 E. 15th St. was arrested on charges of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **MARTY RAY EVANS JR.**, 25, of 1410 E. 11th Place was arrested on warrants for fail to appear and dog or cat running at large.
- **RACHEL RENEA YOUNG**, 22, of 205 E. 5th St. was arrested on a warrant for terroristic threat, place person in fear.
- **COLIN D. HARDY**, 24, of Fort Defiance, Ariz. was arrested on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct by fighting.
- **MARTY WAYNE HUCKABEE**, 34, of 1429 E. 6th St. was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct by fighting, public intoxication and driving while license was invalid.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 3600 block of E. 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of S. Gregg St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.
- **BURGLARY** of a habitation was reported in the 2500 block of W. 16th St.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 6th St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

receive a Dollar General tote bag, among other giveaways.

• Trash Pick Up at Comanche Trail Lake, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. The event is hosted by Western Bank's Big Spring branch. Participants are asked to meet by the Second Pavilion in the park at 10 a.m. to receive trash bags. The bank will provide a lunch at noon.

• BSHS Talent Show, 7 p.m., high school auditorium, Admission cost is \$5.

• Piper Jones Band, 7 p.m., Tuesday, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, located on 10th and Goliad. The professional band performs Celtic Folk music. The concert is free but donation will be accepted to benefit the Meals on Wheels program.

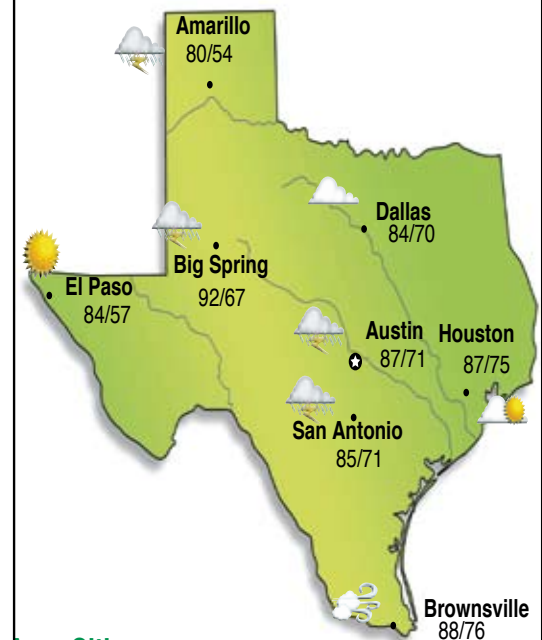
• Summers on the Green Outdoor Move and Entertainment Series, Saturday, May 16, 6 p.m. at the Hotel Settles Lawn

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 5/9	Sun 5/10	Mon 5/11	Tue 5/12	Wed 5/13
92/67	88/56	87/57	80/59	76/60
Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	68	t-storm	Kingsville	88	76	pt sunny
Amarillo	80	54	t-storm	Livingston	88	73	pt sunny
Austin	87	71	t-storm	Longview	86	70	t-storm
Beaumont	84	73	pt sunny	Lubbock	84	58	pt sunny
Brownsville	88	76	windy	Lufkin	90	74	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	84	67	t-storm	Midland	91	67	pt sunny
Corsicana	84	71	cloudy	Raymondville	93	76	windy
Dallas	84	70	cloudy	Rosenberg	87	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	90	72	pt sunny	San Antonio	85	71	t-storm
El Paso	84	57	sunny	San Marcos	87	72	t-storm
Fort Stockton	92	62	sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	70	t-storm
Gainesville	81	67	t-storm	Sweetwater	87	68	t-storm
Greenville	84	70	t-storm	Tyler	85	71	t-storm
Houston	87	75	pt sunny	Weatherford	82	68	t-storm
				Wichita Falls	81	66	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	63	mst sunny	Minneapolis	67	45	pt sunny
Boston	68	49	pt sunny	New York	73	57	mst sun
Chicago	81	58	t-storm	Phoenix	70	50	mst sun
Dallas	84	70	cloudy	San Francisco	65	51	sunny
Denver	59	44	t-storm	Seattle	74	50	sunny
Houston	87	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	84	69	t-storm
Los Angeles	62	54	rain	Washington, DC	85	65	pt sunny
Miami	87	72	t-storm				

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8
2015 Relay for Life:
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
6PM-Midnight

May 16
Summers on the Green Outdoor Movie and Entertainment Series:
Hotel Settles Lawn.
6PM.
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Coming up

• 2015 Relay for Life, today, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 6 p.m. to midnight.

• Dollar General Grand Opening, 8 a.m. Saturday, 2305 Wasson Road. Free prizes and special deals will be available. The first 50 adult shoppers at the store will receive a \$10 Dollar General gift card and the first 200 shoppers will

Take note

• A garage sale will be held Wednesday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Home Hospice building, 111 7th St. The garage sale will be held in the business' parking lot on Rannels St. Proceeds will benefit the Relay For Life team – Hospice Halos. A variety of items from memorabilia to clothing will be on sale.

• A silent auction and dinner to benefit cancer patient Josh Preston will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 1009 Hearn St. Taco plates will be available for \$10; pre-orders will be accepted. For more information, contact Anna at 575-973-7864.

• The Howard County Republican Club will meet at noon Monday, May 11, in the Cactus Room at the Howard County Student Union Building. The club will present its annual \$500 scholarship to a deserving Big Spring High School student at that time. Call 432-528-4869 for more information.

• The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the West Texas Livestock and Range Conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 21 at the Broughton Agriculture Complex on the Howard College campus in Big Spring, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — one laws and regulations and two general — will be offered.

Individual preregistration is \$20 if received at the AgriLife Extension office in Glasscock County by May 15 and \$25 thereafter. The fee includes the noon meal.

For more information, contact Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County, at 432-354-2381, r-royall@tamu.edu, or the AgriLife Extension office in any of the participating counties.

• Western Bank's Big Spring branch will be hosting a pick up litter event at Comanche Trail Park Saturday. Participants are asked to meet by the Second Pavilion in the Comanche Trail Park at 10 a.m. to receive trash bags. The event runs until

noon when the bank will provide lunch. For more information about how to participate, contact Western Bank at 432-466-0000.

• The Coahoma High School classes of 1952-1956 will have a get together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 24 at the Hampton Inn of Big Spring's Cowboy Meeting Room.

For more information, call 432-213-3259.

• The time period to transfer into the Forsan ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, timelines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.

• SOS — Save Our Symphony. The Big Spring Symphony Association needs funds to help pay off debts occurred in this past symphony season. Contributions can be made to the Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or can be directly deposited to the symphony's account at Western Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. For more information, contact Symphony President Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• For information on Garrett Parrish's condition, or to post messages of support, visit his Facebook page (#GPSTRONG). 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 Coaho-

ma 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.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Victoria Cevallos, 46, died Sunday. Memorial service will be at 1:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Travis Crow, 85, died Saturday. A graveside memorial service with Military Honors will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bertha Shires, 100, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Hillcrest Baptist Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Gerald McCasland, 81, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

PROTEST

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test valuations. "I feel it's that way in part to discourage people from protesting."

Emerson promised

the group would follow the process — which involves appeals to a review board and the appraisal district board of directors — and wouldn't rule out the final, drastic step: filing a lawsuit in 118th District

Court. Regardless, something has to be done, he added.

"We have higher valuations than Midland and higher valuations than Horseshoe Bay ... it's frustrating to own-

ers like me," Emerson said. "Sooner or later, this has to stop, or sooner or later the house my family bought in 1959 is going to be valued at a couple of million dollars."

For more information

on the May 21 rally, contact Emerson at 213-1284.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331

BSHS

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the public will have one last chance to hear the high school's award-winning choir.

The group will perform

at 7 p.m., May 21, in the high school auditorium. The Pop Show features several contemporary pieces including songs by Michael Jackson, Diana Rose and other popular music.

The is no charge of the

Pop Show but the choir will accept donations to help the family of Briana Mendoza, a Big Spring High School student who is undergoing cancer treatments.

The high school varsity choir — Meistersing-

ers — and Men's Choir earned Sweepstakes awards at the UIL Regional Concert and Sight Reading contest held recently.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

ELECTION

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Running unopposed for the District 2 race is Maria V. Padilla. Her name will remain on the ballot as BSISD decided to continue to list the race.

Both races in the Big Spring City Council and school district elections are only open to voters who live in those districts.

• city of Coahoma, two at-large seats, Ronnie Dodson, (I), Jay Holt, (I) and Brandy Manning.

• CISD trustee race, three at-large seats, Jody Reid, (I) Brian Moore, (I); Alan Wright,

(I); Melissa Sanchez and Dicky Stone.

On Saturday, voters must provide a valid photo identification in order to participate, according to the state of Texas election laws.

That includes:

• Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)

• Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS

• Texas personal identification card issued by DPS

• Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS

• United States military identification card containing the person's photograph

• United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph

• United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

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

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

False fears about free trade

Political debates often pit fear against hope, and when it comes to international trade agreements, many Democrats prefer to scare. It's a durable strategy that they can't relinquish — even though it usually fails.

If you're going to make a horror movie, you need a villain who can make your blood run cold. Despite endless efforts to pump this one up, the audience mostly yawns.

Americans have gotten too used to the obvious benefits of trade to be terrified by German cars, Canadian oil or Chinese toys.

The Obama administration is currently negotiating with 11 other nations on a Trans-Pacific Partnership, which is intended to remove barriers to trade and investment and establish clear rules of the road. In preparation for submitting the deal, the administration wants “trade promotion authority,” a long-used option that says Congress may accept or reject any such accord but may not amend it.

Opponents of trade reject both proposals.

They don't want to expand commerce with these countries, which range from Japan to Chile (and don't include China). They know that without trade promotion authority, getting a deal done would become virtually impossible.

No country is going to agree to a large package of provisions if Congress can step in and veto any it doesn't like.

But it's hard to frighten voters with tirades about congressional voting procedures. So the critics are depicting the whole process as one of ominous secrecy, whose sinister effects will be known only after it is too late to escape them.

Former Maryland Democratic Gov. Martin O'Malley, who may run for president, lodged this



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complaint against the Pacific accord: “What's wrong with it is first and foremost that we're not allowed to read it before representatives vote on it.”

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., who says she won't run, insists that the administration is desperate to hide the details. “Why? Here's the real answer people have given me: ‘We can't make this deal public because if the American people saw what was in it, they would be opposed to it.’”

Isn't it odd that someone so committed to openness won't say who told her that? If I were President Barack Obama, I would offer to pay for a polygraph exam to see if Warren is speaking honestly.

O'Malley may be consciously deceptive, or he may be merely confused.

In any case, they are not to be taken seriously. Much of what is in the trade deal is not known because the negotiations, like the Iran nuclear talks, take place behind closed doors. Governments don't make a practice of wrangling over such matters in public view.

The public view comes later — after the agreement is completed. Contrary to these claims, it will be disclosed then. Members of Congress will be able to read it, and so will voters. That's why PolitiFact rated O'Malley's claim “mostly false.”

It's true that Congress is being asked to grant trade promo-

tion authority before knowing everything the trade accord will include. But so what? It would retain the ultimate authority — to read the treaty in full and then vote it up or down.

Warren is not afraid the American people will accept the deal because they won't know what's in it. She's afraid they will accept the deal in spite of — or because of — knowing what's in it.

Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., has a different objection. He warns that the trade promotion bill “will pave the way for another NAFTA-style deal that costs jobs.”

But NAFTA, which took effect in 1994, is not so much Freddy Krueger as Casper the Friendly Ghost.

Public Citizen, a liberal anti-trade group, claims it cost the U.S. 1 million jobs.

If so, the loss amounts to only about 50,000 jobs per year, a drop in the ocean. Even in the current unsatisfying recovery, the economy has been creating more than 250,000 jobs per month.

More pertinent is that NAFTA didn't impede, and most likely fostered, the longest economic expansion in U.S. history — which lasted until 2001 and created 21 million jobs.

If Americans were asked, “Would you like to have an economy like the one we had in the years after NAFTA?” they would be divided between those saying “yes” and those saying “hell, yes.”

It would be unreasonable to dream that this or any trade agreement would restore those golden years. But it's an even bigger mistake to be afraid.

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Getting sports moguls off our backs

It was not out of a sense of decency that the National Football League recently let go of its tax-exempt status. You see, as a tax-exempt organization, the NFL had to disclose Commissioner Roger Goodell's compensation — \$44.2 million in 2012. That seemed an excessive sum for the head of a “nonprofit” freed from having to pay any federal income tax. Now the NFL can keep it secret.

Tax exemption is a subsidy. The taxes the NFL money machine didn't have to pay, everyone else had to pay. Thanks go to former Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., Rep. Jason Chafetz, R-Utah, and Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., for railing against such unsightly deals.

But that's not the only good news for citizens tired of being milked by billionaire sports moguls. Consider Verizon's decision to let customers buy TV packages that do not include ESPN or other sports channels.

An explanation: Animal Planet and Food Network are not why TV bills are so ludicrously high. What drive them up are the enormous fees the sports channels extract for their programming.

ESPN alone tacks an estimated \$7 on monthly bills. By comparison, USA Network adds less than \$1.

An interesting calculation: If every month you put \$7 into an investment with an annual return of 4 percent, you'd have \$1,027 after 10 years. These things add up.

It was not charity that prompt-

Ending tax-exempt bonds for sports arenas might reduce our elected officials' temptation to sacrifice their taxpayers in return for good tickets to the game. That would be the best outcome.

ed Verizon to let its customers buy a smaller base package of channels, plus extra bundles containing the channels they actually watch, at lower cost. Every month, thousands of Americans — incensed by their monthly TV bills and now able to get most of what they watch from the Internet — have been “cutting the cord,” that is, dropping their cable, satellite or fiber-optic TV service altogether.

Anyhow, ESPN has dragged Verizon Communications into court.

The sports network, the Disney empire's most lucrative business, claims that Verizon broke a contract requiring that ESPN channels be part of its basic offerings. Verizon says that any of its customers can obtain ESPN through a bonus bundle at no additional cost and that therefore it is included.

Never did I think I'd say this, but I am rooting for my pay-TV provider.

On to another reason to cheer. President Obama's proposed budget would ban the financing of professional sports stadiums with tax-exempt bonds. Such bonds lower borrowing costs for the zillionaire team owners. Currently, 22 NFL teams play in

stadiums financed by tax-exempt bonds, as do 64 professional baseball, basketball and hockey teams.

Why would tax-exempt bonds — created to help cities, towns and states pay for needed infrastructure — go to benefit mega-businesses? Because the team owners have succeeded in conning locals to see sports arenas as economic magnets pumping money into their weary tax bases.

Lots of studies contradict this self-serving propaganda. First off, the economic activity generated by the teams often pales next to the concessions wrenched from the taxpayers. Secondly, many of the dollars spent at the games are dollars that would have otherwise been left at local businesses, such as restaurants.

Furthermore, the subsidy-bloated profits generally end up in the pockets of the owners and their magnificently paid players — who promptly take them out of town. With all due respect to Cleveland, one doubts that LeBron James spends many of his millions there.

Ending tax-exempt bonds for sports arenas might reduce our elected officials' temptation to sacrifice their taxpayers in return for good tickets to the game. That would be the best outcome.

They who love professional sports should pay for them.

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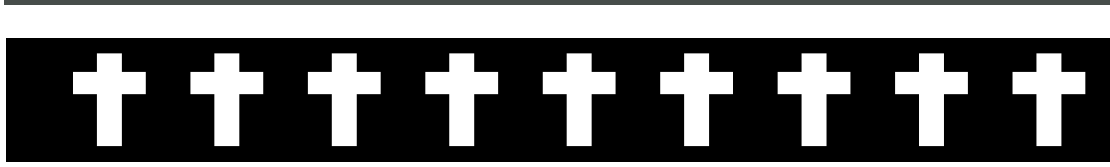
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Did you ever wonder? Judah and Tamar

According to their customs, women who produced no children were looked down on and shunned. And once Tamar was married, it was her right to expect to be given a child.

Judah could have released her, giving her the freedom to marry again, but instead he had placed her in limbo. She was still part of Judah's family, awaiting a husband; but Judah did not provide for her need.

Tamar stayed in her father's home for several years. Judah's wife died, and he continued life as a widower. Tamar knew that by this time Shelah, Judah's youngest son, was grown,

and still Judah had not given her a husband.

During the late spring when it was time to shear the sheep, Judah went to the place where his flocks were pastured for the sheering. This was a festive occasion. A wealthy man always made a public feast for the poor during sheering.

She was told that her father-in-law was coming to sheer his sheep nearby. So Tamar removed her widow's clothing and adorned herself pleasingly, including a veil so that she would not be recognized. She pitched her tent and sat near the entrance to Enaim, a city whose name means "Eye-Opener."

Judah left the festival in high spirits and probably a little tipsy from much wine, and he saw a young woman sitting by the road. Evidently women sitting by the roadside were fair game. Not know-

ing that she was his daughter-in-law, Judah approached her.

"What will you give me if you consort with me?" Tamar asked. "I will send you a kid of the goats from my flock," Judah replied. Knowing that Judah had not fulfilled his word earlier, this time Tamar was shrewd. She answered, "Provided you leave a pledge until you send it." "What pledge shall I give you?" Judah asked. "Your signet, your wrap, and your staff that is in your hand," was her demand for her services. And Judah agreed. (Gen 38: 16-18)

Notice that Tamar did not ask for money.

She wanted personal items that would later prove the identity of her consort. Judah's signet was an engraved stamp to mark his seal on documents; it signified his promise. It may have been a ring or a

pendant worn around his neck. His cloak also identified him; each tribe used specific colors and patterns, and Judah's prominence as head of his tribe may have been woven into his cloak. His staff had his name engraved on it signifying that he was head of the tribe of Judah. It was a "staff of authority."

Do you realize the significance of these items?

They were immensely important to Judah. But we have already suggested that he may have imbibed a little too much wine, and he was no longer thinking about the cost. He did the deed and went on his way without another thought of it.

The next day Judah sent his friend Hirah with a kid goat to redeem his pledge. But Tamar had folded her tent and gone to her father's house with her treasures.



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Church News

First Presbyterian Church — Big Spring

The regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; 6 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal. From April through mid-May the Children's Choir and Young Women's Choir will meet together, with rehearsals overlapping, from 4:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. to rehearse for the musical to be presented on May 17. The Youth Group will meet at 5:15 p.m. Sunday afternoon to practice for the musical "Cool in the Furnace," based on the story of Daniel. We will break for dinner at 6 p.m. This will be the schedule through mid-May.

At 7 p.m. three Howard College sophomore recitals will be presented in our Chapel, 7th and Runnels, on Sunday evening. This will include the recital of our own choir member, Trai Currie. Everyone is invited.

Just a reminder, today is the 21st Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life and will take place at Blankenship Field, BSHS Track from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Women of the church are invited to mark their calendars on Tuesday, May 19, for a special salad luncheon and program beginning at noon. More details will follow in next week's church news.

The Children's Sunday School will continue their study of Daniel, which will conclude with their performance of the musical by Buryl Red "It's Cool in the Furnace," on Sunday afternoon, May 17, at 3 p.m.

Beginning on May 10, John Ferguson will lead the Adult Covenant Class in the third unit of the quarter entitled "Woven Together in Love" from 1 Corinthians. The objective of these lessons is to move the learners to see the connection between loving one another and living as Christ's witness in the world.

The Adult Discovery Class begins a new DVD study on May 10 called "Parables Remix," created by Stew Redwine and John Schimke. The study illuminates Jesus' original parables with modern-day short film retellings of 18 parables.

Lane Reynolds is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector for May is Mark Morgan.

The lectionary for Mother's Day/the Sixth Sunday of Easter is Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 17:6-19. The Rev. Jose Luis Rios, General Missioner of Tres Rios Presbytery, will deliver the sermon in the absence of the Rev. Holstedt, who is undergoing knee surgery. The Chancel Choir will present "A Jubilant Song" by Allen Pote as the offertory anthem.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish con-

cerns 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.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church, located at 6200 S. Service Rd., Big Spring, has Bible study at 9:45 a.m. followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. every Sunday. In the evening the youth meet at 5 p.m. The Adult Choir meets in the Sanctuary for practice at 5 p.m.

The evening service begins at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall and we started a study on Angels, last week.

On Wednesday evening, we have a meal at 5:15 p.m. The children and youth start their respective programs at 6 p.m. The Adult Bible Study/Prayer meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Vans do run and if you need a ride please call the church by 4 p.m. at 432-263-6274.

This Sunday will be Mother's Day. We would love to have you visit.

We had our first VBS session and had an awesome time. Son-spark Labs was exciting. We have two more sessions, May 13 and 20. We hope you join us as we look for answers to the following questions: Why did Jesus die? And So...now what do I do?

We will discover God's plan 2 save us! And love us 4-ever. The schedule for VBS will be from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Supper will be served at 5 p.m. followed by VBS. VBS is for grade kindergarten through fifth. Church vans will be running, so if you need a ride please call 432-263-6274 by 4 p.m. to schedule a ride. If you have any questions please contact the church at the number listed above.

The youth are participating in World Hunger's 30-Hour Famine this year. The famine will begin Friday, June 5 at 6 p.m. For more information go to 30hourfamine.org. If you would like to support or be involved with the famine please call Ali Shamshear, our youth minister for more information.

Our e-mail is midwaybaptist@gmail.com; and our website is midwaybcbigspring.com

Kingdom Revival Church

Big Springs Holy Ghost Miracle Tent revival is at 8 p.m. every night through May 16 and is open to the community. It is a half a mile south of Highway 87 on Ranch Road/HWY

33 going towards Garden City at the Howard County youth Horsemen's club.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning Lester Brown will be our guest speaker.

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 evening we have begun a new Bible study through 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Four Sands Café.

Our Ladies' Tea will be on Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m. This is a brunch-style gathering for the ladies in our community. A short program will be presented by the Girls in Action.

We have our next movie night on Saturday, May 16. The movie we will show is Dolphin Tale 2, which will be projected onto an outdoor screen in our west parking lot. This is a drive-in style experience, so bring your pickup, SUV, or just set up a folding chair and enjoy a family movie with us. The film will begin as soon as it gets dark.

Revival! Our revival dates are June 17-20. Guest speakers will be Josh Puckett, Lester Brown, Eddy Prince, and Clay Garmon. Music will be provided by Cody Brotherton.

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

Baby Dedication time is this Sunday. Please join us in this celebration.

We are very close to our goal of 400 gallons of paint so that we can start painting our new home in the Spring Town Plaza. If you would like to help by donating a gallon of paint or any amount, please contact Dorothy Nichols. The cost of each gallon is \$35.

"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. For more information on "Grief Share," visit www.griefshare.org or contact the office.

"Connection Groups" are meeting now on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. "Community Groups" meet Wednes-

Club news

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday May 4, in the Cactus Room of Howard College. President Lisa Brooks led us in the pledge to the flag and Lee Emerson gave the invocation. We welcomed a new member Roman Alvarez, regional services assistant for Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission. After approval of financials, Lisa offered a big "thank you" to Pat Simmons and Peggy Hopper for their help on the successful Trash-Off.

GEO group was outstanding, bringing in several truck-loads of trash cleaned on the 11th Place extension. Thanks, Janice Bishop. The Keep Texas Beautiful netted 65 entries in the State Art Contest. Forsan and Coahoma Schools came through in a fine way. They represented us well. Gus and Jessica of Alon did a great job.

We will host several more Weeding Wednesdays on Main Street to eliminate the ragged weeds — or come on Tuesday and Thursday, too. This is our prime project for 2015 and it will take most of the year to complete. Thanks to our many business partners and several grants we are pursuing, we hope to have a neat and clean median down Main Street. Several trash barrels now have our logo wraps around — watch for them in Comanche Trail Park. Gus and John Leonardi got these done with the help of Jimmy Foresyth and Greg Brooks. Way to go! We are getting a grant for "Love Where You Live" from Lowe's. Gus Leonardi and BenElla Stewart will be our delegates at State in Fort Worth June 15-17. Out Next meeting is June 1.

day nights a various locations. Go to our website or call the church office for more information.

"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.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. — Sunday School/Connection Groups
10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. — "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.
10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. — Worship Service
Tuesday
Noon to 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. to 8 p.m. — Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.
Saturday
7:30 a.m. — Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

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

First Baptist Church

You're invited to worship our risen Lord with us Sunday at 10:50 a.m. The service will have a time of Parent Dedication as we commit these parents to the Lord, and as we give our pledge to encourage and support them.

A princess is born

Kensington Palace made the announcement last Saturday: "Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge was safely delivered of a daughter at 8:34 a.m. The baby weighs 8 lbs, 3 oz."



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It was a typical British announcement with little more flair than the weigh-in of jockeys at the Kentucky Derby. But Prince William and Kate beamed with joy when, seven hours later, they presented their newborn daughter to the world.

When Prince William married Kate Middleton four years ago it was a storybook wedding. Two billion people watched. Since that time, the Royal couple has charmed the nations with their world-wide tours. Now they have enchanted us with their chil-

dren, Prince George and his little sister, the Princess. Part of our attraction to William, Kate and their children is our fascination with celebrities. But, in this case, even celebrities stand in awe, overshadowed by the traditions of royalty. We are moved by something deeper than celebrity worship. The core attraction of the royal family is just that: family. In our scientific and antiseptic world we are sometimes in danger of reducing human life to the mundane, the clinically predictable. But the birth of a Princess somehow draws us back to celebrate the majesty and the mystery of birth and life: the natural result of a man and a woman committed to one another in matrimony. We are each born of a mother and a father, which does not mean that we all know our fathers and mothers. Parents are not always married, and in some cases, such as artificial insemination, they never even know

one another. But, the fact of the matter is, we are all conceived, fashioned and formed by the mystical union of male and female. It has been so since the beginning. Genesis states, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply.'" (Genesis 1:27,28) Sooner or later most of us want to know our lineage. Where did we come from? Who were our parents, and who were their parents? What mysterious mix of ethnicities and nationalities went together to produce ... well ... us? None of us are elected or engineered to be who we are. Britain's new Princess is who she is by birth and by choice. She is born a princess because Prince William chose Kate Middleton to be his bride. And she is born a princess because she is the daughter of their union. In a similar way, we are all born

because God chose us and gave us birth. In Isaiah, God says, "You who have been borne by Me from birth, and have been carried from the womb; even to your old age, I will be the same, and even to your graying years I shall bear you! I have done it, and I shall carry you; and I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you." (Isaiah 46:3-4). Peter writes, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession." (1 Peter 2:9). Jesus said, "You did not choose me but I chose you." (John 15:9). On this coming Sunday, as we celebrate Mothers' Day, perhaps a newborn Princess will remind us who we are. Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com

Church News

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The choir will offer special music titled "Hear the Call of the Kingdom," and Pastor Mark Lindsey will lead us as we open God's Word. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday School classes are available for all ages; greeters are happy to help you find your class and direct you to coffee.

There will be no evening service to allow for an extended time of fellowship with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with our children's program AWANA this past school year. AWANA has ended for this term, and will resume in September.

On May 17 we will be recognizing our graduates during the morning service, followed by a luncheon for them and their families. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for more information.

Our Mission Center/Food Pantry/Clothes Closet will be open Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. It is located on Lancaster, one block behind HEB.

It's time to register your children for Summerama. This fun program is for students going into first grade through those going into seventh. Summerama will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration packets may be picked up in the church office or Children's Department office.

Our Vacation Bible School will be June 8-12, and promises to be a wonderful time, so save the dates and watch for details to come.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by Adult Choir practice, Bible Study and prayer time, Youth group, and children's mission groups. Join us Wednesday for tacos.

If you have never been part of a church family or are looking for a church home, we would invite you to come check us out; we'll do our best to make you feel at home. FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us as we continue this six part series by Pastor Michael Willard as he shares some biblical insight that all servant leaders should know concerning (1) Obedience, (2) Faith, (3) Submission, (4) Motivation, (5) Affliction and (6) Second Chances.

- Sunday at 10:30 a.m. join this Mother's Day, as we celebrate and honor those special women in our lives.

- Monday at 6 p.m. join our Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry for an awesome time in fellowship. We will be gathering at 2906 W. 8th St. Big Spring —The Meet-N-Greet.

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

- Thursday, at 7 p.m. our 50 and over group will be gathering at Carol and Tom Bradley's home, 513 Highland Dr.

- Sunday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. will be our Annual CCC graduation service. If you have a kindergarten, high school or college student that will be graduating in May or graduated last December, please let the front office know. There are questionnaires that will be made available in the front office that needs to be filled out by the parents or guardians of the graduates. This information, along with pictures must be submitted to the front office by this Sunday.

- Friday, at 7 p.m. The Brigade — Our men's ministry — will be gathering for an awesome time at the Rockhound's Game. All you can eat burgers and hotdogs during the picnic. This event is \$18 per person; you can turn your money in to the front office or to Brandon Hughes.

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

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Come gather with us to worship our loving and merciful Heavenly Father Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. or 2

p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse continues the sermon series on "Power." Our Sunday worship services are held inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. Wednesday evenings at 6, we meet 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@

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Hear our prayer, oh Lord

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

Thursday was the National Day of Prayer with millions partici-

pating across the United States.

Here in Big Spring, the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home honored

the day with their own humble gathering that consisted of residents, family members and staff.

Michelle Rodriguez,

activities director for Lamun-Lusk welcomed the group to the flagpole and thanked them for their participation.

"We come here today

to pray for our country, our service members, our veterans and our staff" said Rodriguez.

She then introduced resident Jerry Garrett to offer the prayer.

Garrett thanked God for the many blessings in the lives of those around him, and thanked God for the days gone by and the days yet to come. He

asked God's blessings on this community, the government and all of those under God's.

After many "Amen's," the group thanked Garrett for his words and praised his sincerity.

Following the prayer, the group was led in song by fellow resident Joe Shiftlet. They sang, "What a friend in Jesus we have."



Left: The residents, family members and staff of Lamun-Lusk gather around the flagpole for National Day of Prayer. At bottom, left, Joe Shiftlet leads the group in a song. Below, Jerry Garrett offered the prayer for everyone gathered together.

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Denver dog missing for four years heads home from Illinois

DENVER (AP) — It's a Denver man's American dream: Getting back the dog that vanished four years ago on the Fourth of July

Kelly Booker's 9-year-old Shih Tzu, Lilly, was found last month wandering the streets nearly a thousand miles away in Elgin, Illinois, suffering from a severe infection and exposure. Her nails grew long, and people who found her said she was in bad shape.

Booker said Thursday that his pet disappeared on July 4, 2011, when he

put her in the backyard as he headed to a fireworks show. He does not know if Lilly got frightened by the explosions and ran away or was stolen.

"Kids were outside popping fireworks. We went looking for her and she was gone. It was like a child that went missing," Booker said as he prepared to go to Denver International Airport to pick up Lilly.

Volunteers at the Almost Home Foundation rescued Lilly and nursed her back to

health. She was identified by a microchip with her owner's contact information, and Booker was notified.

Booker says he doesn't know how Lilly wound up in Illinois.

Chuck Hanson, spokesman for the Almost Home Foundation, said Lilly got a big send-off in Illinois before she was sent home.

"She's getting a lot of attention. She even had her own press conference before she left," Hanson said.

Contact the Big Spring Herald at 263-7331

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Forsan roll over Lockney in opener

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Jordan Matthews and the Forsan High School Lady Buffaloes kicked off the playoff weekend on a high note on Thursday. Matthews hurled a 1-hit gem en route to helping the Lady Buffaloes open their best-of-3 area playoff series against Lockney with a 10-0 run-rule win at Lubbock Cooper High School.

Baseball Playoffs Class 4A Big Spring vs. Pampa
Game 1: Friday, 8 p.m. MST (9 p.m. local) in Hobbs, NM
Game 2: Saturday, 1 p.m. MST (2 p.m. local) in Hobbs, NM
Game 3: 30 minutes after conclusion of Game 2 (if needed).

Class 2A Muenster (Practice game)
Game 1: 4 p.m. at Stamford
Game 2: 30 minutes following completion of Game 1.

Softball Playoffs Class 4A Big Spring vs. Andrews
Game 1: 6 p.m. in Andrews
Game 2: 12 noon in Big Spring
Game 3: 30 minutes after conclusion of Game 2 (if needed).

Class 3A Coahoma vs. Comanche
Game 1: 6 p.m. at Hawley
Game 2: 1 p.m. at Hawley
Game 3: 30 minutes after conclusion of Game 2 (if needed).

Class 2A Forsan vs. Lockney
Game 1: Forsan 10, Lockney 0
Game 2: 5 p.m. at Lubbock Cooper
Game 3: 30 minutes after conclusion of Game 2 (if needed).

Matthews held Lockney to just one hit in six innings of work. She fanned eight of the 19 batters she faced.

Forsan, now 24-9, jumped out to a quick lead. The Lady Buffaloes pushed across three runs in the bottom of the third.

Kendall Phillips, Rosie Munoz and Brittnie Cline all drove in runs and highlighted a four-run fourth that upped the FHS lead to 7-0.

Cline tacked on another RBI in the fifth to inflate the Lady Buffs' lead to 8-0 before Mackenzie Kennedy closed out the

game with a two-run hit in the sixth.

Overall, Forsan rolled up 10 hits in the contest.

Game 2 of the series will be played this afternoon, beginning at 5 p.m.

The Big Spring Lady Steers and Coahoma Bulldogettes kick off their softball playoff outings tonight. Big Spring is scheduled to open a best-of-3 series with Andrews starting at 6 p.m. in Andrews.

Coahoma will start its best-of-3 series with Comanche this evening, starting at 6 p.m. in Hawley.

The Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma in action tonight.

Big Spring will face off against Pampa in the bi-district round of the boys' playoffs. The game is slated for a 9 p.m. (local time) start in Hobbs, N.M.

Forsan will play a pair of arm-up games with Muenster in Stamford.

Coahoma starts its series against Wall at 7 p.m. tonight in Forsan.

BSHS Lady Steers boosters to meet

The Lady Steers booster club will have their last booster club meeting on May 11, beginning at 6 at the high school ATC meeting room.

At the meeting, new board members will be elected.

All incoming eighth grade Lady Steer parents need to attend, along with any returning sophomore, junior and senior parents for the 2015-2016 school year.



Big Spring High School teams racked up more than a few trophies and honors this year while competing against some of the top athletic programs in the state.

Big Spring adds up to No. 1 in 2-4A

Steers finish atop overall rankings for 2014-15



Matt Yanez and the Big Spring football team advanced to the third round of the state playoffs for the second straight year.



The BSHS volleyball team celebrated a trip to the regional tournament this past season.



Brycen Kiker and the BSHS baseball team ended a 23-year title drought by winning the District 2-4A title recently.

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

With the 2014-15 school year winding down, Big Spring High School parents, coaches and supporters can be proud of the fact that they witnessed some of the best athletes and teams in West Texas perform right in front of their own eyes over the past nine months.

Err ... better make *the* best athletes and teams. And, according to the overall finish in each sport, the best overall athletic program.

Believe it or not, the 2014-15 school year turned out to be the best of times for the BSHS athletic program. Maybe the best in the school's long history as every Steers and Lady Steers' team finished near the top in their respective sports en route to earning BSHS the true "district champion" honors.

Based on a scoring system in which each school was ranked on a 10-8-6-4-2-0 scale depending on where they finished in each boys' and girls' athletic season, Big Spring High School proved to be the most successful. As an overall athletic program, Big Spring rolled up 77 points against the other teams that competed in District 2-4A and finished seven points ahead of Levelland. Overall, BSHS finished in the top two in the final district standings in eight of the 11 major sports held during the school year.

The news that the BSHS athletic program was the best in the district didn't come as a surprise to Big Spring Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey. It, he said, is what the school's coaches and athletes strive for each season.

"I think it has been a great year," said Ritchey. "It, obviously, has been one of the best years since I've been here. I think it is a tribute to a lot of hard work by the kids and the coaches in each sport."

"I'm not surprised that we did so well," he added. "We (as a coaching

By the number ...

The following is a look at how Big Spring High School did this year while competing against. Teams were scored on a 10-8-6-4-2-0 basis according to how they finished in the district standings during the 2014-15 school year.

Team	Points
Big Spring	77
Levelland	70
Snyder	64
Sweetwater	61
Estacado	42
Lamesa	19
x-Wylie	10
x-Stephenville	6
x-Brownwood	4

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staff) want every team to be successful in every sport. For it to come to fruition is great for the kids, especially considering the great programs we compete against."

The Steers kicked off the 2014-15 sports year in August with a strong performance in football and volleyball.

The BSHS football program enjoyed one of its better seasons this fall. While competing in District 3-4A with perennial powers in Abilene Wylie, Stephenville and Brownwood, Big Spring rolled to a 7-2 mark during the regular season and finished in second in the final team standings.

They closed out the year by going 9-3 and advanced to the third round of the state playoffs for the second consecutive year.

Wylie won the District 3-4A football title. Stephenville, Brownwood and Snyder finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

Estacado, Levelland and Sweetwater also scored well in football. Estacado and Levelland finished 1-2 in the District 1-4A race, while

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Photo courtesy Tony Claxton (Claxtonphotography.com)

Garden City names Jones new head football coach

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Garden City High School Bearkats will have a new face in a familiar place when the 2015 prep football season gets under way. Garden City ISD school

board officials hired Jeff Jones to take over the head football coaching and athletic director duties recently. Jones replaces Matt Odom, who recently stepped down to take a similar position at Eden High School.

Odom had coached the Bearkats for the past five seasons, including the last three as head coach.

Jones comes to Garden City with several years of experience at the six-man football level. He served as

the AD/head football coach at Marfa High School for the past three years.

Jones spent five years as head coach at Marfa and helped the team transition from 11-man to six-man three years ago.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Storm

When the messenger planet slows down before going retrograde, it's said that Mercury enters its "storm" period, which is where we are now until Monday, when Mercury will go retrograde. The next three days are lucky for wrapping up projects, tying loose ends and finalizing deals. New ventures aren't favored and will likely get off to a slow start.



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ARIES

(March 21-April 19). After you make the magic happen, own it. You don't have to talk about it. You just have to know that this was your doing and stop yourself from giving anyone else the credit.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20). Set aside some money to be used in an unconventional, creative or risky way. Even a small amount will make a big difference in getting you on a track toward

your dreams.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 21). People have their reasons for acting the way they do, but reasons are not excuses. If you want better behavior out of them (or out of yourself, for that matter), create and uphold a system of accountability.

CANCER

(June 22-July 22). With Venus visiting your part of the sky, your heart-light is shining like a lighthouse beacon. The souls that are like lost ships in the night will find guidance in your love.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22). You like having conversations with people whose interests are wide and different from yours. However, that bossy person who insists that you try things is one to resist, if not totally avoid, now.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll entertain with style. An important part of this is showmanship. You'll be like the ringleader of a circus calling attention to the special acts and wonders around you.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Ideally, you can get enthusiastic about the day's activities, but if not, don't let that stop you. Just showing up will be enough. The skills you've acquired through the years will carry you through.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you're interested in someone, you want to know the whole person, not just the small part shown to you within the confines of a particular role. Ask good questions, and you'll get the bigger picture.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The menial tasks have to get done, or you'll set yourself up for unnecessary problems over the weekend. Make it fun. Add music or comedy. The chores go by quickly when you're listening to a headset.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Bottom line: People are always more important than "stuff." Anyone whose behavior regarding material possessions suggests the opposite belief has issues. The best thing to do is steer clear.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll play the game of life with verve. Why saunter to the

next spot when you can leap ahead? Your energetic approach will attract the attention of someone who will be good for you to know.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20). Though you prefer to stay on purpose, a certain tolerance for those who dillydally, lollygag and loiter will serve you well. You'll learn information in those easygoing moments that you would have otherwise missed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(May 8). Work hard but not too hard, because it's this year's pleasant distractions that often serve to take you closer to your goals and purposes. Over the next seven weeks, your work will become more visible, and this will increase your influence, as well as your means. Someone will invest in you in June. Singles commit in August. Gemini and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 28, 12 and 30.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:

ARIES: You're working on becoming the person you want to be in a relationship.
TAURUS: Putting forth the effort

to find the things that make you feel cool isn't shallow; it's part of what you give the people around you.

GEMINI:

No relationship is perfect, and the closer you get to a partner the more faults you'll be privy to. You love anyway.

CANCER:

When you're fortunate enough to spend time with someone you really enjoy, splurge! Make a memory.

LEO:

You love consciously. You'll challenge those you love to look at their automatic behaviors with new eyes.

VIRGO:

You're starting to see yourself as a loved one sees you.
LIBRA: You like being pursued, but anyone who puts his or her wishes before yours isn't really pursuing you, so much as being creepy and pushy.

SCORPIO:

Your compassionate response will include separating the behavior from the one who enacted it.

SAGITTARIUS:

When a certain someone waltzes into the room, your heart feels like it's at a grand ball.

CAPRICORN:

All it takes is one beautiful soul to restore your confidence in love.

AQUARIUS:

Trouble comes in all kinds of packages -- for instance, sometimes it's dressed as an attractive person with a pretty smile.

PISCES:

Thoughtful planning will set you up for a successful date.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:

As the Taurus sun reflects off of the Aquarius moon this weekend, a fascination could develop between these two fixed signs, though it should be noted that neither is prone to fall in love quickly. Both learn early on that relationships require work. Determination is a mark of fixed modality signs, and both Taurus and Aquarius are driven to finish and perfect what they set their minds to.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
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this job for two years, and I enjoy it.

During my first year here, I was taken advantage of quite a lot. People would constantly ask me to change shifts, but I would later find out they had nothing particular going on to require it. I learned how to say no, because I don't really trust some of them. I agree to change shifts with people who ask me in advance or tell me what's going on, but have become wary of those who ask at the last minute.

The problem is my mother. She always makes me feel as though I'm not behaving properly. When I'm asked to switch shifts for no

good reason, she says, "Why didn't you say yes? You're supposed to say yes." I then get a lecture on how I need to be more responsible and more understanding when people have other things to do with their time.

I know that most people's intentions are good, but I don't want to be taken advantage of. Why doesn't my mother think I'm good enough? I don't drink, I go to church, I obey my parents, and I'm in the National Honor Society. People say my mother is lucky to have a daughter like me, but I don't feel that from her.

I don't mean to sound conceited, but I'm starting to get tired of always being good. I'm scared I may just stop trying. -- Not Good Enough

Dear Not Good: Everyone needs to feel that their efforts are appreciated, and kids especially need to know

that their parents believe them to be good people. We think your mother knows this, but she worries. She doesn't want you to alienate the people you work with, but you are right to set boundaries for yourself (as long as you are polite about it). It engenders respect.

But please don't use your mother's fretting as an excuse to go off the rails. Talk to her. Reassure her that you are not expected to say "yes" to every request. Let her know that she has done a great job raising you and now must allow you to make your own decisions and live with the consequences, so you can learn to be the responsible adult she expects. Enlist her support and cooperation. Ask for her advice. It will make her happy to know you still value it.

Dear Annie: This is in response to the "horror stories" that women tell

pregnant mothers-to-be. As an obstetrician (retired), with over 5,000 babies delivered, here is what I call Dr. Elfmont's Rule of Pregnancy:

Never listen to what people (your mother, grandmother, aunts, etc.) tell you about their pregnancies -- you're too big or too small for your due date; you're carrying high (or low) and that means it's a boy (or a girl); you've gained too much or too little weight; they were in terrible labor for 197 hours, etc.

I told my patients that nobody in the history of human civilization had ever given birth to the particular baby they were carrying, that the odds were overwhelming for a normal labor and delivery, and if there were any problems, I'd be there to take care of them. -- Dr. John Elfmont in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Dear Dr. Elfmont: Well said. Thank you for the reassuring words.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

Partner bids One Diamond, and you have a partscore of 90. What would you respond with each of the following five hands?

- ♠AJ98♥J64♦KQ53♣J7
- ♠J976♥Q85♦94♣AKJ2
- ♠A97♥AJ8♦Q54♣KQ83
- ♠KJ85♥9♦AQ72♣KJ96
- ♠4♥KQ32♠AQ8♣AK985

1. Two diamonds. The meanings of many bids change when a side has a partscore. Here, your normal response without a partscore would be one spade, indicating a highly ambiguous six to an unlimited number of points. But with the 90 partscore, you should bid two diamonds, expressing mild interest in a slam because you are voluntarily going past the game level. Occasionally, partner will have something like: ♠K6♥5♦A97642♣AKQ8 and will be able to bid a slam because of your diamond raise.

2. One notrump. Without a partscore, your response would be one spade, but with it the proper bid is one notrump. Ordinarily, a one-notrump response indicates six to 10 points, but the range widens to about 12 points with a partscore of 90.

3. Two notrump. Under normal

circumstances, the two-notrump response would indicate 13 to 15 points, but with a partscore you can have a point or two more, and the bid becomes a mild slam try. Partner may pass with minimum values, since the notrump response has an upper limit. Without a partscore, the normal response would be three notrump.

4. Three diamonds. This likewise suggests a slam and is not forcing. Note the difference between this hand and the first one, where two diamonds indicated only mild interest in slam. Here, with more high cards and better distribution, you direct partner's attention more forcefully to slam possibilities. The double raise follows the general principle in bridge that the more you bid, the more you've got.

5. Three clubs. This is unconditionally forcing, and partner must bid again even with a bedrock minimum. Three clubs is a jump-shift, as distinguished from a jump-raise. Jump-raises have upper and lower limits, while jump-shifts, which start at 17 points, have no ceiling. The opening bidder responds naturally, bearing in mind that the combined hands are only a step away from making a slam.

Tomorrow: All roads lead to Rome.

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

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				9	1			3
7	4						8	2
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8	2	6	7	9	1	5	4	3
7	4	1	6	3	5	9	8	2
9	3	5	8	2	4	1	7	6
3	6	7	9	5	2	8	1	4
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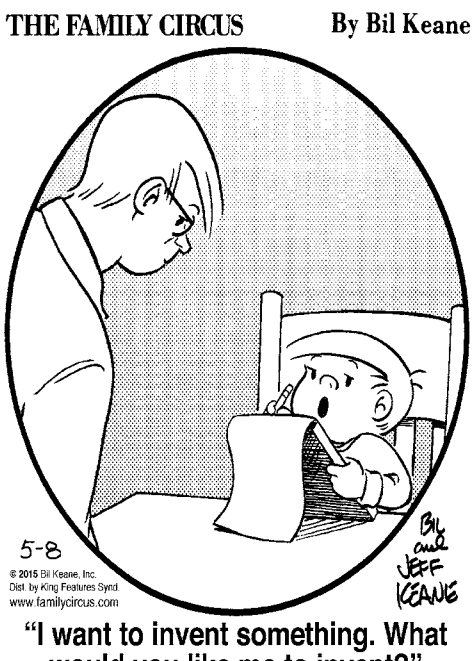
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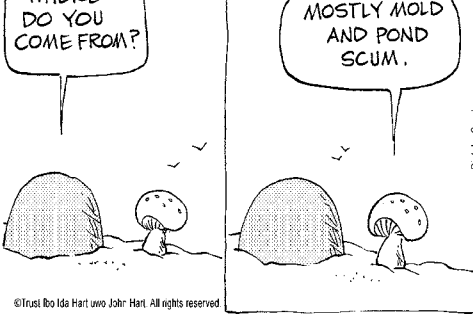
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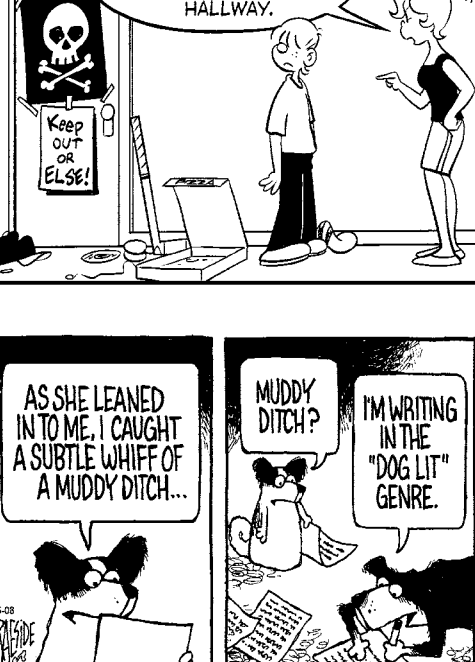
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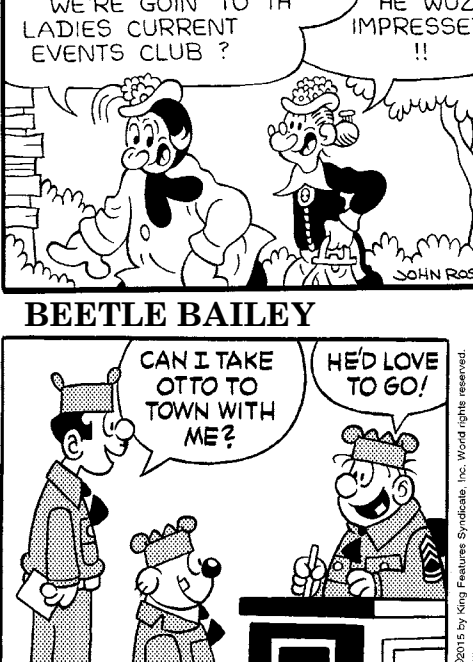
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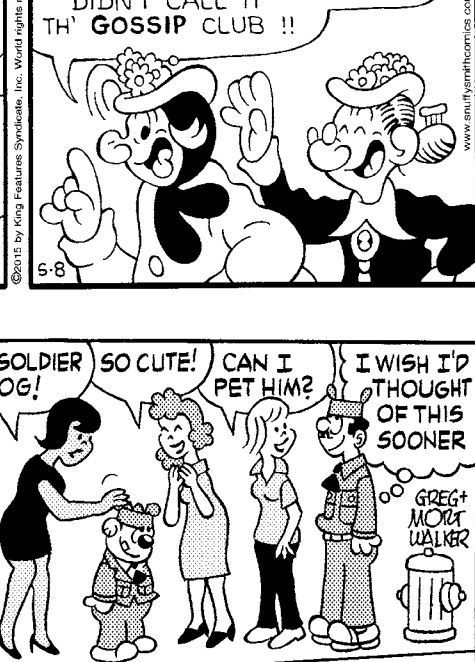
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A SOLDIER SO CUTE! CAN I PET HIM? I WISH I'D THOUGHT OF THIS SOONER

This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 8, the 128th day of the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 8, 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced on radio that Nazi Germany's forces had surrendered...

Answer to previous puzzle

Grid of words for a crossword puzzle: VODKA, PAR, IMPEL, EMAIL, ALE, NILLA, NAVAL, ROT, DRUID, THISAFTERNOON, SAD, LEI, OOO, DDS, ISITFORREAL, TWEAKS, RIB, ARNO, ERASE, VAT, BRETT, REST, HAM, BLADES, MAYIHELPUYOU, SKA, ORE, ATE, TPK, SEVENTHHEAVEN, APPLE, COO, YESNO, FRIAR, IDO, ERECT, TEENS, ADS, DOTES

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Investigative arm of Congress, 4 Combine nicely, 8 Dot on an i, 14 Pun reaction, perhaps, 15 Prado's pride, 16 "No fooling!", 17 Start of a quote, 19 Port SW of Buffalo, 20 They may top ranges, 21 Part 2 of quote, 23 Shoulder muscles, 25 Cosmo competitor, 26 Tavern supply, 27 Forest's Oscar role, 28 Woven product, 30 Part 3 of quote, 32 Part 4 of quote, 35 Recital program, 39 Unaltered, with "the", 40 Zing, 42 Defeat decisively, 43 Legendary Chicagoan, 46 Pop-singer source of the quote, 49 French Indochina neighbor, 51 Cape __, MA, 52 Geological period, 53 Flag off, 56 LG and UPS are two of its Corporate Partners, 58 Line of cliffs, 60 Part 5 of quote, 63 Cove, 65 Directed skyward, 66 End of quote, 68 Happy Days character, 69 "Try this", 70 Cat or Caps preceder, 71 Imminent, 72 Neruda works, 73 Grounded boomer, 7 Dual pronoun, 8 Suit accessory, 9 Natalie Portman, by birth, 10 Exact duplicate, 11 Hilary Swank Oscar role, 12 Place for a pin, 13 Remove, 18 Blood-test letters, 22 Tiny trickster, 24 Automotive category, 27 In that case, 29 Disparity, 31 Cry like a baby, 33 Contents of some kettles, 34 Pastoral setting, 36 Gloomy, 37 Poles, for example, 38 Extend through, 41 Nicklaus won it five times, 44 Welcomes ceremoniously, 45 Sailed in style, 47 Young __, 48 Engraves, 50 Astronaut, 53 Nigeria's capital, 54 Storehouse, 55 Old Testament prophet, 57 Poetic conjunction, 59 In whatever quantity, 61 Zola novel, 62 Played all game without fielding, 64 Running speed, 67 Dander

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13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-73 indicating starting points for words.

DISTRICT

Continued from Page 9
Sweetwater won the District 2-4A, Division II, title.

Lamesa was sixth in the District 2-4A, Division II, race.

The Lady Steers added to the BSHS trophy count with a solid effort in volleyball. Big Spring finished second in the District 2-4A race to Levelland. The team outlasted Levelland in the postseason, however. Big Spring advanced to the regional semifinals.

The BSHS teams were just as impressive when basketball season rolled around. The BSHS boys' basketball team went 18-11 and finished fourth in the 2-4A standings. The Steers advanced to the third round of the playoffs for the second year in a row before falling to Lubbock Estacado.

Estacado won the District 2-4A title.

In girls' basketball,

Tale of the tape ...

The following is a look at how each district opponent the Steers faced in 2014-15 fared in each sport. Big Spring placed in the top two in eight of the sports played.

Team	Football	Volleyball	Golf B/G	Basketball B/G	Team Tennis	Track B/G	Baseball	Softball
Big Spring	2	2	1/4	4/2	3	2/2	1	2
Levelland	2	1	-/4	2/1	2	1/1	5	3
Snyder	5	4	2/1	6/5	1	3/3	3	1
Estacado	1	6	-/-	1/3	5	5/4	4	6
Sweetwater	1	3	3/2	5/6	4	4/5	1	3
Lamesa	6	5	-	3/4	-	6/6	6	5
Abilene Wylie*	1	-	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	-
Stephenville*	3	-	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	-
Brownwood*	4	-	-	-/-	-	-/-	-	-

* - denotes football only. Estacado and Levelland competed in District 1-4A, while Sweetwater and Lamesa competed in District 2-4A, Div. II

Julianna Rodriguez and the BSHS Lady Steers put together a 16-15 season and advanced to the postseason as the district runner-up. Levelland won the girls' district championship.

Big Spring continued to be an athletic force in the spring. In team tennis, the Big Spring netters finished third overall.

In boys' golf, the Steers nailed down their fifth consecutive district championship. They edged out Snyder

and Sweetwater for the top spot in the 2-4A standings.

As a team, the BSHS golfers finished fourth at the Region I-4A meet and finished just one spot shy of advancing to the state tournament.

The BSHS girls, behind a strong effort from Abby Bryan, finished fourth in the girls' standings. The Snyder girls won the district girls' golf crown by beating out Sweetwater.

Levelland and Big

Spring both turned in outstanding efforts in track and field competition. The two finished first and second, respectively, in both the boys' and girls' divisions at the District 2-4A Track and Field Meet. Snyder finished third in both divisions.

Big Spring also was impressive on the baseball and softball fields. The BSHS boys' won their first district title in 23 years in 2015.

The Lady Steers' softball team finished sec-

ond in the district race to state-ranked Snyder.

Both the Big Spring baseball and softball teams are currently in the Class 4A playoffs.

"Overall, this has been one of the best years I have been a part of," said BSHS coach John Wright, who serves as the Steers' defensive coordinator in football and also guided four powerlifters to the state meet this year. "I think we have done even better than when I was at Lamesa in the late 90's

when we finished near the top in the Lone Star Cup standings."

Wright said part of the credit for Big Spring's success in every sport belongs to Ritchey.

"He really wants every team to do well," said Wright. "You can go to some schools and all the football coach/AD cares about is winning in football. He isn't like that. He wants every team in every sport to do well, and he puts people in place so the kids can succeed."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	18	11	.621	—
Tampa Bay	15	14	.517	3
Toronto	14	15	.483	4
Boston	13	15	.464	4½
Baltimore	12	14	.462	4½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	18	10	.643	—
Detroit	18	11	.621	½
Minnesota	16	13	.552	2½
Chicago	10	15	.400	6½
Cleveland	10	17	.370	7½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	19	10	.655	—
Los Angeles	13	16	.448	6
Texas	12	16	.429	6½
Oakland	12	18	.400	7½
Seattle	11	17	.393	7½

St. Louis (Wacha 4-0) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 2-1) at Milwaukee (Nelson 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Marquis 3-1) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-3), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 1-1) at Colorado (E.Butler 2-2), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Shields 3-0) at Arizona (Hellickson 1-3), 9:40 p.m.
Miami (Cosart 1-2) at San Francisco (Lincecum 2-2), 10:15 p.m.

Friday, May 8
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9
Atlanta at Washington, 5 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 10
Cleveland at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

TEXAS LEAGUE
North Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Arkansas (Angels)	18	9	.667	—
NW Arkansas (Royals)	17	10	.630	1
Tulsa (Dodgers)	13	14	.481	5
Springfield (Cardinals)	7	20	.259	11

South Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Corpus Christi (Astros)	17	10	.630	—
Frisco (Rangers)	12	14	.462	4½
Midland (Athletics)	12	15	.444	5
San Antonio (Padres)	11	15	.423	5½

Thursday's Games
Minnesota 6, Oakland 5
Kansas City 7, Cleveland 4
Detroit 4, Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 3
Texas 5, Tampa Bay 4
Houston 3, L.A. Angels 2

Friday's Games
Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 3-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Warren 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Miley 1-3) at Toronto (Aa. Sanchez 2-2), 7:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Ventura 2-2) at Detroit (Price 3-1), 7:08 p.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 2-0) at Cleveland (Bauer 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 2-4) at Tampa Bay (Karns 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Marquis 3-1) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-3), 8:10 p.m.
Houston (R.Hernandez 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-4), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Gray 4-0) at Seattle (T.Walker 1-3), 10:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Fired Juan Nieves, pitching coach.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Announced LHP Chris Sale has dropped his appeal of a five-game suspension for his involvement in a bench-clearing brawl against Kansas City on April 23.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed OF George Springer on the 7-day concussion DL. Selected the contract of OF Preston Tucker from Fresno (PCL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Announced Major League Baseball has reduced the suspension of RHP Kelvin Herrera from two games to one for his part in a brawl with the Chicago White Sox on April 23.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Selected the contract of RHP Fernando Rodriguez from Nashville (PCL). Designated RHP Chad Smith for assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Activated RHP Luke Hochevar from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Brandon Finnegan to Northwest Arkansas (Texas). Acquired C Drew Butera from the L.A. Angels for INF Ryan Jackson. Transferred LHP Tim Collins from the 15- to the 60-day DL.

Arizona Diamondbacks — Agreed to terms with C Jarrod Saltalamacchia on a minor league contract.
Los Angeles Dodgers — Re-called OF Chris Heisey from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned RHP Joe Wieland to Oklahoma City.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Houston G/F Corey Brewer \$5,000 for violating league's anti-flopping rules.
Women's National Basketball Association
MINNESOTA LYNX — Signed F Maya Moore to a multiyear contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-leased WR Nathan Slaughter.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed S Ed Reed to a contract and announced his retirement.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed TE Randall Telfer and LB Nate Orchard.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed OT La'el Collins.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed CB Trae Wayne, LBs Eric Kendricks and Edmond Robinson, DE Danielle Hunter, T T.J. Clemmings, TE MyCole Pruitt, WR Stefon Diggs, OLs Tyrus Thompson and Austin Shepherd and DL B.J. Dubose. Waived S Ahmad Dix-

Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DL Jamaal Westerman.

COLLEGE
CHOWAN — Announced the addition of women's swimming for the 2016-17 season.
COKER — Named Debbie McGuinness women's soccer coach.
MUHLENBERG — Announced the resignation of Chris Bissinger, men's lacrosse coach.
NOTRE DAME — QB Everett Golson has announced he will use his final season of eligibility elsewhere after graduating later this month.

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Chicago	14	13	.519	6½
Cincinnati	14	14	.500	7
Pittsburgh	13	15	.464	8
Milwaukee	9	20	.310	12½

West Division

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